COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS | ISTANBUL

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*COVER PHOTO:* Ships by the Sarayburnu Coast (1895), oil on canvas, by artist David Çıracıyan (1839-1907), courtesy of the Sakıp Sabancı Museum Painting Collection.
A Message from Lee C. Bollinger
President, Columbia University

The network of Columbia Global Centers that now spans the world is promoting teaching, research, public outreach, and local and regional engagement in Jordan, Turkey, Tunisia, Kenya, Brazil, Chile, China, India and France. Through their extraordinary contributions to our University community, the Centers are fulfilling their promise, individually and collectively, and making Columbia a global university for the 21st century.
A Message from Professor Safwan M. Masri

Executive Vice President, Global Centers and Global Development, Columbia University

The most pressing issues we are grappling with today – increasing political polarization, accelerating climate change, deepening inequality – are inherently global in nature. Understanding their impact, and formulating intelligent responses, is impossible without sustained engagement in and with the world.

This is precisely why the Columbia Global Centers were created ten years ago – to be deeply responsive to and integrated with issues of local, regional, and global significance. By allowing us to learn from and with the world, the Centers advance knowledge and its exchange, helping us to study significant questions and address the most urgent global challenges.
Since its inception in 2011, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul continues its work of building academic bridges between Columbia University and Turkey, and its region. In 2018-2019, it did so by bringing people and ideas together in Istanbul, on campus, and virtually. The Istanbul Center has hosted through numerous public events, student programs, and research initiatives that spanned six areas: Architecture, Arts, and Culture; Ottoman Studies and Historical Dialogue; Global Health; Refugees and Migration; Women and Gender Studies; and Turkey and the Region.

In particular, the Istanbul Center engaged with 37 Columbia faculty, and 137 Columbia undergraduate and graduate students, spanning the entire University, including the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA); School of Arts and Sciences; Law School; School of the Arts; Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP); and Mailman School of Public Health.

This past year has also been a year of deliberations and planning for the Istanbul Center, in line with the ongoing strategic planning process of the Global Centers network. We are in collaboration with our campus partners like the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies, and others to continue to identify significant projects and themes to engage in, whether in research, capacity building, public outreach or teaching.

We look to the future with strength and confidence, knowing that our peaceful co-existence on the globe depends on furthering knowledge, partnerships and understanding of one another as nations, institutions, and as individuals.
The Columbia Global Centers provide physical and intellectual infrastructure around the world for scholars and practitioners to work together across disciplines to tackle the most pressing global issues of our time. Through the Centers, Columbia University’s and local faculty and students engage in important work that enriches their scholarship and research, and results in real impact on the ground. The Columbia Global Centers help us to better understand each other, and bring firsthand perspectives back to the Columbia campus in New York City.

**Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul** serves as a hub for Columbia University’s programs and initiatives that relate to Turkey and the region. The Center has focused on several themes, such as gender equality, refugees, and art and architecture, in addition to exploring new areas of knowledge, such as geopolitics and energy. The Center also collaborates with the other Global Centers, Columbia campus counterparts, and the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies. Istanbul, and the vast geographic, political, and historical context of Turkey provides additional spheres of exploration.

**Columbia Global Centers | Amman** broadens engagement, fosters collaborations, and cultivates regional and global themes such as public health and migration, education, entrepreneurship and youth, gender, and refugees. The Center offers student programs in geopolitics, Arabic studies, architecture, and environmental sustainability. The Center has established a fellowship program for emerging displaced scholars interested in the humanities to continue and further develop their scholarly pursuits.

**Columbia Global Centers | Beijing** promotes research and scholarship in China, connecting Columbia University with local experts in the areas of art, culture, and history; urban planning and public health; environment and sustainability; business, innovation and entrepreneurship; engineering and applied science; and education. The Columbia Beijing Summer Program brings professors, experts, and alumni to the Center and to Beijing, and the orientation events for new students help welcome them to Columbia University.

**Columbia Global Centers | Mumbai** serves as a knowledge platform for Columbia University, connecting it with regional South Asian scholars and institutions to address key global challenges. The Center develops research-based programs and activities related to critical issues in the region, such as health, education, sustainability, culture, urbanization, and entrepreneurship. The Center’s activities include deepening the impact of research and building capacity through educational programs and public lectures, exhibitions, and conferences.
Columbia Global Centers | Nairobi serves as a regional hub for Eastern and Southern Africa. The Center supports Columbia University's faculty, students, and alumni and serves as a base for collaborative research and diverse programs around the themes of business empowerment, creative and liberal arts, education and knowledge, health initiatives, and refugees and immigration. The Center engages the public through tailored programs, lectures, roundtables, and symposiums on diverse topics ranging from public health to business to international affairs.

Columbia Global Centers | Paris housed at the iconic Reid Hall, hosts undergraduate programs, a joint undergraduate/graduate architecture program, an M.A. in History and Literature, and an Executive M.A. in Technology Management. Its programming focuses on creative and liberal arts, sciences, medicine, and sociopolitical issues. “Columbia Sounds” presents concerts featuring composers and performers connected to Columbia University. The Center co-sponsors events with the Institute for Ideas and Imagination, which opened its doors at Reid Hall in September 2018.

Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro is a hub for Columbia University programs relevant to Brazil. The Center contributes to Brazil’s academic and research environment and enables members of the Columbia community to explore opportunities in Brazil. The Center works across Columbia University and with Brazilian academics, government, civil society, and the private sector to implement collaborative programs to improve the understanding of global challenges and the most pressing problems facing Brazilian society today.

Columbia Global Centers | Santiago events focus on earth sciences (climate change, seismology, wildfires, and renewable energies), corporate governance, journalism, and public policy. The Center’s recent programs have addressed emerging challenges like population aging, the impact of robotization in the labor market, antibiotic resistance, new diagnosis techniques for mental illness, and the use of engineering to resolve medical problems, as well as broader economic and social topics such as immigration and human rights.

Columbia Global Centers | Tunis, open since April 2018 and the newest Global Center, is a hub for Columbia University faculty and students with an interest in Western and Northern Africa. The Center is located in downtown Tunis, and runs programs across Tunisia and the region in the areas of education, entrepreneurship, political science, and other fields taught at Columbia University. The Center hosts classes, workshops, and public events frequently in order to connect Columbia University with Tunisia and the broader region.
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENTS

COLUMBIA WORLD PROJECTS

In 2017, Columbia University launched a new initiative - Columbia World Projects - that uses its distinctive strengths in research and practice across a broad range of fields to take on global challenges by developing projects that will positively affect people's lives. The following year, it announced its inaugural project, Adapting Agriculture to Climate Today, for Tomorrow (ACToday), led by the Earth Institute's International Research Institute for Climate and Society. Building connections between scientists, government and aid agencies, and agricultural workers in six developing countries, the project aims to ensure that those on the ground have the latest climate information, and can use it to grow more food to feed more people.

THE FORUM, A NEW MEETING AND DISCUSSION FACILITY ON THE MANHATTANVILLE CAMPUS, NOW OPEN

On September 26, 2018, Columbia University President Lee C. Bollinger joined Pritzker Prize-winning architect Renzo Piano, founder and principal of Renzo Piano Building Workshop, to inaugurate The Forum: a new 56,000-square-foot, three-story facility that completes the first ensemble of new buildings on Columbia’s 17-acre Manhattanville campus in West Harlem. The Forum adds long-needed space at Columbia for academic conferences, meetings, and public discussion, and will serve the entire University community.
In Fall 2018, the inaugural class of 12 rising social change-makers from around the world were selected as the first class of Obama Foundation Scholars at Columbia University. The Scholars participated in an immersive program of academic and experiential learning at Columbia’s campus in New York City, including active engagement with Columbia World Projects.

