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**COVER PHOTO:** Columbia University faculty and students, and Boğaziçi University faculty and students gathered for a joint course on Byzantine and Modern Greek Encounters, at Süleymaniye Mosque in 2015.

## A MESSAGE FROM LEE C. BOLLINGER

PRESIDENT, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



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Why does art provoke state censorship? How can pluralism be harnessed for positive political change? What role does religion play in protecting women from gender-based violence? Columbia's Global Centers are home to ongoing discussions of these and many other questions drawn from fields ranging from healthcare and sustainability, to social justice and armed conflict. These lectures and workshops, led by distinguished scholars from Columbia and other universities, are just one dimension of the rich intellectual life of the Global Centers. Our students are becoming proficient in foreign languages, and studying architecture and political science; researchers from diverse disciplines and backgrounds are collaborating to advance their scholarship.

As the world continues to change in ways that make us all feel more closely interconnected, and global society attains new levels of economic and technological integration, Columbia is evolving so that our scholarship and teaching reflect this reality. No enterprise at the University more fully embraces this future than our network of Columbia Global Centers. They are essential to expanding our understanding of the world and to preparing new generations to confront urgent problems that refuse to be cabined by national boundaries. The new perspectives that our faculty and students acquire in Columbia Global Centers stretching from Santiago to Beijing enrich the intellectual dialogue occurring on our New York campuses and bring all of us in closer contact with the rest of the world.

This is what we hoped for when we set forth to build Columbia Global Centers. With each passing year, we see a growing volume of innovative scholarship—in many instances, the product of collaborative programming involving multiple Centers. For this, we are indebted to you, our supporters, and to all of the remarkable faculty members and energetic students who are responsible, each in their own way, for creating this essential part of Columbia's future.

Sincerely,

**LEE C. BOLLINGER**

## PROFESSOR SAFWAN M. MASRI

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, GLOBAL CENTERS AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT,  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



This past year was a time of great global changes and challenges. The world experienced political upheavals, refugee crises, and contentious elections, the impacts of which were deeply felt by our Global Centers and our local, regional, and global partners. The acute and widespread effects of these events, however, reinforced that our network of Centers is uniquely positioned to take on the most pressing global issues of our time. By responding to and engaging with our individual local contexts, the Columbia Global Centers have helped us better understand each other, and brought firsthand perspectives back to our campus in New York City.

Our network also experienced many important new developments during the year. We welcomed a new Director to our Nairobi Center and laid the foundation for a new Global Center in Tunis. Across our network, we deepened our connections with local audiences through education programs, research projects, and public engagement. Collectively, our network held over 350 events worldwide.

On campus, and under the visionary leadership of President Lee C. Bollinger, we beheld the awesome development of an entirely new 17-acre campus in Manhattanville, which will soon add the new University Forum building – a space where scholars and thought leaders from various fields can come together to share ideas. Columbia's priorities were also given a new voice through two groundbreaking global initiatives: Columbia World Projects, which will connect our research capacities with organizations beyond the academy to transform our work into concrete consequences benefitting humanity; and the Columbia Commitment, a five-year capital campaign organized around university-wide initiatives known as Commitments, which will support the work of faculty and students across schools as they collaborate for transformative impact on major issues of our time.

Our network of Global Centers has emerged over this past year stronger and more energized than ever before. Much of our success is due to the support of our partners, colleagues, and friends, and for that I say thank you. Looking to the future, we will continue to deliver impactful work on the ground in our nine cities and to bring important perspectives from around the world back to our growing campus in New York City.



In this day of fast-paced information and ephemeral value propositions, it is a source of pride to see that Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul is well into its sixth year of operations. Being part of one of the leading universities in the world, the Istanbul Center carries its name with great dignity and responsibility. In addition, as a core member of Columbia University's Global Centers network, we have served both the Turkish and regional communities, as well as our Columbia campus in many valuable ways. The addition of our Studio-X Istanbul office in 2013, exploring urban futures under Columbia's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, has also added to our momentum, as well as to our outreach and level of programming.

The report you hold in your hands today covers our work in 2016 and 2017 and is our second report to date. It takes you into the programming and other activities that we carry out under the direction of Columbia University, but with a keen sense of local, regional and global developments as well. In these past six years, we have done considerable work in the areas of education, gender, urban studies, entrepreneurship, sustainable development, and arts and culture, among many others. This has led to important private and public discourse; and expanded faculty research, programming, teaching, and student engagement in Turkey and around the world. We also sail now onto new horizons, embracing timely issues such as narrative medicine and cultural pluralism.

At the same time, we continue to be humbled by the glory of Istanbul, a city of over 15 million people, and 5,000 years of history dating back to the Bronze Age, according to the latest archeological findings. As a city that connects Europe and Asia, Istanbul is at the core of the many pressing social, political and economic issues of our times - be it sustainability, migration, inequality or unemployment. Whether it is by being mesmerized by the glory of the Suleymaniye mosque or by the elegance of the mosaics at the Kariye Museum; by exposing ourselves to the multi-faceted issues facing refugees; by discussing Mediterranean sustainability with multiple local university partners; by investigating arts and censorship, and democratic practices; or by discovering the cultural pluralism of Istanbul, the Istanbul Global Center has opened many new windows for Turkey and the region, as well as for Columbia University.

Istanbul and Turkey are also blessed with excellent universities and other institutions with whom we collaborate in order to pursue many of our programs. This web of intellectual hubs, complemented by business and civil society networks, forms a solid base for us to operate from. In addition, the Istanbul Center benefits very strongly from the support of our dedicated Columbia alumni, as well as education minded philanthropists who remind us to strive for impact and sustainability every single day.

# COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS NETWORK

The Columbia Global Centers promote and facilitate the collaborative and impactful engagement of the University's faculty, students, and alumni with the world, to enhance understanding, address global challenges, and advance knowledge and its exchange. The Global Centers, as envisioned by President Lee C. Bollinger, were founded with the objective of connecting the local with the global, to create opportunities for shared learning and to deepen the nature of global dialogue. Under the leadership of Professor Safwan M. Masri, Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development, the nine Global Centers are located in Amman, Beijing, Istanbul, Mumbai, Nairobi, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, and Tunis. This network forms the core of Columbia's global strategy, which is to expand the University's ability to contribute positively to the world by advancing research and producing new knowledge on the most important issues confronting our planet.

The Columbia Global Centers engage regional experts, scholars, universities, and civil society, and encourage teaching and research across disciplinary boundaries. Some of the Centers' programs and research initiatives are country-specific, some regional, and an increasing number are multiregional, even global. The Columbia Global Centers are now well immersed in their local regions, and in a position to further leverage their contacts and expertise on behalf of the Columbia community.

## RECENT NETWORK DEVELOPMENTS

### THE NINTH GLOBAL CENTER TO OPEN IN TUNIS

Columbia Global Centers | Tunis is Columbia University's latest Global Center. Led by Youssef Cherif, it will be operational in 2018, focusing mainly on Tunisia and by extension North Africa, with a possible expansion towards West Africa. Several projects by Columbia faculty and affiliates are already taking place such as classes for business and political science students, entrepreneurship training for Tunisian start-ups, workshops on cinema and religious studies, lectures on various topics, and scholarship information sessions. Similarly, a number of lectures related to Tunisia have been organized in New York and Paris.

### THE COLUMBIA INSTITUTE FOR IDEAS AND IMAGINATION TO LAUNCH IN PARIS

The Columbia Institute for Ideas and Imagination will open its doors in fall 2018. Its annual cohort will comprise seven Columbia University faculty fellows and seven fellows from outside the USA. Its purpose is to question the established ways in which knowledge is defined, produced, and taught. The Institute encourages applications in all disciplines and on any topic from candidates interested in participating in a creative community of scholars, artists, and thinkers.

### THE NAIROBI CENTER WELCOMES ITS NEW DIRECTOR

Dr. Murugi Ndirangu joined the Nairobi Center in January 2017 from her previous role as associate professor of nutrition and health care management at Appalachian State University. She holds a PhD in nutrition and food systems from the University of Southern Mississippi, and an M.Ed in Psychology and a B.Ed in Education, both from Kenyatta University.

## THE GLOBAL CENTERS NETWORK



Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul was launched in November 2011 and is directed by İpek Cem Taha ('93BU, '93IA). The Istanbul Center serves as a hub for Columbia programs and initiatives relevant to Turkey and the region, and continues to focus on several ongoing themes, such as gender equality, refugees, art and architecture, in addition to exploring new ones, such as narrative medicine. The Center is exploring new and exciting work with the other Global Centers, Columbia campus counterparts and the newly-minted Sakıp Sabancı Chair and Center for Turkish Studies.



**Columbia Global Centers | Amman** was launched in March 2009 and is led by Professor Safwan M. Masri, EVP for Global Centers and Global Development at Columbia University. The Amman Center offers student programs in Arabic language studies, architecture, environmental sustainability, and democracy and constitutional engineering. Programmatic themes include public health and migration, education, entrepreneurship and youth, gender, and refugees.



**Columbia Global Centers | Beijing** was launched in 2009 and promotes opportunities for expansion of Columbia research and scholarship in China, while functioning as a conduit for knowledge exchange and skill development with local experts, in the areas of Art, Culture, and History; Engineering and Science; Urban Planning and Public Health; Environment and Sustainability; and Business, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.



**Columbia Global Centers | Mumbai** was established in 2010 and is led by Ravina Aggarwal. The Mumbai Center serves as a knowledge hub, and develops research-based programs and activities related to critical issues in the South Asia region. It currently focuses on five key areas, namely Water Access and Management; Sustainable Urbanization; Education, Culture and Knowledge; Health and Medicine, and; Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship.



**Columbia Global Centers | Nairobi** opened its doors in January 2012 and is directed by Dr. Murugi Ndirangu. The Center began in collaboration with Columbia's Earth Institute and hosted the Millennium Villages Project, which directly supported half a million people through operations in six African countries. The Center's major programmatic themes include sustainability, public health, entrepreneurship, and environmental sciences.



**Columbia Global Centers | Paris** was launched in 2010 and is led by Paul LeClerc and Brunhilde Biebuyck. The Paris Center hosts a large undergraduate program, a Master of Arts in History and Literature, a joint undergraduate/graduate architecture programs, and an Executive Master in Technology Management. The public programming focuses on creative and liberal arts, science, medicine, and social issues.



**Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro** was launched in March 2013 and is led by Thomas J. Trebat. It offers academic programs as well as professional development in Brazil that are relevant within the Brazilian context but that can also contribute to global debates. The Center's public programming agenda focuses on issues of public policy management, health, engineering, environment, arts and entrepreneurship.



**Columbia Global Centers | Santiago** was launched in March 2012 and is led by Karen Poniachik. It hosts joint research in earth sciences and Environment, engineering, public policy, Journalism, and architecture. The Center's programming focuses on corporate governance, global economics, waste management, solar energy, water security, arts and culture.



**Columbia Global Centers | Tunis** is a hub for Columbia's faculty and students with an interest in North and West Africa. Led by Youssef Cherif, it is scheduled to open in 2018, and aims to run programs in the fields of education, entrepreneurship, political science, heritage and archaeology, and climate change. It is located in the vibrant heart of Tunis, near the Habib Bourguiba Avenue, and the Medina of Tunis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

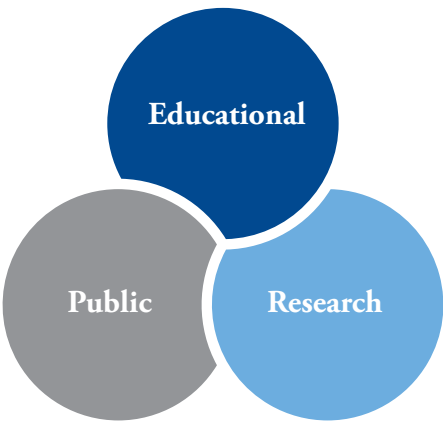
# INTRODUCTION TO COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS | ISTANBUL

Since Columbia University extended its presence to Istanbul in 2011, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, along with Studio-X Istanbul, has brought together over 35,000 people in 551 events. The Istanbul Center serves as a hub for Columbia programs and initiatives relevant to Turkey and the region by contributing to the academic and research environment of Turkey across a variety of themes, while also allowing members of the Columbia community to increase their knowledge and explore academic opportunities within Turkey.

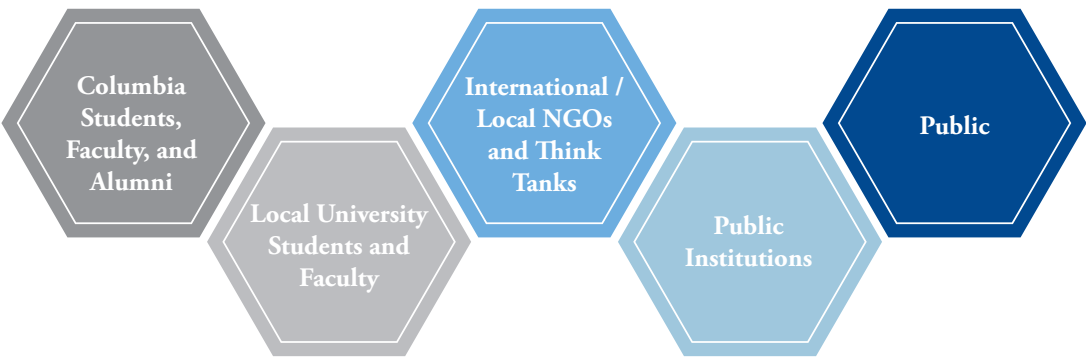
## THEMES



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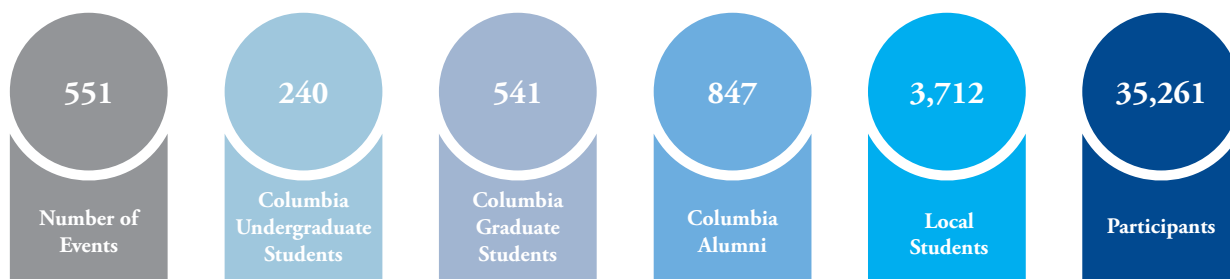


## CONSTITUENCIES



This annual report gives further insight into the various projects and programs organized by the Istanbul Center, which took place between January 2016 and December 2017.

## 1. NUMBER OF EVENTS HELD IN ISTANBUL AND PARTICIPANTS SINCE OUR LAUNCH\*



## 2. NUMBER OF COLUMBIA FACULTY INVOLVED IN OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS HELD IN ISTANBUL\*

	TOTAL		TOTAL
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	39	School of the Arts	5
Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation	34	Law School	3
School of International and Public Affairs	16	Earth Institute	2
Mailman School of Public Health	15	School of Engineering and Applied Sciences	2
School of Journalism	13	School of Social Work	2
Barnard College	6	Teachers College	2
Columbia Business School	6		

## 3. NUMBER OF COLUMBIA STUDENTS INVOLVED IN OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS HELD IN ISTANBUL\*

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Columbia Undergraduate Students	5	14	27	123	61	10	240
Columbia Graduate Students	78	158	127	119	36	23	541
Total Columbia Students	83	172	154	242	97	33	781

## 4. NUMBER OF ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

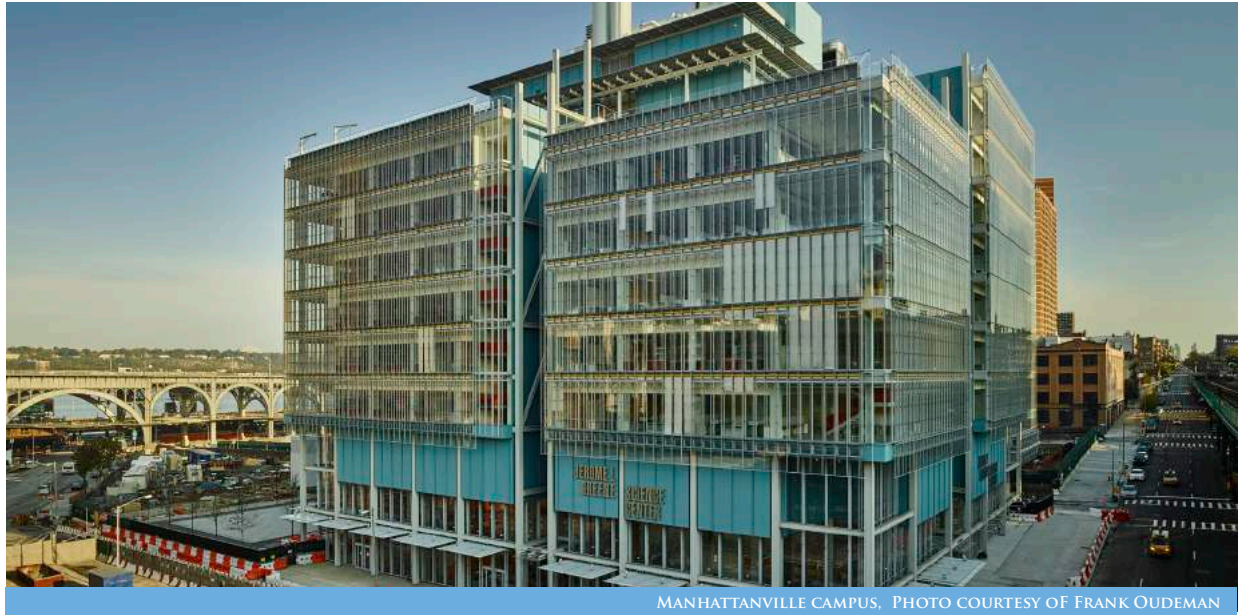
The Istanbul Center has partnered with various schools and faculty at Columbia to sponsor and organize 14 events on campus on topics ranging from gender equality and refugees, to sustainability and public health.

\*These numbers reflect multiple interactions per person.

# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

## 1. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENTS

### MANHATTANVILLE – WELCOME TO A NEW URBAN CAMPUS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY\*



Columbia's Manhattanville campus is designed to bring together a diversity of academic disciplines to address the great questions facing our society while welcoming the wider community to experience a shared space for civic life.

The design of the new campus is informed by its historic New York City location, embracing the northern Manhattan street grid and the surrounding community, creating a campus enriched by West Harlem and interconnected with the cultural, artistic and economic life of adjoining neighborhoods. Northern Manhattan has been Columbia's home for 120 years; our commitment to a shared future drove the development of a Manhattanville campus plan by Renzo Piano Building Workshop and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill that is the first such plan in the nation to win the U.S. Green Building Council's highest distinction for sustainability, LEED-ND Platinum.

Arising in a onetime industrial area that in recent decades has been largely characterized by warehouses, parking lots and garages, the campus was made possible by a rezoning plan for academic and residential mixed uses overwhelmingly approved by New York City's Planning Commission and City Council in 2007. It includes more than 17 acres of property.

The campus's academic cornerstone, the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, is home to the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute that will join together scholars from across the University in interdisciplinary partnerships that will redefine the frontiers of neuroscience. The Lenfest Center for the Arts will provide a variety of new spaces for Columbia's School of the Arts and Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery, as well as a new West Harlem home for exhibitions, film screenings, performances, programs and creativity. In 2018, they will be joined by the University Forum and Academic Conference Center, all three buildings designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Renzo Piano. Soon to break ground will be a new home for Columbia Business School that will relocate from the Morningside Heights campus to the new Kravis and Perelman buildings designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro. In between will be a landscaped one-acre green space, a welcoming amenity not only for the University community, but for the local community and general public as well.

\*SOURCE: [manhattanville.columbia.edu](http://manhattanville.columbia.edu)

In April 2017, Lee C. Bollinger, President of Columbia University, announced that he was creating Columbia World Projects (CWP). It is the output of two years of discussions among numerous faculty, deans, and distinguished guests all focused on this essential question: How can Columbia (and in the academic community more broadly) better connect with the world at-large where laws and policies are made, actions taken, and norms and attitudes shaped? The answer they came to, which was unanimously endorsed by the Trustees, was to build out a new purpose of the University explicitly dedicated to this goal, by creating CWP.

