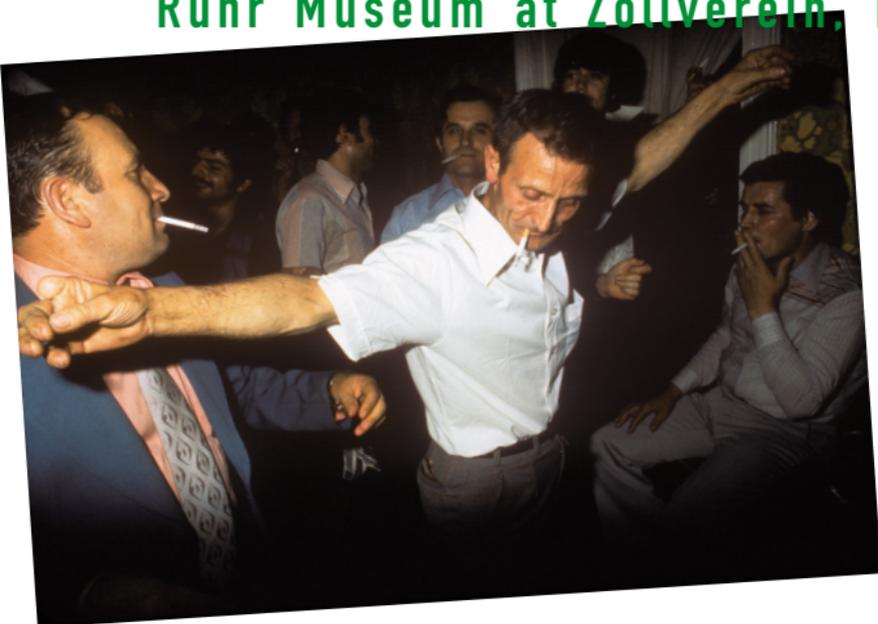


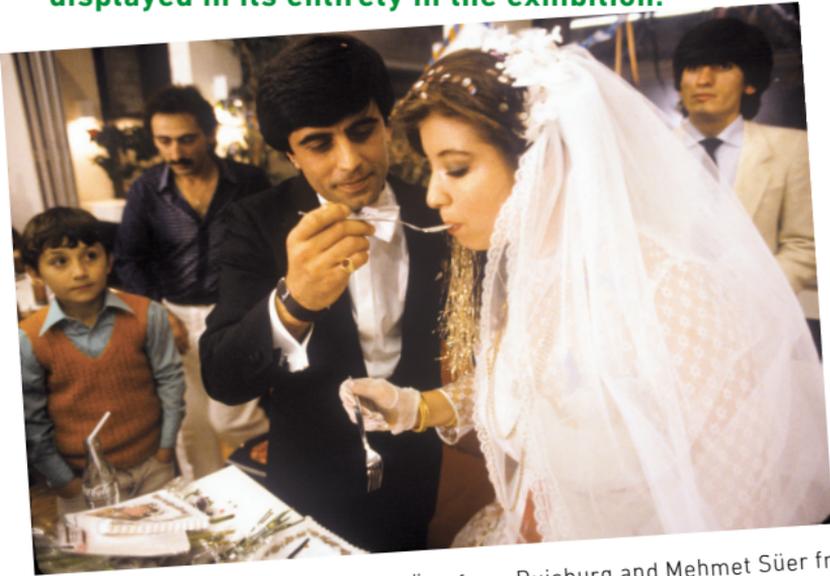


Ruhr Museum

**Mustafa's Dream. Photographs
by Henning Christoph on Turkish
life in Germany 1977 – 1989
31 October 2021 – 30 October 2022
Ruhr Museum at Zollverein, Essen**

