



Conference Program

**Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies
2018 Conference**

**Rights and Equality in Contemporary Turkey:
Institutions, Interactions, Discourses**

May 24 – 25, 2018

Festsaal, Humboldt Graduate School, Luisenstraße 56, 10115 Berlin

DAY I – THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2018

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome**

9:30 – 11:00 **Opening Panel**

Ayşe Buğra, Boğaziçi University

The question of rights and equality in social policy: Some observations on the case of Turkey

Başak Çalı, Hertie School of Governance and Koç University

Feebleness of constitutional rights in Turkey

Chair: Ertuğ Tomuş, Humboldt University Berlin

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:00 **Panel I: Discourses and paradigms on women and gender in contemporary Turkey. How do they interact?**

Chair: Yasemin Karakaşoğlu, University of Bremen

Sevgi Uçan Çubukçu, (formerly) University of Istanbul, *Mapping the level of knowledge in gender studies: a mirror of women's radicalism in Turkey?*

Fatmagül Berktaş, University of Istanbul, *Reflections on the Deterioration of Gender Equality and Increasing Conservatism in Turkey*

Betül Yazar, University of Bremen, *A Brief Historical Review of AKP's Neoliberal Mode of Governing Gendered Bodies*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Panel II: Freedom of Religion in Turkey**

Chair: Ivo Furman, Istanbul Bilgi University

Pierre Hecker, University of Marburg, *Organized Atheism in Turkey*

Kaya Akyıldız, Bahçeşehir University & Ivo Furman, Istanbul Bilgi University
Conspiracy, Perversion or Secularization? Mapping the Turkish Deism Controversy on Twitter

Jeremy Walton, Max Planck Society, *Foreclosed Futures? Reflections on the Recent Past of Turkish Muslim Civil Society*

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 **Panel III: Rights, Equality and Constitution in Turkey: From Reform to Emergency**

Chair: Ece Göztepe, Bilkent University

Oya Yeğen, Sabancı University, *Glass Half Full: Drafting Fundamental Rights in the Turkish Constitution-Making Process of 2011-2013*

Zafer Yılmaz, University of Potsdam, *The State of Emergency, New Phase of Authoritarian Constitutionalism and Changing Political Regime in Turkey*

Didem Yılmaz, Bahçeşehir University, *Human rights under emergency, emergency for human rights?*

17:15 – 17:30 Break

17:30 – 19:00 **Keynote Lecture**
Rıza Türmen, former judge of the European Court of Human Rights,
Right to Have Rights in the Turkish Context
Chair: Silvia von Steinsdorff, Humboldt University Berlin

DAY II – FRIDAY, 25 MAY 2018

9:00 – 10:30 **Panel IV: Social Rights in Turkey in a Comparative Context**

Chair: Lutz Leisering, Bielefeld University

Mine Eder, *Boğaziçi* University, *Leaking at the seams: Political economy of welfare provision in Turkey*

Lyle Scruggs, University of Connecticut, *Globalizing Social Policy: New Worlds of Welfare for the Twenty-first Century*

Tolga Bölükbaşı, Bilkent University, *Welfare Effort and Social Rights in Turkey's Welfare State: Welfare Laggard Catching Up?*

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15 **Panel V: F(e)uture Scenarios for EU-Turkey Relations – Blickwechsel or Business as Usual?**

Chair: Wolfgang Wessels, CETEUS, University of Cologne

Funda Tekin, CETEUS, *F(e)uture Scenarios for EU-Turkey Relations*

Ebru Turhan, Turkish-German University, *The Future of EU-Turkey Relations and Critical Junctures*

Özgehan Şenyuva, Middle East Technical University, *The Future of EU-Turkey Relations and Blickwechsel*

12:15 – 12:45 **Closing Remarks**
Ertuğ Tombuş, Humboldt University Berlin