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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, İSTANBUL 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 İstanbul, 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

Kadir Has University, Fener conference room
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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 KABAALIOĞLU, 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
Kayışdağı Street
34755 Kayışdağı – 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

Kadir Has University, Fener conference room
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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

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

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 Bilgi 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

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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 Üniversitesi Kutuphanesi Rumeli Hisarustu

Rumelihisari, İstanbul 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

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| 10.00-10.30 | Erwan LANNON , Turkey and its neighbours: A European approach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | Tarik OGUZLU , Turkey's positions on the issues in NATO's transformation agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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