



The Sixth METU Conference on International Relations:  
Middle East in Global and Regional Perspectives

# Conference Program

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## **DATES AND VENUE**

Dates: Thursday, June 14– Saturday, June 16, 2007

Venue: METU Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (FEAS) Building B

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration and Information Desk is located on the first floor of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (FEAS) Building B. The desk is open at the following times:

Thursday, June 14	9:00-17:30
Friday, June 15	9:00-17:30
Saturday, June 16	9:00-13:00

## **BADGE**

Participants should kindly wear name badges during the Conference. Name badges will be provided in participants' conference packs at the Registration Desk.

## **SESSIONS**

Sessions are moderated by Chairs who monitor and administer the meetings. Each paper will be presented for about 20 minutes, and will be followed by a brief discussion. The Chair may decide and change the order of presentations as well as time allocated for each presentation.

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## **CONFERENCE COCKTAIL**

The Chair of the Department of International Relations invites all participants to the cocktail at the front garden of the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences B-Building (FEAS-B). The cocktail will take place on Thursday, June 14 between 18:00-20:00.

## **LUNCHES**

On June 14, June 15 and June 16, lunch will be served at the FEAS Building B. Participants will be provided lunch vouchers in their conference packs.

## **CONFERENCE DINNER**

Conference Dinner will be held on June 15, at 19:30 at the Dafne Restaurant. Participants will be provided with an invitation card in their conference packs.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Invited speakers are hosted at the METU Guest House and the Dedeman Hotel. Conference participants are provided accommodation at the METU Dormitories. There will be ring services during the Conference from the Hotel and the Guest House to the Conference venue.

## **POST OFFICES AND BANKS**

There is a post office on campus. There are also branches of some Turkish banks (Ziraat Bankası, İş Bankası, Vakıfbank, Yapı Kredi Bankası, Akbank, and Garanti Bankası) next to the post office.



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# PROGRAM

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**JUNE 14, 2007 / THURSDAY**

## **REGISTRATION**

Time: **09:00-17:30**

Place: **FEAS Building B**

## **OPENING CEREMONY**

Time: **10:30-11:00**

Place: **FEAS BUILDING B, G-111**

**Prof. Dr. Ural Akbulut, (President, METU, Turkey)**

**Prof. Dr. Şinasi Aksoy, (Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, METU, Turkey)**

**Prof. Dr. Meliha B. Altunışık, (Chair, Department of International Relations, METU, Turkey)**

## **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Time: **11:00-12:30**

Place: **FEAS BUILDING B, G-111**

Chair: **Meliha B. Altunışık, (METU, Turkey)**

**Juan Cole, (University of Michigan, USA)**  
*Obstacles to Democracy in Iraq*

**LUNCH BREAK / 12:30-14:00**

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## SESSIONS - 1 / 14:00-15:30

### Session 1-A. Iran: Debating Domestic and International Challenges I

Time: 14:00-15:30

Place: G-102

Chair : İhsan Dağı (METU, Turkey)

**Kayhan Barzegar, (Islamic Azad University, Iran)**  
*Iran in the Post 9/11 Middle East*

**Mustafa Kibaroglu, (Bilkent University, Turkey)**  
*Turkish-Iranian Relations in the Post-Cold War Era*

### Session 1-B. Cyprus (Co-organized by METU Center for European Studies)

Time: 14:00-15:30

Place: G-106

Chair: Galip Yalman, (METU, Turkey)

**Ergun Olgun, (Former Undersecretary of the President of TRNC)**  
*Cyprus: Options for the Future*

**Ahmet Sözen, (East Mediterranean University, TRNC)**  
*A Re-Diagnosis of the Cyprus Conflict: Looking Ahead*

**Erol Kaymak, (East Mediterranean University, TRNC)**  
*Results of the UN Public Opinion Survey in Cyprus*

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## **Session 1-C. Islam and the West**

Time: **14:00-15:30**

Place: **G-104**

Chair: **Nuri Yurdusev, (METU, Turkey)**

**Yücel Bozdağlıođlu, (Adnan Menderes University, Turkey), Damla Aktan, (İzmir Ekonomi University, Turkey), Pelin Köklü, (İzmir Ekonomi University, Turkey)**

