



**SYMPOSIUM**

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**“Syrian Refugees in Turkey: Temporary Guests or Permanent Residents”**

14:00 Welcoming Remark

**Romana Königsbrun** (Director, Austrian Cultural Forum)

**Dr. Feyza Basar** (Alpbach Forum Turkey)

14:10

**Franz Wolf** (General Manager, Austrian Integration Fund Vienna)

“Integration in Austria: Challenges related to the Refugee Crisis“

– Refugee Country Austria

– Migration: Developments in Austria in the past 50 years

– Current situation on refugees in Austria

– Challenges and solutions regarding the integration of refugees

– Crucial integration factors: Labour market, Education, Language, Principles of coexistence

– Future prospects

14:50

**Şenay Özden** (Hamisch Syrian Cultural Center, Istanbul)

While what is called the "refugee crisis" has become one of the hottest topics of discussion in Turkey and Europe, the main actors who could not voice their opinion about the issue are Syrians themselves. In this talk, I will address the following questions: Why were many Syrians risking their lives to reach Europe? Why are Syrians critical of the latest EU-Turkey agreement? How do Syrians view "integration" into host societies? How does the terms of current discussion around refugee issue reduce Syrians to "those in need" ignoring their political and social agency? What are possible ways of showing solidarity with Syrians that recognize refugees' agency?

15:30

*Coffee Break*

16:00

**Buket Uzuner** (Author)

“Refugee or immigrant? Is Paradise closed to refugees forever like pagans in divine comedy?”

- Syrian Refugees in general

- Syrian Refugees in Turkey



16: 45 **Assoc. Prof. Murat Erdogan** (Hacettepe University, Ankara)

“Syrians in Turkey: Are we ready to live together?”

This statement based on the study “Syrians in Turkey: Social Acceptance and Integration,” which was conducted by the Hacettepe University Migration and Politics Research Center-HUGO. Over 2,7 million Syrians arrived in Turkey and accepted under “temporary protection” status between April 2011-April 2016. Only 9 percent of Syrians live in refugee camps and more than 91 percent are in urban areas. The efforts of the Turkish government and society to care for the refugees is admirable given that the state has spent 10 billion dollars on the crisis with little material and humanitarian support from the international community. Turkish society has been overwhelmingly accepting of Syrians. However, concerns and objections are increasing as the permanency of Syrians in Turkey becomes more visible. Therefore, it is essential to develop strategies on permanency with the support of Turkish society.

Moderation: **Nalan Gndz** (Integration Attach , Austrian Embassy Ankara)

18:00 Opening of the Photograph Exhibition about Syrian Refugees in Turkey by **Ulas Tosun**

### **Franz Wolf**

Franz Wolf is the Managing Director of the Austrian Integration Fund (IF) since 2013. The Austrian Integration Fund is a federal agency for the integration of recognized refugees and migrants in Austria. Before 2013 he was deputy head of the office of then State Secretary for Integration, Mr. Sebastian Kurz. Until 2011 Mr. Wolf was cabinet advisor of the Minister of Interior, responsible for asylum, integration, legal and illegal migration matters. Mr. Wolf studied International Economic Relations in Austria and has been active in the field of integration since 2003.

### **enay zden**

enay zden is one of the founders of Hamisch, Syrian Cultural Center in Istanbul, founded in 2013 together with Syrian writers and artists living in Istanbul. Trained as a cultural anthropologist, enay zden has carried out field research in Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in Damascus, Syria and has lived in Damascus between 2003-2009. After coming back to Turkey, she has worked at Ko University's sociology department. She has prepared and contributed to multiple reports about Syrian refugees including 2013 Migration Policy Center report on Syrian refugees in Turkey and her more recent contribution to ICMPD (International Center for Migration Policy Development) report on human trafficking of Syrians. She writes regularly to Arabic newspapers and magazines about Syrian refugees in Turkey.



### **Buket Uzuner**

Buket Uzuner was born in Ankara in 1955, is an author of short stories, travelogues, and novels. Ms. Uzuner is trained as a molecular biologist and environmental scientist. She studied and worked at universities in Turkey (Hacettepe and METU), Norway, USA and Finland. Ms. Uzuner won The Yunus Nadi Prize for her novel *The Sound of Fishsteps* (Balık İzlerinin Sesi) in 1993 and her novel *Mediterranean Waltz* (Kumral Ada- Mavi Tuna) was awarded as the Best Novel of 1998 by the University of Istanbul. Her books are translated into eleven languages. Ms. Buket Uzuner has been presented as honorary fellow writer by *The University of Iowa*.

She was presented *Middle East Technical University* (METU) appreciation award in in 2004.

Ms. Buket Uzuner was selected among the 75 Most Influential Women of the Republic of Turkey, for Sabah Group by civic leaders, members of the press, and academia to celebrate the Republic of Turkey's 75th anniversary. She has travelled and lived widely in North Africa, North America and Europe. Buket Uzuner lives in Istanbul with her son.

### **Assoc.Prof. Dr. M. Murat Erdođan**

Director of Hacettepe University Migration and Politics Research Centre, Vize Director of European Union Research Center. He is also Advisor to the Rector of Hacettepe University.

He received his undergraduate and M.A. degree from Ankara University, Faculty of Political Sciences, Department of Politics. Mr. Erdođan received his PhD degree from University Ankara University and Bonn University in political science with the dissertation "Turkey-EU Relationship after the Cold War: 1990-2005".

He was scholar of Konrad Adenauer Foundation (1994-1998) and "Junior Fellow" at the Center for European Integration at University of Bonn in Germany (1998-2000). He worked for the Press Department of the Turkish Embassy in Berlin (2001-2003).

Since 2004 Lecturer, since 2010 Assoc.Prof. at Hacettepe University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences in Ankara-Turkey. His fields of interest are Turkish Migrant in Europe, EU-Turkey Relationship, Turkish Domestic and Foreign Policy, EU, Europeanization, Germany, Migration, Islamafobi, European Public Opinion and political cartoon.

He has 8 books and several articles. His last books are "Syrians in Turkey: Social Acceptance and Integration" (2015), "Turkish Foreign Policy-II (1990-2013)", "Turks Abroad: Migration and Integration in its 50<sup>th</sup> Year" (Edit.) and "50 Years 50 Cartoons: Turks in the German Cartoons".

He was as guest researcher at the University of Duisburg-Essen (2008), Die Deutsche Gesellschaft fr Auswrtige Politik e.V. Berlin (DGAP) (2009), Humboldt Univ., Berlin (2010), Oxford Univ. (2012), SWP (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik in Berlin) (2013), Johns Hopkins Univ. (AICGS) in Washington DC (2014).