Part of its purpose would be to create an infrastructure to nurture and assist faculty and student efforts to forge closer connections between academic work and solving human problems. Additionally, CWP will allow Columbia to bring together, and thereby amplify, the various initiatives it already has in place: for example, the Earth Institute, the Global Centers, the Committee on Global Thought, the Institute for Ideas and Imagination, Columbia Global Reports, and the Data Science Institute. Additionally, CWP will itself take on and sponsor major projects constructed around this larger ambition to solve problems in New York City, in the U.S., and across the globe.

Nick Lemann, Joseph Pulitzer II and Edith Pulitzer Moore Professor of Journalism, Director of Columbia Global Reports, and Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Journalism, will assume the inaugural role of Director of CWP. Avril Haines, former Deputy National Security Advisor to President Barack Obama and former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, will serve as Senior Researcher for CWP.

During the course of the 2017-2018 academic year, discussions will convene on various challenges related to key trends or themes that promise or threaten fundamental changes in our world, such as, concerns about the capacity of liberal democratic institutions to identify and deal with significant policy concerns, population shifts from rural to urban areas, and transformational technological discoveries. Views from the University community will be solicited on specific challenges CWP should consider and analyze. The upshot of these discussions will be to design specific projects that meet strict criteria CWP will set out in detail. In 2018, CWP will announce a few initial projects, which will help demonstrate how CWP can help the University and broader academic community better serve the world while simultaneously informing and furthering first-rate scholarship.

The work of Columbia World Projects will further enhance the breadth and depth of Columbia University's global initiatives including the Global Centers.



\*\*SOURCES: [president.columbia.edu/news/columbia-world-projects](http://president.columbia.edu/news/columbia-world-projects) and [president.columbia.edu/news/updatecolumbiaworldprojects](http://president.columbia.edu/news/updatecolumbiaworldprojects)

## 2. SAKIP SABANCI CHAIR AND CENTER FOR TURKISH STUDIES

Established at Columbia University in June 2016 with a generous gift from the family of Sakıp Sabancı and named for its benefactor, the Turkish businessman and philanthropist Sakıp Sabancı (1933–2004), the new Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies was founded to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge and the exchange of ideas between scholars and students engaged in various fields of Turkish Studies, including those that focus on the history, language, religion, and culture of peoples and empires that occupied the Anatolian peninsula in historic and prehistoric times.

Situating Turkish Studies in a comparative and global context, the Sakıp Sabancı Center aspires to support academic research, course offerings, and public events both within and outside of Columbia University and New York City, utilizing the resources of both the university's New York campuses and its Global Center in Istanbul.

The Sakıp Sabancı Center started its activities on campus in 2017 under the leadership of Interim Director, Holger Klein, Professor of Art History and Archaeology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JOHN HENRY COATSWORTH, LEE C. BOLLINGER, GÜLER SABANCI, A. NİHAT BERKER

### GÜLER SABANCI, CHAIRPERSON OF SABANCI HOLDING:

*"We are breaking new ground at Columbia University with this gift from the family of Sakıp Sabancı. We are establishing the Sakıp Sabancı Chair and Center for Turkish Studies. This Chair and Center will be home to Turkish Studies, and consolidate social studies about Turkey in the international arena...I believe the Sakıp Sabancı Center will forge a new era of scholarly collaboration between Sabancı University and Columbia University and also the two countries."*

### LEE C. BOLLINGER, PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY:

*"Our University community feels a very deep connection with Turkey, with its history, and with its importance in the modern world. The Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies will be a leading center of teaching, scholarship, research, and service in this field, one that will investigate contemporary issues in a global context. We are honored by the partnership of the Sakıp Sabancı family in this endeavor, deeply appreciative of their exceptional gift."*

### DAVID MADIGAN, PROFESSOR OF STATISTICS, AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY:

*"For historic and geographic reasons, Turkey plays a pivotal role in many global issues. I am therefore very grateful that we can build on Columbia's long-standing links with Turkey to propel Columbia to a leading position in Turkish Studies."*

## SAKIP SABANCI CENTER FOR TURKISH STUDIES EVENTS

### VISUAL SOURCES IN LATE OTTOMAN HISTORY

*April 20, 2017, Conference*

**Organized by:** Columbia University Seminar in Ottoman and Turkish Studies.

**Co-sponsored by:** Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies, Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; Middle East Institute; Department of History; and Department of Art History and Archaeology.

### MUSTANG

*October 23, 2017, Film Screening*

**Discussants:** Alessia Palanti, Columbia University, Isin Öñol, University of Applied Arts, Vienna, Austria, Ali Akay, Mimar Sinan University, Istanbul.

**Moderator:** Nora Philippe, Columbia University.



### “RUSSIA-TURKEY” – INTERVIEW WITH DIMITAR BECHEV

*November 2, 2017, Video Interview*

**Interview with:** Dimitar Bechev, fellow at the Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

**Interview conducted by:** Emre Hatipoğlu, Faculty member, Department of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabanci University; Visiting scholar at the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies.

### “CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IN GREECE AND TURKEY” – INTERVIEW WITH IOANNIS GRIGORIADIS

*November 3, 2017, Video Interview*

**Interview with:** Ioannis Grigoriadis, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Bilkent University.

**Interview conducted by:** Emre Hatipoğlu, Faculty member, Department of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabanci University; Visiting scholar at the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies.

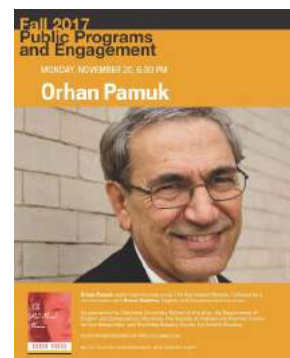
### THE RED-HAIRED WOMAN BY ORHAN PAMUK

*November 20, 2017, Book Launch*

**Reading by:** Orhan Pamuk from his new novel.

**Conversation with:** Bruce Robbins, Columbia University.

**Co-presented by:** Columbia University School of the Arts, the Department of English and Comparative Literature, the Society of Fellows and Heyman Center for the Humanities, and The Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies.



### THE TIME OF MUTE SWANS BY ECE TEMELKURAN

*November 29, 2017, Book Launch*

**Reading by:** Ece Temelkuran from her new novel.

**Conversation with:** E. Efe, Assistant Professor, School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University.

**Organized and sponsored by** the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies.



## THEMES

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul aims to develop its research initiatives in collaboration with Columbia faculty and students as well as with local project partners under eight main subject areas. The Center works for capacity building so as to allow scholars and practitioners in the region to actively contribute to our research programs and engage with Columbia faculty.



ARCHITECTURE, ARTS AND CULTURE  
ART HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY  
HISTORICAL DIALOGUE AND RECONCILIATION  
MEDIA AND JOURNALISM  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
REFUGEES  
SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES



WOMEN ON THE MOVE



WORKSHOP ON FORCED DISAPPEARANCES AND MISSING PERSONS IN THE MENA REGION



REFRAMING GENDERED VIOLENCE PROJECT – ISTANBUL WORKSHOPS



ARTISTIC EXPRESSION IN CONTESTED TERRAINS PANEL



GÜLAY BARBARASOĞLU-SPEAKER SERIES

## ARCHITECTURE, ARTS, AND CULTURE

Architecture at the Istanbul Center is based in Studio-X Istanbul (see separate section). The Istanbul Center actively works towards developing a global humanities program in collaboration with Columbia and its regional partners. It organizes and hosts a variety of conferences, talks, exhibitions, and workshops that address the fields of arts and culture in Turkey and the region.

### 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE TIME OF PERFORMANCE: EMBODIMENT AND ARCHIVES OF (UN)BELONGING IN TURKEY

*June 23, 2016, Public Panel*

The panel discussed the relationship between embodied archives and the question of belonging in the context of 20<sup>th</sup> century Turkish performance. There was a focus on early Republican Turkey, examining the first major fashion shows of the 1920s and 30s and the promotion of a “national style” through the vocational schools for girls. The panel investigated the modern public appearance of the era’s first theater actresses and their dis-identification with the figure of a fallen woman as a discursive maneuver. In the 1960s and 70s, the panel focused on the emergence of films related to Kurdish issues produced in Turkey and examined how it created a fictive archive for the often unrepresented histories and daily lives. The panel concluded with a focus on Galata Perform’s recent production *Iz* and considered the play’s use of spatio-temporal archives that seek to respond to projects of urban transformation.

**Panelists included:** Rüstem Ertuğ Altınay, New York University; Özgül Akıncı, University of British Columbia; Özgür Çiçek, Binghamton University; Emine Fişek, Boğaziçi University; and Zeynep Devrim Gürsel Macalester College as respondent.

#### ARTISTIC EXPRESSION IN CONTESTED TERRAINS WORKSHOP

*September 28-29, 2017, Workshop and Public Panel*



ARTISTIC EXPRESSION IN CONTESTED TERRAINS PUBLIC PANEL



ARTISTIC EXPRESSION IN CONTESTED TERRAINS WORKSHOP

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul organized this workshop and panel in collaboration with the Consulate General of Sweden and DEPO during the 15<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Biennial, with additional support from the Amman and Paris Centers. Led by Vishakha Desai, Senior Advisor for Global Affairs to the President at Columbia University, Senior Research Scholar and Adjunct Professor at SIPA, and President Emerita of Asia Society, New York; the workshop aimed to re-think art censorship in a broader framework to include legal sanctions imposed upon artists and/or curators as well as indirect strategies of deterrence. The workshop situated art censorship in a historical trajectory to see why and how art is censored throughout history and explore the role of art in our decade.

The workshop also explored the link between artists, curators, and government and private institutions that provide financial resources for various art exhibitions and festivals and how these relationships shape and are shaped by art censorship. The workshop included a session on recent case studies of art censorship in order to create awareness, both at the national and international level. Participants were local and international, including curators, artists and activists, scholars and representatives of arts institutions and civil society organizations. This enabled participants to compare and learn from their different experiences, foster connections between different rights struggles, and re-frame art censorship as a violation of international conventions on human rights globally, regardless of degree, scope or intensity. Following the workshop, the Istanbul Center organized a public panel. A series of related workshops are planned for 2018.

**Participants included:** Vishakha Desai, Senior Advisor for Global Affairs to the President at Columbia University, Senior Research Scholar and Adjunct Professor at SIPA, and President Emerita of Asia Society, New York; Sara Whyatt, Former Executive Director of PEN International, Independent Consultant on Artistic Freedom of Expression, London; Ole Reitov, Co-Founder and Former Executive Director of Freemuse, Copenhagen; Asena Günal, Program Coordinator of DEPO, Siyah Bant, Istanbul as moderator; and welcome speech by Karin Strandås, State Secretary and Deputy Culture and Democracy Minister of Sweden, Stockholm.

