

News from the Department of Political Science and International Relations



Our department has now a professor of International Relations. We welcome **Prof. Dr. Birgöl Demirtaş**.

Birgöl Demirtaş completed her BA degree at Boğaziçi University, MA degree at Bilkent University and PhD degree at the *Freie Universität* Berlin. Her studies concentrate on Turkish foreign policy, Balkans, German foreign policy, EU foreign policy, local diplomacy and feminist IR theory. She is the managing editor of the SSCI-indexed Journal of *Uluslararası İlişkiler (International Relations)*. She was the deputy editor of the Journal of *Perceptions* between 2014-2018. She is the author of following books: *Turkey, Germany and the Wars in Yugoslavia: A Search for Reconstruction of State Identities?* (Logos Verlag, Berlin, 2006); *The Vlachs: A Forgotten Minority in the Balkans* (London, Frank Cass, 2001); and *Bulgaristan'la Yeni Dönem* (ASAM, Ankara, 2001). She is the editor of the book entitled *Türkiye-Yunanistan: Eski Sorunlar, Yeni Arayışlar* (ASAM, Ankara, 2002). She is the co-editor of following books: *Neighborhood Challenge. The European Union and Its Neighbors* (with Bezen Balamir-Coşkun, Universal Publishers, Florida, 2009); and *Avrupa Birliği ve Komşuları, Fırsatlar ve Zorluklar* (with Bezen Balamir-Coşkun, Elips, Ankara, 2012); *Balkanlar'da Siyaset* (with Şaban Çalış, Anadolu Uni., Eskişehir, 2012); *Balkan Diplomasisi* (with Ömer Engin Lütem, ASAM, 2001). She has articles published in the *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, *Middle East Policy*, *Iran and the Caucasus*, *Internationale Politik*, *WeltTrends*, *Ankara Journal of European Studies*, *Turkish Yearbook of International Relations*, and *Journal of the Black Sea Studies*.



We also welcome our new faculty member, **Asst. Prof. Dr. Suna G. Aydemir**. She studied political science and public administration at Ankara University where she completed her master's degree with a dissertation on the subject of radical democracy and citizenship. She holds a PhD in political science

from the University of Bielefeld, with her thesis on the transformations of religious policies in the Turkish Republic. Before joining Turkish-German University in 2019, Suna G. Aydemir worked as Assistant Professor in Political Science and Public Administration at the Social Sciences University of Ankara (ASBÜ), where she was a researcher on the EduMAP Project (EU Horizon 2020). In 2016-2017, she was an affiliated researcher at the Georg Eckert Institute in Brunswick. In the past, she conducted several research and publication projects on the topics of citizenship, educational policy and textbooks, as well as gender and political disputes in the MENA region. Her new book *Rückzug und Rückkehr des Religiösen - Religionspolitik(en) der modernen Türkei (1839-2002)* has been published by Springer Verlag in December 2019.



Asst. Prof. Dr. Philipp Decker has joined us as our new DAAD long-term lecturer. He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics, where he completed his studies in the Department of Government. He has an MA in nationalism studies from the Central European University and a diploma in political science from the University of Vienna. Currently he works on a monograph about nation-building and political modernization in Central Europe. His research interests include new forms of populism and nationalism, contemporary problems of democracy and the politics of nation-building.



INSITER (Inside the Turkey-EU Relations Jean Monnet Module), co-funded by the European Commission and coordinated by Asst. Prof. Dr. Ebru Turhan from our department, is the first EU-funded project of the Turkish-German University. INSITER has continued its activities also in 2019.

For more information: <https://insiter.tau.edu.tr/>



Prof. Dr. M. Murat Erdoğan, our department chair and the director of TGU's Migration and Integration Center TAGU, organized in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Turkey the first of the Migration Certificate programs, in which students are able to attend 5-day long sessions and visits. Leading migration scholars inform the students on the relevant topics of migration, followed by civil society meetings and cultural events. The series continued with another week at Ankara Social Sciences University ASBÜ. This photo shows Prof. Dr. Nermin Abadan Unat, the leading Turkish scholar in the field, sitting next to Prof. Dr. Erdoğan.

Prof. Dr. Erdoğan also attended many other events this year. Some of these include his talk at Brookings Institution in Washington, DC, his talk at YÖK's conference in Essen, Germany, his speech at the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality's gathering on migration, his participation in the Strasbourg meeting on refugees, the conference he co-organized with IKV on Syrian refugees and Turkey-EU cooperation, his talk at the Turkish Parliament and his presentation at the Interior Ministry meeting on refugees as well as the conference he organized on Syrian refugee scholars in Turkey. The photos refer to some of these events.





