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Under the title „Science Bridging Nations", Dutch graphic designer Andrea Hopinca uses molecule-like connected symbols to highlight the fact that German-Turkish scientific cooperation has grown into an organic bond between researchers in both countries after three successful decades. „Science Bridging Nations" was awarded second place.

# (Re-)Migrants in the German-Turkish Innovation Network

# MIGRATION BRIDGING ECONOMIES

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Migration flows between Germany and Turkey have been discussed in the political, scientific and public arena for many years. While the debate originally focused on Turkish workers in Germany, a recent shift can be observed that can be attributed to a rising number of people migrating from Germany to Turkey. In this context, increasing attention has been paid to the emigration of highly qualified second and third generation descendants of Turkish immigrants to Germany. Even though research on migration between Germany and Turkey has been conducted in various academic fields, up to now, only little is known about the economic effects of highly-skilled return migrants of Turkish origin.

The conference aims at addressing this gap by bringing together researchers from different disciplines studying this phenomenon, such as geography, sociology, economics and migration studies, but also company representatives and highly-qualified people of Turkish origin. Three thematic sessions will deal with the potentials that highly qualified return migrants can create for the German-Turkish economic relations.

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**Program**

Registration: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**Opening Session**

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.
Prof. Dr. Martin *Franz, Osnabrück University, and Prof. Dr. Sebastian Henn, University of Jena*: Migration Bridging Economies - The MIDETI-Project

9:10 – 9:20 a.m.
*Dr. Ralf Hermann, DLR Project Management Agency*: The German-Turkish Cooperations in the Field of Research and Innovation

9:20 – 9:30 a.m.
*Prof. Dr. Andreas Pott, Director of IMIS, Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies*: The Production of Migration

**Session I – Migration and Innovation: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives**

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
*Dr. Yaşar Aydın, University of Hamburg*: Transnational Migration between Germany and Turkey

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
*Prof. Dr. Sebastian Henn, University of Jena, and Dr. Ilkay Südaş, Ege University*: Migrants between Germany and Turkey: New Argonauts?

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
*Dr. Dominik Hartmann, University of Hohenheim*: International Innovation Networks and Knowledge Migration: The German-Turkish nexus

11:30 – 12:00 a.m.
*Prof. Dr. Eberhard von Einem, Technical University of Berlin*: Knowledge Transfer via Re-Migration: Germany –Turkey

**Session II – MIDETI Project Results**

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
*Philip Müller, Osnabrück University*: (Re-)Migrants in the German-Turkish Innovation Network – Characteristics, Functions and Impacts

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.
*PhD students, Ankara University; Master Students, Osnabrück University*: Results of Young Researcher Activities

**Session III – Panel Discussion**

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Martin Franz (Osnabrück University)

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.
Doç. Dr. Nuri Yavan, Ankara University: Concluding Remarks