

PRESS RELEASE

Turkish Migration Conference 2014 in London saw research presented by over 200 academics from around the world

03 June 2014- London, UK – Turkish Migration Conference 2014 ended on a high note on Sunday afternoon with closing remarks by Professor Jeffrey Cohen from Ohio State University. Professor Cohen stated that the conference was a great event facilitating debates and setting the agenda for research and policy in Turkish migration. He also added this successful event means we have a tradition of Turkish Migration Conferences. The three-day conference kicked off on Friday morning and closed Sunday in the late afternoon on 1st of June.

The Turkish Migration Conference was organized by Regent's Centre for Transnational Studies at Regent's University London and chaired by Professor Ibrahim Sirkeci, Ria Financial Professor of Transnational Studies and Marketing at the Faculty of Business and Management. Professor Sirkeci said the event was the second conference and attracted quality research papers representing a wide array of disciplines and topics. The team at Regent's Centre for Transnational Studies is now developing edited books, special journal issues, and working papers to disseminate the papers presented at the conference.

The three-day conference included over 200 participants presenting over 140 papers authored by over 200 academics coming from North America, Europe and with a strong representation of academics from Turkish universities.

The keynote speaker at the closing plenary, Professor Cohen said the conference, presentations and discussions were critical to the field and to the Turkish community. This resonates with the operating motto of the Regent's Centre for Transnational Studies: "research that matters".

One of the keynote speakers at the opening plenary, Professor Barry Chiswick, a renowned Economist from George Washington University praised the event saying "I judge conferences by how much I learn from them and this one is an excellent one; I learnt a lot in three days".

A participant from Charles University Prague, Dr Wadim Strielkowski said "Turkish migration has been an important issue in the Central and Eastern Europe since the early 2000s. I think the Turkish Migration Conference is an excellent opportunity for the researchers from Turkey, the EU and other countries to meet and discuss the issues and implications for the politics and economy in Europe and beyond regarding human mobility".

The papers presented at the conference covered a wide range of topics including ageing and immigrants, Syrian migration to Turkey, education and human capital, legal frameworks and political participation as well as integration issues focusing on cases in European countries and Turkey.

In the closing plenary session, prizes for the best papers were presented. Steffen Pöttschke and Alexander Hoogenboom were awarded the prizes for best paper and best student paper respectively, Tine Buffel and Jorg Hartmann were runners up. Prizes were sponsored by Migration Letters journal and Ria Financial.

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