Asst. Prof. Dr. Ebru Turhan participated in the panel titled "Varying, Overlapping, and Competing Perceptions of a Unique Partnership: Unravelling the Stories on EU-Turkey Relations" at the 2019 EUSA Biennial

Conference in Denver, USA. She presented a paper on “Elite Framing of the EU-Turkey Refugee 'Deal': A Comparative Analysis of German and Turkish Policy-Makers' Expectations from and Understandings of the 'Deal'” co-authored with Ayca Arkilic from the Victoria University of Wellington, and also served as the Chair of the session.



Asst. Prof. Dr. Ebru Turhan attended the 49th UACES Annual Conference which took place at the University of Lisbon on 1-4 September 2019. Turhan presented a paper titled “The Evolution of EU Studies in Turkey: A Gender Perspective” co-authored by Rahime Süleymanoglu Kürüm at the panel “European Union-Turkey Relations in Times of Crisis – Actors, Perceptions and Discourses”.



Publications of the Department of Political Science and International Relations

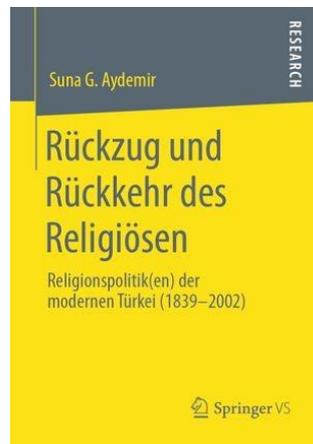
Asst. Prof. Dr. Ebru Turhan published an edited-volume titled “German-Turkish Relations Revisited: The European Dimension, Domestic and Foreign Politics and Transnational Dynamics” which builds on a multi-angled and accessible approach with refreshing contributions on latest developments in German-Turkish affairs by German and Turkish scholars. This book also includes chapters by our department colleagues, the DAAD long-term lecturer Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thomas Krumm as well as Asst. Prof. Dr. Deniz Kuru.



German-Turkish Relations Revisited

The European Dimension, Domestic and
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Events at the Department



In the Summer of 2019, we had our first graduates in the BA program. Prior to the general ceremony of the university, we invited our students and their families to join us in celebrating their success. We wish them good luck in their and hope for a life-long connection to our university.

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

“New Political Challenges for Germany, Turkey and the EU – 2019”

Our department realized in cooperation with INSITER, the Center for Turkey and EU Studies (CETEUS), the Center for Migration and Integration at the Turkish-German University (TAGU) and DAAD an international symposium titled “**New political challenges for Germany, Turkey and the EU – 2019**” with the participation of around 120 international guests including academicians, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media and students from different universities on May 3, 2019 at the Turkish-German University.



“Photo during the symposium, May 3, 2019”

The opening speeches of the symposium were given by **Prof. Dr. İzzet Furgaç**, TGU's DAAD consortium coordinator, **Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels**, from the University of Cologne and Vice-President of the German Consortium responsible for the foundation of the Turkish-German University, and our department chair **Prof. Dr. M. Murat Erdoğan**.



Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Turkey **Martin Erdmann** gave a keynote speech titled “A World in Disarray: What Can Be Done to Fix It? A German View”



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Director for EU Affairs **Faruk Kaymakçi**'s speech during which an interactive survey on EU-Turkey affairs was conducted and the recent developments in EU-Turkey relations were evaluated.



Introductory Panel: Past, current and future trends in EU-Germany-Turkey Relations

At the introductory panel chaired by **Prof. Dr. Atila Eralp** (Istanbul Policy Center), the present and future of EU-Turkey relations have been discussed by **Dr. Günter Seufert** (SWP), **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Beken Saatçioğlu** (MEF University), **Alina Thieme** (University of Cologne), and **INSITER Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Ebru Turhan** (Turkish-German University) based on the results of the research projects conducted by the panelists.



Panel II: Migration and Diaspora Policy in EU-Turkey Relations: Latest Trends and Impact

In this session, **Prof. Dr. M. Murat Erdoğan** (Turkish-German University), **Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu** (Koç University) and **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayselin Gözde Yıldız** (Yaşar University) made presentations with the moderation of **Prof. Dr. Michael Kaeding** (University of Duisburg-Essen). In the panel various topics including the effects of the refugee crisis on EU member states, the challenges that Turkey faces and the policies that were implemented due to the Syrian refugees in Turkey, and lastly, the role and shortcomings of the readmission agreement in solving the refugee crisis were discussed.



Panel III: Current Trends in World Politics and Reflections on EU-Turkey Relations

In the final panel of the symposium, latest developments and trends in world politics have been discussed from manifold angles. At this session, chaired by **Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp** (IEP Berlin), **Prof. Dr. Birgül Demirtaş**, **Asst. Prof. Dr. Deniz Kuru**, and **Prof. Dr. Bernhard Stahl** (Passau University) made presentations.

The symposium was finalized by the closing remarks of the **INSITER Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Ebru Turhan**, **Asst. Prof. Dr. Deniz Kuru** and **Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels** and followed by an networking dinner. For further information, click [here](#).