## ART HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

The Istanbul Center has partnered with Columbia faculty in the Department of Art History and Archaeology and local universities on a number of initiatives since its launch. These include a joint summer program at Boğaziçi University for a select group of advanced undergraduate and graduate Columbia and Boğaziçi students to learn about the history, urban development, and historic monuments of the city of Byzantium-Constantinople-Istanbul, directed by Professor Holger Klein. Professor Klein also conceptualized and founded the Istanbul Research and Documentation Project in November 2011 as a collaborative research initiative and is supported by the President's Global Innovation Fund. Mapping Mesopotamian Monuments, a project led by Zainab Bahrani, Edith Porada Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Art and Archaeology in the Department of Art History and Archaeology was also awarded a President's Global Innovation Fund grant in 2013.

### 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE WORLD RESPONDS TO THE GREEKS: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY

*March-May 2016, Undergraduate Credit Course and Six Open Public Classes*



THE WORLD RESPONDS TO THE GREEKS: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND BOĞAZIÇI UNIVERSITY

Columbia University, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul and Boğaziçi University launched a unique collaboration centered on the core undergraduate course, “The World Responds to the Greeks,” simultaneously co-taught to classes in New York and Istanbul. It was adapted to include six open classes in the form of public events to facilitate a wider discussion and engagements with communities in both New York and Istanbul.

**The course was designed by:** Karen Van Dyck, Kimon A. Doukas Professor of Modern Greek Language and Literature, Department of Classics, Columbia University; and taught in New York by Dimitrios Antoniou, Lecturer, Department of Classics, Columbia University and in Istanbul by Matthew Gumpert, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, Department of Western Languages and Literatures, Boğaziçi University.

## MAPPING MESOPOTAMIAN MONUMENTS

2013–2016, Research and Policy Project with Workshops and Keynote Lectures

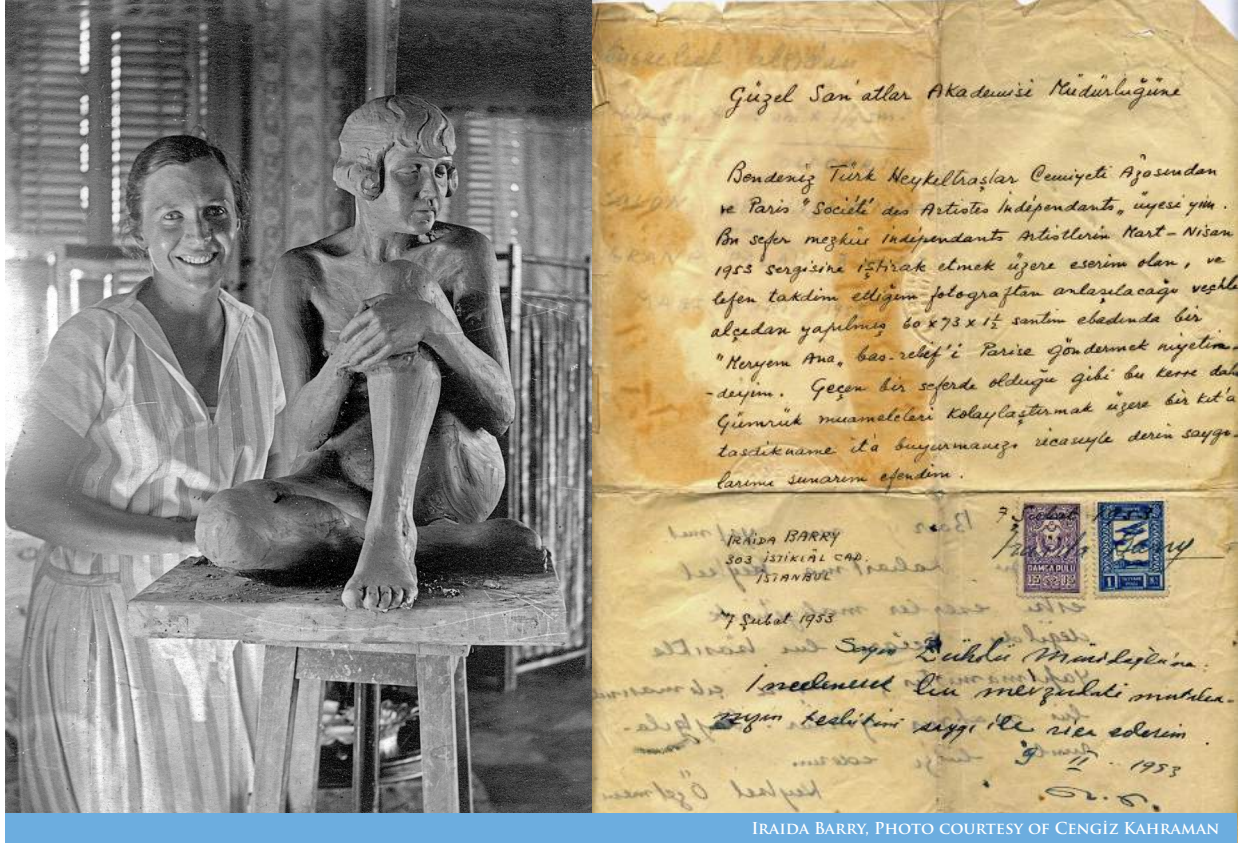


MAPPING MESOPOTAMIAN MONUMENTS

This President's Global Innovation Fund project (see PGIF section for more information) was spearheaded by Zainab Bahrani, Edith Porada Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Art and Archaeology in the Department of Art History and Archaeology. It documented the standing monuments and rock reliefs in Iraq and South-Eastern Turkey and their state of preservation and condition for historical and conservational purposes, and then recorded and digitally archived the monuments for scholarly and public use, and for use by the Iraqi State Board of Antiquities locally. In October 2015, the Istanbul Center, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Columbia University, Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, and the Amman Center, held a workshop, "The Future of the Past: Addressing the Cultural Heritage Crisis in Iraq and Syria," with a wide range of experts from Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Turkey. A second regional workshop was held in Amman in November 2016, followed by a week-long training at the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman on photographic documentation of museum objects.

## IRAIDA BARRY AND THE “RUSSIAN ISTANBUL” OF THE 1920S

2016-2019, Research Project and Exhibition



IRAIDA BARRY, PHOTO COURTESY OF CENGİZ KAHRAMAN

The exhibition on Iraida Barry and the Russian Istanbul of the 1920s focuses on a particular moment in history, i.e. Russian Istanbul in 1920s and its aftermath, through the lens of a Russian émigré artist who left behind an extensive archive of memoirs, correspondences and photographs available at the Bakhmeteff Archive at Columbia University. The exhibition aims to bring to light the life of Iraida Barry, a key figure of the Russian émigré cultural presence in Istanbul in the aftermath of the Soviet Revolution and one of the first female sculptors of Republican Turkey, whose contributions to the field is yet to be recognized by art historians. The exhibition is to be based on the Iraida Barry Papers in the Bakhmeteff Archive at the Columbia Rare Book and Manuscript Library, and the private archive of Cengiz Kahraman in Istanbul. The exhibition is part of the Black Sea Networks initiative (see below for more information) and organized by a research team led by Valentina Izmirlieva, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures and Holger Klein, Professor of Art History and Archeology in collaboration with the Istanbul Center.

Supported by the President's Global Innovation Fund (PGIF), Black Sea Networks is an international teaching and learning initiative at Columbia University that connects regions, disciplines, and institutions, creating educational and research programs that target the diversity of cultural practices in a highly strategic zone. Building upon existing initiatives, including the Columbia-Boğaziçi Summer Program in Balkan Transcultural Studies, which was developed in partnership with the Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, Black Sea Networks reconceptualizes existing programs within a larger Black Sea framework. Based in Columbia's Slavic Department and led by Valentina Izmirlieva, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures, the initiative will foster new bonds among Slavic Studies, Hellenic Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, and East Asian Studies, creating opportunities to establish innovative interdisciplinary programs of study, such as Black Sea Studies and Environmental Science, or Black Sea Studies and Economics.

# HISTORICAL DIALOGUE AND RECONCILIATION

The Istanbul Center has been extending the programs of Columbia University's Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR) to Turkey and the wider region in order to support the cross-fertilization of knowledge and practices related to the struggle for peace and reconciliation. It does this through widening the scope of the Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability (AHDA), a program of the ISHR to the region. AHDA brings together academics, representatives of civil society organization, journalists, educators and artists as well as policy makers who all pursue historical dialogue in conflict, post-conflict and post-dictatorial societies. They address the political ramifications of the historical legacy of conflicts, as well as the role and impact of the memory of past violence on contemporary politics, society and culture. Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul has been working with Professor Elazar Barkan, Director of the Institute for the Study of Human Rights, and the Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability as well as the Truth, Justice and Memory Studies Center (Hafıza Merkezi), a prominent human rights organization in Turkey, to extend the understanding and practice of historical dialogue in the region.

## 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

### REGIONAL NETWORK FOR HISTORICAL DIALOGUE AND DEALING WITH THE PAST (RNHDP) – SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM

*June 13-18, 2016, Training Program*



REGIONAL NETWORK FOR HISTORICAL DIALOGUE AND DEALING WITH THE PAST (RNHDP) – SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM

Twenty-five civil society professionals and graduate students from 14 countries in the MENA and Caucasus regions participated in the second annual summer training program for the Regional Network for Historical Dialogue and Dealing with the Past (RNHDP), a partnership established in 2012 between the Truth Justice Memory Center (Hakikat Adalet Hafıza Merkezi) based in Istanbul, Turkey and the Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability (AHDA) within the Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR) at Columbia University. Hosted by the Istanbul Center, the training program equipped participants with a grounding in the tools and concepts of historical dialogue and dealing with the past and invite them to develop an approach to the conflicts they work with through the perspective of historical dialogue.



REGIONAL NETWORK FOR HISTORICAL DIALOGUE AND DEALING WITH THE PAST (RNHDP) – SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM

**Trainers included:** Professor Elazar Barkan, Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR) and School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University; Mario Mazic, Youth Initiative for HRs, Croatia; Özgür Sevgi Göral, Truth Justice Memory Center; Marijana Toma, Humanitarian Law Center, Serbia; Refik Hodzic, International Center for Transitional Justice, New York; Christian Axboe Nielsen, Aarhus University, Denmark; Valeria Barbuto, Memoria Abierta, Argentina; Evren Balta, Yıldız Technical University, Turkey; Nelson Camilo Sanches, Center for the Study of Law, Justice, and Society (Dejusticia), Colombia; and Sami Adwan, Hebron University, Palestine.

