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Refugees' trajectories in the EU in the context of recent developments in Turkey

Where do we stand now?

September 28 (Wednesday), 2016
9.00am – 1.00pm

Popper Room, Central European University

Much debated in the press, taking central stage in many EU countries' political arenas, dividing people within countries, and countries within the EU, the refugee crisis has far reaching consequences in both practical and theoretical terms. From a theoretical point of view, it has called into question already established paradigms within social sciences, such as those on multiculturalism or on democratic transition and consolidation. From a practical point of view, handling the situation raises many challenges in the EU from the circumstances of asylum seekers and refugees, the necessity of border checks and upholding regulations, to the identification of effective integration mechanisms. To address the challenges, the European Union and its member states need to pay increasing attention to and cooperate closely with countries in the neighborhood, especially with those on the refugees' trajectory. Hosting over 3 million refugees by now, Turkey without doubt is a crucial actor at the EU's borders strongly affected by and engaged in the issue. This conference brings together scholars and analysts conducting research on the refugee crisis and the situation of asylum seekers and refugees within the EU and Turkey to shed light on some of the above challenges.

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 9.45 Opening speech

9.45 – 11.00 Panel I. – Turkey and the refugee crisis: approaches and prospects

Deniz Şenol Sert, Özyeğin University, Turkey: *“International Protection in Turkey: Reflections after July 15”*

Boróka Parászka, Romanian Radio Broadcasting Company, Romania: *“More than a Refugee Crisis”*

Emre Hatipoğlu, Sabanci University, Turkey: *“The Refugees in Turkey and the Turkish Public: An Analysis of Public Opinion via Twitter. The first symposium”*

Basak Yavcan, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Turkey: *“Integration policies for refugees in Turkey: education and social inclusion”*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.45 Panel II. – Refugees’ trajectories: from Turkey through Central and Eastern Europe and beyond

Lucia Najslova, Visegrad Review, Charles University, Czech Republic: *“Current developments in the EU-Turkey refugee deal: Turkish and CEE perceptions on how it is (not) working out”*

Paul Levin, Stockholm University, Sweden: *“Challengers of Refugees’ Integration: Sweden as a case study”*

Bogdan Mihai Radu and Zselyke Tófalvi, Center for European Neighborhood Studies, CEU, Hungary: *“The refugee issue and public opinion: worrying trends”*

12.45 – 13.00 Concluding remarks

Péter Balázs, Center for European Neighborhood Studies, CEU, Hungary

13.00 Buffet Lunch