

**Media.Bridge.Cultures Conference**  
**10 & 11 December 2015**  
**Kadir Has University**  
**Cibali , İstanbul**

**Conference Day 1** (Thursday, December 10, Galata Hall)

<b>09:00 – 10:00</b> Registration
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b> Opening & welcome address
<b>10:30 – 11:30</b> <b>Keynote 1</b> Prof. Dr. Andreas Hepp University of Bremen “Transcultural communication in a mediatized world”
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b> Coffee Break
<b>12:00 – 13:30</b> <b>Panel 1:</b> The role of social media in shaping communities, identities and integration Chair: Çiğdem Bozdağ Kadir Has University  <b>1.1</b> ‘Blurring the lines’ and breaking down boundaries in social media – Muslims creating connections and community in Tumblr <i>Rosemary Pennington</i> <i>Miami University</i>  <b>1.2</b> Digital ethnicities? How new media (re-)construct collective identities today <i>Slavka Karakusheva</i> <i>Sofia University</i>  <b>1.3</b> Social media use and the social integration of young adults with a Turkish migration background in Germany – An interdisciplinary approach. <i>Alexandra Mittelstädt</i> <i>Jacobs University Bremen</i>  <b>1.4</b> Media in the daily lives of Turkish immigrants in USA <i>İlke Şanlıer Yüksel</i> <i>Koç University</i>
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b> Lunch Break

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Panel 2: Cultural encounters in mediatized spaces**

Chair: Kevin Smets

Vrije Universiteit Brussel, University of Antwerp

**2.1 Conflict and negotiation of cultural-political identities over media production processes**

*İrem İnceoğlu*

*Kadir Has University*

**2.2 Documentary filmmaking as public making: Cultural disclosure during production and circulation**

*Suncem Koçer*

*Kadir Has University*

**2.3 Online school networks as a contact space for youth**

*Çiğdem Bozdağ*

*Kadir Has University*

**2.4 Experiences from *Children Have A Say*: Children's Media as a bond?**

*Melda Akbaş*

*Bilgi University*

**16:00 – 16:30**

Coffee Break

**16:30 – 17:00**

Media art performance

Aidan Boyle and Veneta Gerganova

**Venue:** Haliç Hall

**17:00 – 18:30**

**Panel 3: Media in the context of conflicts, protests, and politics**

Chair: Özen Odağ

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)

**3.1 Ethnicity without ethnic media: Diasporic cosmopolitanism, distant conflict, and young Kurds and Turks**

*Kevin Smets*

*Vrije Universiteit Brussel, University of Antwerp*

**3.2 Constructing (trans-)national identities as social protestors: The role of social media in Turkey and Brazil**

*Thomas Kühn & Özden Melis Uluğ*

*University of Bremen & Jacobs University*

**3.3 Political extremism and the Internet: Social media's role in radicalizing youth**

*Anne Leiser, Özen Odağ & Klaus Boehnke*

*Jacobs University*

**3.4 Performance art as a measure of conflict transformation**

*Eser Selen*

*Kadir Has University*

**19:15 – 22:00**

Dinner at Hamdi

**Conference Day 2** (Friday, December 11, Galata Hall)

<p><b>10:15 – 11:30</b> <b>Keynote 2</b> Prof. Dr. Christine Ogan Indiana University <i>“The Turkish Diaspora in Northern Europe – The Method and the Meaning of connections made with Turkey over the decades”</i></p>
<p><b>11:30 – 12:00</b> Coffee Break</p>
<p><b>12:00 – 13:30</b> <b>Panel 4:</b> Identity and representation in (German-Turkish) films and series Chair: Levent Soysal Kadir Has University</p> <p><b>4.1</b> Turkish German filmmakers and their representation of the Turkish diaspora in Germany <i>Deniz Güneş Yardımcı</i> <i>University of London</i></p> <p><b>4.2</b> The case of Turkish-German cinema: Transcultural bridging or national integration <i>Ömer Alkın</i> <i>Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf</i></p> <p><b>4.3</b> Türkisch für Anfänger: A TV series about “Turkish migrants, Germany and integration for beginners” <i>Elif Posos Devrani</i> <i>Turkish-German University</i></p> <p><b>4.4</b> Culture and TV uses and gratifications – Watching TV programs for cultural identity <i>Özen Odağ &amp; David Schiefer</i> <i>BIGSSS &amp; Sachverständigenrat für Integration und Migration</i></p>
<p><b>13:30 – 14:30</b> Lunch Break</p>
<p><b>14:30 – 16:00</b> <b>Round Table:</b> Media correspondents in the context of German-Turkish relations Chair: Ebru Turhan Turkish-German University &amp; Istanbul Policy Center</p> <p>Eylem Yanardağoğlu / Kadir Has University</p> <p>Susanne Güsten / weltreporter.net</p> <p>Thomas Borman / ARD-Hörfunkstudio Istanbul   Alman Radyosu</p> <p>Jürgen Gottschlich / Die Tageszeitung (TAZ)</p>
<p><b>16:00 – 16:30</b> Coffee Break</p>
<p><b>16:30 – 18:00</b> Wrap-up and open discussion</p>
<p><b>18:15 – ...</b> Dinner at Cibalikapı Restaurant</p>