

International Conference Legal Aspects of Migration Management

Bilkent University - Mithat Çoruh Auditorium

6 March 2026, Friday

- 09.00 – 09.30
Registration
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Opening Remarks
 - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gülüm Özçelik
Jean Monnet Chair in Legal Aspects of Migration Management in the EU and in Türkiye
 - Prof. Dr. Başak Baysal - Dean,
Bilkent University Faculty of Law
 - Prof. Dr. Kürşat Aydoğan - Rector,
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Keynote Address
 - Prof. Dr. James Hathaway - Degan Professor Emeritus of Law,
University of Michigan
The Global Cop-Out on Refugees: Why the World Needs a Bold Plan to Save Refugee Protection
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Q&A
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 - Prof. Dr. Murat Erdoğan - Hacettepe University (r)
The Administrative and Social Aspects of Migration and Process Management in Turkey
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Paradigmatic Shift in Turkey's Migration Management Policy and Law
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- 13.00-14.00
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Judiciary and Home Affairs, Delegation of the EU to Türkiye
EU-Türkiye Cooperation on Migration
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Private International Law Aspects of Migration
Chair: Prof. Dr. Bilgin Tiryakioğlu - Bilkent University
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Migration in Later Life and Adult Protection
 - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elif Çelik - Eskişehir Osman Gazi University
The CRC Committee and Individual Applications in Child Migration Cases
 - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stefano Dominelli - University of Genova
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 - Asst. Prof. Dr. Nazire Dirikgil - Sakarya University
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