*The Resurgence of the Islamic World Against the West*

**Imran Iqbal, (Forman Christian College, Pakistan)**

*Emerging Dichotomy between Islam and the West: The Role of Religious Seminaries*

**Yaşar Aydın, (Hamburg University, Germany)**

*The West & Islam: The Debate on Islam in Western Countries*

**Gizem Kolbaşı, (TRT, Turkey)**

*Muslim Communities in the UK after September 11: Friends or Foes?*

## **Session 1-D. Turkey and Its Middle Eastern Neighbourhood**

*(Roundtable organized by the Foreign Policy Institute)*

Time: **14:00-15:30**

Place: **Blue Seminar Room**

**Seyfi Taşhan, President, Foreign Policy Institute, Turkey**

**Ali Karaosmanođlu, Professor, Chairman, Department of International Relations, Bilkent University, Turkey**

**Reşat Arım, Ambassador (Rtd.), Member of the Board, Foreign Policy Institute, Turkey**

**Oktay Aksoy, Ambassador (Rtd.), Member of the Board, Foreign Policy Institute, Turkey**

**Ali Engin Oba, Ambassador (Rtd.), Turkey**

**COFFEE BREAK / 15:30-16:00**



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## SESSIONS - 2 / 16:00-17:30

### Session 2. Debating the Developments in Iraq I

Time: **16:00-17:30**

Place: **G-104**

Chair: **Ersel Aydinli, (Bilkent University, Turkey)**

**Rick Fawn, (St. Andrews University, Scotland)**

*Putting the "Multi" in "Multinational": Lessons from Post Communist State Experience from the Iraq War*

**Ofra Bengio, (Tel Aviv University, Israel)**

*The Sunni-Shi'i Divide in Iraq: A Clash of Identities*

## CONFERENCE COCKTAIL

Time: **18:00-20:00**

Place: **Middle East Technical University  
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences  
Department of International Relations  
Building - B**

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**15 JUNE 2007 / FRIDAY**

## **REGISTRATION**

Time: **09:00-17:30**

Place: **FEAS Building B**

## **SESSIONS - 3 / 09:30-11:00**

### **Session 3. Syria: Debating Domestic and International Challenges**

Time: **09:30-11:00**

Place: **G-104**

Chair: **Özlem Tür, (METU, Turkey)**

**Raymond Hinnebusch, (St. Andrews University, Scotland)**

*Defying the Hegemon: Syria and the Iraq War*

**Eyal Zisser, (Tel Aviv University, Israel)**

*Syria's Dilemma: Between Washington and Tehran*

## **COFFEE BREAK / 11:00-11:30**

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## SESSIONS - 4 / 11:30-13:00

### Session 4-A. The Lebanese Crisis: Actors, Structures and Consequences

Time: 11:30-13:00

Place: G-104

Chair: **Raymond Hinnebusch, (St. Andrews University, Scotland)**

**Timur Göksel, (Former UNIFIL Senior Adviser, American University of Beirut, Lebanon)**  
*U.N. Peacekeeping in South Lebanon: Can It Be a Model for Other Middle East Conflicts?*

### Session 4-B. Debating the Social Issues in the Middle East

Time: 11:30-13:00

Place: G-102

Chair: **Sibel Kalaycıoğlu, (METU, Turkey)**

**Emma Murhpy, (Durham University, UK)**  
*Theorising ICTs and the Modern Middle East: Space, Spectacle and the Public Sphere*

**Ahmet Uysal, (Dumlupınar University, Turkey)**  
*The Nature of Al-Jazeera's Prime-Time Broadcasting in Arabic and English*

**Elif Toprak, Seçil Banar, Berrin Özkanal, (Anadolu University, Turkey)**  
*Effects of Information & Communication Technologies on Palestinian Women: Media and Distance Education*

### Session 4-C. Politics of Water Resources in the Middle East I

Time: 11:30-13:00

Place: G-101

Chair & Discussant: **Ayşegül Kibaroğlu, (METU, Turkey)**

**Waltina Scheumann, (Helmholtz-Center for Environmental Research, Germany)**  
*Water Use and Management in the Orontes River Basin: Far away from Cooperation and Integration*

