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Jean Monnet Chair Conference on “Uncovering Citizenship: New Claims in Turkey and the EU”

11 May 2012, Friday

14.00-16.00

Istanbul Bilgi University Dolapdere Campus BS 1

Conference Program

Welcome

Prof. Ege Yazgan (Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Istanbul Bilgi University)

Moderator

Senem Aydın (International Relations Department, Istanbul Bilgi University)

“Multiple Forms of Citizenship in the European Space”

Prof. Anna Triandafyllidou (European University Institute, Florence)

“A Contemporary Account of Citizenship in Turkey”

Prof. Fuat Keyman (Director of Istanbul Policy Centre, Sabancı University, Istanbul)

“Citizenship and Poverty in Turkey”

Dr. Pınar Uyan (International Relations Department, Istanbul Bilgi University)

“Politics of Recognition in Turkey: Right to Difference”

Prof. Ayhan Kaya (Jean Monnet Chair of European Politics of Interculturalism, Istanbul Bilgi University)

Q & A Session

The Conference will assess the legal norms and policies of the EU as well as the legal framework of the European Union Citizenship Law (Article 8 of the Maastricht Treaty, 1992) with a view of analyzing whether they provide for additional rights through EU framework (or e.g. make human rights framework operate better at national level), or/and restrict the existing political, civil and socio-economic rights of non-European nationals residing in the EU; and to assess how identified EU norms are implemented at national level in project countries as to create conditions for promoting European identity through legal practices and establishing arguments for European value added. As a first step, a review of EU legislation on non-discrimination (e.g. Race directive 2000/43/EC, Employment Quality Directive 2000/78/EC) will be made. This analysis will also examine how fear-policies of the EU are reflected in the legislation (thus legislation of the EU on fighting terrorism and combating trans-national crime will be analyzed). The analysis will be guided by the rights based framework established in the Charter of Fundamental Rights. Jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice will be also considered. The second step will consist of looking at national legislation, concerning the implementation of the non-discrimination directives of the EU. This analysis will also examine how the politics of fear in the EU (and legal acts that refer to European norms implementing these policies) are reflected in the national legislations of various countries. At national level, legislative provisions, implementation (administrative and judicial practice) will be reviewed in the conference.

The Conference will also cover debates about the newly rising claims of various social-ethnic-cultural groups in Turkey in the process of the preparation of a new Constitution to replace the 1982 Constitution enacted by the 1980 Military junta. Issues of multiculturalism, interculturalism, tolerance, respect, recognition and acceptance will be discussed by the participants. The Conference will be open to students of the University. The Conference is expected to lay down the main parameters of the contemporary debates on citizenship, and to discuss about the ways in which national citizenship has lately been challenged by different form of belonging like European citizenship, multiple citizenship, diasporic citizenship, multicultural citizenship. The Conference is designed in such a way that questions the parochialism of limited national cultural citizenship, which is likely to reproduce the cultural and racial boundaries. The conference will be open to the public. Education specialists, primary and secondary school teachers, journalists, public servants working in the education sector as well as university students across all the disciplines will be invited to the conference using the very wide network of the European Institute and the University.

P.S. Prof. Anna Triandafyllidou’s speech will be in English, and the other speeches will be in Turkish. There will not be simultaneous, or consecutive translation in the event.

