

**Symposium**  
**“Migration, Gender and Health”**

**November, 5 – 6, 2015**  
**Marmara University**  
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## **Symposium Program**

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Migration is one of the most challenging phenomena of our age. The global population of migrants of various categories is expanding, reshaping demography and identities, and leading to complex social, economic and political outcomes. The biopsychosocial dimensions of this phenomenon are not completely understood so far, and there is a growing need for research as well as coordinated policy approaches.

Although migration is a major social determinant of health, data on migrant health are rare and contradictory due to the diversity of migrants in terms of age, gender, socioeconomic status and original culture. The health statuses and needs of migrant groups vary not only in relation to these background variables but also to their motives for migration and experiences in the migration process.

A great part of migrants have health risks relating to low quality jobs, low incomes, stress, poor housing, linguistic and cultural barriers, lack of health literacy, lack of information about health entitlements, and institutionalized discrimination. In many countries some migrants, particularly refugees and asylum seekers are completely excluded from existing health and social services.

Traditional medical approaches to migration and health are criticised for being exclusively focused on health risks for recipient populations. Recently, a rights-based approach is being advocated, and needs to be accepted by more researchers and policy makers. In the face of migrations, particularly those resulting from political conflicts and violence, host countries have to find ways of protecting and advocating migrants' human rights on the one hand and promoting the health of the entire population on the other hand.

Despite the arguments concerning the 'feminization of migration' research and policies concerning the health implications of migration are rarely gender sensitive. Women migrants' increased risks due to lack of family and social support, disregard of reproductive health needs, trafficking, violence, and forced sex labour need to be taken into consideration. The health inequalities that result from migration and interact with gender require transnational and transdisciplinary approaches in research, policy making and implementation.

We are pleased to welcome you to our symposium which is one of the events that take place within the framework of the joint project "Migration, Gender and Health" supported by DAAD and carried out by the Sociology Departments of Kassel- and Marmara Universities.

## **Thursday, 05 November**

### **10:00-10:30 Opening**

Ayşe Durakbaşa  
Elisabeth Tuidier  
İnci User

### **10:30-12:15 Session 1**

Chair: Ayşe Durakbaşa  
Ayhan Kaya: “Politics of Transnationalism between/beyond Turkey and Germany”  
Ahmet İçduygu: Refugees and Transit Migrants  
Bianca Kaiser: Germany in Turkey  
Ebru Turhan: Visa Liberalization between Turkey and Germany

### **12:15-14:00 Break**

### **14:00-15:15 Session 2**

Chair: Elisabeth Tuidier  
Selmin Kaşka: “Women Migrants in the Turkish Labor Market”  
Emel Coşkun: “Policy and Practice against Sex Trafficking in Turkey”  
Saniye Dedeoğlu: “Social Exclusion and Immigrants in Turkey”

### **15:15-15:30 Break**

### **15:30-16:45 Session 3**

Chair: Aylin Akpınar  
Elisabeth Tuidier: “Between Empowerment and Exploitation – Doing Transnational Motherhood in the Borderregion”  
Pınar Tuzcu: “Living in Postmigration Society”  
İnci User: “Mutterzunge”

## **Friday 06 November**

### **11:00-12:00 Session 4**

Chair: Funda Karapehlivan Şenel  
Emine Uçar-İlbuğa: Short Film Presentation and Discussion: “Lives of Migrant Women in Antalya”

### **12:00-13:30 Break**

### **13:30-14:30 Session 5**

Chair: Leyla Şimşek-Rathke  
Sibel Sakarya & Thomas Abel: “Gender and Health Seeking Behavior among five Different Migrant Groups”

### **14:30-14:45 Break**

### **14:45-15:45 Session 6**

Chair: Zeynep Beşpınar  
Bahar Taymaz: Women and Migration: A document Analysis  
Burcu Yeşiladalı: “Poverty, Social Exclusion and Discrimination. The Case of Roma Women in Tarlabası”

### **15:45-16:45 Session 7**

Chair: Melih Çoban  
Zeynep Çengel, Ceren Güler, Elif Kanarlıoğlu, Ilgın Ünal, Güzin Koçer: “Women Discuss Men and Masculinity”  
Asuman Şahin, Didem Gürbüz, Damla Yılmaz, Günseli Karabey, Özlem Mutlu: “Women Engineers' Experiences of Gender Discrimination in Working Life”

**PROJECT**  
**MIGRATION, GENDER AND HEALTH: TURKISH-GERMAN INTERACTIONS**  
**FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE**

*(“Migration, Geschlecht und Gesundheit – Türk-Alman Etkileşimine Farklı bir Bakış”)*

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Project coordinators Elisabeth Tuidler (Kassel) & İnci User (İstanbul)

- This intercultural and academic dialogue aims at an intensive exchange of information in the area of migration and gender research.
- The mobility of young researchers between Germany and Turkey will be facilitated.
- Visiting academics from both partner universities will work on the topic “Migration, Gender and Health” with the aim of reinforcing cooperation in the areas of instruction and curriculum development.
- Workshops will be organized in both countries to enable young researchers to exchange ideas and to engage in scientific cooperation.
- The scientific exchange will be further intensified via the organization of symposia in the field of migration and health in both countries.

**Symposium Organization**

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