

Call for Papers

10th Anniversary Event of TurkMiS

15th International Workshop

“Advances, Recent Trends and Knowledge Gaps in Forced Migration and Refugee Research in and on Turkey”

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For long, Turkey has been receiving forced migrants from near and far afield. From the early 2000s Turkey went through a migration transition and has now become an immigration country. Most notably, a decade ago, several million Syrian refugees began arriving in Turkey. Around that time a new Asylum and Migration Bureau was set up to prepare the modernisation of Turkey’s migration legislation and administration. These developments put Turkey at the top of the migration research agenda; in 2011 the first TurkMiS workshop took place to boost research into these developments. Meanwhile, academics in or concerned with migration matters related to Turkey are contributing in an important way to international scholarship. This workshop aims to look back at the achievements of the last decade of knowledge production, promote recent advances, further enhance international knowledge transfer and cooperation whilst identifying certain distortions as well as knowledge gaps.

For instance, the focus of recent research has been directed mainly towards Syrian refugees in Turkey whilst displaced persons still within Syria, such as Idlib province, or other nationalities appear to receive a great deal less attention. There have also been reports of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers suffering human rights abuses in border zones, including push backs. There is not much known though about the aftermath of such cases.

This workshop will be organised in collaboration with the Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies ([IMIS](#), Osnabruck University), Migration Policy Centre ([GPM](#), Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University) and the Turkish-German exchange project on the integration of Syrian refugees into host communities in Turkey ([Exp](#)), which is commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). The workshop takes place in the context of the “Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Knowledge Transfer” project ([FFVT](#)), sponsored by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF).

Topics

Abstracts may include

- Comparison of different refugee groups (Syrians, Afghans, Iraqis, Iranians etc.)
- Case studies of nationalities other than Syrians
- Comparative studies of Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan etc
- Situation in the Aegean, push/back, pull-back and rescue
- Recent entries, border control in the south and west
- Situation in Idlib province
- Return migration, removal
- Refugees' transnational practices between Turkey, Syria, EU or other countries
- Immobility, refugees in limbo
- Economic dimension, employment, self-employment and Syrian businesses in Turkey
- Implementation of harmonisation / integration policies and practices
- Access to public services (education, health care, benefits, etc)
- Family aspects, women and children, gender dimension
- Changing public and policy attitudes or discourses

We aim at a mix of state-of-the-art papers or meta-level analyses and case studies.

Format

Due to the pandemic the workshop will be held online and possibly spread over two days consisting of two round tables and three panels with around nine or more papers.

Date: 29 +30 July 2021

Application

Please submit an abstract of around 300 words and a short bio. We consider papers at any stage, from first drafts of at least 4 pages to already published pieces (working papers, reports, theses, chapters or articles). Abstracts will be peer-reviewed.

Please send queries and your abstract and bios to franck.duvell@uni-osnabrueck.de mentioning TurkMIS in the subject line

Deadline: 2 July

Notification: Early July

The Turkey Migration Studies Network (TurkMiS) was founded by Dr Franck Duvell in 2011 at the University of Oxford, UK. It migrated with the convener and is now based at the Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS) at Osnabruck University, Germany. Its aim is to promote and exchange international research on migration and migration policy related to Turkey and the wider region. It is an informal and fluid network maintained around the annual events. Key events were, for example, the 1. Turkish Migration Conference with Regents College and London Centre on Social Studies in London in 2012 and the 2014 conference and workshop with HUGO, Hacettepe University.