Istanbul Workshop on
Centralization Decentralization Debate Revisited

15-16 November 2013
Lares Park Hotel

Topçu Cad. No. 23, Taksim-İstanbul
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November 15th, 2013

09:00 – 09:30  Registration

Morning Session:

Facilitator:  Prof. Dr. Üstün Ergüder
Education Reform Initiative, Director

Onur Sazak
Istanbul Policy Center
Introduction to Istanbul Policy Center

Prof. Dr. Korel Göymen
Istanbul Policy Center (IPC), Executive Board Member
Opening Remarks

Dr. Hans-Georg Fleck
Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty, Resident Representative
10:30 – 11:00  Coffee Break

Prof. Dr. Gerard Marcou
Universite Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne
“Regionalisation, local self-government and governability”

Prof. Dr. Juraj Nemec
Matej Bel University
“Arguments for and against decentralization in Central and Eastern Europe”

Discussion

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch

Afternoon Session: 13:30 - 18:00

Facilitator:  Prof. Dr. Ayşe Kadıoğlu
Sabancı University, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Prof. Dr. Pere Vilanova
Barcelona University
“The Process of moving from Centralized State Tradition to Para-federalism in Spain”

Prof. Dr. Marco Olivetti
University of Foggia
“The Italian Debate and Attempts at Decentralization”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nikolaos Hlepas
National and Kapodistrian, University of Athens
“Centralization, Decentralization, Recentralization: Lessons from the Greek Experience”

Discussion
15:30 – 16:00  Coffee Break

Prof. Dr. Tomas Bergström
Lund University
“A Pendulum In Full Swing. The Centralization-Decentralization Shifts in Sweden “

Prof. Dr. Hellmut Wollmann
Humboldt University
“Recent reform of German federalism”

General Discussion

Workshop Dinner:  Eleos Restaurant İstiklal Caddesi No:231 Kat:2 Hıdivyal
Palas Taksim / Beyoğlu / İstanbul
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Morning Session: 09:30 - 13:30

Facilitator:  Prof. Dr. Korel Göymen
Istanbul Policy Center (IPC), Executive Board Member

Francesco Galietti
Ceo, Policy Solar, Rome
“Italy’s Welfare State Dilemma”

Prof. Dr. Üstün Ergüder
Education Reform Initiative, Director
“Decentralization in the Education System in Turkey: What Should be the goal?”
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gökhan Orhan
Balikesir University
“Public Participation as a Depoliticisation Process: The Case of Environmental Policy”

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

Dr. Tunga Köroğlu
TEPAV
“The problem of scale in local governments: How to improve participation, while developing the efficiency”

Prof. Dr. Muhittin Acar
Hacettepe University
“Revisiting Local Democracy in Turkey “

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ulaş Bayraktar
Mersin University
“Local Democracy amid respective waves of decentralization, poly-centralization and re-centralization of Turkish politics”

Discussion

13:30 – 14:30  Lunch

Afternoon Session: 14:30 -18:00

Facilitator:  Prof. Dr. Ersin Kalaycıoğlu
Istanbul Policy Center (IPC), Executive Board Member
Dr. Leyla Şen / Pınar Arıkan
United Nations Development Programme  UNDP Turkey

Prof. Dr. Michiel de Vries
Radboud University
"The merits of decentralization in Europe"

Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Gül
Süleyman Demirel University
“A Discussion on the New Model of Metropolitan Municipality in Turkey: Towards More Decentralization and Autonomy?

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

Leyla Ferman
Leibniz University
“Decentralization in Turkey: Affecting the Kurdish Question? How local system contribute to ethnic conflicts”

Prof. Dr. Ferhan Gezici - Fikret Toksöz
Tesev Foundation
Regional Governance for Peace and Development in Turkey

General Discussion