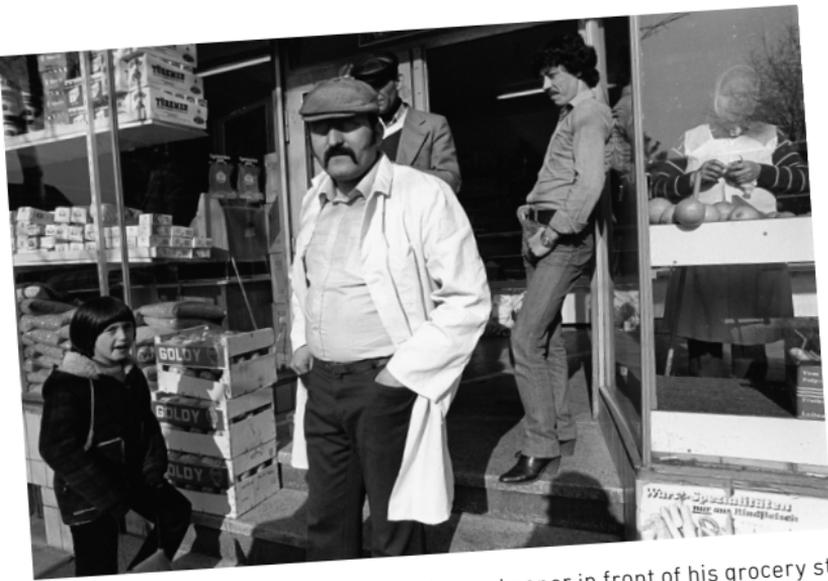


The German-American photographer Henning Christoph, born in 1944 in Grimma near Leipzig and winner of several World Press Photo awards, photographed the everyday life of Turkish migrant workers in Germany from 1977 to 1989, focusing on the Ruhr area. The exhibition features a video interview with the photographer himself in which he reports on the development of his long-term documentation of Turkish life in Germany. From 1977, having been commissioned by GEO magazine, he was able to spend a year and a half engaging in intense research and photography. The images appeared in 1979 in "The German Turks" – the first comprehensive photo feature on this subject. This legendary GEO feature is displayed in its entirety in the exhibition.



Filiz Üge from Duisburg and Mehmet Süer from Lüdenscheid cutting their wedding cake, October 1982

The special exhibition at the Ruhr Museum documents the photographer's friendships, his exploration of everyday Turkish life and his creative vision in more than 150 photographs in black-and-white and colour. The images depict families at work, at school, at circumcision and wedding ceremonies, at political and religious events, out shopping, performing ritual slaughter, processing sheep's wool, cooking, travelling to Turkey and watching oil wrestling matches. The result is a comprehensive picture of different groups of families with Turkish roots who chose to migrate and seek work in Germany, often out of a personal desire to improve their lives.



A Turkish shopkeeper in front of his grocery store,
Gelsenkirchen-Bismarck, March 1982

Mustafa's Dream: Like so many migrants, Mustafa Aydın, Christoph's friend and the exhibition's namesake, carried big dreams in his luggage. He planned to buy a sawmill after returning to Turkey, but this wish did not come true. Mustafa Aydın stayed in Germany and built a life here. Henning Christoph's collection of 35mm black-and-white negatives and colour slides on the themes of "Migration" and the "Ruhr region" was acquired with the help of the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation. The exhibition takes place on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the German-Turkish recruitment agreement.



Mother and father Aydın with Bayram and Mustafa,
Essen-Altendorf, July, 1977

ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME

Mustafa's Dream.

Photographs by Henning Christoph on Turkish life in Germany 1977–1989

Participation in the events at Zollverein is free of charge (except for the excursion). Please register at besucherdienst@ruhrmuseum.de

In conversation with Henning Christoph

The renowned photojournalist will be making a personal appearance to answer questions on two evenings. The conversation will include – but no doubt range beyond – his impressive photographs of Turkish life in Germany in the 1970s and 80s.

Wed 10.11., Tues 31.5., 6pm

Location: Kokskohlenbunker

Photography talks

Another generation, another perspective: Aslı Özdemir and Aslı Özçelik present their approach to the subject, their work and their projects as young female photographers of Turkish origin.

