

Istanbul Media Days 2011

Communicating Democracy and Democratizing Communication

Istanbul Bilgi University, May 16 – 20

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Today, we are living in a “digital age” that emerged as a result of the rapid change in the communication technologies. It is obvious that the media ecology has deeply reshaped according to the dynamic and traditional media has been questioned in terms of the horizontal relations between the “sender” and the “receiver”. Today through the citizen blogs and interactive internet sides of the traditional media, citizens have become visible and have the chance to speak up. Increasing citizens’ participation in the production of media content is a big gain of the digital age in the way of democratization. So today media and communication still play a chief role in terms of founding a democratic society. On the other hand, they themselves need to be democratized as well.

As the first step of Istanbul Media Days, Istanbul Bilgi University and South East Europe Media Organisation is coordinating one week seminar titled “Communicating Democracy/Democratizing Communication”. Under this topic, together with the long lasting issues such as ‘freedom of speech’, ‘digital media as the fifth estate’, ‘manufacturing consent’; other similar issues like “citizen participation”, “civil media” and “media structure affect on media freedom” can be critically discussed. Consequently the participants will have the chance to dwell upon several dimensions including the political, social, legal, economic, demographic and cultural traits of the country in question. These dynamics influence the development of the media and democracy as well as the interdependent relationship between these two.

You will find the detailed program below.

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| Time/Date/Theme | May 16th, Mon | May 17th, Tue | May 18th, Wed | May 19th, Thurs | May 20th, Fri | |
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| 9.30 – 10.00 | Registration | | | | | |
| 10.00 – 12.00 | Registration @ Bilgi University | Keynote speech by Nuri Çolakoğlu "Media in Turkey" | Key Lecture Prof. Thomas Bauer: Media Usage in context of Social Change. Students Forum | Guest Lectures: Serkan Demirtas: Challenges and Future Perspectives of Journalism in Turkey Prof. Ceyhan Kandemir: Journalism Ethics: Achievements and Challenges in Turkey | | |
| 12.00 – 13.30 | | Lunch Break | | | | Ferhat Boratav's talk @ Dogan TV |
| 13.00 – 14.45 | | Key Lecture: Prof. Suat Gezgin: Learning from History of Journalism in Turkey Discussion | Panel: Press Freedom Situation in South, East and Central Europe -Anthony Mills - Radomir Licina, Serbia - BiaNet representative Máté Stiglinicz, Budapest -2 more journalist from Turkey (over Fera)) Chairperson : Fera Tinc | SEEMO Workshop by SEEMO Intercultural Environment and Media and Cultural Conflicts -Emilija Mancic, Vienna -Cigdem Bozdog, Uni Bremen Guests: Phillipp Schmallegger, Vienna + Kristina Stevanovic, Belgrade Chairperson : Oliver Vujovic | | Lunch @ Dogan TV (Cnn Turk) |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | | Coffee Break | | | | Lunch @ Dogan TV (Cnn Turk) |
| 15.00 – 16.15 | | Welcome speech by Prof. Haluk Şahin & reception | Guest Lecture: Cigdem Bodzdog: Migration and Media Guest Lecture: Remzie Shanini- Hoxhaj Media in Transition | Workshop by SEEMO Situation in Middle East and North Africa and Media -Anthony Mills, Vienna -Wieland Schneider, Die Presse, Vienna -ORF correspondent in Istanbul -Two Turkish journalist Chairperson: Oliver Vujovic | Cultural-Old City Tour | Ekrem Dumanlı @ Zaman newspaper |
| 19.30 | Dinner | | | | | |

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