## WORKSHOP ON FORCED DISAPPEARANCES AND MISSING PERSONS IN THE MENA REGION

*January 27-28, 2017, Workshop*



WORKSHOP ON FORCED DISAPPEARANCES AND MISSING PERSONS IN THE MENA REGION

The Istanbul Center hosted the second thematic workshop of the Regional Network for Historical Dialogue and Dealing with the Past (RNHDP). Twenty-one civil society representatives from 11 countries in the Caucasus and MENA regions came together to discuss the various aspects of enforced disappearances and the missing. The workshop aimed to raise awareness about enforced disappearances and the missing through international cooperation among civil society organizations. It also provided a thorough map illustrating country specific contexts and manifestations surrounding these phenomena.

**Event co-sponsors were:** Columbia Global Centers | Amman, Columbia University Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR), Truth Justice Memory Center, Chrest Foundation, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Open Society Foundation Turkey, and Robert Bosch Stiftung.

THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION IN ISTANBUL,  
TURKEY ON THE 2020 REVIEW OF THE UNITED NATIONS TREATY BODY SYSTEM

*August 18, 2017, Roundtable*



THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY ON THE 2020 REVIEW OF THE UNITED NATIONS TREATY BODY SYSTEM

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul hosted the Regional Consultation in Istanbul, Turkey on the 2020 Review of the United Nations Treaty Body System. This consultation brought together experts from academia, civil society, and persons with experience working at the U.N. and in regional human rights systems. The main agenda item involved assessing the role of the Treaty Bodies in the wider ecosystem of international and regional human rights mechanisms, and how this might vary in different institutional settings.

**Partners included:** Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR), Human Rights Institute at Columbia Law School (HRI), Columbia University Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies (SIWPS).

## MEDIA AND JOURNALISM

As a priority area for Columbia University, journalism, press freedom and freedom of expression have been the focus of several programs at the Istanbul Center, which includes past events such as a workshop in partnership with the Amman Center in September 2013 featuring President Lee C. Bollinger, Professor Safwan M. Masri, Dean Steve Coll, former Dean Nicholas Lemann of the Columbia Journalism School and several distinguished global and regional experts on Turkey and the Middle East.

### 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

#### DISCUSSING THE NEW DYNAMICS OF NEW MEDIA: SELF CARE AND SAFETY AT THE DIGITAL FRONTLINE

*March 15, 2016, Panel*



New media and its tools are new concepts that successfully challenge the traditional ways of performing journalism at many levels. Digital media, one of the strongest features of new media, has gradually been strengthening its position vis-à-vis conventional media's broadcasting and publishing. As digital and social media have majorly expanded their roles in journalism, they have also naturally brought about new opportunities, challenges and dynamics. Among these, eyewitness media and digital security appear to be outstanding issues that greatly matter for journalists and everyone who is professionally involved in the digital landscape. The Istanbul Center hosted a public panel expanding upon these issues. The panelists shared their knowledge and research findings with a broad spectrum of attendees, including agency-related and independent journalists, staff of civic organizations and scholars, and shed light on the global contexts around eyewitness media and data security, while the subsequent discussions among the speakers and audience added local context to the issues.

**Panelists included:** Susan McGregor, Assistant Director of the Tow Center for Digital Journalism and Assistant Professor of Columbia Journalism School, and Sam Dubberley, Co-Founder of Eyewitness Media Hub and former Fellow of the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

Public health is a priority theme for Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul. In collaboration with the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University and Columbia University Medical Center, the Istanbul Center strives to promote new practices in the field of public health and advance existing resources in Turkey, working in collaboration with institutions and scholars in Turkey.

### 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

#### CHANGING HEALTH NEEDS IN COMPLEX EMERGENCIES:

#### NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SERVICES FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN JORDAN

*2015–2018, Research and Policy Project with Training Workshops and Public Events*

Supported by the President's Global Innovation Fund (PGIF) and a grant from the Global Policy Initiative, this project is developing an evidence-based and culturally appropriate framework for promoting refugee health for the millions of individuals who suffer from long-term displacement in this region, and by doing so, to help shift policies to support such efforts. The project offers a regional situation analysis of essential health care services for people with non-communicable diseases (NCDs) during emergencies in the East Mediterranean Region, with a particular focus on countries affected by the Syrian crisis (Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt), and develops a framework to address current gaps and challenges.

**This project is spearheaded by:** Professors Neil Boothy, Wafaa El Sadr, and Miriam Rabkin at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. It is co-sponsored by ICAP and the Program on Forced Migration and Health at the Mailman School of Public Health, the Amman Center, American University of Beirut, and Istanbul Public Health Directorate.



## REFUGEES

Gaining momentum from unsettlement in Iraq and Syria, refugee issues remain pivotal for Turkey and other neighboring countries. The Istanbul Center has over the years focused on such themes as refugee health, women refugees, access to education and vocation training, as main pillars of its work in regard to refugees. In addition, collaborative work has been undertaken with the Amman Center to address these issues in Istanbul, Amman, and on campus.

### 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

#### FEASIBILITY STUDY ON A UNIVERSITY ACCESS PROJECT IN TURKEY

*May 6, 2016, Feasibility Study*

The Asfari Foundation, established by Sawsan and Ayman Asfari in the UK to provide grants to organizations focused on empowering young people from Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and the UK, commissioned Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul and the Research Centre on Asylum and Migration (IGAM), based in Ankara, to assess a feasibility study on facilitating access of Syrians to higher education opportunities in Turkey.

#### MULTILATERAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE REFUGEE ISSUE: DYNAMICS IN AND AROUND TURKEY

*May 23-24, 2016, Panel*



Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, with the Marmara Municipalities Union and Helsinki Citizens Assembly, hosted one of the 132 official side events of the World Humanitarian Summit. This was the only panel of all the official side events that was hosted by organizations based in Turkey and which directly addressed recent developments in Turkey and the immediate region.

**Speakers included:** Alexander Aleinikoff, former United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees and Visiting Scholar at Columbia Law School; Elif Selen Ay, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Istanbul; Sinan Gökçen, Helsinki Citizens Assembly; Emel Kurma, Helsinki Citizens Assembly; and Burcuhan Şener, International Cooperation Expert of Marmara Municipalities Union.

## MEETING ON HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES: THE CASE OF KIRON UNIVERSITY

*August 2, 2016, Public Panel*



MEETING ON HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES: THE CASE OF KIRON UNIVERSITY

The Istanbul Center and Kiron Turkey, an NGO focused on providing access to higher education for asylum seekers and refugees, hosted a public panel to create a platform for a vibrant exchange among partners and other interested institutions and organizations.

## STRENGTHENING REFUGEE ACCESS, EQUITY AND INCLUSION: DEVELOPING A NEW FRAMEWORK

*October 13, 2016, Symposium, On-Campus*



STRENGTHENING REFUGEE ACCESS, EQUITY AND INCLUSION: DEVELOPING A NEW FRAMEWORK

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul and Columbia Global Centers | Amman organized a roundtable on campus that addressed the humanitarian-development gap and explored new paradigms for refugee integration, with a focus on the Syrian refugee crisis. Research was presented on how to improve refugees' access to health services, inclusive education and meaningful employment opportunities. Hundreds of Columbia students and faculty attended, in addition to over 1,000 people from 40 countries who viewed online.

**Participants included:** Columbia professors Alex Aleinikoff, Neil Boothby, Michael Doyle, Wafaa El Sadr, Susan Garnett Russell, and Ayten Gündoğdu; and Dr. Agnes Callamard, Director of the Global Freedom of Expression Project.

## TURKEY AT A CROSSROADS: THE DYNAMICS OF A DEMOCRACY UNDER STRAIN

October 19, 2016, Panel, On-Campus



Distinguished panelists from Columbia University and Turkey unraveled and assessed the complexities and challenges currently facing Turkey, which now hosts the highest number of refugees in the world. Of particular focus was the prospects for a stronger democratic future for Turkey.

**Panelists included:** Rashid Khalidi, Professor of Modern Arab Studies; Dr. Agnès Callamard, Director of the Global Freedom of Expression Project; Safwan M. Masri, Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development; İpek Cem Taha, Director of Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul; and Rana Zincir Celal, Senior Program Manager of Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul.

### THE COLUMBIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

Columbia University has launched a scholarship program to support individuals who have been displaced as a result of the conflict in Syria. These students will receive full tuition, housing, travel, and living assistance while pursuing select undergraduate degrees at Columbia University. Applicants must have been displaced by the conflict in Syria, and currently residing in Jordan, Lebanon, or Turkey, or residing under Temporary Protected Status in the US. Students will begin their studies in fall 2018.

**Participating schools include:** General Studies (undergraduate) and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering (undergraduate), Columbia Business School (graduate) and School of International and Public Affairs (graduate).

**Partners include:** Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, Columbia Global Centers | Amman, UNHCR Jordan, and AMIDEAST Jordan.

## SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Sustainable development has been a priority for the Istanbul Center, through a collaboration which began in 2013 with Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. The Istanbul Center helped to coordinate efforts to set up the Turkey chapter of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, which brings together universities, the private sector, civil society, and government to advance the sustainable development agenda in Turkey. The Center's efforts have particularly been focused on the topic of sustainable urbanization, a core challenge that confronts Istanbul as well as cities across the country and the wider region. In addition, Studio-X Istanbul serves as an active space for exhibiting works under the theme of Sustainable Cities.

SEE THE STUDIO-X ISTANBUL SECTION FOR DETAILS



## WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

The Istanbul Center has placed a special focus on gender issues through a collaboration with the Center for the Study of Social Difference on its flagship global initiative, Women Creating Change and the Women Mobilizing Memory working group at Columbia. Through a series of programs and events, the Istanbul Center brought together a diverse network of scholars, students, practitioners, and socially engaged artists to address the global issues affecting women and explore how women can create change in their own societies.

