12 June

OPENING CEREMONY 9:30 – 10:00
PLACE: FEAS B, G110

Ahmet Acar (Rector, METU)
Hüseyin Bağcı (Chair, Department of International Relations, METU, Turkey)
Süleyman Aslan (Chief sponsor of the Conference, Türkiye Halk Bankası, Board Member and General Manager)

Opening Speech

William Hale (Emeritus, SOAS, UK) 10:00 – 11:00

“Looking to the Future: Prospects for Turkish Foreign Policy to 2023”

SESSIONS 1, 11:15 – 12:30

Session 1-A Turkey and the Middle East
Place: G102

Chair: Ömür Atmaca (Hacettepe University)

Ashım İlksoy (Near East University, TRNC): ‘Turkey and the Middle East: Failing to be a Model’
Cenk Aygül (Atılım University, Turkey): ‘Turkey as a Model after Arab Spring: Remembering the Rentier State’

Zeynep Gülşah Çapan (İstanbul Bilgi University, Turkey) and Özge Onursal Beşgül (İstanbul Bilgi University, Turkey): ‘Turkey as a Model? Renegotiating Turkish Foreign Policy Identity’

Session 1-B Turkey’s Bilateral Relations
Place: G104

Chair: Hüseyin Bağcı (METU)

Luis Tomé (Autonomous University of Lisbon, Portugal): “Why We Should Not Say "Never" to the Integration of Turkey into the EU?”

Vügar İmanbeyli (İstanbul Şehir University, Turkey): ‘The Turkish-Russian Rapprochement: How Sustainable is it?’

Galym Zhussipbek (Süleyman Demirel University, Kazakhstan):
‘The Impact of National and Religious Identity Building Processes on the Relations between Turkey and post-Soviet Central Asian States’

Session 1-C
Place: Blue Seminar Room

Roundtable Organized by the Foreign Policy Institute, Turkey
“International and Domestic Developments and Their Impact on Turkish Foreign Policy”
SESSIONS 2, 13:30 – 14:45

Session 2-A,  
Place: G102  
Asianization of the Middle East I: The Context  
(Panel Organized by CASAW and the al-Sabah Programme)  

Chair: Özlem Tür (METU, Turkey)

*Anoush Ehteshami (Durham University, UK)*: “Asianisation: Strategic Perspectives”

*Tim Niblock (University of Exeter, UK)*: “The Gulf in Chinese Global Strategies: Significance and Parameters of the Gulf-China Relationship”

*James Piscatori (Durham University, UK)*: “Asian Ties: Common Links or Worlds Apart?”

Session 2-B, Turkish Foreign Policy under the AKP  
Place: G104
Chair: İlhan Uzgel (Ankara University, Turkey)

**Muzaffer Şenel (İstanbul Şehir University, Turkey):** “Six Sins of Turkey's Foreign Policy”

**Yakup Şahin (Ankara University, Turkey) and Sibel Kalemdaroğlu (Ankara University, Turkey):** “From Strategic Depth to the Strategic Bottom: Misperceptions in AKP Foreign Policy”

**Laura Bastos (University of Coimbra, Portugal):** “The Representation of the 'Other' in Turkish Foreign Policy during the AKP Government”

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**Session 2-C, Foreign Policy Analysis 1**

**Place: G106**

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Chair: Müge Kınacıoğlu (Hacettepe University, Turkey)

**Kohei Imai (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Japan):** “Comparative Studies of Turkish Omnidirectional Diplomacies”

**Nurettin Alphan Tuncer (Humboldt University, Germany):** “Problem of Problem-Solving: An Alternative Approach to Turkish Foreign Policy during the Cold War”

**Alper Kaliber (İstanbul Bilgi University, Turkey):** “The Post-Cold War Regionalisms of Turkish Foreign Policy”

**Clemens Hoffman (Bilkent University, Turkey) and Ali Bilgiç (Bilkent University, Turkey):** “We are also African: A Critical Assessment of Turkey's New Africa Policy”
Keynote Speech, 15:00 – 16:00
Place: G110

