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We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone attending this conference on Turkey. The various speakers who will talk today and tomorrow are all outstanding in their respective fields and we look forward to having their informed perspectives on Turkey and its onward direction in the new millennium.

We are extremely grateful to our main sponsor, *Stratim*, and to the IAIS for providing us with the use of this very fine building. There are many others who have assisted us over the past 18 months, and acknowledgment of all would make this note exceptionally long. As its author, I would, however, like to take the opportunity to thank my co-organiser, Marc Herzog, who has been an exemplary colleague and friend. Without his patience and energy, this event would not have been realised.

We both very much hope that you will be engaged by our speakers, and are confident that the conference will stimulate thought and debate.

Shane Brennan

Conference organisers:

Marc Herzog

Shane Brennan

Programme

Thursday May 27 2010. Queens Building.

- 7.00-7.30 p.m. Reception in Queens Common Room.
- 7.30-9.00 p.m. SPECIAL SCREENING. Queens Lecture Theatre 1.
Tülay German. Years of Fire and Cinders (2010)
A documentary film by Didem Pekün and Barış Doğrusöz
Introduced by filmmakers

Friday May 28 2010. IAIS.

- 9.00-9.30 a.m. Registration and coffee
- 9.30-9.45 a.m. Opening address. Kerem Kiratli (Embassy of Turkey)
- 9.45-1.00 p.m. **POLITICS**

Ali Çarkoğlu (Sabanci University)
The Emerging New Party System in Turkey: Dynamics of Voter Preferences and Party Manifestoes

Hasan Turunc (Royal Holloway)
Turkey's transformations since the 1980 Military Coup

Clement Dodd (SOAS)
Resolving Turkey's Little Cyprus Problem

CHAIR. Sevilay Aksoy (Dokuz Eylül University)
- 11.05-11.30 a.m. Break
- 1.00-2.00 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00-5.15 p.m. **ECONOMY AND SOCIETY**

Güliz Ger (Bilkent University)
Diverse Social Identities and the Market

David Shankland (University of Bristol)
Identity, Culture and the Alevites: Dilemmas and solutions
- 3.20-3.45 p.m. Break
Gül Berna Özcan (Royal Holloway)
New class dynamics and Islamic politics

CHAIR. Eminegül Karababa (University of Exeter)
- 7.30 p.m. Conference Dinner @ Clarence Hotel

Saturday 29 May 2010. IAIS.

9.30-12.45 a.m. **MEDIA AND CULTURE**

Haluk Şahin (İstanbul Bilgi University)
The rise of the Islamist media and the struggle for ideological hegemony in Turkey: 1980-2010.

Laurent Mignon (University of Oxford)
Minor literatures and their challenge to "national" literature: The Turkish case

Ani King-Underwood (documentary filmmaker)
Coming to terms with history: The beginning of a traumatic journey for Turkey through the eyes of a diaspora Armenian

CHAIR. Clémence Scalbert-Yücel (University of Exeter)

10.50-11.15 a.m. Break

12.45-1.45 p.m. Lunch.

1.45-4.30 p.m. **THE PAST AND THE PRESENT**

Burcu Erciyas (Middle East Technical University)
Invisible Change: Archaeological Practices in Turkey in the New Millennium

Stephen Mitchell (University of Exeter)
Tapping the past: local and national identities in Turkey

CHAIR. Gerald Maclean (University of Exeter)

2.50-3.15 p.m. Break

POSTERS from Exeter Ph.D. students will be on display through the conference:

Veronica Buffon (IAIS - Kurdish Centre), Pinar Çelebi (Politics), Hale Güney (Classics & Ancient History), Torsten Hertig (Politics), Ozker Kocadal (Politics), Mikail Ozmemis (Politics), Duygu Tekgul (Sociology).

Speakers and Chairpersons

Sevilay Aksoy (Chair) is Assistant Professor of International Relations at Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir. She has M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Middle Eastern Politics from the University of Exeter. She is currently at Exeter's IAIS as holder of a British Academy Visiting Fellow Award; working with Professor Gerd Nonneman, her research topic is the Normative Aspects of Turkish Foreign Policy during the 2003 Iraq War.

Ali Çarkoğlu is Professor of Political Science at Sabanci University, Istanbul. He received his Ph.D. at SUNY-Binghamton, New York. He is an internationally renowned expert on Turkish electoral politics and has published prolifically on Turkey's domestic politics and foreign relations as well as regional politics. His latest book, co-authored with Professor Ersin Kalaycioglu, is *The rising tide of conservatism in Turkey* (2009). He is a frequent commentator on Turkey in the national and international media.

Clement Dodd is a Research Associate and latterly professorial fellow in Politics, with special reference to Turkey, at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He established a graduate programme in Modern Turkish Studies at SOAS and has written extensively on Turkish politics and the Cyprus conflict. His latest book, *The History and Politics of Cyprus*, has just been published by Palgrave Macmillan.

Burcu Erciyas is Associate Professor of archaeology at ODTU (Middle East Technical University). Having received a B.A. degree at Bilkent University she went on to study at the University of Cincinnati (M.A. and Ph.D). She specializes in the archaeology of the Black Sea, and has recently organized Black Sea (2006) and Marmara Studies (2007) symposiums. Professor Erciyas is the lead investigator on the Komana Archaeological Research Project.

