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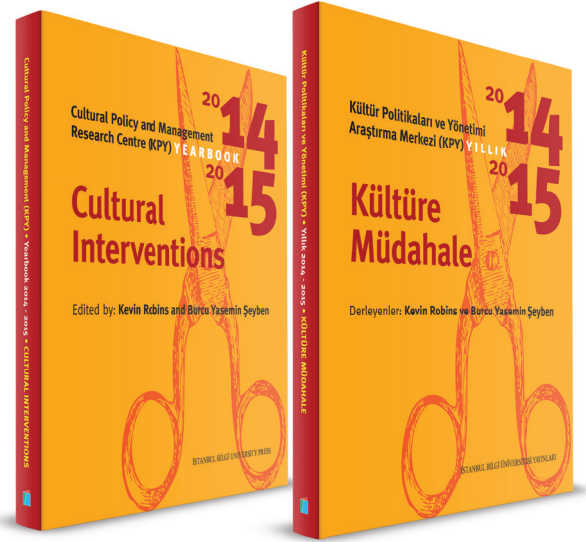


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The Cultural Policy and Management Research Centre (KPY) at Istanbul Bilgi University is once again delivering its annual publication, covering major issues and debates of the 2014-2015 period. This 2014-2015 issue is the fifth in the KPY Yearbook series, published by Istanbul Bilgi University Press.

The central theme of the 2014-2015 Yearbook is the changing relationship between state and culture – thus the overall title of the Focus section is *Cultural Interventions*. It is edited by Kevin Robins and Burcu Yasemin Şeyben. Under this title we have two sub-sections, the first addressing new public policies towards the cultural field, and the second exploring civil society responses. We are discussing the theme of *Cultural Interventions* within a comparative perspective, with cases from different countries. Thus, in the Turkish context, there have been recent attempts by the Turkish government to close down state cultural institutions, and to put in place a new regime of cultural governance. Also, in the Turkish context, there is vital issue of state-generated censorship of cultural expression. Elsewhere there are questions regarding state support for the arts in a context of deepening financial crisis. There is also the issue, in all regions, concerning the sustainability of ever growing numbers of cultural institutions

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and players. The second issue that we address within the *Cultural Interventions* agenda concerns the changing civil society response to 'official' public cultural policies. Here we have analysis from Turkey and Bulgaria, on civil society activism in the face of emerging authoritarian state cultural politics.

In each Yearbook we have a themed Focus section, and an Open Space section. In 2014-2015 Yearbook the Open Space contains articles on cultural policy research, participatory governance of funding in the arts, shopping malls as cultural spaces and a letter from Syria. The Review section contains reviews of relevant publications and conferences.

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