**NEW DEAN APPOINTMENTS**

In May 2019, Amy Hungerford was appointed as Executive Vice President for Arts and Sciences and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2020. Prior to the appointment, she was Dean of Yale University’s Division of Humanities within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Bird White Housum Professor of English, and Professor of American Studies.

In June 2019, Costis Maglaras was appointed as Dean of Columbia Business School, effective July 1, 2019. Prior to the appointment, he was David and Lyn Silfen Professor of Business Decision, and joined Columbia Business School in 1998.

**CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**

The Office of Global Programs and Fellowships began a transition in Fall 2018, which included being renamed the Center for Undergraduate Global Engagement (UGE) and the appointment of Shannon Marquez as the Dean of UGE. The Center will have an expanded mission to enhance access, support existing programs, and develop new opportunities for undergraduates to pursue global education and develop global understanding.

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Columbia Global Centers Network News

10th Anniversary Events

In March 2009, the Columbia Global Centers launched with two Centers in Amman and Beijing. Ten years on, our network of nine Centers continues to expand the collaborative engagement of Columbia’s faculty, students, and alumni with the world. In celebration of the 10th anniversary, the Global Centers organized a year-long series of ten events on campus in 2019. Each program explored a distinct theme of global relevance from a regional perspective.

1. Paris: Moving Bodies in Translation; La Rage de Vivre
2. Rio: Combating Inequality in Brazil: A Global Perspective on Diversity, Inclusion, Equity
3. Tunis: Democracy in the MENA Region: Tunisia’s Election Year
4. Beijing: Global May Fourth
6. Chile: Leading the Path on Solar Energy
7. Mumbai: City of Haze, Gardens of Beauty: Reimagining Nature in Urban India
8. Amman: The (R)evolution of Arab Queer Cinema: Queer Representation in Film Pre- and Post-Arab Uprisings
9. Istanbul: X-Raying Turkey: Current Realities and New Aspirations
10. Columbia Global Centers Network: The Future of Climate Change: Perspectives from the Global Centers
The Columbia Institute for Ideas and Imagination opened its doors in Fall 2018. Asserting the ongoing power of the imagination in the formation and communication of ideas, it aims to foster new synergies between scholars and creative artists to their mutual benefit. The Institute’s annual cohort comprised seven Columbia University faculty fellows and seven fellows - scholars, writers, and creative artists - from outside the United States. The Institute works closely with Columbia Global Centers | Paris, both of which are housed at Reid Hall in Paris.

**FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR EMERGING DISPLACED SCHOLARS**

Thanks to the generosity of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Columbia Global Centers | Amman established a 12-month fellowship in 2018 to create opportunities for emerging displaced scholars working in the humanities and humanistic social sciences to reintegrate into academia and resume their academic pursuits. The inaugural cohort was selected in 2019.
Columbia University extended its presence to Istanbul in 2011 with the launch of Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, celebrated by receptions in both New York and Istanbul with Lee Bollinger, Safwan Masri, and İpek Cem Taha. Over the years, Columbia faculty have flocked to Istanbul to do research, collaborate with local faculty and organizations, and engage in immersion study with students. Professors Rashid Khalidi, Jeffrey Sachs, Joseph E. Stiglitz, Wafaa El-Sadr, Carol Gluck, Zainab Bahrani, Elazar Barkan, and Vishakha Desai are some of the many faculty who have come to Turkey on issues ranging from sustainable development to historical reconciliation to public health to Ottoman Studies.

Professors Holger Klein and Valentina Izmirlieva have partnered with Boğaziçi University to offer summer programs on Byzantine Studies and Balkan Transcultural Studies, respectively. University Chaplain Jewelnel Davis visited Turkey twice with Kraft Fellows to meet with leaders of various faith communities to spark curiosity and foster intercultural and interfaith dialogue. Gender was and still is a key theme of the Istanbul Center, having hosted Columbia’s Women Mobilizing Memory working group in Istanbul in 2014 and pushed the dialogue forward on “Reframing Gendered Violence” through a 2-year workshop series in partnership with the Center for the Study of Social Difference. In 2015, the Istanbul Center co-curated and hosted a unique exhibition and musical performance, “Blue Voyagers: The Art of Romare Bearden and Bedri Rahmi Eyüboğlu,” in collaboration with the Consulate General of Greece in Istanbul.

Columbia University’s Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP) launched Studio-X Istanbul in 2013, adding it to its global network of laboratories for exploring the future of cities. Over the years, it became an iconic landmark on the Istanbul design scene, not only with its floor-to-ceiling glass facade, but also with its extensive programming and as a host of the Istanbul Design Biennial.

Istanbul Center Advisory Board Members, His Excellency Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu and Vuslat Doğan Sabancı were invited to speak at Columbia’s World Leaders Forum on “The Islamic World in the New Century” and “Fostering a Better Conversation and Understanding of Islam: The Vital Role of Media,” respectively.
1. Number of Events Held in Istanbul and Participants Since Our Launch*

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| Graduate School of Arts and Sciences | 51 | School of the Arts | 8 |
| Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation | 40 | Law School | 5 |
| School of International and Public Affairs | 23 | Earth Institute | 4 |
| Mailman School of Public Health | 15 | School of Engineering and Applied Sciences | 2 |
| School of Journalism | 15 | School of Social Work | 2 |
| Barnard College | 6 | Teachers College | 2 |
| Columbia Business School | 6 | Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons | 2 |
| | | School of Professional Studies | 1 |

3. Number of Columbia Students Involved in Our Programs and Events Held in Istanbul*

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4. Number of On-Campus Programs and Events Since Our Launch

The Istanbul Center has partnered with various schools and faculty at Columbia to sponsor and organize 19 events on campus on topics ranging from gender studies to Turkish and Greek media relations.

*These numbers reflect multiple interactions per person.
**These large numbers are also a function of frequent public events hosted at our Studio-X Istanbul venue between 2013 and 2019.
***These numbers reflect both on-campus and in Istanbul events.
****These numbers are for programs and events between January and June 2019.
## Highlights of the Year (2018-2019)

### May 2018

The **Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies** launch event and panel on campus was attended by Lee Bollinger along with scholars, students, alumni and members of the general public interested in Turkey and Turkish studies.

### June 2018

The **Columbia Alumni Association of Turkey** relaunched with new leadership: Ege Duruk ’07CC and Emre Çicek ’07CC as co-chairs.

### October 2018

Professor Rita Charon, MD, gave a workshop and public lecture on “Narrative Medicine: Honoring the Stories of Illness” in Istanbul.

### March 2019

The Istanbul Center hosted Professor Marianne Hirsch, who spoke on “**Women Carrying Memory: Stateless Figures**,” in collaboration with Sabancı University Women’s Studies Center of Excellence (SU Gender), Hrant Dink Foundation and Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation.

### May 2019

The Istanbul Center organized the “**Breaking News: Greece, Turkey, and the Media in the New Political Landscape**” conference on campus, on how news affects contemporary Greek-Turkish relations, in collaboration with the Program in Hellenic Studies.