Güliz Ger is Professor of Marketing and Associate Provost at Bilkent University, Ankara. She holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University, an M.B.A. from ODTU, and a B.Sc. in psychology from the University of Illinois. Her research interests are in the sociocultural dimensions of consumption, consumption and marketing in transitional societies/groups, and the related issues of globalization, modernity and tradition. She is on the Board of Directors of the *International Society for Marketing and Development*, and on the Editorial Boards of the *International Journal of Research in Marketing; Consumption, Markets and Culture*; and *Journal of Consumer Policy*. She serves as a Departmental Editor for the *Journal of International Business Studies*.

Emingül Karababa (Chair) is Lecturer in marketing at the University of Exeter Business School. She received her M.B.A. in Management and Ph.D. in Marketing from Bilkent University. Her Ph.D. research concerns the origins of early modern Ottoman consumer culture. Her research interests are: the formation and development of modern consumer cultures and markets, utilization of historical methodology in the field of marketing, and the impact of technology on the construction of consumer identity.

Gerald MacLean (Chair) is Professor at the Department of Modern Languages in the University of Exeter and is co-director of Exeter Turkish Studies. He studied at Jesus College, Cambridge, and at the University of Waterloo. He is on the council of the Turkish Area Study Group and is currently making a television documentary, *Ottomania*, about Ottoman and Turkish cultural influences on England and Europe. He is also a founding member of the Evliya Çelebi Way initiative, a project of historical re-enactment and cultural re-connection that aims to create a European Cultural Route through Anatolia by following on horseback the routes of the great seventeenth-century Ottoman writer, traveller and cultural geographer.

Laurent Mignon is Lecturer in Turkish at the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford. His research interests include 19th-20th century Turkish literature, minority literatures, and 19th century Jewish thought. He is currently working on a project titled, “Alternative and analytical history of 19th and early 20th century Turkish literature”. His most recent book is *Ana Metne Taşınan Dipnotlar: Türk Edebiyatı ve Kültürlerarasılık Üzerine Yazılar* (2009).

Stephen Mitchell is an ancient historian and archaeologist who has been Professor of Ancient History at the University of Exeter since 2002. He has wide interests in the classical world and the Near East from 300 B.C. to the end of antiquity. Most of his research has focused on Asia Minor and combines the study of archaeological, epigraphic and literary sources. He has been active in Turkey since 1970, and is the author of a two-volume historical study of Turkey in antiquity, *Anatolia. Land, men and gods in Asia Minor* (1993). In addition to wide-ranging research activities regarding archaeology and settlement in Turkey, Professor Mitchell regularly leads postgraduate study tours to Turkey. He is Director of Exeter Turkish Studies.

Gül Berna Özcan is Reader in International Business and Entrepreneurship in the School of Management at Royal Holloway, University of London, and is an Associate Fellow at LSE. Her research interests include small and medium-sized business entrepreneurship and development, decentralisation and regional economy. She is the author of *Small Firms and Economic Development*, and numerous articles on entrepreneurship, business analysis, and the political economy of emerging markets.

Didem Pekün is a documentary filmmaker living in Istanbul. She has a BA in ethnomusicology from SOAS and an M.A. in Screen Documentary from Goldsmiths College. The *Tülay German* film (2010), co-produced with Barış Doğrusöz, is her first feature length documentary film.

David Shankland is Reader in Social Anthropology at the University of Bristol. He has many research interests in Turkey, including social change, religion, and politics in the Republican period. He has made a special study of the Alevi. Between 1995 and 1998 he was part of the excavation team at the Neolithic site of Çatalhöyük, examining the interface between the excavation team and the local villagers. He is a former Director of the British Institute at Ankara.

Clemence Scalbert-Yücel (Chair) is Lecturer in the Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies. She studied for her Ph.D. in Political Geography at the University of Paris IV- Sorbonne in 2005. Her thesis, shortly to be published in France and Turkey, centred on the question of the development of a Kurdish 'national' language in Turkey

and of a Kurdish literature. She has a B.A. degree in Kurdish Language and Civilisation at the *Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales* in Paris. She is a keen horsewoman, cyclist, and football fan.

Haluk Şahin is Professor of Journalism at Istanbul Bilgi University, and a columnist in the daily newspaper *Radikal*. He has written several books on Turkish politics, Turkish media, and on political thought. His latest book, *Liberaller, Ulusalçılar, İslamcılar ve Ötekiler* (2008) (Liberals, Nationalists, Islamists and Others), concerns ideological shifts in contemporary Turkish politics. Professor Şahin is a frequent commentator on Turkish politics in the national media.

Hasan Turunc is a research fellow at Royal Holloway, University of London. He completed his PhD in 2009 on the subject of Turkey's democratization within a European context. He also holds an M.A. in The Politics of Democracy from Royal Holloway. His research interests, amongst others, focus on Turkish societal developments, Islamist transformation, civilian-military relations, civil society in a global context, and International Relations theories.

Ani King-Underwood is a documentary filmmaker who has worked and travelled extensively in the Middle East. She has a reputation for presenting difficult issues in informative and accessible ways. Some of her recent documentaries include: *Visions* (2009), about art and culture in the UAE; *My Name is Hurriyet* (2008), a train journey from the far easternmost part of Turkey to the western extremity; *An Armenian Homecoming* (2008).