

11.00–12.45 **Minority Rights Reforms: Discourses, Policies and Practices**

Part I:

- IOANNIS GRIGORIADIS (Bilkent University, Ankara): *Minority Rights in Greece and Turkey; Europeanization in Comparative Perspective*
- CEREN ZEYNEP AK (Queen Mary University of London): *Europeanization of Turkey; Does it Lead to a Multigovernance Model?*
- CUMA CICEK (Institut des Etudes Politiques de Paris/Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche International): *Europeanization of Language Policies? Turkey's New Multiculturalism Policy over the Kurdish Language*

Discussant: GÖZDE YILMAZ/DIGDEM SOYALTIN (KFG, FU Berlin)

Chair: DAVID LEVI-FAUR (Hebrew University)

12.45–14.00 **Lunch Break**

14.00–15.45 **Part II:**

- AYSE PARLA (Sabanci University, Istanbul) & CEREN ÖZGÜL-ARTUC (The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York): *Things are Changing? On Ethnicity, Citizenship and Religious Freedom on the Doorstep of the EU*
- EFE ÇAKMAK (Columbia University): *Memories and Minorities; Reflections on Antisemitism*
- OMER TEKDEMİR (Durham University): *The Kurdo- EU Relations: The Impact of Europeanisation on the Transformation of Kurdishness within Turkey's Democratisation Process*

Discussant: ESRA ÖZYÜREK (University of California, San Diego)

Chair: ULRIKE LORENZ (KFG, FU Berlin)

16.00–17.00 **Concluding Discussion**

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

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 conference 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 conference 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 Sabanci University (Istanbul).

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Friday – February 4, 2011**9.00–09.15** **Opening Remarks****9.15–11.00** **Revisiting Controversies on the European Union – Historical Inquiries**

- DANIEL C. THOMAS (University College Dublin): *Reconstructing ‘Europe’: Identities and Membership Controversies in the EC’s First Decade*
- MEHMET DÖSEMELI (European University Institute, Florence): *Looking with, not at, Turkey; A Historical Critique of Current Turkish-EU Debates*
- MARTIN REMPE (KFG, FU Berlin): *How African is Europe? The Euroafrica Controversy of the Early European Integration Years*

Discussant: EVA HEIDBREDER (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin)

Chair: THOMAS RISSE (KFG, FU Berlin)

11.15–13.00 **Re-examining Discourses of Civilizational Difference**

- ATEŞ ALTINORDU (Sabanci University, Istanbul): *The Politicization of Religion; Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparative Perspective*
- MELTEM AHISKA (Bosphorus University, Istanbul): *Strangers to the ‘West’; Ordinary Orientalisms and Occidentalisms*
- BANU KARACA (Sabanci University): *Bridging Civilizations? Art and Cultural Governance in the Making of Europe*

Discussant: CARINA SPRUNGK (FU Berlin)

Chair: AROLDA ELBASANI (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)

13.00–14.30 **Lunch Break****14.30–16.15** **The Role of Im/Migration in the Turkish Accession Debate**

- AYHAN KAYA (Bilgi University, Istanbul): *The Debates about Turkish Origin Transmigrants and their Relevance to Turkey-EU relations*
- CHRISTOPH RAMM (TurkeyEuropeCentre, University of Hamburg): *Cyprus; Immigration between EU Membership, Nationalist Conflict and the Desire for Being European*
- DENİZ YÜKSEKER (Koc University, Istanbul)/KELLY BREWER (Sabanci University, Istanbul): *Europeanization of Migration Policy and Migration to/through Turkey; The Case of African Migrants*
- ULRİK PRAM GAD (University of Copenhagen): *In Denmark; Is Turkey Muslim and/or European? Strategic Inconclusiveness Preempted by Allusion to Diacritica for Exclusion*

Discussant: BILGIN AYATA (KFG, FU Berlin)

Chair: LIESBET HOOGHE (UNC-Chapel Hill, VU Amsterdam)

16.30–18.00 **Contingent Rhetorics in and about Europe: Examining Euro-skepticism and Turco-skepticism**

- BEKEN SAATCIOGLU (Institute for European Integration Research, Vienna): *The EU’s ‘Rhetorical Entrapment’ in Enlargement reconsidered; Why hasn’t it Worked in the Turkish Case*
- CAN BÜYÜKBAY (University of Zurich): *Comparing Party-based Euroscepticism in Turkey*

- ANNA HERRANZ SURRALLÉS (Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals): *Talking Values at the EU, Talking Benefits and Risks at Home; The Elites Public Gap over EU Enlargement*

Discussant: MARIANNE VAN DE STEEG (KFG, FU Berlin)

Chair: GARY MARKS (UNC-Chapel Hill, VU Amsterdam)

Saturday – February 5, 2011**09.00–10.45** **Europeanization = Democratization? Questions of Norms, Conditionality and Harmonization**

- ÖZGÜR HEVAL ÇINAR (University of Essex): *The Right to Conscientious Objection to Military Service in Turkey during the European Union Accession Process*
- STEFAN ENGERT (J. W. Goethe-University Frankfurt): *Informal and Formal EU Conditionality Compared; Turkey’s Europeaness and Minority Issues*
- ISIK ÖZEL (Sabanci University, Istanbul): *Europeanization Filtered; Economic Governance in Turkey*

Discussant: TATJANA SKRIPKA (KFG, FU Berlin)

Chair: TANJA BÖRZEL (KFG, FU Berlin)

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