### May 2019

Professor Üstün Ergüder, Chair of the Executive Board, Education Reform Initiative; and former President, Boğaziçi University; spoke on “**Putting Education on the National Agenda: Education Reform Initiative as a Civil Society Experiment**” at Studio-X Istanbul.

### June 2019

Zoe West, Adjunct Faculty in the Oral History Master of Arts, Columbia University, led a workshop and gave a public talk on the **intersection of justice and oral history, and trauma and oral history, respectively**, at the Hrank Dink Foundation.

This annual report gives further insight into the various projects and programs organized by the Istanbul Center, which took place between January 2018 and June 2019.
OUR WORK AND THEMES

Since its launch, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul has been developing its research initiatives in collaboration with Columbia faculty and students as well as local project partners in eight main subject areas. The Center focuses on capacity building to facilitate collaborative teaching, research, and other work between local scholars and practitioners in the region and Columbia faculty.

IN THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE ISTANBUL CENTER FOCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING SIX AREAS:

ARCHITECTURE, ARTS, AND CULTURE

OTTOMAN STUDIES AND HISTORICAL DIALOGUE

GLOBAL HEALTH

REFUGEES AND MIGRATION

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

TURKEY AND THE REGION
ARCHITECTURE, ARTS, AND CULTURE

Art and culture are quite vibrant in a 16-million mega city like Istanbul. Being at the crossroads of Asia and Europe makes it a bridge among cultures and civilizations, reflected in the strong and unique arts and culture scene in Istanbul.

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. In addition, architecture programming for the Istanbul Center is based at Studio-X Istanbul (see separate section).

2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Iraida Barry and the "Russian Istanbul" of the 1920s
2016-2020, Research Project and Exhibition

Programs and projects at the intersection of history, gender, arts and culture have always been an important focus for the Istanbul Center. The latest addition to these projects is an exhibition on the life of Russian émigré artist Iraida Barry, which is scheduled to open at the Istanbul Research Institute in 2020 or 2021. The exhibition is to focus on a particular moment in history, i.e. Russian Istanbul in the 1920s and its aftermath, through the lens of Iraida Barry, a writer and sculptor who left behind an extensive archive of memoirs, correspondences and photographs available at the Bakhmeteff Archive at Columbia University. The exhibition would aim to bring to light the life of Iraida Barry, a key figure of the Russian presence in the cultural life of Istanbul in the aftermath of the Soviet Revolution.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul plans to organize an international scholarly symposium on "Russian Istanbul" as well as a number of satellite events including memory walks and other educational programs geared towards children. The project team, consisting of Columbia faculty members and graduate students as well as members of Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, also plans for related programs on the Morningside and Manhattanville campuses.

To date, the project team has conducted a detailed study of Iraida Barry papers at the Bakhmeteff Archive and will commence work on the exhibition catalogue in Fall 2019. The project team will conduct various follow-up meetings in order to finalize thematic units of the exhibition under the leadership of Professor Valentina Izmirlieva, Chair of Slavic Studies Department, and Professor Holger A. Klein, Lisa and Bernard Selz Professor of Medieval Art History and Director of the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies.

The exhibition will be part of the international teaching and research initiative, Black Sea Networks, at Columbia University.

The Invention of Independent Cinema: A Celebration of Maya Deren and Her Works from 1917-1961
May 4, 2018, Public Talk

Unsettling, enigmatic, provocative: the short films of Maya Deren are among the treasures of American cinema, deeply influential to several generations of filmmakers and just as daring today as when they were first screened. In his talk, Richard Peña explored the life and achievement of Maya Deren, screening and analyzing several of her short works, as well as placing her art and activities within the context of postwar America.

Speakers: Richard Peña, Professor of Professional Practice in Film Studies, Columbia University and Director Emeritus, New York Film Festival; and Ela Başak Atakan ’96FA, Lecturer, Media and Visual Arts Department, Koç University (Moderator)
THE DROWNING - A PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER

May 22, 2018, Film Screening and Public Talk

The Istanbul Center hosted a public screening of The Drowning, starring Julia Stiles, the story of a forensic psychologist who is haunted by his expert witness testimony that sent a young boy to prison for a chilling murder. The screening was followed by a conversation with the film’s director, Bette Gordon, about the film.

Speakers: Bette Gordon, Professor of Professional of Practice, Film, School of the Arts, Columbia University; and Elif Refiğ ’08FA, Turkish filmmaker (Moderator)

STRANGE WEATHER

June 1 and 2, 2018, Film Screening and Workshop
June 2, 2018, Film Screening and Public Talk

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul seems to me uniquely positioned to forge all sorts of connections between the University and a wider populous in terms of art, science, and forward thinking. Istanbul is an intensely international and complicated city, engaging many political beliefs and religions, and it is, of course, literally the crossroads of the world between east and west.”

Katherine Dieckman

Strange Weather is about a grieving mother, played by Holly Hunter, who sets off on a road trip with her best friend to confront the man she believes stole her late son’s million-dollar business idea. The film’s director and writer, Katherine Dieckmann held a closed workshop on “Getting to Know Katherine Dieckmann, Inspirations for Women Filmmakers, Script Formation and Pre-Production of Strange Weather” and “Production, Distribution, Festivals, and Future Path.” The same evening, the Istanbul Center hosted a public screening at Soho House Istanbul, followed by a Q&A session with Katherine Dieckmann on the film and inspirations for women filmmakers.

Speakers: Katherine Dieckmann, Associate Professor of Professional Practice, Film, School of the Arts, Columbia University; and Nisan Dağ ’13 SOA, Turkish filmmaker (Moderator)
ReelLife was a three-part film series to discover films from around the world through the lens of compelling stories and conversations. Each screening was followed by a discussion about the film and its social issues with filmmakers and experts.

**February 27:** A Thousand Girls Like Me (2018, Sahra Mani, 80 min, Persian with English subtitles)
*Panelists:* Sahra Mani Mosawi, filmmaker; Bharati Sadasivam ’96IA, UNDP Gender Equality Expert; and Ayşen Ufuk Sezgin, Professor, Istanbul University Department of Forensic Medicine

**April 25:** Survivors (2018, Arthur Pratt, Ana Fitch, Banker White, 90 min, English)
*Panelists:* Arthur Pratt, filmmaker; Dr. Rosemary Kumwenda, Team Leader, HIV Health and Development, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub and Coordinator of the Sustainable Procurement in the Health Sector; Önder Ergönül, MD, MPH, Chair, Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology, Koç University School of Medicine; and İlker Kayı, MD, Doctor of Public Health, Koç University School of Medicine

**May 22:** Saf (2018, Ali Vatansever, 102 min, Turkish with English subtitles)
*Panelists:* Ali Vatansever, filmmaker; İpek A. Çelik Rappas, Assistant Professor of Media and Visual Arts, Koç University; Selva Gürdoğan, Director, Studio-X Istanbul; Vesna Džuteska Bisheva, Employment Specialist, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub; and Ela Başak Atakan ’96FA, Lecturer, Media and Visual Arts Department, Koç University (Moderator)

**Co-sponsors:** Media and Visual Arts Department, Koç University; and UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub.
Films were screened at ANAMED (Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations).
OTTOMAN STUDIES AND HISTORICAL DIALOGUE

Istanbul, the historic capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, is the starting point from which one can explore the vast geographies that these empires once covered: Turkey, Greece, Balkans, Mediterranean, Black Sea and the MENA region, with international trade and cultural connections with Europe, Asia and the Middle East. The Istanbul Center has explored this topic from all angles including from the eyes of an artist, the role of the mother, and through historical monuments. In addition, the Center has hosted a joint summer course since 2015 offered by Columbia University and Boğaziçi University on the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires studied through history, monuments, and urban life.

