



LGBTI Rights in Turkey

The LGBTI community in Turkey face real dangers. In 2015, the Turkish police interrupted the LGBTI pride march in Istanbul, using tear gas and rubber bullets against the marchers. This marked the first attempt by the authorities to stop the parade by force, and similar actions occurred the following year. Here, Fait Muedini examines these levels of discrimination in Turkey, as well as explores how activists are working to improve human rights for LGBTI individuals living in this hostile environment. Muedini bases his analysis on interviews taken with a number of NGO leaders and activists of leading LGBTI organisations in the region, including Lambda Istanbul, Kaos GL, Pembe Hayat, Social Policies, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Association (SPoD), and Families of LGBTs in Istanbul (LİSTAG). The original information provided by these interviews illuminates the challenges facing the LGBTI community and the brave actions taken by activists in their attempts to challenge the state and secure sexual equality.

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