

## The Fourth Deportation of Abaza – Adyghe (Circassian - Tscherkessisch) Refugees from Syria: In Abkhazia & Turkey

**Online Webinar: June 18, 2021: 10.00-17.30 (GMT+2, Berlin)**

This interdisciplinary webinar will discuss the fourth deportation of the descendants of Abaza-Adyghe (Circassian) refugees from Syria after the war in 2011 and their resettlement in Turkey and Abkhazia. It will follow a historical perspective starting from their first exile from the Caucasus (homelands) after the Russian-Caucasian War in 1864 and till the last one after the War in Syria.

Turkey received over 3.6 million refugees since the beginning of the conflict and war in Syria (2011). At first, the refugees were accepted as ‘guests’ and provided temporary protection because of Turkey’s reservation to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its protocol in 1967. In 2013, the Directorate General of Migration Management was founded, and the ‘Law on Foreigners and International Protection (6458)’ was issued. Later on, the Refugee Deal aimed to limit the entrance of refugees to Europe signed in 2016.

In the morning, two scholars will present the current situation of the refugees from Syria in Turkey and Abkhazia. One of the researchers will discuss how Circassian organizations and volunteers are involved in the resettlement process of Syrian Abaza-Adyghe refugees in Turkey and their repatriation to homelands, Kabardino-Balkaria or Adygea, in the Russian Federation. Moreover, how Abkhazian authorities coordinated the repatriation of Abaza-Adyghe people to Abkhazia from Syria will be explained.

The afternoon session will start with a documentary film screening on ‘The Adyghe: Circassian’, which tells ‘The Forgotten Story of Circassian Exile’ from the Caucasus after 1864. It will be followed by a discussion with the film director, which is about ‘the return trip’ of Prince of Jordan and his colleagues from the Middle East to Turkey and the Caucasus. It will be followed by a presentation and discussion of a journalist, writer and columnist specializing in the Middle East, the Caucasus and Abkhazia. The webinar will end with a forum and debate that also search for further collaborations.

### **REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED:**

Please provide your Name, Surname, Institution, Title and register at the following address until **16.06.2021: [commworkshop@zedat.fu-berlin.de](mailto:commworkshop@zedat.fu-berlin.de)**

**The registered participants will receive the webinar link prior to the event.**

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Time	Event
10.00-10.15	Welcome and Moderation <b>Prof. Dr. Carola Richter</b> (Freie Universität Berlin, Institute for Media and Communication Studies)
10.15-11.00	Presentation and Q&A “10 Years of Forced Displacement: Syrians in Turkey” <b>Omar Kadkoy</b> (MA Student, METU- International Relations; Policy Analyst, TEPAV, Ankara)
11.00-11.15	Break
11.15-12.00	Presentation and Q&A “The fourth deportation of Abaza & Adyghe (Circassian) Refugees from Syria: Challenges and opportunities in Abkhazia and Turkey” <b>Dr. Ergün Özgür</b> (Einstein Guest Researcher, FU Berlin, Institute for Media and Communication Studies / Affiliated Researcher, ZMO)
12.00-12.45	Feedback and Discussion <b>Dr. Seteney Shami</b> (Arab Council for the Social Sciences, Director-General, Lebanon) <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ulaş Sunata</b> (BAU Center of Migration and Urban Studies (BAUMUS) - Founding Chair, Istanbul)
13.00-14.30	Lunch Break and Film Screening The Adyghe (Circassian: The Forgotten Story of Circassian Exile) (English/Circassian with Turkish or German subtitles)
14.30- 14.45	Introduction and Moderation <b>Prof. Dr. Erol Taymaz</b> (METU, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Ankara)
14.45-15.30	Presentation and Q&A “Film: The Adyghe (Circassian: The Forgotten Story of Circassian Exile)” <b>Şehbal Şenyurt Arınlı</b> (PEN scholar, documentary film director, human rights activist, Germany)
15.30-15.45	Break
15.45-16.30	Presentation and Q&A “Circassians in Syria: Their Deportation to Turkey and Abroad” <b>Fehim Taştekin</b> (Journalist, writer and columnist of ‘Gazete Duvar’ and ‘Al Monitor’, France)
16.30- 17.30	Forum and Discussion Together with all chairs, moderators and participants <b>Prof. Dr. Sevda Alankuş</b> (Yaşar Üniversitesi, Dean: Faculty of Communication; Head: Communication (Graduate School), İzmir)
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<b>There will be simultaneous translation: English/Turkish &amp; Turkish/English</b>	



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