Since its launch, 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, with the Institute’s Director, Professor Elazar Barkan. In the 2018-2019 academic year, the Istanbul Center established a new relationship with the Department of Oral History at Columbia University to discuss and explore the role of oral history in justice, ethics, and trauma.

2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

OTTOMAN CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC HISTORY: SOURCES, NEW APPROACHES

July 10, 2018, Panel

This panel presented sections from the culture and science life in the early modern Ottoman world and issues related to this subject, based on two ongoing resource collection projects to make a comprehensive inventory of everyday cultures and sciences produced in the “empire.”

Panelists: Tunç Şen, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Columbia University; Harun Küçük, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania; and Hakan Karateke, Professor of Ottoman and Turkish Culture, Language and Literature, Division of the Humanities, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

Co-sponsor: Department of History, Columbia University
The Treasure Hunt Workshop, which took place at the 16th International Architecture Exhibition, La Biennale di Venezia, explored the interactions between Istanbul and Venice by discovering the Byzantine and Ottoman elements in buildings around Venice. Holger A. Klein served as moderator, giving a historical tour of Piazza San Marco and lecturing on spoila. At the end of the workshop, participants created an exhibition of their own spoila, "Venice Treasure Hunt: A Narration," which was on view for a month at the Pavilion of Turkey.

Co-organizers: Holger A. Klein, Lisa and Bernard Selz Professor of Medieval Art History and Director of the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies, Columbia University; Selva Gürdoğan, Gregers Tang Thomsen, and Ege Sevinçli from Studio-X Istanbul.

Partners: Studio-X Istanbul, Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies, and Columbia University Center for Study in Venice at Casa Muraro

CITIZENS AND MOTHERS: WOMEN AND THE STATE IN OTTOMAN SOCIETY
May 13, 2019, Panel

This panel shed light on contemporary questions about women and gender by exploring how female citizenship, motherhood, and reproduction have changed from the Ottoman era to modern-day Turkey and the Levant.

Panelists: Gülhan Balsoy, Associate Professor of History, Istanbul Bilgi University; Tuba Demirci, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Altunbaş University; and Susanna Ferguson, Ph.D. Candidate in Middle East History, Columbia University (Moderator)

Co-sponsor: Columbia Global Centers | Amman
imagining justice through oral history

imagine justice through oral history

June 12, 2019, Public Talk

This talk explored the possibilities of oral history as a response to conflict, harm, and oppression. It explored several oral history projects focused on injustice, highlighting how they deepen our understanding of experiences of suffering and shift perspectives on the responsibility for repair, while also recognizing the limits they face.

Speakers: Zoë West, Adjunct Faculty in the Oral History Master of Arts, Columbia University; and Bikem Ekberzade, journalist, photojournalist, and documentary photographer (Moderator)

Co-sponsor: Hrant Dink Foundation

Navigating Ethics, Trauma, and Risk in Oral History

June 13, 2019, Workshop

This workshop focused on the tools that oral historians, activists, and journalists should be equipped with when documenting difficult stories.

Workshop Leader: Zoë West, Adjunct Faculty in the Oral History Master of Arts, Columbia University

Co-sponsor: Hrant Dink Foundation
Global Health

Istanbul is a fascinating city laboratory, where rapid urbanization and population pressures lead to health, equity and justice issues. With this backdrop, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul has collaborated with the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University Medical Center, and institutions and scholars in Turkey, to promote new health and public health practices and advance existing resources in Turkey.

2018-2019 Highlights

Narrative Medicine Workshop
October 1, 2018, Workshop and Public Talk

The Istanbul Center organized a workshop on Narrative Medicine, led by Figen Bıyık, MD, and MSc in Narrative Medicine from Columbia University. Dr. Bıyık aimed to introduce Narrative Medicine as a new field at the Istanbul University School of Medicine and create a Narrative Medicine-based curriculum for the medical students. Narrative Medicine founder, Professor Rita Charon, joined the workshop via video conference from New York.

Narrative Medicine: Honoring the Stories of Illness
October 1, 2018, Workshop and Public Talk

“When a patient tells a story, we as healthcare professionals must give equal importance to the task of listening and become part of the story.”

RITA CHARON

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul hosted Rita Charon, who led a closed two-hour training for medical professionals practicing in Turkey. Through close reading, attentive listening, and creative writing, participants learned how this type of narrative attention can be directly applied to a clinician’s interaction with a patient and understanding his/her story and illness. The same evening, Professor Charon gave a public talk on the origins of the field of Narrative Medicine.

Co-sponsor: Istanbul School of Medicine, Istanbul University
Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul hosted Megan Sykes, MD, Michael J. Friedlander Professor of Medicine and Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and Surgical Sciences (in Surgery) and Director, Columbia Center for Translational Immunology, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, for a talk on the frontiers of organ transplantation.

Co-sponsor: Istanbul School of Medicine, Istanbul University
REFUGEES AND MIGRATION

Gaining momentum from unsettlement in Iraq and Syria, refugee issues remain pivotal for Turkey and its neighboring countries. The Istanbul Center has over the years focused on issues like refugee health, women refugees, and refugee access to education and vocational training. In addition, it has collaborated with the Amman Center to address these issues in Istanbul, Amman, and on campus.

2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS
July 20, 2018, Roundtable

“Working with the Global Center in Istanbul, we were able to convene a roundtable discussion...to discuss the current Syrian refugee situation...The Global Center in Istanbul was instrumental [in] allow[ing] the project to reach many more stakeholders in a much shorter period of time, and provide a rich understanding of the issues affecting refugees to help further develop the concept for the mobile application.”

JEFF SCHLEGMILCH

The Istanbul Center organized a roundtable with Jeff Schlegelmilch, Deputy Director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), Columbia University, and local experts from a variety of sectors working on refugee youth issues. This was part of a needs assessment to inform the development of a tool called Tifl-Com (Tools and Information for the Lives of Children on the Move), which uses mobile app technology to identify and manage the effects of toxic stress, grief, and trauma in Syrian refugee youth.
The Urban Displacement Alliance aimed to understand and support challenges and needs faced by refugees and host communities in Jordan, and the wider Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The principal investigator was Neil Boothby, Allan Rosenfield Professor and Director of the Program on Forced Migration and Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.

**Co-sponsor:** President’s Global Innovation Fund (PGIF) and Columbia Global Centers | Amman

**REACH: Using Technology to Increase Health Literacy and Health Care Access for Refugees in Turkey Project**

*June 27, 2019, Meeting*

The REfugees Act and Communicate for Health (REACH) project aimed to bridge the gap in health literacy and health care access among refugee youth and host communities by using mobile health (mHealth) technology.

**Co-organizers:** Center for Sustainable Development (CSD) and Earth Institute, Columbia University

**Co-sponsors:** President’s Global Innovation Fund (PGIF) and Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF)
Women and Gender Studies

The Istanbul Center has placed a special focus on gender issues, collaborating with the Center for the Study of Social Difference (CSSD) 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 has 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.

