The Long and Winding Road of Turkish Accession to the EU

College of Europe, Natolin (Warsaw) Campus

Study Trip to Istanbul, October 4th – October 11th 2009

Academic Program
Lectures and debates

In cooperation with:
Bogazici University, Istanbul
Istanbul Bilgi University
Kadir Has University - Center for European Studies, Istanbul
Yeditepe University, Istanbul

And participation of:
Bilkent University, Ankara
Galatasaray University, Istanbul
University of Marmara, Istanbul
Middle East Technical University, Ankara
Sabanci University, Istanbul

Monday 5th October
Assistant responsible: Magdalena Fiszer

Kadir Has University, Fener conference room
Kadir Has Caddesi
Cibali, ISTANBUL 34083

10.00-12.30 Opening session
10.00-10.45 Welcoming remarks
Prof. dr Yücel YILMAZ, Rector of Kadir Has University
Erwan LANNON, Director of Studies, College of Europe, Natolin

10.45-12.00 Introduction to Istanbul and Turkey
Chair: Erwan LANNON

10.45-11.25 Levent SOYSAL, Vice-Director of the Center for Istanbul Studies, Kadir Has University, “Orienting Istanbul, Cultural Capital of Europe”
11.25-12.00 Korhan GÜMÜŞ, Urban Applications Director, Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency, “The city of Istanbul today”
12.00 -12.30 Discussion
12.30-13.30 Lunch break
Tuesday 6th October

PART I: TURKEY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION
Assistants responsible: Monika Turczer-Rosiak, Jan Szczodrowski

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10.00-12.00 Session I: The Negotiation Process: Legal and Political Issues
Chair: Erwan LANNON, Director of Studies, College of Europe, Natolin

10.00-10.30 Halûk KABAALIOGLU, Legal issues between the EU and Turkey within the negotiations process
- general outline of the Association Agreement
- four freedoms (Customs Union, workers, services, freedom of establishment, capital)
- judgments of the European Court of Justice
- Association negotiations

10.30-10.45 Discussion
10.45-11.00 Coffee break
11.00-11.30 Joost LAGENDIJK, Political aspects of the negotiation process between EU and Turkey
- Are Turkey's negotiations with the European Union on track? Is it enough if Turkey brings its legislation in line with EU acquis?
- Turkey as an important strategic asset to the EU with respect to energy supply and influence in the Middle East
- Turkey's performance in solving its domestic problems (Kurdish problem, Alevis, civil-military relations, freedom of speech and press) and improving the relations with its neighbours (Cyprus, Armenia)
- For Turkey, the journey is as important as the destination?

11.30-12.00 General discussion
12.00-13.30 Lunch break
13.30-13.35 Debriefing and information

17.00-19.00 Yeditepe University
Law Faculty
Kavşağlı Street
34755 Kavşağlı – İstanbul

Feroz AHMAD, The Committee of Union and Progress (The Young Turks)

Political, economic and legal issues in EU-Turkey negotiation process: Workshop with the students of Yeditepe University
**Wednesday 7th October**

**PART II: POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS AND MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES AT STAKE**

Assistant responsible: Agnieszka Cianciara

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**10.00-12.00**  
**Session II: Recent political and constitutional developments in Turkey**

**Chair:** Erwan LANNON, Director of Studies, College of Europe, Natolin

10.00-10.30  
Jean MARCOU, La Turquie à la croisée des chemins  
- les changements politiques en Turquie au cours des dernières années (les grandes lignes de son histoire contemporaine, de son régime politique, de sa politique étrangère et de sa candidature à l’Union Européenne)

10.30-10.45  
Discussion

10.45-11.00  
Coffee break

11.00-11.30  
Ibrahim KABOĞLU, Les enjeux principaux et le débat politique sur la réforme constitutionnelle en Turquie  
- Continuer à la révision constitutionnelle ou renouveler la Constitution? - débat politico-social qui perdure en Turquie depuis deux décennies :
- Révision continue de la Constitution de 1982 - pas suffisante pour démocratiser le régime établi par le texte initial
- L’ordre du jour de la majorité gouvernementale pour une nouvelle modification au cœur des débats politiques actuels en Turquie
- Plusieurs avant-projets par l'initiative des groupes sociaux professionnels afin de renouveler la Constitution de 1982 - pas abouti à cause du manque de la volonté politique

11.30-12.00  
General discussion

12.00-13.30  
Lunch break

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**13.30-15.30**  
**Session III: Major Political issues: Nationalism, Turkish Identity and the Cyprus issue**

**Chair:** Sule TOKTAS, Kadir Has University, Department of International Relations

13.30-14.00  
Umut ÖZKIRIMLI, The construction of Turkish Identity: Ethnicity and Nationalism  
- deconstructing the myth of the ‘homogeneous nation’ - the case of Turkey (different perspectives of nationalism: a Gramscian reading, topographical approach of Jean Pierre Faye and broader debates on nationalism in Turkey)
- a topography of nationalist discourses in Turkey: ongoing struggle for hegemony over the nation by various social and political forces at the turn of the twenty first century