Chair: Meliha Altunışık (METU, Turkey)

Ofra Bengio (Tel Aviv University, Israel): "Ankara, Irbil, Baghdad: A triangle fraught with dilemmas"

Bill Park (King’s College, UK): “Turkey's Multiple Kurdish Dilemmas - Syria, Iraq and at Home; How They Are Related, and Where They Might Lead”

SESSIONS 3, 16:15 – 17.45

Session 3-A, Asianization of the Middle East 2: GCC and Asia (Panel Organized by CASAW and the al-Sabah Programme)

Place: G102

Chair: Anoush Ehteshami (Durham University, UK)

Beni Bona (Durham University, UK): Theorizing Asianization: Towards a Neo-Gramscian Framework for Analyzing State-Society Relations in an Asianizing GCC
Dr Abdullah Baabood (Qatar University): Broader GCC-Asian relations

Nadir Gohari (Durham University, UK): GCC-Central Asian Relations

Session 3-B, Turkey and the Politics of Environment
Place: G104

Chair: İşıl Anılır (METU, Turkey)

Zerrin Savaşan (METU, Turkey) “Recent Developments on Major Environmental Concerns in Turkey”

Zeynep Clulow (University of Nottingham, UK): “The Social Construction of Turkey's Identity in the Global Climate Regime”

Alexander Bürgin (İzmir University of Economics, Turkey): “Explaining Changes in Turkey's Irregular Migration Management: the EU Still Matters”

Emrah Şahin (University of Florida, USA) and Gregory Mason (University of Florida, USA): “Turks Across the Atlantic: A Comparison of Political Authority and Religious Identity among Turkish Communities in Cologne and Montreal”

Session 3-C, Turkey and International Organizations
Place: G106

Chair: İşık Kuşçu Bonnenfant (METU, Turkey)

Halit Harput (METU, Turkey) and Özugr Çalıkşan (Ankara University, Turkey): “Turkey-WTO Relations”

Metin Çelik (Gazi University, Turkey): “Turkey's Voting Behavior in International Organizations”

Ramazan Erdağ (Eskişehir Osmangazi University, Turkey): “Turkey's Activism in International Organizations”

June 13

SESSIONS 4, 09:30 – 10:45

Session 4-A, Asianization of the Middle East 3: Public and Foreign Policy Dimensions
(Panel Organized by CASAW and the al-Sabah Programme)

Place: G102

Chair: Ceren Ergenç (METU, Turkey)

N. Janardhan (Independent Consultant, UAE)
“Gulf's Future Security Architecture and India”

Mohammed al-Sudairi) (Silk Road Associates)
“The Struggle for Perceptions: Arab and Israeli Public Relations Efforts in China”

Yuki Miyagi (University of St. Andrews, Scotland)  
“Japan's Soft Power in the Middle East”

Session 4-B, Turkey and the Middle East 2  
Place: G104

Chair: Serdar Palabıyık (TOBB ETU, Turkey)

İsa Afacan (Zirve University, Turkey): “The Rise of Kurds in the midst of Syrian Civil War: Toward Statehood or Fragmented Polities?”

Amir Lupovici (Tel Aviv University, Israel) and Gallia Lindenstrausse (Tel Aviv University, Israel): “When the Emotional Climate Turns Sour: The Crisis in Turkish-Israeli Relations”

Şevket Ovalı (Dokuz Eylül University, Turkey) and Çağla Lüleci (Dokuz Eylül University, Turkey): “From Esad to Esed: Examining Turkey's Discursive Shift towards Syrian Regime from the Perspective of Securitization Theory”

Keynote Speech, 11:00 – 12:00  
Place: G110
Chair: Dimitris Tsarouhas (Bilkent University, Turkey)

Meltem Müftüler-Baç (Sabancı University, Turkey): “Turkish Foreign Policy Choices: The Decline of the European Anchor”

Nathalie Tocci (Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy): “Does Turkey Have a Place in Post-Crisis Europe”