2018-2019 Highlights

Reframing Gendered Violence Project
February 9, March 9, March 23, June 7, 2018, 4 Workshops

The Istanbul Center hosted eight workshops in 2017 and 2018, as part of the Reframing Gendered Violence workshop series for the Study of Social Difference (CSSD) at Columbia University. They aimed to open up a critical global conversation among scholars and practitioners in order to reframe the issue of violence against women as it is currently discussed in a wide range of fields, both academic and policy-oriented.

The participants, fourth-year undergraduate and graduate students, watched video recordings of panels that took place in New York with distinguished scholars from Columbia and other universities, and contributed to the debate by reflecting on their own research interests in the Istanbul-based workshops.

The workshops not only brought together academics and students who work on themes related to gender-based violence in Turkey and the MENA region, but also created dialogue and an exchange of knowledge at the global level.

“Beyond Prevalence: The Next Generation of Campus Sexual Assault” (February 9th Workshop)
Moderator: Aylin Vartanyan, Instructor, Advanced English Unit, School of Foreign Languages, Boğaziçi University

“Institutionalized Violence and Gender: Innocence-Disposability-Resilience” (March 9th Workshop)
Moderator: Zeynep Alemdar, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business and Administrative Sciences, Okan University

“Interrogating Culture-Based Explanations for Violence Against Women” (March 23th Workshop)
Moderator: Eylem Taşdemir, Program Officer, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul
“Turkish Students Present on Reframing Gendered Violence” (June 7th Workshop)

After holding seven workshops using the curriculum and readings set by Reframing Gendered Violence Project, the Istanbul Center initiated and organized its own workshop that focused solely on papers presented by Turkish students. Lila Abu-Lughod, Joseph L. Buttenwieser Professor of Social Science, Columbia University, and an organizing committee member of the Reframing Gendered Violence project, joined the Q&A session via video conference.

Presenters:
Zeynep Selen Artan Bayhan, Ph.D. candidate, Graduate Center, CUNY: “Gendering the Ethno-National Boundary: Turkish Immigrant Women in the U.S.”
Cansu Ekmekcioğlu-Dedeoğlu, Ph.D. student, University of Toronto: “ICT Use and Women Refugees”
Fulya Felicity Türkmen, M.A. student, Middle East Technical University: “Displacement and Gendered Loss of Identity”
Nazife Kosukoğlu, Ph.D. candidate, Boğaziçi University: “Family Law Exceptionalism and the Republican Regime of Intimate Violence”
Tuğba Yavuz, M.A. student, Sabancı University: “Gendered Experiences of the Holocaust Atrocities (in the women’s memoirs)”

Moderator: Susanna Ferguson, Ph.D. candidate in Middle East History, Columbia University

BRIDGING ACADEMIA AND ACTIVISM THROUGH GENDER STUDIES
September 25, 2018, Public Talk

This talk presented a critical reflection of the possibilities and challenges of doing feminism and gender studies in Turkey today, with specific examples from the experiences of Sabancı University Gender and Women’s Studies Center of Excellence (SU Gender).

Speakers: Ayşe Gül Altınay, Director of Sabancı University Gender and Women’s Studies Center of Excellence (SU Gender) and Associate Professor of Anthropology, Sabancı University; Jean Howard, George Delacorte Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University; Jack Halberstam, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University

Co-sponsors: Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies; Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality; and Women Creating Change at the Center for the Study of Social Difference
When “No” Means “No”: Promoting a Culture of Consent
February 12, 2019, Video Workshop

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul hosted a video workshop with Professor Suzanne Goldberg, Executive Vice President, Office of University Life, Columbia University, and sexual harassment representatives from Turkish universities. A leading expert in sexuality and gender law, Professor Goldberg addressed Columbia University’s commitment to fostering an environment that is free from gender-based discrimination and harassment, including sexual assault and all other forms of gender-based misconduct.

Co-sponsors: Boğaziçi University Sexual Assault Prevention Commission

Women Carrying Memory: Stateless Figures
March 21, 2019, Public Talk

"Statelessness is both memory and postmemory, both terrifying and strangely full of possibility. I imagine not knowing where I will go next. I can be here and I can be somewhere else. I can be from somewhere else. I can be someone else."

Marianne Hirsch

This talk looked at two recent memorial projects by feminist diasporic artists Mirta Kupferminc and Wangechi Muthu, which explored the vicissitudes and vulnerabilities of exile and statelessness. It suggested that stateless memory can open up the possibility of imagining alternative relationships between contemporary subjects and citizenship, national belonging, and home, as well as alternate temporalities of becoming.

Speakers: Marianne Hirsch, William Peterfield Trent Professor of English and Comparative Literature and Professor in the Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Columbia University; Ayşé Gül Altunay, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Sabancı University (Moderator); and Aylin Vartanyan, Lecturer, Bogazici University (Moderator)

Co-sponsors: Sabancı University Gender and Women’s Studies Center of Excellence (SU Gender); Hrant Dink Foundation; and Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation
Turkey and the Region

Situated at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Turkey holds a strategic position in geopolitical affairs. The Istanbul Center organizes and hosts talks with international experts on a wide array of topics that affect the region, ranging from Turkey’s internal affairs to conflict in the Middle East to Turkish and Greek relations. The Center also investigates the various facets of this geography by the engagement of Columbia faculty from a diverse set of research interests.

2018-2019 Highlights

Unfinished Revolutions: How Tunisia Became the Only Democracy to Emerge from the Arab Spring
March 14, 2018, Public Talk

“Tunisia may be a small country, but history has shown us that inspiration can come from unexpected places.”

Safwan Masri

Drawing on his recent book, Tunisia: An Arab Anomaly (Columbia University Press, 2017), Safwan M. Masri, Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development and a Senior Research Scholar at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University, examined the factors that contributed to Tunisia’s experience after the Arab Spring, focusing on the country’s history of reformism in the domains of education, religion, and women’s rights. After the talk, Benjamin Harvey ’05JS, Managing Editor for Russia, Africa and Middle East Economy and Government, Bloomberg, moderated a Q&A session with Professor Masri.

Social Media in an Age of Polarized Politics: Turkey and Beyond
March 26, 2018, Panel

Panelists discussed the role of social media in Turkish politics, including their use by opposition and government actors, and how the situation in Turkey compares with other countries in the region.

Panelists: Jonathan Albright, Director of the Digital Forensics Initiative, Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Columbia University; Koray Çalışkan, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University; Emre Hatipoğlu, Associate Professor of Political Science, Coordinator European Studies Program, Sabancı University, and Visiting Scholar at the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies (2017-2018); and Megan MacDuffee, Postdoctoral Fellow in Russian Studies, Metzger Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia and Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Co-sponsors: Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies and Tow Center for Digital Journalism
The Rising Tide of Populist Majoritarianism: Constitutional Reform in Greece and Turkey
May 10, 2018, Book Talk

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul hosted Ioannis N. Grigoriadis ’02 IA, Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair of European Studies, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Bilkent University, for a conversation on his new book. Using the case studies of Greece and Turkey, Professor Grigoriadis argued that while majoritarianism is often celebrated as a manifestation of popular sovereignty, it can undermine institutional performance.

