

Editorial | Introduction to the Special Issue

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This special issue of the Border Crossing Journal seeks to bring together a collection of papers presented during the second international conference “International Migration in the 21st century”, organized in October 2017 by the Research Center of Global Education and Culture (KEKAM) of Yeditepe University in Istanbul.

The aim of this issue is to underline once again the importance of the migration phenomenon and the various impacts of the migration to migrants, the host and origin countries in different perspectives particularly on micro level. To this end, the first part of this special issue combines four micro studies putting the emphasis on migrants’ identities and the migrants’ integration. The first article by Hasal Muslu el Berni and entitled “Labor Migration in Qatar: A Study on the Identity of Second Generation Migrants” tends to question the identity construction process of the second generation migrants in Qatar, how they reshape their identity and to what extent they can narrow the social gap between their Qatari counterparts and themselves. In the second article by Ecem Hasircioğlu and Emre Yıldırım entitled “Beyond the Porte de Saint-Denis: Looking inside the 10th arrondissement of Paris” discuss about the identity affirmation of Turkish origin social groups at the 10th arrondissement of Paris and the migration stories, the social, economic and political integration of those focus group. The third article by Jared Conrad aims to take a snapshot of Turkish nationalism and the incorporation of migrants and minorities into the Turkish State. This article uses the integration of immigrants and minorities into Turkey as a lever to investigate the boundaries of Turkish nationalism, in particular, it argues that there is an ethno-religious limit to incorporation and integration. In the fourth article, entitled “A field analysis on the emergence of migrant entrepreneurs in Japan and their integration into the Japanese society”, Kaan Karayılmaz tries to explain the public opinion on the migrants or migration to Japan and the opinion of migrants about

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Japanese society, and explore migrant, Japanese and immigrant perspectives on migration, integration and self-employment.

These four articles are followed by two more articles with a focus on the security dimension of international migration. In her article entitled “Global Security and International Migration: Intolerable Weight of the Other in the Global Village”, Lale Şeyda Gülsoy explores the security dimension of the international migration by taking the focus case about human trafficking as a crime and a major human rights violation. With a study based on the headline analysis of the Turkish newspapers from 2001 to 2018, this article aims to analyze the reflection of human trafficking in the Turkish media in the context of global security, international migration and otherness”. By taking as example the Readmission Agreement of Turkey, Evrim Çınar interrogates if this agreement provides a balance between State security and migrant security, and analyzes the adverse security conditions of irregular migrants and state security compulsions. The following article written by Süheyla Balkar Bozkurt focuses on the contemporary international protection system in Turkey. In her study, the author studies the different statuses under which international protection will be provided according to the new Turkish Law on Foreigners and International Protection and tries to evaluate this new law vis-à-vis to international protection system in general. Finally, in his article entitled “Transformation of Migration Rules from Local to Global” Hakan Sezgin Erkan studies the contemporary international migration flows by applying Ravenstein’s laws of migration on a global scale, in order to show that even if international migration flows are transforming during the time, the North countries are still the main host countries of the world.

Thanks to Prof. İbrahim Sirkeci and the Editorial Board of *Border Crossing*, in this special issue, we tried to contribute on the migration literature with an interdisciplinary approach by featuring a set of articles focusing on different aspects of international migration. We hope that more interdisciplinary research and different micro analyses will fill the existing gaps in this field.

