

Abstract

The thesis *Turkish Immigration in France in the Context of French Immigration Policy* analyses the influx of Turkish immigration into the French state. It covers the period from the 1960s to the present. In the 1960s immigrants from Turkey started entering France as guest workers and after a while they were joined by chain immigrants and asylum seekers. All the stages of immigration are discussed in the text one by one and they are examined as a phenomenon that has been heavily influenced by French immigration policy. The rate and form of the influence of French immigration policy constitutes the main aim of the paper. It also introduces the conditions in Turkey that have led people to emigrate. The paper addresses the common linkages between each stage in the immigration process and the subsequent development from one stage into the next. It is argued that such an interconnection limits the influence of French immigration policy to significantly reduce, or even halt, the immigration process. On the other hand where it does not influence the amount of immigrants in total, it affects immigration in the way immigrants from Turkey enter France. It also modifies the composition of immigrants and their status in the host country.

The target of the paper is to place the issue of Turkish immigration into France most prominently in the context of conditions created by the French state and its immigration policy. This the paper demonstrates the changing structure within the immigration process into France over time and the selective mode by which certain Turkish immigrants enter France over others. Overall the paper highlights the inability of the French democratic system to prevent the long-term process of immigration.