

*The Consulate-General of Belgium in Istanbul  
and the Center for Migration Research at İstanbul Bilgi University  
cordially invite you to a symposium*

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## **“50 Years of Turkish-Belgian Migration History”**

16 May 2015, Saturday  
İstanbul Bilgi University, **santral**İstanbul Campus, E1-301

The Belgian Consulate-General in Istanbul and the Center for Migration Research at Istanbul Bilgi University, with collaboration of the Turkish-Belgian Friendship and Cultural Association, invite you to an academic one-day symposium on 50 years of migration history, which Belgium and Turkey share since the bilateral labour agreements were signed on 16 July 1964.

The present symposium aims to facilitate the dialogue and the further development of a network in the field of migration studies by bringing together Turkish and international academics as well as artists with a migration background. It investigates key issues and themes of Belgian-Turkish migration by looking at the legal and social history, national and European policy, the present cultural diversity, identity and ethnicity, transmigration and return migration, as well as artistic responses and perceptions in film, literature, visual arts and theatre. Hence, the symposium aims to contribute to the debates about the sociological memory that binds Turkey and Belgium for over 50 years.



## Symposium Program\*

- 09.00-9.30 *Registration*
- 9.30-10.00 Brief Introduction by Pieter Verstraete, Hacettepe University
- Welcoming by Emre Gönen, İstanbul Bilgi University, Advisor to the Rector
- Welcoming by Henri Vantieghem, Consul General of Belgium in Istanbul

### 1<sup>st</sup> SESSION “ENTWINED HISTORIES: WORKFORCE, COMMUNITY, LOCALITY”

- Moderator: *Pınar Uyan Semerci*, İstanbul Bilgi University
- 10.00-10.30 **Mazyar Khoojinian**, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- “The Turkish Immigration in the Belgian Coal Mine Industry: Management, Control and Stabilization of a Mobile Workforce (1963-1967)”
- 10.30-11.00 **Ayhan Kaya**, İstanbul Bilgi University
- “Power of the Weak: Making and Unmaking Communities in Diaspora”
- 11.00-11.30 **Tina De Gendt**, Independent Historian
- “Zooming in. A Different Perspective on a Global Process. The Story of Ghent: Not Just Another Turkish Town.”
- 11.30-12.00 Open Discussion
- 12.00-13.00 *Lunch*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION “PERSPECTIVES: ETHNICITY, EMIRDAG, EUROPE”

Moderator: *Susan Rottmann*, Koç University

13.00-13.30 **Christiane Timmerman**, University of Antwerp

“Changing Migration Dynamics between Turkey and the EU”

13.30-14.00 **Jak Den Exter**, NIHA/University of Leiden

“Some Chains are Stronger than Others...”

14.00-14.30 **Klaartje Van Kerckem**, University of Ghent

“Bridging the Gap: The Construction and Negotiation of a Turkish-Belgian Ethnic Boundary”

14.30-15:00 Open Discussion

15.00-15.15 *Coffee Break*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SESSION “TODAY’S RESPONSES: ART, IDENTITY AND POLICY”

Moderator: *Kevin Smets*, University of Antwerp

15.15-15.35 **Birsen Taşpınar**, Author

15.35-15.55 **Kenan Görgün**, Author, Scriptwriter

15.55-16.15 **Mesut Arslan**, Theatre Artist





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16.15-17:00

## ROUND TABLE AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Moderator: *Pieter Verstraete*, Hacettepe University

With the participation of **Tülin Erkal Kara**, Chairperson of the Turkey-Belgium Interparliamentary Friendship Group

*\*Symposium will be held in Turkish and English with simultaneous translation.*

### **Venue of Symposium:**

İstanbul Bilgi University, **santral**istanbul Campus, E1-301

**Address:** Eski Silahtarağa Elektrik Santrali, Kazım Karabekir Cad. No: 2/13 Eyüp-İstanbul

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## 18:00 Cocktail

*The Consul General of Belgium, Henri Vantieghem, warmly invites you to a cocktail at the Belgian Consulate General.*

**Address:** Sıraselviler Cad. No.39, Taksim-İstanbul

**RSVP for cocktail until 13 May 2015**

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