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International Conference¹
**Politics and Society in Contemporary Turkey: State, Constitution and
Media**

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at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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May 4th 10.00 - 17.00

Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, Room 144, Luisenstraße 56

09.30 - 10.00: Registration

10.00 - 10.30: Welcome and Introduction

PART I

The Failure of Popular Constitution Making in Turkey (2011-2013)

In the first two panels we address the failed constitution making attempt that was carried out in the years 2011-2013. We will focus on the process and the subjects that were debated in Turkey by that time. And we will advance an interpretation of the process that situates the Turkish case in the broader discussion of authoritarian constitutionalism. This panel will prepare the ground for the following discussions.

10.30 - 13.00: Panel 1

Deal-Breakers: What went Wrong? Constitution Making in a Divided Society

Felix Petersen, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Zeynep Yanaşmayan, Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Discussant: Oya Yeğen, "Research Lab Constitutional Politics in Turkey"/ HU Berlin

The Participation of Civil Society in the Constitution Making Process

Erin Mc Grath, University of Maryland

Discussant: Ertuğ Tombuş, The New School for Social Research

The Constitution Making Process and Turkey's Media Field

Altuğ Akın, Izmir University of Economics

Burcu Yaman, Freie Universität Berlin & Izmir University of Economics

Discussant: Zeynep Yanaşmayan, Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

13.00 - 14.00: Lunch break

14.00 - 16.30: Panel 2

The Debate on How to Amend the Constitution

Oya Yeğen, "Research Lab Constitutional Politics in Turkey", HU Berlin

Discussant: Maria Haimerl, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Counter-Majoritarian Institutions and the Making of the Turkish Constitution

Maria Haimerl, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Discussant: Altuğ Akın, Izmir University of Economics

Inventing the People: Comparing Constitution Making Processes in Turkey

Ertuğ Tombuş, The New School for Social Research

Discussant: Felix Petersen, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

18.00 - 20.00

Evening Panel: Politics in Turkey after the Referendum

Main-Building, Hörsaal 2097, Unter den Linden 6

This part of the conference will be open to the public, and we will begin our discussion with a panel of experts.

Fuat Keyman, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) and Sabancı University

Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) and Sabancı University

Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) and Sabancı University

Metin Gürcan, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) and Sabancı University

Moderator: Ertuğ Tombuş, The New School for Social Research

May 5th 10.00 - 16.00

Main-Building, Room 2103, Unter den Linden 6

PART II

Media, Culture and (Geo)politics in New Turkey

In these two panels we will focus on the changes in the Turkish media landscape over the course of the past decade. The first panel presents insights into changes and continuities in Turkey's media landscape, putting special emphasis on national identity, religion and political activism. The second panel discusses recent developments relating to media and politics in and beyond Turkey (Syrian refugee crisis, coup attempt etc.).

10.00 - 12.30: Panel 1

Resisting the Turkish State: Kurdish Nationalism and Pressures on Local Broadcasting

Ece Algan, Loughborough University London and California State University

When Religion Meets the "Popular": Religious Broadcasting in Turkey

Burak Özçetin, Kadir Has University

Political Use of Twitter in Post-Gezi Environmental Protests

Burak Doğu, Izmir University of Economics / NYU

Discussant: Carola Richter, Freie Universität Berlin

12.30 - 13.30: Lunch break

13.30 - 16.00: Panel 2

Media and Political Polarization in Post-Migration Contexts: Views from Sweden and Turkey

Miyase Christensen, Stockholm University and KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Sisyphus Labor on Two Fronts: Sense-Making and News Making in Turkey after the Failed Coup Attempt

Altuğ Akın, Izmir University of Economics

Branding Turkey: Promotional Strategies in an Era of Geopolitical Change in Europe and the Middle East

Bilge Yeşil, College of Staten Island (CUNY)

Discussant: Betül Yarar, Universität Bremen