12:15 – 13:30 LUNCH

SESSIONS 5, 13:30 – 15:15

Session 5-A, Turkey - Syria Relations: Between Enmity and Amity
Place: G102

Chair: Özlem Tür (METU, Turkey)

Raymond Hinnebusch (University of St. Andrews, Scotland)
“Turkey-Syria Relations after the Syrian Uprising: Theoretical perspectives on the move from amity to enmity”

Meliha Altunışık (METU, Turkey): “A Regionalist Approach to Explaining Turkish-Syrian Relations”
Özden Zeynep Oktav (Yıldız Technical University, Turkey) “The Syrian Uprising and The Iran-Turkey-Syrias Quasi Alliance: A View from Turkey”

Ahmet K. Han (Kadir Has University, Turkey) “Paradise Lost: A Neoclassical Neoreliast Analysis of Turkish Foreign Policy and the Case of Turkish –Syrian Relations”

Özlem Tür (METU, Turkey) “The Political Economy of Turkish Syrian Relations: The Rise and Fall of Trade, Investment and Integration”

Session 5-B, Turkey’s Bilateral Relations
Place: G104

Chair: Başak Alpan (METU, Turkey)

George Koukoudakis (The Hellenic Centre for European Studies, Greece): Greek-Turkish Rapprochement Procedure 1999-2013: an Evaluation

Didem Buhari (Oxford Brookes University, UK): ‘Ritualized Europeanization: An Alternative Approach to Turkey's European Union Accession Process’

Günter Seufert (SWP, Germany): ‘Alternatives to present European policies towards Turkey’

for Change and Continuum for the Turkish Cypriot Community after 2004’

**Jozsef Lajos Nemeth (National University of Public Service, Hungary):** ‘Strategic Communication Efforts of Turkey’

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**Keynote Panel, 15:30 – 16:30**  
**Place: G 110**

Chair: Atila Eralp (METU, Turkey)

**Mustafa Aydın (Kadir Has University, Turkey):**  
“Conceptualization of Turkish Foreign Policy; Continuity and Change”

**Fuat Keyman (Sabancı University, Turkey):** “Transforming Turkey-EU Relations: What kind of Full Membership?”

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**SESSIONS 6, 16:45 – 18:00**

**Session 6-A, Turkey and Issues of Foreign Aid**  
**Place: G 102**

Chair: Şerif Onur Bahçecik (METU, Turkey)

**Ömer F. Örsün (Koç University, Turkey):** “Aiding Peace Abroad? Foreign Aid and Interstate Conflict”
Ulvi Keser (Atılım University, Turkey): “Warchitecture and Turkish Humanitarian Assistance towards the Former Yugoslavia and the Balkans”

Silvia Cardascia (Italy): “The Legal Treatment of Foreign Direct Investments in Turkey: Domestic and European Scenario”

Eyüp Ersoy (Bilkent University, Turkey): “Turkey's Public Diplomacy or Turkey and International Development”

Session 6-B, Turkey and the Middle East 3
Place: G 104

Chair: Burak Bilgehan Özpek (TOBB ETU, Turkey)

Mark Meirowitz (Attorney at Law, USA): “The World from Turkey's Perspective, 2013: Success, Challenges and Opportunities”

Alper Dede (Zirve University, Turkey): “Limitations of Turkey's Soft Power in the Middle East after the Arab Spring”

Oğuz Dilek (Zirve University, Turkey) and Emre İşeri (Kadir Has University, Turkey): “Enduring Iran and Israel Rivalry in the Penetrated Middle East: A Structurational Analysis”

June 14

SESSIONS 7, 09:15 – 11:00
Session 7-A, Issues of Change and Challenges in Turkey’s Foreign Policy
Place: G102

Chair: Tuba Ünlü Bilgiç (METU, Turkey)

Lerna Yanık (Kadir Has University, Turkey): “Change and Continuity in Turkey’s Important Geopolitics”

Özgür Özdamar (Bilkent University): “Turkey's Changing Roles in Foreign Policy: from 'Southern Bulwark' to 'Pivotal Country’”

Tarık Oğuzlu (Antalya International University, Turkey): “Is the Rising Turkey a Challenge to the West?”