### 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

#### WOMEN ON THE MOVE REPORT FROM THE INAUGURAL REGIONAL WORKSHOP

*May 16–18, 2016, Workshop and Report*



WOMEN ON THE MOVE REPORT FROM THE INAUGURAL REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, UN Women and OXFAM hosted the inaugural regional workshop of a new networking platform for the most active civil society organizations (CSOs) in MENA and Europe to discuss their experiences working with refugees. With conflicts in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan producing the highest number of refugees in modern times, civil society organizations (CSO), especially women's organizations, have been leading the way in providing displaced people with information and support, and advocating for the protection of refugee rights. The meeting concluded with the issuing of a collaborative report by all 60 participants ahead of the World Humanitarian Summit and included seven recommendations including eliminating the root causes of conflict, ensuring safe and legal passage for the forcibly displaced, improving refugee women's access to services and participation in decision-making about them, and focusing on the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP FOR SYRIAN WOMEN IN CIVIL SOCIETY

*November 23-28, 2016 and April 20-23, 2017, Two Workshops*



LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP FOR SYRIAN WOMEN IN CIVIL SOCIETY

The Istanbul Center in collaboration with the Asfari Foundation, established by Sawsan and Ayman Asfari in the UK to provide grants to organizations focused on empowering young people from Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and the UK, organized two leadership workshops in Arabic for 10 Syrian women who are leaders of refugee-focused civil society organizations in the MENA region and around the world. The five-day workshops were held in Istanbul and blended leadership training, self-care and peer-to-peer support through a series of modules that focused on the technical, professional and personal aspects of leadership. The retreat aimed to nurture the managerial and leadership skills of women executives or senior-staff, facilitate self-reflection to hone inner strength and motivation in times of crisis, and develop a future visioning for both personal and professional growth. Each workshop was facilitated by female trainers with experience in psycho-social counseling, executive leadership, communications and academia, who used an experiential ‘learning by doing’ approach in their modules.

## REFRAMING GENDERED VIOLENCE PROJECT – ISTANBUL WORKSHOPS

*March 3, March 24, April 4, May 11, 2017, Four Workshops*



REFRAMING GENDERED VIOLENCE PROJECT – ISTANBUL WORKSHOPS

The Istanbul Center organized four workshops throughout 2017 in collaboration with the Reframing Gendered Violence program at the Center for the Study of Social Difference (CSSD) at Columbia University. The workshops were led by distinguished academics and a working group of 22 liberal arts undergraduate and graduate students from reputable universities in Turkey. They explored new ways of framing gender-based violence, to initiate a new type of dialogue about gender-based violence on both local and global levels.

The workshop themes and moderators were as follows:

**March 3:** “[Is Gender Violence Governable?](#)”; moderated by Susanna Elizabeth Ferguson, Doctoral Candidate of History, Columbia University and Tuğçe Ellialtı-Köse, Doctoral Candidate of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.

**March 24:** “[Framing Religion and Gender Violence: Beyond the Muslim Question](#)”; moderated by Fatmagül Berktaş, Professor of Political Science and Women’s Studies, Istanbul University and Feyza Akınerdem, Adjunct Instructor of Media and Communications, Boğaziçi University.

**April 4:** “[When Home Won’t Let You Stay: A Collective Deliberation on Taking Refuge](#)”; moderated by Işın Önel, Doctoral Candidate of Cultural Studies, University of Applied Arts in Vienna, Austria, and an independent curator.

**November 5:** “[Refugees and Gender Violence: Vulnerability and Resistance, and Media and the Arts](#)”; moderated by Ayşe Gül Altınay, Professor of Anthropology, Sabancı University and Zeynep Gambetti, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University. Lila Abu-Lughod, Joseph L. Bottenwieser Professor of Social Science, Department of Anthropology; Marianne Hirsch, William Peterfield Trent Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Department of English and Comparative Literature, and Professor in the Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality; and Jean Howard, George Delacorte Professor in the Humanities, Department of English and Comparative Literature, are the organizing committee of Reframing Gendered Violence at Columbia University, and joined the workshop via video-conference.

## ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATION ON SEX, GENDER AND THE MEDICAL SCIENCES

*April 3, 2017, Roundtable*

The Istanbul Center and the Sabancı University Gender and Women and Studies Center hosted a roundtable conversation with Professor Rebecca Jordan-Young, Chair of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Barnard College, and a limited number of highly accomplished Turkish medical practitioners, experts, and academics.



## FINDING SEX IN THE BODY: ‘FROM WHAT IS THERE’ TO ‘WHEN IT IS THERE’

*April 3, 2017, Public Talk*

The Istanbul Center and the Sabancı University Gender and Women and Studies Center hosted a public talk by Professor Rebecca Jordan-Young, Chair of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Barnard College on “Finding Sex in the Body: ‘From What is There’ to ‘When it is There’”. The talk took place at Minerva Han, part of Sabancı University’s Istanbul Policy Center, with the support of the Istanbul Center.



## PRESIDENT'S GLOBAL INNOVATION FUND

Launched in March 2013 by President Lee C. Bollinger, the President's Global Innovation Fund (PGIF) is designed to provide support for faculty who would like to use the resources or facilities of one or more of the University's nine global centers for teaching or research activities.

The President's Global Innovation Fund awards grants for faculty members to leverage and engage Columbia's global centers network. The program is designed as a venture fund to enable the development of projects and research collaborations within and across these sites, in order to increase global opportunities for research, teaching and service.

The following table shows the PGIF projects that have been engaging with the Istanbul Center since the inception of the Fund.

PROJECT TITLE	FACULTY	DURATION
Confronting Non-Communicable Diseases	Professor Wafa El Sadr and Professor Miriam Rabkin, Mailman School of Public Health	2013
Global Leadership Matrix	Professor Sheena Iyengar, Columbia Business School	2013
Global Migration Network	Professor Julien Teitler, School of Social Work, and Professor Sandro Galea, Mailman School of Public Health	2013
Istanbul Documentation Project	Professor Holger Klein, Department of Art History and Archaeology	2013
Mapping Mesopotamian Monuments	Professor Zainab Bahrani, Department of Art History and Archaeology	2013-2016
De-Provincializing Soft Power	Professor Victoria De Grazia, Department of History	2014
Global Operational Data Index	Professor Susan McGregor, Columbia Journalism School	2015
Changing Health Needs in Complex Emergencies: Non-Communicable Disease Services for Syrian Refugees in Jordan	Professor Neil Boothy, Professor Wafaa El Sadr, and Professor Miriam Rabkin, Mailman School of Public Health	2015-2018
Sustainable Waste Management	Professor John Themelis, School of Engineering and Applied Science	2015
Mapping Human Networks of Transnational Architectural Projects	Professor Mabel O. Wilson, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation	2015
Regional Network for Historical Dialogue and Dealing with the Past (RNHDP)- 2016 Summer Training Program	Professor Elazar Barkan, School of International and Public Affairs	2016
Providers ASPIRE	Professor Nabila El-Bassel and Professor Neeraj Kaushal, School of Social Work	2016-2018
Black Sea Networks	Professor Valentina Izmirlieva, Department of Slavic Languages	2016-2019

## STUDIO-X ISTANBUL

The Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP) uses the label “Studio-X” to refer to its most advanced laboratories for exploring the future of cities. The label conveys the sense that a whole new platform for research and debate is needed to face the array of urgent questions that will face the next generation of designers.

Each Studio-X is organized around the traditional setting of the design studio found in architecture schools all over the world: a simple open loft-like space that fosters collaborative exploration, an empty room that welcomes new people and new ideas.

Each Studio-X is a cultural center that supports close personal interactions between people that might not normally come together. At the same time, the space is equipped with the latest technology to take advantage of Columbia’s expertise in digital design and data visualization to draw on the widest array of global resources and communicate ideas to the widest possible audience. The local director of each Studio-X acts as the curator of a continuous array of projects, workshops, lectures, seminars, symposia, exhibitions, and performances helping to tie the daily operations of the space to the surrounding city. In key moments, all the Studio-X spaces are linked in single real-time global workshops allowing unprecedented bursts of creativity.

Studio-X Istanbul hosts exhibitions, workshops, and public discussions in collaboration with scholars and students from Columbia University and from across the Studio-X community of architects, designers and academics in Istanbul.

### 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

#### MICROCOSMOS | FROM THE BEGINNINGS TO THE PRESENT: 30 YEARS OF DS ARCHITECTURE

*January 15, 2016 – March 4, 2016*

Microcosmos is a retrospective exhibition that features the 30 year long experience of Deniz Aslan and Sevim Aslan – masters of landscape architecture and surveying, respectively – at DS Architecture, accompanied by documentation and interviews. It explores the issues that come to the forefront in this period such as the transition to liberal economy in Turkey, and the transformation of scale and project production processes.

#### HOPE

*May 6, 2016 – June 10, 2016*



HOPE

Organized by Düzce Hope Workshop, this exhibition forms a memory record of the 17-year old social struggle of the Düzce earthquake survivors for "the right to live in healthy and safe housing". The exhibition includes a timeline that details the entire process chronologically, with documents, as well as artistic works along the same lines.

## MICRO-NETWORKS OF ISTANBUL STREETS

May 30, 2016 – June 10, 2016

GSAPP students examined Tophane, a rapidly changing neighborhood in Istanbul, in a two-week workshop led by Assistant Professor Phu Hoang. Street based micro-scale networks are essential to Tophane's everyday life, from corner shops that deliver goods to residents using buckets lowered from their apartment windows to semi-clandestine urban recycling networks. Their research and design interventions, which argue that micro-events on the street are essential to Istanbul's identity and future, were exhibited at Studio-X Istanbul.

