AGENDA

Turkey’s Experience with Urban Refugees: Modalities and Future Perspective

UNHCR Turkey
Third Academic Network Seminar
15 & 16 May 2012

15 May 2012

09:30-10:00  Registration

10:00 - 10:15 Opening Speeches
Ms. Carol Batchelor, Representative, UNHCR Turkey

10:15-11:00 Keynote Speech
* What is an 'Urban Refugee'? And does it Matter?
Prof. James Hathaway, Department of Law, University of Michigan

11:00-12:30 Panel I -
Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Okyayuz, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Middle East Technical University

Panelists:
* Urban Segregation, Refugees and Typologies
Prof. Ibrahim Sirkeci, Regent’s Centre for Transnational Studies, Regent’s College London

* Conceptualization of Urban Refugees within Metropolitan Areas: Challenges and Prospects
Dr. Başak Kale, Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University
* Bios versus Zoë: A Theoretical Approach to Satellite City Regulation
Dr. Deniz Şenol Sert, Migration Research Program at Koç University (MiReKoc), Koç University
Research Assist. Ugur Yildiz, Migration Research Program at Koç University (MiReKoc), Koç University

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 Panel II-
Moderator: Asst. Prof. Dr. Pınar Uyan Semerci, Director, Bilgi University Center for Migration Studies

Panelists:
* Social Dimensions of Urban Refugees, Adaptation, Identity Problems and Solutions
  Dr. Özgür Avcı, Department of Public Relations, Atılım University

* Integration Problems of Urban Refugees, Solution Suggestions and Future Perspective in Turkey's 2023 Objectives
  Prof. Dr. Ismail Bircan, Vice-Rector, Atılım University

* Local Governments' Approaches and Policies Regarding Urban Refugee Concept in Turkey
  Assist. Prof. Dr. Savaş Zafer Şahin, Department of Political Science and Public Administration

* “Cities of Sanctuary” in Turkey: Implications of “City of Sanctuary” Movement for Turkey
  Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Bilgiç, Department of International Relations, Bilkent University

15:00 - 15:15 Break

15:15 - 17:15 Panel III -
Moderator: Assist. Prof. Dr. Seher Cesur Kılıçsalan, Department of Social Work, Arel University
Panelists:

* The Psychosocial Problems that Refugees Encounter in Turkey and Suggested Solutions
  Dr. Nedret Öztan, Department of Psychology, Bilkent University

* Prevention of Stigmatization in the Analysis of Psychosocial and Health Problems of Refugees
  Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şükrü Sevimli, Department of Deontology and History of Medicine, Van Yüzüncü Yıl University

* The Evaluation of the Asylum Seekers from Social Psychological Aspects in More Livable City Scale
  Assoc. Prof. Dr. Betül Dilara Şeker, Department of Psychology, Van Yüzüncü Yıl University

* Comparison of Asylum and Forced Migration Experiences from Psychological Dimension: Paris and Izmir Examples
  Assist. Prof. Dr. Zübeyit Gün, Department of Psychology, Gediz University

* Being a Refugee/an Asylum Seeker as a Child: Issues and Recommendations
  Prof. Dr. H. Gülsen Erden, Department of Psychology, Ankara University

17:30 Reception

16 May 2012

09:30-10:45 Panel I -
  Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Boldizsár Nagy, International Law Department, Eötvös Loránd University and Central European University

Panelists:

* Historical origins of Turkey’s Contemporary Asylum Practices
  Prof. Dr. Kemal Kirişçi, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University

* Asylum-Seekers in Turkey: Problems and Expectations
  Prof. Dr. Ali Çağlar, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Hacettepe University
Refugees: “Informal Contributions” and Challenges in Urban Areas
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Helga Rittersberger-Tilç, Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University

10:45 - 11:00  Break

11:00 - 12:30  Panel II -
Moderator: Assist. Prof. Dr. Dolunay Özbek, Department of Law, Istanbul Bilgi University

Panelists:
* National and International Legislation on Urban Refugees and Legislative Developments
  Assist. Prof. Dr. Doğa Aydoğan, Department of Law, Atılım University

* Substantive Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Turkey: Need for Thematic and Categorical Regulation
  Prof. Dr. Bülent Çiçekli, Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors

* Problems of Refugees and Asylum Seekers Arising from Family Law
  Prof. Dr. Nuray Ekşi, Department of Law, Istanbul Kültür University

* Legal Problems Faced by Urban Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Turkey
  Adv. Prof. Dr. Vahit Bıçak, Security Sciences Faculty, Police Academy

12:30 - 13:30  Lunch

13:30 - 15:00  Panel III -
Moderator: Dr. Franck Düvell, Convenor of Turkish Migration Studies (TurkMis), Oxford University, Center of Migration Policy and Society (COMPAS)

Panelists:
* Social Networks of Refugees in Turkey and their Role in Migratory Decision-Making
  PhD Candidate Marieke Wissink, Technology and Society Studies Department, Maastricht University/TurkMis Goup
*Social and Economic Incorporation of Iranian Refugees in Ankara*
Research Assist. Yasemin Akis, Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University/ TurkMis Group

*City of Van in Eastern Turkey: Exploration of Border Satellite City from the Perspective of Refugee Experience*
PhD Candidate Z. Özge Biner, University of Strasbourg, Department of Sociology/TurkMis Group

*Framing Refugee Research in the Context of Urban Studies*
PhD Candidate Kristen Biehl, Department of Social Anthropology, Oxford University/ TurkMis Group

15:00 - 15:15 Break

15:15 - 17:15 Panel IV -
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Kuvvet Lordoğlu, Department of Labor Economics and Industrial Relations, Marmara University

Panelists:

*Urban Bureaucracy’s Approach to Use of Asylum Seekers as Unregistered Labor Force: Van Example*
Dr. Ürüngü Akgül, Department of Anthropology, Van Yüzüncü Yıl University

*Analysis of Social Support Perceptions of Asylum Seeker Women in Afyon*
Research Assist. Özgün Uyanık, Department of Primary Education, Afyon Kocatepe University

*Conditions of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Socio-Economically Underdeveloped Satellite Cities: Ağrı Example*
Assist. Prof. Dr. Sinan Kocaman, Department of Primary Education, Ağrı Ibrahim Çeçen University
* Living Conditions and Demographic Profiles of Iranian and Afghan Refugees in Van
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orhan Deniz, Department of Geography, Van Yüzüncü Yıl University

* Use of Technological Opportunities for Solution to Problems of Urban Refugees and Implementation
Assist. Prof. Dr. Anıl Çekiç, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Atılım University