

International Conference: “From Balkan Wars to Balkan Peace”

Istanbul • 18-19th October 2012

PROGRAMME

18th October 2012

09.30-12.30 • Programme Inauguration

- **Keynote Speech** by **Prof. Dr. Kemal Karpat**, University of Wisconsin: “*The Balkans: Shared Homeland of the Turks and other Nations*”
- Speech of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. **Prof. Dr. Ahmet Davutoğlu**
- Speeches of the representatives from the Balkan Countries

12.30-14.00 • Lunch

14.00-15.30 • Panel I: “Reconsidering Balkan Wars after 100 Years: Regional and Global Dimensions”

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Şaban Kardaş, TOBB University of Economics and Technology

Panellists

- **Dr. Gül Tokay**, Yayınodası Yayıncılık: “*Ottoman Diplomacy and the Balkan Wars*”
- **Assoc. Prof. Ayşe Kayapınar**, Abant İzzet Baysal University: “*The Balkan Wars: Actors, Expectations, and Reflections*”
- **Asst. Prof. Selim Aslantaş**, Hacettepe University: “*The First Balkan Alliance against the Ottoman Empire*”

15.30-16.00 • Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 • Panel II: “Domestic and External Challenges”

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Engin Deniz Akarlı, İstanbul Şehir University

Panellists

- **Dr. Dimitar Bechev**, European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR (Sofia Office): “*The Balkans in Times of Global Turmoil*”
- **Ekaterina Nikova**, Institute for Balkan Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences: “*Changing the Algorithm of the Balkan History*”
- **Dr. Erhan Türbedar**, Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey: “*Challenges to the Peace and Stability in the Balkans*”

Dinner & Bosphorus Tour

19th October 2012

10.00-12.00 • Panel III: “Regional Ownership, Integration and the EU”

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Vlado Kambovski, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Panellists

- **Prof. Dr. Bülent Aras**, Center for Strategic Research of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SAM): “*The EU, Turkey and the Balkans*”
- **Prof. Dr. Aydın Babuna**, Boğaziçi University: “*European Integration and Stability in the Western Balkans*”
- **Assoc. Prof. Nazif Mandacı**, Yaşar University, Faculty of Business: “*Stable Peace in the Western Balkans and the EU*”

12.00-13.30 • Lunch

13.30-15.00 • Panel IV: “Global Actors and the Balkans”

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Mesut Özcan, Center for Strategic Research of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SAM)

Panellists

- **Dr. Dusan Reljic**, German Institute for International and Security Affairs: “*Southeast Europe's Future: More Eurasian and Less Euro-Atlantic*”
- **Dr. Othon Anastasakis**, South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX): “*The Balkans in the Shadow of the Global Economic Crisis*”
- **Assoc. Prof. Fatih Özbay**, İstanbul Technical University: “*Russian Foreign Policy towards the Balkans: Past Two Decades*”

15.00-15.30 • Coffee Break

15.30-17.30 • Panel V “Turkey and the Balkans”

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Ali Resul Usul, İstanbul Commerce University

Panellists

- **Assoc. Prof. Eşref Kenan Rasidagic**, University of Sarajevo: “*Neo-Ottomanism between Reality and Propaganda*”
- **Assoc. Prof. Birgül Demirtaş**, TOBB University of Economics and Technology: “*Anatomy of Turkey's Balkan Policies: Changes, Continuities and Challenges*”
- **Assoc. Prof. Nurcan Özgür Baklacioğlu**, İstanbul University: “*Turkey's Kin Policy in the Balkans: Legacies, Priorities, Challenges*”