

# Turkish Academy Summer School

(Brno, Czech Republic)

Turkish Academy is a joint summer school programme of Masaryk University, University of Hamburg, and the publishing house Větrné mlýny. It will take place in July 2018 and will form an integral part of the biggest literary festival in Central Europe, Author's Reading Month (<http://www.autorskecteni.cz/en>). In July 2018, this festival is going to welcome 31 leading Turkish writers.

The program is open to anyone who would like to gain some basic insight into Turkish culture, history, literature, and politics. The lecturers of Turkish Academy come from various Central European countries and Turkey. Our aim is to prepare a mixture of information about contemporary Turkey as well as its rich history, and offer the unique opportunity to meet daily with Turkish writers. The teaching language is English.

Turkish Academy is open for university students from all over the world. The courses are designed not just for students of Turkish studies but also for other university students who touch upon topics concerning Turkey in various areas of studies (e.g. art history, history, political science, international relations, Central European studies, literature, translation studies, etc.).

Every week the lectures will be centred around a different topic. These modules can be combined to the participant's convenience, so full participation (4 weeks) as well as partial (from 1 to 3 weeks) is possible.

Transcript of records (from Masaryk University) will be issued after completing all academic requirements. The credit value of each module is 2 ECTS; participants can get between 2 to 8 ECTS credits depending on the length of their stay).

## **The main benefits of Turkish Academy are:**

- Daily meetings with contemporary Turkish writers who will be guests at the Author's Reading Month at the time.
- Receiving up-to-date academic knowledge about Turkey in the context of Central Europe.
- Gaining insight into current social, political, and cultural situation in Turkey.
- Getting inspiration for one's own literary production.
- Personal experience with a prominent literary and cultural festival.

## **Lectures, workshops and seminars are going to focus on the following topics:**

- Introduction to Turkish
- Ottoman history
- Ottoman culture
- Ottoman literature
- Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's Turkey
- Turkey in the 21st century (lecture in the area of political science)
- Islam and Turkey (comparative lecture within the context of other Islamic countries)

- Modern/Contemporary Turkish literature
- Modern/Contemporary Turkish culture (music, theater, fine arts, film)
- media training (workshop)

**Structure of teaching:**

Monday to Friday

09.00–10.00/ breakfast with a Turkish writer – workshop

10:30–12.00/ lectures, seminars

14:00-15:30/ lectures, seminars

19.00–21.00 / meeting with a Turkish writer, author’s reading

Rich cultural and social program during the week as well as on weekends

**Turkish authors participating in the Author's Reading Month:** Nedim Gürsel, Murathan Mungan, Ayfer Tunç, Şebnem İşigüzel, Oya Baydar, Özgür Mumcu, Faruk Duman, Behçet Çelik, Pelin Özer, Gonca Özmen, Sema Kaygusuz, Murat Uyrukulak, Hatice Meryem, Lale Müdür, Saygın Ersin, İskender Pala, Haydar Karataş, Aslı Perker, Tarık Tufan, Çiller İllhan, Necla Kelek, Yadé Kara, Haydar Ergülen, Tuna Kiremitçi, Yalçın Tosun, Gaye Boralioglu, Murat Özyaşar etc.

**Lecturers:**

Alptuğ Güney (University of Hamburg), Petr Kučera (University of Hamburg), Onur İnal (University of Hamburg), Tefik Turan (University of Hamburg), Latif Durlanık (University of Hamburg), Hülya Çelik (University of Hamburg), Yavuz Köse (University of Hamburg), Jana Musilová (Masaryk University), Marek Čejka (Masaryk University), Gabriel Pirický (Slovak Academy of Sciences)

**Price:**

Participation fee includes tuition, issuance of Transcript of records, accommodation, cultural program, and on-site assistance. The summer school is co-financed from a range of additional sources, which considerably lowers the fee the participants have to pay.

1 week/module: 100 EUR

2 weeks/modules: 170 EUR

3 weeks/modules: 245 EUR

4 weeks/modules: 300 EUR

Accommodation for participants will be secured at Masaryk University residence halls (<http://www.skm.muni.cz/?en>).

More information available at <https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/summer-schools/language/turkish-academy>

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