## HOUSE OF MY DREAMS

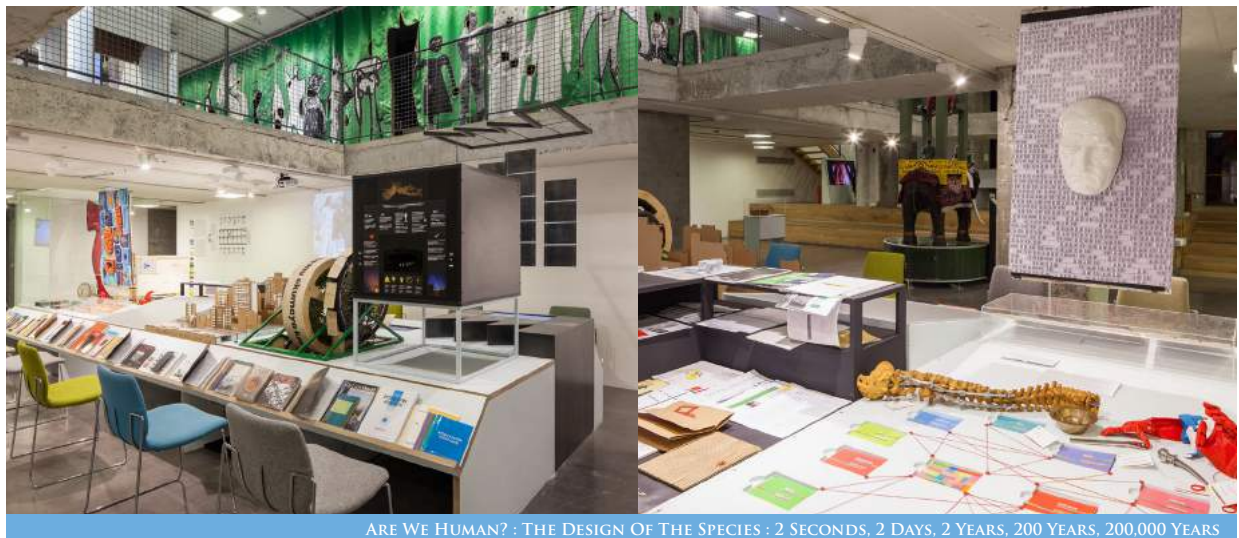
June 17, 2016 – July 30, 2016



"Everyone has a house with golden windows, a house that is desired, but which loses its dream-like features and golden windows once it is a house." Based on different interpretations of 'home' this collective exhibition features a video installation by Bager Akbay as well as works by Sibel Adakçı, Gökçe Baturay, Malte Brandenburg, Zeynep Erol, Ömer Tevfik Erten, Moritz Haas and Eleni Zervou.

## ARE WE HUMAN? : THE DESIGN OF THE SPECIES : 2 SECONDS, 2 DAYS, 2 YEARS, 200 YEARS, 200,000 YEARS

October 22, 2016 – November 20, 2016



ARE WE HUMAN? : THE DESIGN OF THE SPECIES : 2 SECONDS, 2 DAYS, 2 YEARS, 200 YEARS, 200,000 YEARS

Studio-X Istanbul hosted exhibitions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Istanbul Design Biennial, organized by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (IKSV). The Biennial explored the intimate exchange between the notions of “design” and “human.”

The public opening of the Istanbul Design Biennial on October 20, 2016 was attended by Dean Amale Andraos and Professor Mark Wigley from Columbia University GSAPP.

## LONGING

*December 16, 2016 – February 10, 2017*

Hopes, dreams, realities peculiar to megacity Istanbul. How do they become visible in public sphere and private life? The social, cultural and spatial identities portrayed by German TV journalist Gunnar Köhne’s video portraits and Swiss photographer Robert Huber’s photographs provide insight into an outsider’s perspective. The exhibition was supported by the Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia, Goethe-Institut and the Consulate General of Switzerland; curation and design was done by Oya Sönmez.

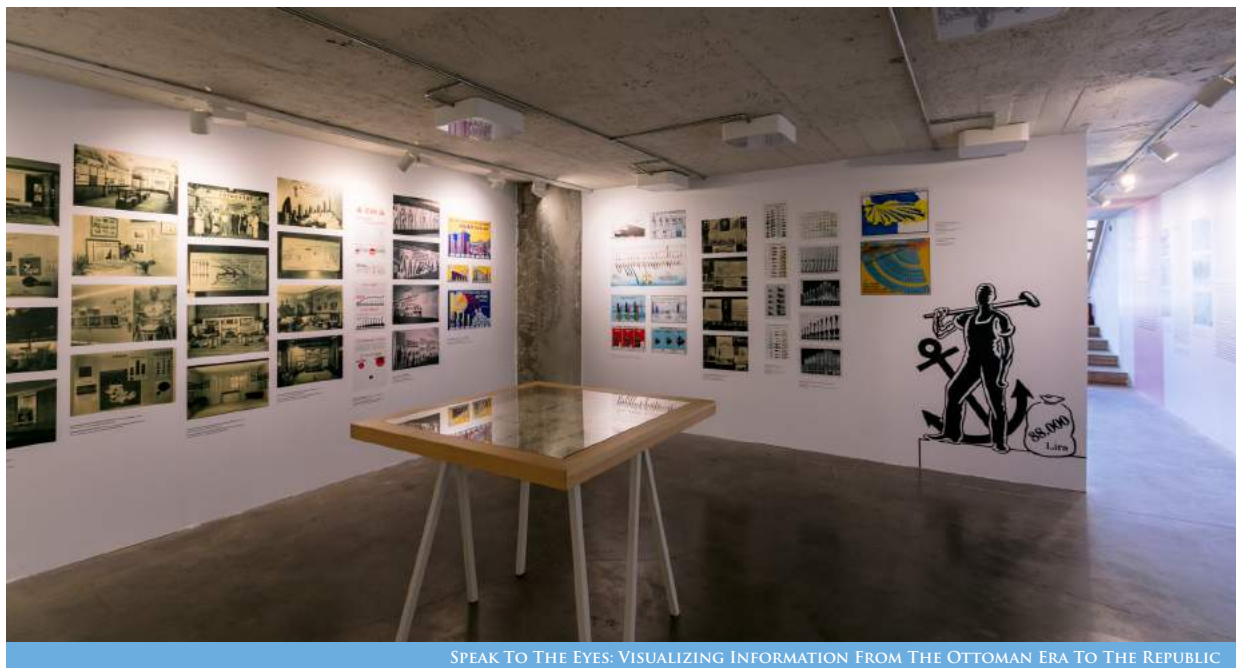
## PRAYGROUNDS

*March 17, 2017 – April 21, 2017*

The Praygrounds exhibition tells us the story of Amir Shakib Arslan Mosque, located in rural Lebanese, which was transformed with a unique interpretation into a mosque by L.E.FT Architects in 2016 from an existing 18th century old palace. The aspiration of the exhibit is to challenge the pre-deterministic notion that history is upheld by religious extremists - and their ‘orientalist’ counterparts - who want us to believe in a fixed notion of a singular Islamic cultural landscape. GSAPP students contributed with historical research on individual mosques.

## SPEAK TO THE EYES: VISUALIZING INFORMATION FROM THE OTTOMAN ERA TO THE REPUBLIC

*May 18, 2017 – July 28, 2017*



This research exhibition studies information visualization with a specific focus on the Late Ottoman and the Early Turkish Republic periods while also taking into account the history of informational design in the West.

## XEAMÜL: A DICTIONARY OF ALTERNATIVE DESIGN INTERFACES

June 9, 2017 – June 23, 2017

Xeamül was organized as a part of the Human and Environment Lecture at Istanbul Bilgi University Architecture Department of Interior Design. Discussion topics are transmitted to a new visual grammar for each student by experimenting physical, natural, social and environmental issues. This visual grammar was discussed in a non-representative form of practical ground where each relation behaves as an action. These questions led students to create a self-dictionary of any unexpected design briefs by bringing words and visuals together from scratch.

## NEW ROMANCE

September 15, 2017 – November 3, 2017

The solo exhibition of Australian-born architect Liam Young, one of the most distinctive and adventurous voices in contemporary architecture today, presents three short films and charts his recent work in fiction film and his experimentation with new cinematic tools. Each framed as a love story, the films reveal Young's emerging interest in world building: the design of a cinematic universe in which narratives evolve. The exhibition is co-organized with the Arthur Ross Architecture Gallery, Buell Hall and GSAPP.

## ARCHITECTURAL MODEL MAKING IN TURKEY

November 17, 2017 – January 19, 2018



ARCHITECTURAL MODEL MAKING IN TURKEY

Modern architectural production in Turkey in the 20th century is represented through the works of five model makers of five generations: Yusuf Z. Ergüleç, Selahattin Yazıcı, Mehmet Şener (Atölye 77), Varjan Yurtgülü (Min Tasarım) and Murat Küçük (Atölye K). They are accompanied by the analysis of architectural models in the journals Mimar / Arkitekt from 1931 to 1980. This exhibition, supported by Istanbul Design Biennial, is a continuation of the project “Design Chronology Turkey | Draft” developed by Studio-X and Pelin Derviş for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Istanbul Design Biennial.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### POLITICS AND THE WORLD

#### GREEK-TURKISH YOUNG LEADERS SYMPOSIUM (GTYS) ON SECURITY

*December 16, 2016, Symposium*



GREEK-TURKISH YOUNG LEADERS SYMPOSIUM (GTYS) ON SECURITY

The Istanbul Center hosted one session of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Turkish - Greek Young Leaders Symposium (GTYS) on security with distinguished members from the Turkish - Greek Forum and 15 Turkish and 15 Greek graduate students and faculty members from reputable universities in Turkey and Greece. The project aims to open the way for the future leaders of both countries to achieve a better understanding of one and other through dialogue and joint projects on security. The symposium is an initiative of the Kadir Has University's Center for International and European Studies, the Thessaloniki-based Navarino Network and NATO's Public Diplomacy Division.

**Speakers included:** İpek Cem Taha, Director of Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul; Volkan Vural, Member of the Turkish - Greek Forum; Soli Özel, Kadir Has University, Member of the Turkish - Greek Forum; Ioannis N. Grigoriadis, Member of the Turkish - Greek Forum; Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Kadir Has University, Member of the Turkish - Greek Forum; Rana Zincir Celal, Senior Program Manager of Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul and Member of the Turkish - Greek Forum.

#### WHITHER TURKEY?

*April 20, 2017, Panel, On-Campus*



WHITHER TURKEY?

The panel aimed to examine the result of the April 16, 2017 referendum vote in Turkey to decide whether the country will adopt a presidential system or keep its current parliamentary regime, and its impact for the future of the country.

**Panelists included:** Professor Sinan Ciddi, Georgetown University; Professor Lisel Hintz, Barnard College; Professor Özge Kemahlioğlu, Sabancı University; and Professor John D. Huber, Columbia University (Moderator).

**Sponsors included:** Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies, and the European Institute.

#### GLOBAL THINK-IN: THOUGHTS ON A CHANGING WORLD

*April 24, 2017, Think-In*



The Committee on Global Thought (CGT) at Columbia has embarked on a project intended to think hard about just very questions, and to do so in conversation with colleagues around the world from universities, government, business, journalism, and civil society. From start to finish, the project is designed to be multidisciplinary and inclusive, committed to open debate and public communication, speaking out, speaking to, speaking with – and listening to – a wide range of groups and individuals of all viewpoints and positions. The goal is not simply to assess the world situation but to set an agenda for thinking and acting in our changing world, an agenda that is as much about the future as the present.

