



## Ada Diren Kurt *Istanbul Stories*

*„Either I conquer Istanbul or Istanbul conquers me.“  
– Mehmed the Conqueror*

*People from many social classes live in İstanbul, it's a huge metropolis. They pay different prices for the same quality of haircut service. These pictures are from different quarters of central İstanbul. More than 3 million Syrian refugees are living in Turkey. Turkish people feel like their culture is under risk of assimilation. Because Turkish dictator Erdoğan gave a lot of rights to Syrian refugees people are scared of not having a future in their own country, as a result racism has risen in Turkey. Even kids of Syrian refugees are facing racism everyday and as you see they are not living like kids because they must be living like workers.*

*I was born in Cyprus. My parents gave me my first camera when I was nine years old. My photographic education has started in primary school and still goes on. I lived in İstanbul for two years (studying at Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University) and here in these pictures you can see two different sides of life in İstanbul.*

*45th opening of In Vitro Gallery. Accept our invitation for March exhibition of Alexandr, Robin and Vlaicu.*

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