

# European Intensive Programme 2011

## Pre-Arrival / Welcome Letter

### Translating God(s): Islam and Christianity in Southeast Europe

**Istanbul, April 26-May 10, 2011**

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**Dear IP Participants and Friends,**

We are delighted to welcome you among the participants of our "Translating God(s)" European Intensive Programme 2011, hosted by the **Theological Faculty at Marmara University** and the **Irish School of Ecumenics at Trinity College Dublin**.

- The 2-week European Intensive Programme (IP) for PhD and postgraduate students from 20 European countries focusing on the theme **Translating Gods: Islam and Christianity in Southeast Europe**. You find the full programme including abstracts and schedule of parallel paper presentations, accommodation and transport / direction details etc. on the updated website above. This IP in its 1st thematic element collaborates with the European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies ([www.esitis.org](http://www.esitis.org)) which will meet with us in that element and explore contemporary challenges and prospects of the **Study of Religions in a Changing (Wider) Europe Today**. Another distinct contextual feature of the conference is its location in Istanbul, which allows us to make use of the expertise of colleagues at Marmara University and scholarly friends from Turkey.
- **Attached Lists:** Among the attachments to this letter we include first a "**List of Participants**": IP students; IP teachers/professors; ESITIS conference guests. Second you find three "**Accommodation Lists**" of the hotels (Aden Hotel / Dila Hotel / Zübeyde Hanım Guest House) where we have placed you. Please, look through these lists for your name and hotel. For any changes or corrections, please, email us quickly at [translating.gods@tcd.ie](mailto:translating.gods@tcd.ie).

All accommodations arranged with us are on the **Asian side** in the area of **KADIKÖY**. Please, do check on our website and print-off transport and directions to your respective hotel/accommodation. If your arrival is tight, you may choose to take a taxi for your arrival day. There will be shuttle buses from the hotels to the conference sites in the morning and in the evening of April 27 to 29. Please, do bring towel, not bed linen.

- **!IMPORTANT NOTE: Registration and Opening on April 26** is at the **Ibrahim Uzuncu Conference Hall** of the main campus of Marmara University, called **Goztepe Campus** (not at the Ilahiyat Faculty at the Baglarbasi campus, where we will be only from April 27 onwards!). This is also on the **Asian side and not far from KADIKÖY**, where all accommodations are. Do print-off the respective pages of direction for the opening day from our website! At each hotel we will have someone helping conference participants to get there. People arriving tight, shall best go directly to the Goztepe campus by public transport or taxi and check in at their hotels only after the opening programme.
- With **April 27, the conference programme** will be held at the Theological Faculty (Ilahiyat) on the Baglarbasi campus of Marmara University. Cf. directions on the website.
- **Lunches** will be provided on campus. **Dinners** will be left for participants to branch out into neighboring restaurants. There are no cooking facilities at the your accommodations, but enough low price shops and restaurants close by. For April 27, we are invited by Marmara University to a light **dinner on a boat** on the Bosphorus.
- **Reimbursement:** Speakers and participants with whom we agreed on travel reimbursements, please bring the complete reimbursement form (which you have received by email before) together with your travel documents, including the in-bound boarding pass. For students, reimbursement documents will be taken at a designated location during lunch breaks of May 4 and 9.

**We are very much looking forward to an exciting conference and to see you soon. For any inquiries, please, do contact us at [translating.gods@tcd.ie](mailto:translating.gods@tcd.ie) or, once in Turkey, at [rahimacar@hotmail.com](mailto:rahimacar@hotmail.com)**

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