Tue 7.6., 6pm

Location: Kokskohlenbunker

“Have a çay with ...” Storytelling Café

Eat, drink and reminisce together. Participants will be reminded of their connection to the German-Turkish recruitment agreement as they share their stories and photographs.

Sat 21.5., 20.8., 3pm; Location: Hall 10

Your World in Words – A Writing Workshop with Aylin Çelik

The poetry slammer will guide participants as they write their first poems and stories about belonging, home, favourite people and their everyday life.

Sat 13.11., 11am; Location: Hall 10

Film evenings

Paul Hofmann from the “Kinemathek im Ruhrgebiet” film archive will present and moderate discussions on selected films from 60 years of German-Turkish coexistence on the Rhine and Ruhr rivers.

Sun 22.5., 26.6., 11am;

Location: Eulenspiegel

Reading with “Daughters and Sons of Guest Workers”

The literary collective “Daughters and Sons of Guest Workers” offers an artistic-performative re-telling of autobiographical stories from their family history.

Sat 5.2., 6pm; Location: Hall 6

Cooking course: “Misafir Sofrası – The Table of a Turkish Host”

A cooking course for long-time lovers of Turkish cuisine or those ready to discover it for the first time. Together, participants will prepare a table of unique Turkish specialities.

Sat 19.3., 14.5., 2.7., 10.9., 5pm;

Location: Bullmannaue 11, 45327 Essen

Excursion: How German is the doner kebab? A culinary treasure hunt

This journey of discovery will take you to various locations around Zollverein.

Between snacks, baklava and one of the best restaurants in Essen, the participants will also learn about the exciting biographies of the restaurateurs.

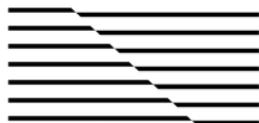
Sat 18.6., 20.8., 22.10., 2pm; €45, concessions €30

Meeting point: Ruhr Museum

Read Aloud Day

The Ruhr Museum is taking part in Germany's Read Aloud Day and will tell wonderful stories under this year's motto “Friendship and Cohesion”.

Sat 20.11., 11am; Location: Rundeindicker



Ruhr Museum

RUHR MUSEUM ADDRESS

In the Coal Washing Plant of the Zollverein UNESCO World Heritage Site, Gelsenkirchener Straße 181, 45309 Essen



OPENING HOURS

Mon to Sun, 10am to 6pm
closed on 24., 25. and 31.12.

ADMISSION

€3, concessions €2, free admission for children and young people under 18, school pupils and students under 25.
Tickets at: www.tickets-ruhrmuseum.de

HOW TO FIND US

TRAM LINE 107

From Essen main station in the direction of Gelsenkirchen or from Gelsenkirchen main station in the direction of Essen to the "Zollverein" stop

ADDRESS

FOR NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

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INFORMATION AND BOOKING

Mon to Fri, 9am to 4pm
Tel 0201 24681 444
besucherdienst@ruhrmuseum.de

GUIDED TOURS

Ruhr Museum, Counter at the 24-metre level; Cost: €3 plus admission for adults, duration: 1 hr.

PUBLIC GUIDED TOURS

Sun 21.11., 12.12., 2.1., 23.1., 13.2., 6.3., 27.3., 17.4., 15.5., 19.6., 17.7., 21.8., 18.9., 16.10., 11am

GUIDED TOURS FROM EXHIBITION MAKERS

Fri 12.11., 10.12., 18.3., 3.6., 21.10., 3pm

GUIDED TOURS FOR SENIORS

Tue 18.1., 19.4., 16.8., 11am

GUIDED TOUR FOR TEACHERS

Tue 2.11., 3pm

GROUP TOURS

German, Turkish, English, max. 20 participants, €70 plus €2 admission per person, groups of pupils and students €50, free admission

QUIZ FOR FAMILIES

German, Turkish, English, free

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