

About the Speaker

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Her most recent books are *Negotiating Identities. States and Immigrants in France and Germany* (Princeton University Press 2002). She also edited *Quelle identité pour l'Europe? Le multiculturalisme à l'épreuve* (Paris, Presses de Sciences-Po 1998; 2nd ed 2005); *Nationalismes en mutation en Méditerranée Orientale* (with A. Dieckhoff) (Paris, Ed. du CNRS 2002); and *Les codes de la différence. Religion, Origine, Race en France, Allemagne et Etats-Unis* (Presses de Sciences-Po, 2005). Her new research focuses on nationalisms without territory.

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Between Globalisation and Europeanisation - Turkey's choice ?

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No other enlargement country, nor enlargement itself, has aroused as much debate as Turkey's request for accession to the European Union (EU). EU leaders have never before been forced to find nuanced and complicated formulations to define the nature of the relationship between Turkey and Europe – a “carefully elaborated compromise” or a “privileged partnership” – in order to finally initiate the negotiations while specifying that such negotiations are nevertheless an “open process whose result [membership] cannot be guaranteed in advance.”

Can therefore Turkey's accession be assimilated into the enlargement process? To the extent that Turkey has been advised to respect the same political, economic, and social norms as the member states and to adopt the *acquis communautaire*, the whole legal framework ensuring the functioning of the EU, its accession in principle follows the procedures of previous ones. But at the same time the nature of the debates and arguments produced by Turkey's accession renders it a candidacy in a class of its own. With Turkey in Europe, a question arises, one not just of perceived civilisational, cultural, and religious differences but also of geography and borders: how far does Europe go? Today, however, the question has become where does Turkey want to go? Globalisation or Europeanisation – where do these two meet and what is Turkey's choice?

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