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Greetings, I am so happy you will now finally come to istanbul:

Here is the deal. The French Cultural Institute is offering your round-trips from Paris, and I will make sure they are Air France, so that you can get the mileage.

They are also giving you this incredible 200F /Day. Should you desire to speak in French, there will be a translator provided by them but I doubt very much s/he will know what you are talking about. I would prefer English as more people understand it, and if you can send me either a written text/notes/synopsis before hand, I will make a translation. Unfortunately, not many people in the art world in Istanbul understand fluent English. And I feel I have to do it. This will extend the talk but they are used to my extended sessions.

I will get you an honorarium for USD300 in cash for the talk, it is not subject to taxation. Do mind a 4star hotel or is a 5star sine qua non? My wife will cook good food in her café for us if you need it (see wallpaper, where to eat/drink last issue irresistanbul/café refika!), I have a slow but reliable net connection in the office, and you will have a space to your own there.

Now I need,  
\*possible dates of arrival/departure  
\*short CV (for the french cultural institute)  
\*long CV (for my archives)  
\*if it is not too much trouble, where may I download a photo of you, and exhibiton images for press (naturally 320DPI).  
\*a title (you are free to speculate anything you wish)  
\*your needs: slide projector/video beam/VHS

Is there anything else you particularly want to do Istanbul? (please no hamams/not for me). Any particular artists/architects/writers/etc. to visit?

Warmest,

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