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Abstract

International migration has been a hot topic in the public agenda recently. The humanitarian crisis and wars have historically triggered human mobility across the world. While armed and violent conflicts and disasters received some attention in refugee studies, insecurity as a broader concept representing the perceived influence of conflicts have been overlooked in migration studies scholarship. It is important to understand the wide array of conflicts ranging from latent tensions and discomforts to violent and armed clashes may be perceived differently by individuals and groups. Therefore their reactions differ. Migration as an exit option is one of the strategic options available and individuals' ability as well as the culture of migration are critical in migration decision. In simple terms, migration is a function of conflict and people move when and where they are not happy. It is the prospect of happiness what drives migration.

Speaker's Profile



Ibrahim Sirkeci is Professor of Transnational Studies and the Director of the Regent's Centre for Transnational Studies (RCTS) at Regent's University London (UK).

His main areas of expertise are migration, remittances, integration, conflict, labour markets, minorities, and segmentation. He is the editor of several journals including *Migration Letters*, and *Remittances Review*. Prof Sirkeci has conducted field research in the UK, Germany, Iraq, Norway, Romania and Turkey. Sirkeci is known for his extensive work on insecurity and human mobility as well as his conceptual work on culture of migration and conflict model. He has also coined the term “transnational mobile consumers” as he examines connected consumers and the role of mobility in consumer behavior within a transnational marketing context. Prof Sirkeci's research has attracted funding (grants, awards, bursaries) from organisations including the World Bank, British Academy, and private companies. He is a frequent and sought after speaker at international conferences as he delivered over 150 speeches in Europe, North America and beyond. He is also the founder and chair of The Migration Conferences. He is the author and editor of several books including *Little Turkey in Great Britain* (2016, TPLondon), *Turkish Migration Policy* (2016, TPLondon), *Transnational Marketing and Transnational Consumers* (2013, Springer), *Migration and Remittances during the Global Financial Crisis and Beyond* (2012, World Bank), and *Cultures of Migration, the global nature of contemporary mobility* (2011, University of Texas Press) which was named 'Outstanding Academic Title' by Choice magazine in the USA.