Through a partnership with Columbia University's Committee on Global Thought, this event aimed to uncover key issues facing today's world to form a basis for a two-year research project entitled "Thoughts on a Changing World," which would focus on the eight Columbia Global Centers' cities, regions, and the world.

**Turkey Participants from Boğaziçi University included:** Koray Çalışkan, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations; Edhem Eldem, Professor of History; and Ayşe Buğra, Professor at the Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History.

## SPEAKER SERIES

The Istanbul Center initiated a speaker series in 2017 with distinguished academics, intellectuals, business leaders, and artists on a broad scope of issues with regional and global impact.

### REMEMBERING THE PAST, UNDERSTANDING THE PRESENT, THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW: THE FUTURE OF ACADEMIA

Gülay Barbarosoğlu, Former President of Boğaziçi University

March 28, 2017



REMEMBERING THE PAST, UNDERSTANDING THE PRESENT, THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW

*“Academic autonomy and freedom are essential to becoming a good university, conducting advanced research and providing quality education and training.”*

Gülay Barbarosoğlu, former president of Boğaziçi University, gave a ground-breaking speech to a full house discussing the development track of Turkey, her own career, and the future prospects of academia in Turkey and the world.

## ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

### TOW TEA WITH PROFESSOR ASLI TUNÇ

September 15, 2016, Public Talk



TOW TEA WITH PROFESSOR ASLI TUNÇ

The Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University hosted Aslı Tunç, Professor of Media at Istanbul Bilgi University for a talk on the role of social media in Turkey, as part of its Tow Tea series. This interaction was prompted by Susan McGregor, Assistant Professor & Assistant Director, Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Columbia Journalism School; as a result of her work in Istanbul for the Global Operational Data Index PGIF project in 2015.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

*October 17, 2016, Panel*

The Columbia Global Centers brought together eight veteran journalists from around the world to provide a view of how people in eight critical cultural and geopolitical regions viewed the year's unique presidential election, and what the possible outcomes of the election might mean for the world.

**Panelists included:** Francisco Aravena, International Editor, T13 Radio, Santiago, Chile; Guga Chacra, International Politics Commentator, Globo New TV and O Estado S. Paulo; Omoyele Sowore, Founder and Publisher, SaharaReporters.com; Ahmed Shihab-Eldin, Correspondent, Al Jazeera Plus, New York; Vikas Bajaj, Editorial Board Member, The New York Times; Jérôme Cartillier, White House Correspondent, Agence France Press, Washington; Weihua Chen, Correspondent, China Daily, Washington D.C.; Tolga Tanis, Correspondent, Hürriyet (Turkey), Washington D.C.; Professor Safwan Masri, Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development, Columbia University (Chair); Professor Lonnie Isabel, Columbia Journalism School (Moderator).

## FOSTERING A BETTER CONVERSATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM: THE VITAL ROLE OF MEDIA

*February 21, 2017, Public Talk*



FOSTERING A BETTER CONVERSATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM: THE VITAL ROLE OF MEDIA

Vuslat Doğan Sabancı, Board Member of Hürriyet Print and Digital Publishing, '96IA, and Istanbul Center Advisory Board member, delivered a speech on "Fostering a Better Conversation and Understanding of Islam: The Vital Role of Media", for the Columbia University World Leaders Forum. Her talk was followed by discussion with Columbia University President Lee C. Bollinger and an interactive session with the audience.

Established in 2003 by Lee C. Bollinger, the World Leaders Forum is a year-round event series aimed to advance lively, uninhibited dialogue on the large economic, political, and social questions of our times. The Forum's roster of past participants features many heads of state, in addition to other global thought leaders from a broad spectrum of fields in all regions of the world. A few of the many remarkable past participants are President Bill Clinton, Nicolas Sarkozy of France, Viadimir Putin of Russia, Michelle Bachelet of Chile, Václav Klaus of the Czech Republic, and the Dalai Lama.\*

\*SOURCE: [worldleaders.columbia.edu/president-lee-c-bollingers-statement-about-world-leaders-forum](http://worldleaders.columbia.edu/president-lee-c-bollingers-statement-about-world-leaders-forum)

# STUDENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

## STUDENT RELATIONS

### EDUCATION AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Creating a solid ground for global education is a priority for Columbia University and the global centers. Since its foundation, the Istanbul Center has developed and facilitated various education and learning programs in collaboration with regional partners. These programs enable Columbia students to study a variety of subjects and enhance their local engagement towards a thorough global experience. The Istanbul Center assists the development of course curriculum with the Office of Global Programs (OGP) at Columbia, oversees relations with local universities and is responsible for organizing orientation programs, field trips and public events to serve the mission of the University for creating meaningful and impactful global engagement.

The programs the Istanbul Center has been historically supporting have included: Byzantine and Ottoman Studies Summer Program, Balkan Transcultural Studies Summer Program and Democracy and Constitutional Engineering programs, as well as core curriculum classes taught at Boğaziçi University.

### STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Every year, the Istanbul Center facilitates opportunities for Columbia students to conduct internships with leading organizations from different sectors in Istanbul. In the past, Columbia students have been accepted for summer internships at the Istanbul Policy Center of Sabancı University, a leading policy think-tank, where they conducted research on climate change and energy policy. In 2016 and 2017, students conducted internships at Kiron Open Higher Education, UNFPA, Women for Women's Human Rights, among others.

The Center is planning to host MA students in Global Thought as interns in the Global Opportunities (GO!) program for 5-6 weeks starting in May 2018.

### WELCOME TO ISTANBUL: COLUMBIA STUDENTS ENGAGE IN THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORT

On July 27, 2016, Columbia students from SIPA, Barnard, GSAS, who were in Istanbul for the summer, discussed their experiences conducting archival research, interning with UN organizations, and volunteering in support of refugees. Two guest speakers, Murat Çelikkan of the Truth Justice Memory Center (Hafıza Merkezi) and Aslı Tunç of Bilgi University gave an introductory lecture on the socio-political history of Turkey.



## COLUMBIA STUDENT AND PARENT GATHERINGS

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul organizes bi-annual gatherings for current and incoming undergraduate students and their parents. Currently, there are 35 Turkish undergraduate students and 79 Turkish graduate students studying on campus.



September 2, 2016 in New York, at a restaurant hosted by Ece and Korhan Kurduoğlu, '91IA, and their daughter, Begümhan Kurduoğlu, '20CC.



January 6, 2017 in Istanbul, Ece and Korhan Kurduoğlu, '91IA, and their daughter, Begümhan Kurduoğlu, '20CC, hosted an intimate gathering of current and incoming students, their parents, and several notable alumni.



August 2, 2017 in Istanbul, Rejin and Abud Kebudi, and their son, Izzet Kebudi, '19EN, and member of the University Senate, hosted current and incoming students and their parents.

## ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Istanbul Center creates a hub for Columbia alumni in the region by organizing regular gatherings, where current and prospective students, parents and alumni learn about the Global Centers, projects and programs, meet with staff and gain awareness of Columbia's mission on global education.



### COLUMBIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION\*

The University-wide Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) was founded in 2005 with an opening gala at New York's Museum of Modern Art, and has grown to support over 100 alumni clubs and shared interest groups for over 338,000 Columbia alumni today.

In 2007, the CAA launched in Europe with the marquis "CAA Paris 2007" event, featuring a conference with notables such as Kofi Annan, Jeff Sachs, Joe Stiglitz, and Orhan Pamuk, School-based receptions, and a semi-formal gala. Since its inception, the CAA of Turkey has grown to 606 alumni (203 undergraduate and 403 graduate alumni).

In 2012, Lee C. Bollinger, President of Columbia University, launched a Presidential Task Force to create a strategic plan for the CAA. The CAA Strategic Plan reflects an ambitious effort to map out concrete steps toward better serving all alumni of Columbia University over a five-year span (Fiscal Years 2014-2018). It focuses on five areas:

1. Defined relationships to Schools
2. Best Practices
3. Volunteer Partnership and Development
4. Awareness of the CAA
5. Communication

\*SOURCE: [alumni.columbia.edu](http://alumni.columbia.edu) and [alumni.columbia.edu/get-involved/FutureGrowth](http://alumni.columbia.edu/get-involved/FutureGrowth)

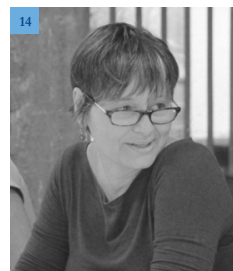
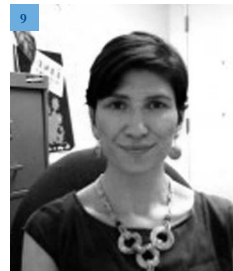
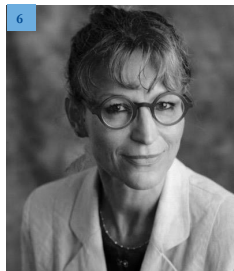
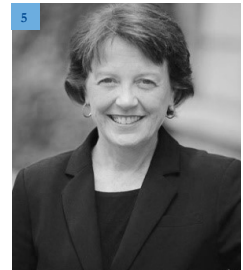
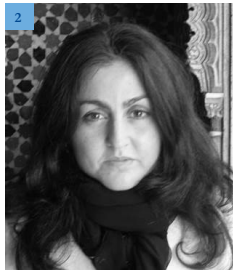
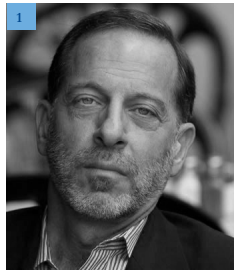


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The Istanbul Center complies with Columbia University rules and regulations and follows closely the Standard Operational Procedures for Global Centers while at the same time making sure the Istanbul Center is legally and financially compliant with the Turkish legislation.

The Istanbul Center is governed by a board of directors of Columbia University senior administrators, and receives guidance and direction from the Office of Global Centers and Global Development in New York and a Faculty Steering Committee. The Committee provides academic and intellectual input, leadership, and advice regarding the Center's activities and plans, supports its engagement with faculty, as well as helps identify, expand and advance scholarly exchange, and create innovative and sustainable programming at and through the Istanbul Center.

The Faculty Steering Committee is chaired by a faculty member who serves a renewable three-year term and is viewed as a thought-leader by other members of the faculty. Committee members represent a wide spectrum of faculty interests and disciplinary areas, and are selected because of their commitment to globalization and their familiarity with, and scholarly interest in the region.



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**Photo Above:** Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University and Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), at the launch of the UN SDSN Turkey network, hosted by Boğaziçi University, in 2015.

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