**Ryan Taugher, (American University, USA)**  
*Trans-Boundary Benefit Sharing among the Tigris and Euphrates River System Riparians*

**Stefan Deconinck, (KUB University of Brussels, Belgium)**  
*Water, Ideology and Security Perceptions in Israel*

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## **Session 4-D. Politics of External Actors I: Europe and the Middle East**

Time: **11:30-13:00**

Place: **G-106**

Chair: **Sevilay Kahraman, (METU, Turkey)**

**Eduard Soler i Lecha, (CIDOB Foundation, Spain)**

*Resizing the Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue in the Area of Security:  
The Challenge of Human Security*

**Ali Resul Usul, (Bahçeşehir University, Turkey)**

*The European Support of Democratization in the MENA Countries:  
Weak Dimension of the Relations*

**Serbülent Turan, (Boğaziçi University, Turkey)**

*EU Positions on Major Middle Eastern Issues; Bandwagoning Rediscovered*

**LUNCH BREAK / 13:00-14:00**

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## SESSIONS – 5 / 14:00-15:30

### Session 5. Afghanistan

Time: 14:00-15:30

Place: G-104

Chair: **Duygu Sezer, (Bilkent University, Turkey)**

**Hikmet Çetin, (Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Former  
NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan, Turkey)**  
*Afghanistan and NATO*

## COFFEE BREAK / 15:30-16:00

## SESSIONS – 6 / 16:00-17:30

### Session 6-A. Arab-Israeli Conflict

Time: 16:00-17:30

Place: G-104

Chair: **Ayşe Ayata, (METU, Turkey)**

**Lenore Martin, (Emmanuel College and Harvard University, USA)**  
*Resolving the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: Is Now the Time?*

**Tayyar Arı, (Uludağ University, Turkey)**  
*The Final Status Issues and the Prospect for Peace in the Middle East*

### Session 6-B. Energy Politics

Time: 16:00-17:30

Place: G-102

Chair: **Şule Güneş, (METU, Turkey)**

**Ahmet K. Han, (İstanbul University, Turkey)**  
*The Impact of Caspian Energy Resources on the Middle Eastern Oil Dominance*

**Cenk Pala, (BOTAŞ, Turkey)**  
*Turkey: Energy Bridge Between the East and the West*

## **Session 6-C. Debating Middle Eastern Studies**

Time: **16:00-17:30**

Place: **G-106**

Chair: **Ebru Boyar, (METU, Turkey)**

**Mustafa Murat Yurtbilir, (METU, Turkey)**

*Emergence and Transformation of Arab Nationalism: A Historical Overview*

**Serdar Palabıyık, (METU, Turkey)**

*A Survey of Middle Eastern Studies Literature (2001-2006):  
Recent Trends and Transformations*

## **Session 6-D. The Challenges for Democratization in the Middle East**

Time: **16:00-17:30**

Place: **G-101**

Chair: **Zana Çitak, (METU, Turkey)**

**Müge Aknur, (Dokuz Eylül University, Turkey)**

*Political Deliberation in Jordan*

**İrem Aşkar, (Dokuz Eylül University, Turkey)**

*Democratization of Islam: The Case of Hamas*

**Zeynep Sütalan, (NATO Center of Excellence- Defence Against Terrorism, Turkey)**

*Globalization and the Political Economy of Reform in Jordan*

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**16 JUNE 2007 / SATURDAY**

## **REGISTRATION**

Time: **09:00-13:00**

Place: **FEAS Building B**

## **SESSIONS – 7 / 10:00-11:15**

### **Session 7. A. Middle East and the Global Economy**

Time: **10:00-11:15**

Place: **G-104**

Chair: **Pınar Bedirhanoğlu, (METU, Turkey)**

**Sadık Ünay, (Balıkesir University, Turkey)**

*Middle Eastern Ways of Integration with the Global Political Economy:  
Can Turkey Inspire a New Path?*

**Cenk Alican, (Munich Center for Applied Policy Research, Germany)**

*The Importance of Islamic Banking and Financial Industries in  
Europe's Economic Relationship to the Middle East*

