CALL FOR PAPERS
COMMUNICATION RIGHTS
AND FORCED MOBILITY

4th Turkish Migration Conference
12-15 July 2016, University of Vienna, Austria

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Submissions are kindly invited for special session(s) on Communication Rights and Forced Mobility. The Turkish Migration Conference 2016 is hosted by the University of Vienna from Tuesday 12 July to Friday 15 July 2016.

Organized by Regent's Centre for Transnational Studies, London and the Media Governance and Industries Research Lab at the University of Vienna, this section(s) aims to bring together a variety of approaches to help us better understand the dis/connections of communication rights of the world citizens experiencing forced mobility.

While the so called "refugee crisis" became a ‘code’ for European media and politicians to describe the extraordinary movement of people toward the continent, people on the move have inadvertently caused ‘Europe’ to come face to face with its strength to uphold Human Rights and Communication Rights for protecting the vulnerable and its weakness to act in such a way. Potent images have raised old ethical questions of journalistic practices, but at the same time have exposed the concrete impact of policies on people’s lives – and deaths. While the media and journalists are finding themselves challenged to report on human tragedy and human agency, ‘staying neutral’ has become an impossible and possibly ethically questionable task. On the one hand, people on the move are being reported on in terms of natural catastrophe metaphors; on the other stories of survival and death aim to humanise the numbers of people seeking refuge. We are interested in papers that document, analyse, speculate and interrogate the journey, destination and experience of communication from all possible perspectives that is connected with people’s rights to be granted protection and their human rights to be respected.

Papers on the following topics, but not limited to them, are sought:

To what extent citizens’ communication rights are respected/challenged/violated within the discursive construction of “refugee crisis”? | What place do the communication rights have in the geographies of flows and networks of late modernity? | How the notions of global, local and transnational are articulated in the study of forced mobility? | What is the impact of media, information and communication technologies on the journey towards refuge? | How do audiences understand this crisis? What is its coverage and relevance for audiences? | Has “the refugee crisis” had a bearing on freedom of expression and social media? | How does civil society at large respond to the needs for communication and interlocution? | Is there a communication rights crisis connected with forced mobility?

We will convene in the W29 building, University of Vienna, and looking forward to seeing you in Vienna.

Please feel free to contact track chairs if you have any questions:
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ABOUT TURKISH MIGRATION CONFERENCES

Turkish Migration Conferences were launched in 2012 when the first large scale well attended scholarly academic event on Turkish migration hosted by Regent's Centre for Transnational Studies in Regent's Park campus of Regent's University London. The third conference was hosted by Charles University Prague from 25 to 27 June 2015.

Turkish Migration Conferences entertain a select group of speakers from the US and Europe including Thomas Faist of Bielefeld University (Germany), Philip Martin of University of California Davis (USA), Douglas Massey of Princeton University (USA), Caroline Brettell of Southern Methodist University (USA), Jeffrey Cohen of Ohio State University (USA), Ibrahim Sirkeci of Regent's University London (UK), Kemal Kirisci of Bogazici University (Turkey), Nedim Gurses of CNRS, France, Gudrun Biffl of Krems University (Austria), and Tariq Modood of University of Bristol (UK), and Karen Phalet of KU Leuven (Belgium).

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Important Deadlines:
- 19 February 2016: Abstract/Paper Submission Deadline
- 12/04/2016: Early Bird Registration Deadline
- 12/05/2016: Submission of revised versions of accepted abstracts
- 12/07/2016: Final Registration Deadline to attend

Further details about the Turkish Migration Conference can be found at: www.turkishmigration.com