

## WORLD REFUGEE DAY

#### 20 June 2019 World Refugee Day

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Today is the day of increasing contact and sharing, reinforcing the solidarity, enhancing dialogue and common goals.

"Migration is always traumatic, but if it is managed well, it contributes to its region and geography. One of the most important examples of this is the geography of Anatolia. Civilizations and development are the result of migration in Anatolia." -Prof. Dr. Ali GÜR

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#### Syrians in Gaziantep

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# WHAT WE DO

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#### SYRIANS IN GAZIANTEP

Migration is not the problem, it is an opportunity for enrichment, maturation, improvement and mutual transformation. GAUN Institute for Migration set its priorities as taking up every dimension of social cohesion and integration in detail, improving lives of locals and refugees living in Gaziantep, and spreading of the effect to cities where refugees densely populated.

Limitation of social relations is an obstacle to social cohesion. Eliminating the prejudices that migrant and host communities hold towards each other is possible by increasing the number and the quality of scientific researches, creating new threshold spaces and points of contact; in other words by knowing each other. Then, we can talk about mutual and persistent social acceptance.



#### SYRIANS IN GAZIANTEP: SUCCESS STORIES

Bringing out the cultural, artistic and economic contribution of new residents of Turkey to the forefront is the key to the sustainability of social cohesion. We believe refugees living under overwhelming economic conditions transforming and improving the city's culture and art scene by overcoming the everyday life struggles. As evidence of it, we started "Syrians in Gaziantep: Success Stories" with the aim of conveying the stories of Syrians having successfully integrated into cultural and social life successfully. Soon, with a documentary and a book, we will make these stories heard to provide evidence that two communities can affect each other in a positive way.





#### SYRIAN **Refugee** Conference

Gaziantep, having profound geographical, historical and cultural ties to Syria, especially Aleppo, is one of the cities heavily experience the crisis which refugees fled the war found themselves in, more than other places in the world. With the cooperation of Gaziantep University, Global Health and UOSSM, an international migration conference will be held between 14th and 18th of October, 2019, to better understand and address the urgent needs of the Syrian refugees in Turkey and across the world. The conference will host prominent academicians and researchers from the USA, Canada, Europe, MENA and Turkey, and more than 100 studies are going to be presented.



#### LINKING ACADEMIA STUDENTS CIVIL SOCIETY

Activities as part of "A Whole of Society Approach Linking Academia, Students and Civil Society" project has started being organized by Institute for Migration with the support from UNHCR in Gaziantep University Central Campus. We come together with refugee and local students to listen to their experiences related to academic and social life. With an aim of strengthening the social cohesion between students from migrant and local communities, two workshops in October and November 2019, is going to be held with the participation of academicians, I/NGO workers and public/municipal officers from neighbor cities of Gaziantep and also from İstanbul, Ankara, and İzmir.

# MIGRATION **DEBATES**

Series of panels organized by Institute for Migration and Department of Sociology hosted Ambassador of the United Kingdom in Ankara Sir Dominick Chilcott; Prof. Dr. Feyzi Baban from Trent University and Prof. Dr. Fuat Keyman from Sabancı University Istanbul Policy Center; Dr. Carmen Marimón Llorca and Dr. Juan A. Roche Cárcel from Universidad de Alicante: Dr. Zerrin Arslan from Hatay Mustafa Kemal University.





Dr. Zerrin Arslan

Students who participated in panels got the chance to discuss current migration policies of Turkey and European Countries, refugee rights, representations of refugees in the media and their practice of everyday life.

#### Orange the World

"Gender Equality: Law and Employment" as the first event of "Orange the World: 16 Days of Activism" organized by UN agencies in Turkey every year from November 25th: Work against Violence against Women to December 10th: Human Rights Day took place in Gaziantep University.









MARCH 8TH International Women's Day

In honor of March 8th International Women's Day a panel was held through the cooperation of Gaziantep University Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Institute for Migration and UNCHR. The panel took place in Ömer Asım Aksoy Conference Hall and Prof. Dr. Hülya Arslan Erol, the Dean of GAUN Faculty of Arts and Sciences, moderated the discussion which Funda Suran as the chair of City Council's Women Assembly, retired academician Dr. Fatma Uskaner as the manager of Uslan Ar-Ge, Dr. Şenay Leyla Kuzu from Department of Sociology and Ms. Lobna Helli as the owner of Lazor Chocolate House contributed as panelists. Rector of Gaziantep University Prof. Dr. Ali Gür, Director of Institute for Migration Dr. M. Nuri Gültekin and UNHCR Turkey Head of Protection Andrea Ingham made the opening speeches.



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES **PANEL**  GAUN Department of Sociology and Institute for Migration organized the panel "Disability Rights in Turkey and Migration: Access of Turkish and Syrian Disabled Young People to Higher Education under the Bring Future Back: Disability Based Experience of Syrian Students in the Higher Education System in Turkey (UDISES) project. İstanbul University ENUYGAR Director Prof. Ayşe Resa Aydın and UDISES Project Manager Prof. Dr. Nurcan Özgür Baklacıoğlu contributed to panel with their presentations. An open discussion also took place with the participation of NGO workers and students.

# INTERNATIAONAL REVIEW OF **MIGRATION & REFUGEE STUDIES**

### International Review of Migration & Refugee Studies



IRMRS is international in scope and welcomes articles on migration and refugee studies from the social scientists all around the world. The journal especially well receives contributions as a result of original empirical research that is oriented towards contemporary developments in the field of

developments in the field of migration studies. IRMRS is published by the Gaziantep University Institute for Migration and the unique program of the institute that primarily focuses on research-oriented applied social scientific approach resonates with the journal.

The journal covers subject areas such as sociology of migration, demographics of migration, refugee status under different legal and national contexts, social work and immigrants' interactions with everyday life. and furthermore, contributions from a vast array of social sciences including but not limited to cultural, legalistic, historical, spatial, political, social and economic studies are eagerly sought by the journal.

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