



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, dear colleagues,

The [Right Livelihood College](#) at ZEF and the [Bonn International Conversion Center](#) (BICC) invite you to a joint public panel discussion on

“Academic Freedom and International Cooperation at Risk: Turkey and Beyond”.

On the panel are **Özgür Mumcu (Cumhuriyet)** and **Dr. Stephan Geifes (DAAD)**.

The discussion will be moderated by [Markus Rudolf](#) (BICC)

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Venue: [Center for Development Research](#) (ZEF), Walter-Flex-Straße 3, 53113 Bonn, ground floor, conference room.

About the speakers:

Özgür Mumcu is a journalist, author and legal expert. He teaches International Law at the Galatasaray University in Istanbul and is working as a journalist with the newspaper Cumhuriyet, which was awarded the “Right Livelihood Award” (Alternative Nobel Prize) in 2016.

Dr. Stephan Geifes is Head of Division Transnational Education and Cooperation Programmes at the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Background information:

Intellectual and academic freedom and independence have been at increasing risk in Turkey since the coup attempt in mid-2016. University Deans, Professors and other scientists were forced to step down, a travel ban was imposed on many academics, and Turkish scientists working abroad were pressured to return to Turkey. Many journalists and newspaper editors have been detained and harassed since last year. How do Universities, editors and journalists deal with these restrictions on and hindrance of their work? How do they work nevertheless under these conditions? What are the mid- and long-term perspectives? These and other issues will be tackled in our panel discussion.

Please note that registration with presse.zef@uni-bonn.de by June 16, 2017 is required!

(By participating in the talk on 21 June you agree that any photo of you taken at the event may be used on the organizers’ social media and print publications.)

We are looking forward to seeing you at ZEF on June 21!

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