

The Politics of Turkish Emigration to Europe: Key Studies in Diplomacy

The emigration of Turkish citizens to Europe has been a significant phenomenon since the 1960s. This migration has been driven by a combination of economic, political, and social factors. Turkish migrants have played an important role in the development of European societies, and their presence has had a significant impact on the political landscape of both Turkey and Europe.

This article examines the politics of Turkish emigration to Europe, with a focus on key studies in diplomacy. The article begins by providing a brief overview of the history of Turkish emigration to Europe. It then discusses the main political factors that have influenced Turkish emigration, including the role of Turkish foreign policy, the policies of European countries, and the activities of Turkish migrant organizations. Finally, the article examines the key diplomatic studies that have been conducted on Turkish emigration to Europe, and discusses their implications for policy and research.

The first significant wave of Turkish emigration to Europe occurred in the 1960s, when Turkey signed a series of bilateral agreements with European countries, including Germany, France, and Belgium. These agreements allowed Turkish workers to migrate to Europe to fill labor shortages in a variety of industries, such as manufacturing, construction, and mining.

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The number of Turkish migrants in Europe increased rapidly in the 1970s and 1980s, as the Turkish economy stagnated and political instability increased. By the early 1990s, there were over 2 million Turkish migrants living in Europe.

The majority of Turkish migrants in Europe are concentrated in Germany, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. However, there are also significant Turkish communities in other European countries, such as Austria, Belgium, Denmark, and Sweden.

The politics of Turkish emigration to Europe have been influenced by a variety of factors, including:

- **Turkish foreign policy:** The Turkish government has played a significant role in encouraging emigration to Europe. In the 1960s and 1970s, the Turkish government promoted emigration as a way to reduce unemployment and increase remittances. In recent years, the Turkish government has continued to support emigration, but has also focused on promoting the return of Turkish migrants to Turkey.
- **Policies of European countries:** The policies of European countries have also had a significant impact on Turkish emigration. In the 1960s

and 1970s, many European countries welcomed Turkish migrants as a source of cheap labor. However, in the 1980s and 1990s, many European countries began to restrict immigration, and made it more difficult for Turkish migrants to obtain work permits and settle permanently in Europe.

- **Activities of Turkish migrant organizations:** Turkish migrant organizations have played an important role in advocating for the rights of Turkish migrants in Europe. These organizations have also been instrumental in promoting Turkish culture and identity in Europe.

There have been a number of key diplomatic studies conducted on Turkish emigration to Europe. These studies have examined a variety of issues, including the political factors influencing Turkish emigration, the impact of Turkish emigration on Turkey and Europe, and the challenges facing Turkish migrants in Europe.

One of the most important diplomatic studies on Turkish emigration to Europe was conducted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 1997. The OECD study examined the economic, social, and political impact of Turkish emigration on both Turkey and Europe. The study found that Turkish emigration had had a positive impact on the Turkish economy, but had also led to a number of social and political problems in Turkey. The study also found that Turkish migrants had made a significant contribution to the European economy, but had also faced a number of challenges, including discrimination and racism.

Another important diplomatic study on Turkish emigration to Europe was conducted by the European Commission in 2004. The European Commission study examined the political and social integration of Turkish

migrants in Europe. The study found that Turkish migrants had made progress in integrating into European societies, but that they still faced a number of challenges, including unemployment, discrimination, and social isolation.

The diplomatic studies on Turkish emigration to Europe have a number of implications for policy and research. These implications include:

- **The need for a more comprehensive understanding of the political factors influencing Turkish emigration.** Policymakers need to have a better understanding of the role of Turkish foreign policy, the policies of European countries, and the activities of Turkish migrant organizations in order to develop effective policies to manage Turkish emigration.
- **The need to address the challenges facing Turkish migrants in Europe.** Policymakers need to develop policies to address the challenges facing Turkish migrants in Europe, including unemployment, discrimination, and social isolation.
- **The need for further research on Turkish emigration.** There is a need for further research on a variety of topics related to Turkish emigration to Europe, including the impact of Turkish emigration on Turkey and Europe, the challenges facing Turkish migrants in Europe, and the role of Turkish migrant organizations.

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The politics of Turkish emigration to Europe are complex and multifaceted. The Turkish government, the policies of European countries, and the activities of Turkish migrant organizations have all played a role in shaping the course of Turkish emigration. There is a need for a more comprehensive understanding of the political factors influencing Turkish emigration, and for further research on the challenges facing Turkish migrants in Europe.



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