Greek-Turkish Young Leaders Symposium (GTYLS) on Security
December 14, 2018, Symposium

The Istanbul Center hosted one session of the 4th Greek-Turkish Young Leaders Symposium (GTYLS) on Security with the participation of 15 Greek and 15 Turkish International Relations specialists. The symposium is an initiative of Kadir Has University’s Center for International and European Studies, Thessaloniki-based Navarino Network, and Conflictus, with support from Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, NATO Public Diplomacy Division, and the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence at the University of Athens.
Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul hosted a roundtable with Sarah Mehta, a TrialWatch Legal Fellow at the Clooney Foundation for Justice and the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute, along with three Columbia Law School students. They met with local experts and advocates of trial monitoring to learn about best practices, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration.

**BREAKING NEWS: GREECE, TURKEY, AND THE MEDIA IN THE NEW POLITICAL LANDSCAPE**

*May 3-4, 2019, Conference*

This two-day conference on campus sought to understand the ways in which the production, circulation, and consumption of news affect contemporary Greek-Turkish relations. It brought together 20 Turkish and Greek scholars, journalists, and politicians, who explored the many complex facets of both “real” and “fake” news that have created, at times helped, and at times exacerbated, the Turkish and Greek public opinion of the “other.”

The conference was organized by the Program in Hellenic Studies; Hellenic Studies Program at California State University, Sacramento; Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul; and University Seminar in Modern Greek, with additional sponsorship by the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies and the Department of Classics.
Launched in March 2013 by President Lee C. Bollinger, the President’s Global Innovation Fund (PGIF) awards grants to Columbia faculty members to leverage and engage with the resources and facilities of Columbia’s global centers network. The program is designed as a venture fund to enable the development of projects and research collaborations across the nine global centers.

“As a member of the Faculty Steering Committee of the Istanbul Center…. [I feel that] we should not only bring in ideas from the New York campus, but to work together with, and learn from, colleagues and students in Istanbul and in the region. I think that “The Future of the Past” [PGIF] project was a success exactly because of this; it was a workshop where real conversations took place and solid plans made, and then enacted, for the protection of cultural heritage in the region.”

Zainab Bahrani

Professor Zainabi Bahrani (second from right)
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DISTINGUISHED LEADERS 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.

2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

INSIDE THE MIND OF A CEO: DECISION MAKING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES
Agah Uğur P: ‘17CC, P: ‘19AC; Board Member and Advisor to the Chairman, Borusan Holding; Istanbul Center Advisory Board Member
February 6, 2018

SEEKING WOMEN’S RIGHTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO AMERICA
Zainab Salbi: Humanitarian, Best-Selling Author, and TV Host
March 22, 2018

SIMONE DE BEAUVIOR, REŞAT NURI GÜNTEKIN, AUGMENTED MECHANICS, RESEARCH- AND STUDENT-CENTRIC EDUCATION
A. Nihat Berker: Vice President and Dean of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Kadir Has University; Emeritus Professor of Physics, MIT
November 29, 2018
PUBLIC POLICY AND SYRIANS UNDER TEMPORARY PROTECTION IN TURKEY: DAILY LIFE, SURVIVAL, ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES, AND SOCIAL INCLUSION
Nilüfer Narlı: Chair and Professor of Political Sociology, Department of Sociology, Bahçeşehir University
December 11, 2018

COMPETENCE AND BEYOND THE APPARENT
Cansen Başaran-Symes: Chair of the Board of Directors, Allianz Turkey; former President of the Board of Directors, TÜSİAD
February 13, 2019

SHIFTING POWER DYNAMICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST: PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRACY AND PLURALISM
Safwan Masri: Executive Vice President, Global Centers and Global Development, Columbia University
April 30, 2019

PUTTING EDUCATION ON THE NATIONAL AGENDA: EDUCATION REFORM INITIATIVE AS A CIVIL SOCIETY EXPERIMENT
Üstün Ergüder: Chair of the Executive Board, Education Reform Initiative; former President, Boğaziçi University
May 29, 2019
Studio-X Istanbul

Founded as an initiative of Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP) in 2013, Studio-X Istanbul is an urban laboratory that has aimed to identify the current and future issues facing the city and generate innovative forms of thinking for their solutions.

Studio-X Istanbul is a living space. Working under the structure of Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, it has been existing to generate ideas, discussion, and even make mistakes as it enables information and knowledge exchange on urban issues between experts, universities, civil society organizations, and local governance.

Due to a change in strategic direction of GSAPP, Studio-X Istanbul and all other Studio-X locations around the world were closed as of August 2019. From 2013 to 2019, Studio-X Istanbul hosted 202 events attended by over 25,000 people. Studio-X has been an amazing part of the Columbia family in Istanbul and the journey has touched many constituencies in Istanbul and beyond. Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul will continue to collaborate with GSAPP in the coming months and years to facilitate programs and interactions.

2018-2019 Highlights

Open Call to Architecture Students for Pavilion of Turkey at the 16th International Architecture Exhibition, La Biennale Di Venezia
January 12, 2018, Talk
Kerem Piker

Urban Playspaces Conference
September 21 - 22, 2018, Conference

Studio-X Istanbul organized this conference at Kadir Has University in Istanbul as part of the Istanbul95 program of the Bernard van Leer Foundation, which brought artists, politicians, architects, and academics together to discuss the issue of making space for children to play in the city.

Istanbul95 Talks
February 22, 2018, Darell Hammond
May 16, 2018, Samuels Williams
April 25, 2019, Hannah Wright
April 30, 2019, Einar Jon Skulason Hansen
May 1, 2019, Barry Zuckerman
May 4, 2019, Marcos “Mestre Barrão” Da Silva
CONTROL SYNTAX
March 8, 2018, Talk
Mark Wasiuta, Adjunct Assistant Professor, GSAPP, Columbia University

EXPERIMENTAL PRESERVATION
March 11, 2018, Talk
Jorge Otero-Pailos, Professor, GSAPP, Columbia University

LET’S LOOK CLOSER: WHERE I LIVE
May 12, 2018, Children’s Workshop
Organizers: KIZİSTANBUL and Rotterdam Wereldmuseum

WORKING OFF CENTER
June 21, 2018, Talk
Tei Carpenter, Adjunct Assistant Professor, GSAPP, Columbia University; Jesse LeCavalier, Daniel Rose Visiting Assistant Professor, Yale School of Architecture

ISTANBUL DESIGN BIENNIAL A SCHOOL OF SCHOOLS
September 22 - November 4, 2018, Exhibition

Studio-X Istanbul was one of six venues of the fourth Istanbul Design Biennial, "A School of Schools,” organized by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (IKSV). It hosted the Digestion School, which brought together patterns of consumption, metabolic systems, and cultural ritual to consider education and lifelong learning.

TURKEY DESIGN CHRONOLOGY TALKS
These talks brought together different fields within a timeframe starting from the Ottoman Tanzimat reform era until today.

THE SMALL ART ISSUE IN TURKISH INDUSTRIAL DESIGN HISTORY
September 29, 2018
Bahar Emgin

PLAYDAY
October 6, 2018
Moderator: Avşar Gürpınar
Gülsün Tanyeli

THE HISTORY OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND DESIGN IN TURKEY
October 20, 2018
Şevket Pamuk

X-READS TO BABIES
January 17, 2019, Weekly Reading Hour
TURKEY ON CAMPUS

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul has increased the dialogue related to Turkey on campus through its expanded programming and events over the years, which has been further solidified by the establishment of the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies on Columbia’s campus. The two have partnered on various events - on campus, in Istanbul, and abroad. In addition, the Istanbul Center partners with many of the Schools and Institutes at Columbia University.

Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies

Established at Columbia University in June 2016 with a generous gift from the Sabancı family, the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies - named after its benefactor, the Turkish businessman and philanthropist Sakıp Sabancı (1933–2004) - aims to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge and the exchange of ideas between scholars and students engaged in any area of Turkish Studies, including the history, language, religion, and culture of the peoples and empires that occupied the Anatolian peninsula from ancient to modern times. The Sakıp Sabancı Center supports academic research, course offerings, and public events both within and outside of Columbia University, using the resources of both the university’s New York campus and Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul.

Under the leadership of Director, Holger A. Klein, Lisa and Bernard Selz Professor of Medieval Art History and Archaeology, the Sakıp Sabancı Center commenced its academic programming in the spring of 2017 with a series of public talks, panel discussions, conferences, and a film screening. Following the public launch of the Sakıp Sabancı Center in May 2018, academic programs continued to be mounted, and it started to offer Summer Fellowships for Columbia doctoral students in Turkish Studies and inaugurated the annual Sakıp Sabancı Lecture.

The Sakıp Sabancı Summer Fellowship

The Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies offers a competitive summer fellowship for doctoral students in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division of the School of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University in any area of Turkish Studies, including the study of Turkish-speaking peoples from ancient to modern times, as well as the study of cultures and civilizations in the territories of the late Ottoman Empire and modern Republic of Turkey.

2018 Fellows

(1) Marlow Davis, Mirror Shards: Reflection and Fragmentation in the Autobiographical Writings of Iraida Kedrina Barry
(2) Ayşe Ercan, Fashioning a Medieval Capital: The Topography and Archaeology of the Mangana Quarter in Constantinople (843–1453 C.E.)
(3) Matthew Elliott Gillman, Medieval Glass and the Aesthetics of Simulation
(4) Selim Karlıtekin, Indian Khilafat Movement and the Birth of Islamism in the Colonial Era
(5) Henny Ziai, Indebted Peasantries: Debt, Capitalism and Resistance in the Gezira Plain of Sudan
2019 Fellows

(1) Zeinab Azarbadegan, Bloodless Battles: Contested Sovereignty and Citizenship between the Ottoman, Iranian Qajar, and British Empires in Nineteenth Ottoman Iraq
(2) Sahar Mor Bostock, History of Technology and Infrastructure in the Arab Provinces of the Ottoman Empire During the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries
(3) Matthew Ghazarian, Famine and Sectarianism in the Ottoman Empire, 1839-94
(4) Aseel Najib, The Relationship between Politics and Law in the Early Abbasid Period through a Study of Land Taxation
(5) Orçun Can Okan, Coping with Transitions: The Connected Construction of Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq (1918-28)
(6) Ali Uğurlu, Intellectual and Social History of the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey - the Emergence of the Secular Read through the Prism of Capitalization

2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

THE LIMITS OF WESTERNIZATION: A CULTURAL HISTORY OF AMERICA IN TURKEY
February 22, 2018, Book Launch
Perin Gürel, Author
A. Tunç Şen, Assistant Professor of History, Columbia University (Moderator)
Co-sponsors: Department of Art History and Archaeology and Columbia University Press

TURKEY AND THAILAND: UNLIKELY TWINS VISITED
March 1, 2018, Public Talk
Ayşe Zarakol, Reader in International Relations, University of Cambridge
Duncan McCargo, Visiting Professor of Political Science, Columbia University; Professor of Political Science, University of Leeds
Jack L. Snyder, Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Relations, Columbia University (Moderator)
Co-sponsor: Weatherhead East Asian Institute

SOCIAL MEDIA IN AN AGE OF POLARIZED POLITICS: TURKEY AND BEYOND
March 26, 2018, Panel
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Megan MacDuffee, Postdoctoral Fellow in Russian Studies, Metzger Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia and Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Co-sponsors: Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul and Tow Center for Digital Journalism
Turkey and Europe: Contested Identities in History
April 3, 2018, Public Talk
Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Associate Professor of International Relations, Sabancı University
Tsveta Petrova, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science, Columbia University (Moderator)
Co-sponsor: The European Institute

Cosmic Symbolism on Religious Architecture in Mongol Anatolia
April 9, 2018, Public Talk
Scott Redford, Nasser D. Khalili Professor of Islamic Art and Archaeology, SOAS University of London
Co-sponsor: Department of Art History and Archaeology

Moscow and the Turkification of Anatolia
October 25, 2018, Public Talk
Sam Hirst, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Bilkent University
Co-sponsor: The Harriman Institute

Imagining and Narrating Plague in the Ottoman World
November 12, 2018, Public Talk
Orhan Pamuk, Robert Yik-Fon Tam Professor of the Humanities, School of the Arts, Columbia University
Nükhet Varlık, Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University-Newark
A. Tunç Şen, Assistant Professor of History, Columbia University (Moderator)

Bosnia’s Polyglot Pan-Islamists and the Fall of the Habsburg Empire, 1914-1921
January 28, 2019, Public Talk
Harun Buljina, Ph.D. in History, Columbia University
Co-sponsor: The European Institute

Turkey Today - 3rd Annual Graduate Student Conference
February 1, 2019, Conference
Organizers: Columbia Ph.D. students and Northeast Working Group on Turkish Studies
Co-sponsor: The Middle East Institute

Abd al-Rahman al-Bistami (1380-1454) and the Origins of Ottoman Historical Consciousness
April 12, 2019, Public Talk
Cornell H. Fleischer, Kanuni Süleyman Professor of Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies, University of Chicago
This event was part of Columbia University’s Ottoman and Turkish Studies Seminar.

Victory Without Conquest: Ottoman Imperial Mosques and Their Symbolism in the “Age of Decline”
April 25, 2019, Public Talk
Ünver Rüstem, Assistant Professor, History of Art, Johns Hopkins University
Co-sponsor: Department of Art History and Archaeology
The inauguration of the Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies took place at the Italian Academy, starting with remarks by President Lee C. Bollinger and Güler Sabancı, Founding Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sabancı University; followed by a panel discussion on “Human Rights and Hybrid Regimes.”

**HUMAN RIGHTS AND HYBRID REGIMES**

**Moderators**

John Huber, Professor of Political Science, Columbia University  
Ayşe Kadıoğlu, Professor of Political Science, Sabancı University

**Panelists**

Şebnem Gümüşçü, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Middlebury College  
Fuat Keyman, Director of Istanbul Policy Center, Vice President for Institutional Affairs and Social Impact, and Professor of International Relations, Sabancı University  
Lenore Martin, Professor of Political Science, Emmanuel College  
David Waldner, Associate Professor of Politics, University of Virginia

**INAUGURAL SAKİP SABANCI LECTURE**

*April 2, 2019, Public Talk*

Uneven Centuries: Turkey’s Experience with Economic Development Since 1820  
Şevket Pamuk, Professor of Economics and Economic History, Boğaziçi University

Introduction: Rashid Khalidi, Edward Said Professor of Modern Arab Studies, Columbia University
Student and Alumni Engagement

Student Engagement

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 global awareness through local engagement. The Istanbul Center works with Columbia faculty to support specific programming for undergraduate courses that take place partially or fully in Turkey in collaboration with the Center for Undergraduate Global Engagement (UGE), oversees relations with local universities, and organizes orientation programs, field trips, and public events to create meaningful, impactful global engagement.

