



Pamuk, Palimpsest, Panels and Publishers: The Main Pieces of the Guest of Honour Presentation

The pivotal event of presenting the Guest of Honour Turkey is the central exhibition entitled **Palimpsest Reclaimed** in the Turkey Forum / level 1. It will be putting the written culture of various cultures within Turkey into a historical context and their literary diversity and their historical frame of reference at the top of the agenda.

The second mainstay will be the **Collective Stand Guest of Honour Turkey** in Hall 5.1. C 976 where 100 publishers from Turkey will be representing its book culture. There will be a stage there as a podium for authors to hold readings and discussions.

This year's Guest of Honour will be manifest everywhere at the fair. Some examples are the film program **Turkish Cinema in all its Colours** at the German Film Museum from October 12th to November 26th, 2008 while literary films and current film productions will be shown at the **Film & TV Forum** of the Frankfurt Book Fair. Young and contemporary comic artists from Turkey will show their work at the **Comic Centre** in Hall 3.0. There will be stories from authors of children's books from Turkey and there will be discussions on children's and young people's literature in the Children's and Young People's Book Forum, also in Hall 3.0. AGORA Turkey will be a market of cultures on the trade fair grounds: a tent landscape whose centre will be a 10-meter tower made of delicately spun metal that is home to exhibitions such as **Extra-Territorial: World of Sevim Burak or The 800th Birthday of Nasreddin Hodja**. Finally, this area will also be the platform for displays of traditional art and musical performances.

You can rest assured that the literary program of our Guest of Honour presentation will figure prominently and hundreds of literary personalities and translators from all walks of life will be participating in it. They will include internationally known persons such as Orhan Pamuk, Murathan Mungan, Celil Oker and a whole series of young voices in Turkish literature such as Aslı Erdoğan, Elif Şafak or Şebnem İşigüzel. The whole breadth of Turkey's literary scene will be on hand carrying on discussions such as the *Founder of Modern Turkish Literature, Children and Youth Literature or Literature of Minorities*. There will also be a podium for prominent authors from Turkey such as Yaşar Kemal, Fazıl Hüsnü Dağlarca, Nazim Hikmet or Mehmed Uzun.

A premier in the history of the Book Fair will be authors getting together from various Guest of Honour countries. The upshot will be a reading of Catalan, Turkish and Chinese authors on October 18th, 12:30 p.m, at the Turkey Forum (level 1) including a literary discussion under the title **What Happened to Storytellers?**

Topics often discussed in Turkey will be in focus such as **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND EXPERIENCES OF THE PUBLISHING SECTORS** on October 17th, 11:00 a.m., at Forum Turkey (level 1), **Islam in Turkey - Is there a difference?** on October 17th, 5:00 p.m. at Forum Turkey (level 1), **The Copyright Issues and the Publishing Sector in Turkey** on October 17th, 11:00 a.m., at the Collective Stand Guest of Honour Turkey in Hall 5.1 C976, or **What We Laugh at and When Others Laugh at Us?** on October 19th, 12:00, at the Forum Turkey (level 1).

There will also be a panel for talks on global issues. Women from various groups in the Turkish women's movement will be discussing under the title of **Do Women Listen to Each Other?** on October 15th, at 4:30 p.m, at the Forum Turkey (level 1). Migration problems, violence and safety will be top of the agenda at the discussion on **Chaos in the Country, Chaos in the World** on October 16th, 11:00 a.m. at the Forum Turkey (Level 1). Ayşe Buğra, Ece Temelkuran and Necmi Erdoğan will be talking about poverty in the world with its many facets in the panel **Is Anyone Aware of the Poor?** on October 18th, 11:00 a.m., at the Collective Stand Guest of Honour Turkey in Hall 5.1 C976.

Literature from the Bosphorus will also be figuring prominently in the City of Frankfurt during the days of the book fair. Host to exciting literary excursions this year will be the Frankfurt Literature House ('Literaturhaus'), *The Turkish Hour*, a series of events under the title *Literary Train Station* at Frankfurt's main train station (every day at 5 p.m. during the fair), and the cabaret *Die Käs*. Foremost among them will surely be the encounter of Feridun Zaimoğlu and Elif Şafak in their reading on *Roots and Voices* at the Literature House on October 19th, at 7 p.m. or the crime thriller hour with the authors Mehmet Murat Somer (detective novels) and Alper Canıgöz (novels) at the 'Literary Train Station' in the city's main train station on October 15th, 5 p.m.

In launching the festive cultural program the Guest of Honour will be living up the motto 'Turkey in all its colours' by showing Frankfurt a many-faceted programme with numerous exhibitions including dance and musical performances. The **Yunus Emre Oratorium**, the gala concert for opening the Frankfurt Book Fair, will be setting the pace at Frankfurt's Old Opera on October 14th, 2008. The appearance of **AYNUR** on October 17th in the Mouson Tower in Frankfurt will be bringing the thundering sounds of Kurdish and Turkish voices to Frankfurt am Main while the **Ayşe Tütüncü Trio**, one of the most exceptional jazz bands in Europe, will be sure to please with their guest performance in the Jazzkeller on October 16th. Naz Erayda will be bringing modern theatre to the stage of the Gallus Theatre with the modern performance of **...and if you fade away from dreams** after the stories of Sevim Burak on October 17th and 18th. But the high-water mark of the exhibition program will be **Made in Turkey** (September 18 to November 15, 2008), the first general view in Germany of contemporary art in Turkey or the photo exhibition **EBRU – Cultural Diversity in Turkey** in the Haus am Dom from September 26th to November 4th where Attila Durak will be expressing the colourful ethic and cultural richness and the intertwining of cultures in Turkey.