### **Session 7. B. Politics of External Actors II: US & the Middle East**

Time: **10:00-11:15**

Place: **G-106**

Chair: **Ersin Onulduran, (Ankara University, Turkey)**

**Herbert Reginbogin, (European University of Lefke, TRNC)**

*Towards a Watershed in U.S. Middle East Policy?  
From Neo-Conservatism to Neo-Rationalism*

**Ornella Spadola, (Eastern Mediterranean University, TRNC)**

*United States' Foreign Policy Decisions on Israel: A Policy Paper on the Second Bush  
Administrations' Relations with Israel after 9/11 Attacks.*

## **Session 7. C. Debating the Developments in Iraq II**

Time: **10:00-11:15**

Place: **G-102**

Chair: **Tayyar Arı, (Uludağ University, Turkey)**

**Christian Lekon, (European University of Lefke, TRNC)**

*Platonic Guardians: The British and American Occupations of Iraq, 1914-32 and since 2003*

**Thomas Schmidinger, (University of Vienna, Austria)**

*Tyrants And Terrorists. Reflections on the Connection between Totalitarianism, Sanctions, Terrorism and the Failure of State in Iraq*

## **Session 7. D. Security Issues in the Middle East**

Time: **10:00-11:15**

Place: **G-101**

Chair: **Dimitris Tsarouhas, (METU, Turkey)**

**Katherine Harbord, (Durham University, UK)**

*A Graveyard for Your Soldiers: Explaining Israel's (Over)Reactions in Summer 2006*

**Zeynep Başer, (METU, Turkey)**

*Promoting Security or Insecurity? Israeli Security Discourses Reconsidered*

**Şebnem Udum, (Bilkent University, Turkey)**

*WMD Proliferation and Conflicts in the Middle East*

**COFFEE BREAK / 11:15-11:30**



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## SESSIONS – 8 / 11:30-13:00

### Session 8-A. Turkey and the Middle East

Time: 11:30-13:00

Place: G-104

Chair: **Süha Bölükbaşıoğlu, (METU, Turkey)**

**Nihat Ali Özcan, (Economic Policy Research Institute, Turkey)**

**Özgür Özdamar, (TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Turkey)**

*The Uneasy Neighbors: Turkish Iranian Relations since the Iranian Revolution*

**André Barrinha, (University of Kent, UK- University of Coimbra, Portugal)**

*The 'War on Terror' and US-Turkey Relations in Northern Iraq*

**Türkan Hañer, (Ankara University, Turkey)**

*Turkey-Iranian Relations after the Occupation of Iraq*

**Eda Benlioğlu Gelbal, (Gaziosmanpaşa University & METU, Turkey)**

*Turkey: As a Model for Democratization Process in the Middle East*

### Session 8-B. Iran: Debating Domestic and International Challenges II

Time: 11:30-13:00

Place: G-106

Chair: **Özlem Tür, (METU, Turkey)**

**M. Ufuk Tutan, (İzmir Ekonomi University, Turkey)**

*Bazaaris Movement in Iran: A Coalition with Ulama*

**Pınar Arıkan, (Akdeniz University & METU, Turkey)**

*Globalization "In" The Islamic Republic of Iran: Perceptions and Responses*

**Bayram Sinkaya, (Atatürk University & METU, Turkey)**

*Analysis of the Discourse of Cultural Onslaught in Iran*

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## **Session 8-C. Politics of External Actors III: EU and the Middle East**

Time: **11:30-13:00**

Place: **G-102**

Chair: **Esra Çuhadar Gürkaynak, (Bilkent University, Turkey)**

**Sezgin Mercan, (Başkent University, Turkey)**

*The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and the European Union*

**Mehtap Söyler, (Humboldt University, Germany)**

*The Post-Cold War Politics of the European Union Regarding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

## **Session 8-D. Politics of External Actors IV: China and Russia**

Time: **11:30-13:00**

Place: **G-101**

Chair: **Ayça Ergun, (METU, Turkey)**

**Barış Adıbelli, (Ankara University, Turkey)**

*The Middle East In China's New Foreign Policy*

**Argun Başkan, (Ege University & METU, Turkey)**

*"Islam Friendly" Politics of the Russian Federation and the Organization of the Islamic Conference*

## **CLOSING SESSION**

Time: **13:00-13:30**

Place: **FEAS Building B, G-104**

**LUNCH / 13:30-14:00**



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