On March 28, 2019, the Istanbul Center hosted a virtual information session for local organizations to learn about the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) Capstone workshops with Suzanne Hollmann, Director of the Capstone Program, and Eugenia McGill, Director of the Workshop in Development Practice and Senior Lecturer. Capstone workshops provide an opportunity for organizations to work with masters students on a policy-oriented consulting project.

Student Internships

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 leading policy think-tank Istanbul Policy Center of Sabancı University, Kiron Open Higher Education, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Women for Women’s Human Rights, among others. Starting in 2018, the Istanbul Center hosted two graduate students through the Global Opportunities (GO!) program offered by the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University.

“"My time...at Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul and Studio-X Istanbul provided me with a unique opportunity for lived learning. I found a continuity that existed through physically learning and living within context, rather than the well-worn learning from the pages of a book in a library."

Lara Kok, M.A. in Global Thought, Class of 2018

"Working at Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul was an opportunity to take what I had learned from my MA program—global theories, frameworks, and ideas—and apply it to a specific local context. Istanbul was quite simply a conundrum rolled into one: modern, spiritual, ancient, fast-paced, European, Asian, melancholic, hopeful, mysterious, and inviting."

Michelle Lee, M.A. in Global Thought, Class of 2019
COLUMBIA STUDENT GATHERINGS

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul organizes bi-annual gatherings for current and incoming undergraduate students and their parents, in addition to special events with undergraduate and graduate students, and alumni. Currently, there are 36 Turkish undergraduate students and 80 Turkish graduate students studying on campus.

BI-ANNUAL COLUMBIA STUDENTS DINNER
August 15, 2018

Current and incoming Columbia undergraduate students and their parents were hosted by Demet and Mete Sönmez, and their children, Mehmet ’19EN and Defne ’21EN.

COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL STUDENT PANGEA ADVISORS
May 16, 2018

The Istanbul Center hosted Columbia Business School students for an evening with Columbia alumni and Young Guru Academy staff. The students were working on a project with Young Guru Academy through the Pangea Advisors pro-bono consulting arm at Columbia Business School.

BI-ANNUAL COLUMBIA STUDENTS DINNER
May 24, 2019

Newly-admitted and current Columbia undergraduate and graduate students, their parents, and select alumni were hosted by Erol and İnci Bilecik, and their daughter, Naz ’22EN.

COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL GET TOGETHER
June 13, 2019

Newly admitted Turkish and international Columbia Business School students were hosted by the Istanbul Center and the Columbia Business School (CBS) Alumni Club of Istanbul, with opening remarks given by Nedim Ölçer ’82BU, Chair of the CBS Alumni Club of Istanbul.
ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Istanbul Center is a hub for Columbia alumni in the region, organizing regular gatherings where current and prospective students, parents, and alumni can learn about the Center’s projects and programs, get to know Istanbul Center staff and each other, and gain awareness about Columbia’s mission on global education.

COLUMBIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The University-wide Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) was founded in 2005 and has grown to support over 100 alumni clubs and shared interest groups for over 338,000 Columbia alumni today. Since its inception, CAA Turkey has grown to 638 alumni (226 undergraduate and 412 graduate alumni).

NEW LEADERSHIP OF COLUMBIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF TURKEY (CAA TURKEY)

Ege Duruk ’07CC and Emre Çicek ’07CC took over the leadership of CAA Turkey as co-chairs, and were awarded “Best Club Revitalization” for their dedicated efforts to bring the Turkish alumni community together, at the Alumni Leaders Weekend in New York City in October 2018.

ALUMNI NEW YEAR GATHERING

January 10, 2019

Over 110 Columbia alumni and students came together for a New Year gathering hosted by Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul, the Columbia Alumni Association of Turkey, and the Columbia Business School Alumni Club of Istanbul.
**House of Chat Series**

In 2019, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul and CAA Turkey initiated the “House of Chats” series where alumni speakers from a variety of fields speak to an intimate group of alumni on timely and interesting topics.

**Love 401: Playlist for Relationships**
*February 20, 2019*

Speaker: Dr. Senem Zeytinoğlu Saydam ’08 TC, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Özyeğin University

**Expectations for the Local Elections and Beyond**
*March 27, 2019*

 Speakers: Ahu Özyurt ’98 JRN, Editor-in-Chief, Woman TV; and Özge Kemalhoğlu ’06 PS, Associate Professor of Political Science, Sabancı University

**Columbia Admissions Istanbul Visit**
*April 26, 2019*

Whitney R. Green, Director of International Recruitment, Undergraduate Admissions

Ege Duruk ’07 CC, Columbia Alumni Association of Turkey Co-Chair

Emre Çicek ’07 CC, Columbia Alumni Association of Turkey Co-Chair
The Faculty Steering Committee (FSC) 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 FSC 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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The Istanbul Center’s Advisory Board provides oversight and is composed of prominent academics, public figures, and business leaders. The Board meets annually and provides ongoing leadership and counsel regarding the Center’s activities.
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Celebrating Philanthropy and Reimagining Education
May 3, 2018, Reception

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul and Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF) hosted a reception on “Celebrating Philanthropy and Reimagining Education” at The Marmara Park Avenue in New York City with Güler Sabancı, Founding Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sabancı University, as the guest of honor. The event brought together over 200 distinguished members of the philanthropic community in New York, TPF’s donors and supporters, and Columbia University alumni, and rose awareness about the essential role that higher education plays in the social and economic development of contemporary society.

Giving Day 2018
October 24, 2018, Online Fundraiser

Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul participated in Columbia Giving Day, an annual 24-hour online fundraising event where Columbians around the world – alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends – come together to show their support for the university. In total, Giving Day raised $20,155,293 from 17,103 gifts in just 24 hours.

Driving Global Impact: Perspectives from Business and Academia
March 31, 2019

Korhan Kurdoğlu ’91IA P:’20CC, CEO, Tab Food Investments (TFI), and Advisory Board Member; and Ece Kurdoğlu hosted a special evening put together by Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul featuring Professor Safwan M. Masri, Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development, Columbia University, at the Four Seasons Hotel in New York City. The evening brought together over 30 prominent global business and civil society leaders and engaged them with the work of the Columbia Global Centers.

Global Leadership Awards 19th Annual Gala
May 9, 2019, Gala

The School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) Global Leadership Awards honor individuals who have made innovative or extraordinary contributions to the global public good. Honorees exemplify the values and qualities that SIPA strives to instill in its students, and all proceeds raised provide fellowship support for the next generation of global citizens and public policy leaders. In 2018, Muhtar Kent P:’12CC, a leading Turkish and global business leader, and Chairman and former CEO of The Coca-Cola Company, was one of three honorees. In support, Columbia Global Centers | Istanbul helped engaged Turkish Philanthropy Funds, the American Turkish Society, and select guests, to show their support by sponsoring three tables at the gala.
The Istanbul Center works in collaboration with local universities, non-governmental organizations, and public institutions to design cross-cutting, innovative programs and partnerships with different Schools, Centers, and Institutes within Columbia. Below is a representative list of our partners since our launch.

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