Session 7-B, Issues in Turkish Foreign Policy
Place: G-104

Chair: Mustafa Türkeş (METU, Turkey)

Sezgin Mercan (Dokuz Eylül University, Turkey) and Özdemir Akbal (Turgut Özal University Turkey): “Turkey's Security Perceptions: A Case Study of Missile Defense System and the Effects of Turkey's Foreign Policy”

Oktay Tanrısever (METU, Turkey): “Is Turkey’s Energy Policy Compatible with its International Commitments under its Environmental Policy?”

David Skidmore (Drake University, USA): “The Obama Presidency and US Foreign Policy: Where is the Multilateralism?”
Keynote Panel, 11:15 – 12:30  
Place: G 110

Chair: Eyüp Özveren (METU, Turkey)

Kemal Kirişçi (Brookings Institute, Turkey)  
“TTIP-ing Turkey: Geo-strategic implications”

Ziya Öniş (Koç University, Turkey)  
"Rising Powers in a Changing Global Order: Perspectives on the Political of Turkey in the Age of BRICs"

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH

SESSION 8, 13:30 – 14:45

Session 8, Keynote Panel: Turkey’s New Roles  
Place: G 110

Chair: Hüseyin Bağcı (METU, Turkey)

Faruk Yalvaç (METU, Turkey): “Is Turkey A Regional Hegemon?”

Pınar Bilgin (Bilkent University, Turkey): “Civilization, Dialogue, Security: The Limits of Civilizational Dialogue/Alliance”

SESSIONS 9, 15:00 – 16:30
Session 9-A, Turkey and the Middle East 4
Place: G 102

Chair: Bayram Sinkaya (Yıldırım Beyazid University, Turkey)

Buğra Sarı (Gazi University, Turkey) and İsmail Erkam Sula (Bilkent University, Turkey): “Turkey as a 'Smart Power': Arab Spring and the Recent Syrian Crisis”

Moritz Pieper (University of Kent, UK): “Turkish Foreign Policy toward the Iranian Nuclear Programme - Examining Strategic Convergence with the 'Rising Powers' China and Russia”

Mehtap Kara (Eastern Mediterranean University, TRNC) and Hamidreza Monibi (Eastern Mediterranean University, TRNC): “Turkish Foreign Policy towards the Syrian Conflict and its Possible Implications for Turkish-Iranian Relations”

Suat Tayfun Topak (Turgut Özal University, Turkey): “Turkey as a Moderator in International Conflicts: the Case of Iran Nuclear Crisis”

Session 9B, Foreign Policy Analysis 2
Place: G 104

Chair: Bestami Sadi Bilgiç (İpek University, Turkey)

Okhan Erciyas (Bilkent University, Turkey): “Turkey's Decision not to intervene in Cyprus during 1964 Crisis: A Poliheuristic Perspective”
Büşra Süpürgeci (Bilkent University, Turkey): “Turkish Foreign Policy Decision to Deploy Turkish Troops to Korean War and Modeling Foreign Policy with Systemism Approach”

Gürpınar Nigarhan (Bilkent University, Turkey): “The Operational Code of Joseph Stalin and Soviet Relations with Turkey”

Semerci, Eralp (Bilkent University, Turkey): “President Özal, Prospect Theory and Turkey's Reaction to Gulf Crisis (1990-1991)”

Session 9C, Turkey and the Middle East 5
Place: G 106

Chair: Zana Çitak (METU, Turkey)

Betül Özyılmaz (Gazi University, Turkey): “Turkey as a Model or as an Example?”

Zenonas Tziarras (University of Warwick, UK): “Turkish Model: the Case of post-Arab Spring Egypt”

J. Paul Barker (Independent Researcher) “Reconsidering the Secular Republic of Turkey: The Place of Religion in a Democratic, Secular and Muslim Majority State”

Minenur Küçük (Bilkent University, Turkey): “Nilüfer Göle and Islamic Modernities: the Case of Turkey”

16:45 Closing