14.00-14.15  
Discussion

14.15-14.30  
Break

14.30-15.00  
Atila ERALP, The Cyprus issue: a Turkish perspective  
- Turkish perspective on the resolution of the Cyprus issue
- Impact of the Cyprus issue on Turkey-EU relations and accession negotiations

15.00-15.30  
General discussion

15.30-15.35  
Debriefing and information

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**17.00-19.00**  
**Bilgi University**
Santralistanbul, Building E2
Eski Silahtarağa Elektrik Santrali
Silahtarağa Mah. Kazım Karabekir Cad. No: 1 34060 Eyüp

17.00-18.00  
Murat BELGE, Turkish society between conservatism and liberalism  
- Turkish society between conservatism and liberalism: the process of social and political change in Turkey
- Turkish political culture and civil society
- Notion of ‘deep state’ and the difficult democratization process
- Paradoxes of Turkishness

18.00-19.00  
Turkish identity: Workshop & Discussion with Prof. Belge and students of Bigli University
Thursday 8th October

PART II: EU COOPERATION AND THE ROLE AND STATUS OF TURKISH CIVIL SOCIETY

Assistants responsible: Magdalena Fiszer, Monika Turczer-Rosiak, Joanna Ziolkowska

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10.00-11.00 Session IV: EU support to economic and political development in Turkey

Chair: Pinar ARTIRAN, Lecturer in European & International Trade Law, Faculty of Law & European Institute, Istanbul Bilgi University

10.00-10.20 Karolina HANSSON, Civil Society in Turkey and EU support
- EC’s support to Civil Society in Turkey: reasons, tools at its disposal and the challenges it faces

10.20-10.40 Alain TERRAILLON, EIB financing in Turkey
- EIB as a policy driven Bank, implementing EU policies
- EIB Lending in Turkey
- EIB 2009 Priorities in Turkey

10.40-11.00 Discussion

11.00-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.50 Session V: Civil Society in Turkey, Citizenship and Women in social and political life

11.15-11.30 Women’s NGOs as an illustration of Turkish Civil Society - presentation of the College of Europe students

Chair: Belma BASKETT, Professor, Humanities Department, Middle East Technical University

11.30-12.00 Fatma GÖK, Women’s participation in education
- Education and Women in Turkey: women’s access to education and educational opportunities

12.00-12.30 Deniz ILGAZ, Identity and Citizenship in the EU and in Turkey
- European identity and EU citizenship formation
- Turkish citizenship: problems of identity formation (comparison between the EU and Turkey)
- Citizenship Law of Turkey of 29.05.2009: bringing civic unity and equality?

12.30-12.50 General discussion

12.50-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-14.05 Debriefing and information

15.30-17.00 Filmmor Women’s Cooperative
Istiklal Caddesi
Bekar Sokak No:7/6
34435
Beyoglu / Istanbul

Moragenda 2007/ Women’s Agenda in 2007 (EU-funded project) – Women’s NGOs in Turkey

16.00-18.00 Bogazici University, Centre for European Studies
Bogazici Universitesi Kutuphanesi Rumeli Hisarustu
Rumelihisari, Istanbul 34470

Introduction by prof. Hakan YILMAZ, Director of the Centre for European Studies, Bogazici University

EU-Turkey: mutual perceptions: Workshop with the students of Bogazici University
Friday 9th October

PART III: TURKEY AS A REGIONAL AND STRATEGIC ACTOR
Assistant responsible: Barbara Bobrowicz

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10.00-12.30  Session VI: Turkey and its neighbours: geopolitical and strategic dimensions

Chair: Sedat AYBAR, Kadir Has University Director of Centre for Middle East-African Studies

10.00-10.30  Erwan LANNON, Turkey and its neighbours: A European approach
• Turkey as a central element in the EU’s proximity strategies: at the crossroads of the southern and eastern EU’s peripheries
• Turkey and the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EMP)
• Turkey and the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)
• Turkey and the Strategic Partnership with the Mediterranean and the Middle East (SPMME)

10.30-11.00  Kadri GURSEL, Turkey in the Middle East peace process (Iran, Iraq, Syria)
• The return of Turkey to the Middle East after the Cold War: Ideology versus real politics

11.00-11.15  Coffee break

11.15-11.45  Tarık OGUZLU, Turkey's positions on the issues in NATO's transformation agenda
• Turkey's commitment to NATO
• Impact of Turkey's relations with Russia and other neighbours to the south on its' attitudes towards NATO's transformation
• NATO in the years to come: traditional/military Europe-oriented collective defence alliance or a political/global collective security organization?
• position of Turkey on EU-NATO cooperation and on the involvement of the Alliance in Afghanistan and Iraq

11.45-12.30  General discussion
12.30-13.30  Lunch break
13.30-13.35  Debriefing and information
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Murat BELGE, journalist and Head of Comparative Literature Department, Istanbul Bilgi University
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Korhan GÜMÜŞ, Urban Applications Director, Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency
Kadri GURSEL, Foreign News Editor of Milliyet daily
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