

13.00-15.00 *Panel IV: Minority Rights Reforms: Discourses, Policies, Practices*

Chair: ATEŞ ALTINORDU (*Sabancı University*)

Discussant: SENEM DÜZGİT AYDIN (*Bilgi University*)

- AYŞE PARLA (*Sabancı University*)/CEREN ÖZGÜL (*Graduate Center, CUNY*): Things are Changing? On Ethnicity, Citizenship and Religious Freedom on the Doorstep of the EU
- BETÜL ÇELİK (*Sabancı University*)/PELİN BAŞ (*Sabancı University*): For or Against the EU?: Discourses Around Turkey's Kurdish Question
- GÖZDE YILMAZ (*Free University, Berlin*): Europeanization of Minority Rights in Turkey: A Framing Analysis
- AYŞE EZGİ GÜRCAN (*Sabancı University*): EU Political Conditionality and Minority Rights in Turkey: The Case of Alevis

Concluding discussion

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Five years ago, the EU opened accession negotiations with Turkey projecting 2014 as the earliest possible date for membership. Yet, it is not solely the date that continues to stir debates, but the very candidacy of Turkey itself. Aiming to turn the by now conventional EU- Turkey controversy into a conversation, this interdisciplinary workshop is designed to revisit critical themes in Turkey's accession debate, including the role of immigration, minority rights and norm diffusion, by contextualizing Turkey's EU bid through historical inquiries into the making of the European Union. The workshop series seeks to shift the current focus on 'European' perceptions of Turkey's candidacy by equally considering scholarly debates from Turkey through a two-tier meeting structure organized in cooperation between KFG, Free University (Berlin) and Sabancı University (Istanbul).

A summary and the podcasts from the first event, which took place in Berlin February 3-5, 2011, can be accessed at http://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/en/v/transformeurope/news/events/report_teuc_2011.html

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WORKSHOP

FARAWAY, SO CLOSE?

Reaching beyond the Pro/Contra Controversy on Turkey's EU Accession

Istanbul June 2-4, 2011
Minerva Han, Karaköy

Thursday – June 2, 2011

18.30 *Book presentation and Welcome/Opening Reception*

- THOMAS RISSE: “A Community of Europeans. Transnational Identities and the Public Sphere”

Speakers: Fuat Keyman, Thomas Risse

Organized by Istanbul Policy Center at Sabancı University

Friday – June 3, 2011

10.00-12.00 *Opening Roundtable: Quo Vadis Turkey? Quo Vadis Europe?*

Moderator: BILGIN AYATA (KFG, Free University Berlin)

- FUAT KEYMAN (Sabancı University)
- TANJA BÖRZEL (Free University Berlin)
- AYŞE KADIOĞLU (Sabancı University)
- AYHAN KAYA (Bilgi University)

12.00-13.15 **Lunch**

13.15-15.15 *Panel I: Historical Institutional and Comparative Approaches to Europeanization*

Chair: TANJA BÖRZEL (KFG, Free University Berlin)

Discussant: MELTEM MÜFTÜLER-BAÇ (Sabancı University)

- SELCEN ÖNER (Bahçeşehir University): Comparative Analyses of the Eastern Enlargement and the case of Turkey’s Membership
- KIVANÇ ULUSOY (Istanbul University): The Nature of the European Impact: The Case of Turkey

- SAİME ÖZÇÜRÜMEZ (Bilkent University)/TOLGA BÖLÜKBAŞI (Bilkent University): Explaining Turkey’s Changing Approach to the ENP and the UfM: Historical Institutionalism and the Role of Context, Interaction and Temporality
- MUSTAFA HALİT TAĞMA (Sabancı University): Why Does Turkey Want to Join the European Union? A Historical Institutional Approach

15.15-15.30 **Coffee Break**

15.30-17.15 *Panel II: Europeanization Debates: Norm Diffusion or Normativity*

Chair: IŞIK ÖZEL (Sabancı University)

Discussant: BANU KARACA (Sabancı University)

- AYŞE ÖNCÜ (Sabancı University): Questions of Morality: The Contested Terrain of Turkey’s Belonging in Europe
- BAHAR RUMELİLİ (Koç University): Norms and European Citizenship
- DIĞDEM SOYALTIN (KFG, Free University Berlin): Europeanization Filtered: How Partisan factor matters for EU legal norm adoption in Turkey
- EDA KUŞKU (Sabancı University): Turkish Civil Society’s Influence over the EU Reform Process: the Case of Human Rights Reforms

17.15-17.30 **Coffee Break**

17.30-18.30 *Keynote Address:*

- MELTEM MÜFTÜLER-BAÇ (Sabancı University)

Saturday – June 4, 2011

10.00-12.00 *Panel III: Migration and the impact of the EU norms on migrant flows*

Chair: THOMAS RISSE (KFG, Free University Berlin)

Discussant: AHMET EVİN (Sabancı University)

- BILGIN AYATA (KFG, Free University Berlin): When the Diaspora strikes back: Kurdish Transnational Politics and Forced Migration in Turkey
- LEVENT SOYSAL (Kadir Has University): Migration, EU, and Beyond: Obvious Assertions and Counter-intuitive Propositions
- KEMAL KIRIŞÇI (Boğaziçi University): Reforming Turkey’s asylum policy: Is it Europeanization, UNHCR-ization or ECHR-ization?

12.00-13.00 **Lunch Break**