

## Press Release

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### **German-Turkish Week 2009 at the Amerika Haus Berlin**

Event Series from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 2009

*Presented by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy in cooperation with the Robert Bosch Foundation and the Istanbul Policy Center of Sabanci University*

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**Opening panel discussion on June 8th in the Amerika Haus Berlin, with author and recipient of the Federal Cross of Merit, Nazmi Kavasoglu, former Commissioner for Migration and Integration of the Berlin Senate, Prof. Barbara John, and Prof. Klaus Bade, researcher on migration.**

German-Turkish Week 2009 aims to raise awareness amongst the German public of the history and development of the German-Turkish Community and its contributions to German society, while celebrating the richness of German-Turkish culture.

While the integration of the German-Turkish Community is a much discussed topic within Germany, there is little doubt that the Community is contributing to a positive image of a diverse Germany abroad. Imagine cosmopolitan Berlin without little Istanbul? Despite the challenges, people of Turkish background are present in German society on many levels today. This series represents the opportunity to recognize these individuals and consider their influence as role-models. The main themes of the week will include the barriers overcome by people of Turkish background, the challenges that remain, the role of the German-Turkish Community in German society, and hopes for the future. The stories of key individuals from the fields of politics, business, media, civil society, academia, and the arts will provide insights into the past, present and future of the community

The series will feature a range of high-profile figures including Günter Piening, Commissioner for Integration and Migration of the Berlin Senate, Prof. Barbara John, former Commissioner for Migration and Integration of the Berlin Senate, Prof. Dr.Klaus Bade, researcher in the field of migration, Nazmi Kavasoglu, author and recipient of the Federal Cross of Merit, Nihat Sorgoc, Head of Bildungswerk Kreuzberg, and Hatice Akyün, author of "Einmal Hans mit scharfer Soße: Leben in zwei Welten" and "Ali zum Dessert: Leben in einer neuen Welt".

*German-Turkish Week 2009 is a component of the program Germany Meets Turkey: A Forum for Young Leaders and is organized by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, The Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Istanbul Policy Center of Sabanci University.*

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For further program information please visit our website: [www.german-turkish-week.org](http://www.german-turkish-week.org)

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## **Program Overview of German-Turkish Week 2009 June 8th-13th 2009:**

All the events will take place in **Amerika Haus Berlin**, Hardenbergstraße 22-24, 10623 Berlin.

### **Monday, 8th June 2009 (19:00)**

#### **Opening Event of the German-Turkish Week 2009**

The Historical Development of the German-Turkish Community

### **Wednesday, June 10th, 2009 (19:00)**

Cultural Contributions of the German-Turkish Community

### **Friday, June 12th, 2009 (19:00)**

Tipping the Scales? Political Parties and the German-Turkish Community in Election Year 2009

### **Saturday, June 13th, 2009 (19:00)**

Overcoming Barriers: The Next Generation

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