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GLOBAL RELATIONS FORUM

Global Relations Forum (GRF), founded in 2009 with the support of 40 prominent Turkish men and women, is an independent, nonprofit membership association which provides a platform to engage, inform and stimulate its members and all interested individuals in matters related to international affairs and global issues.

GRF does this in a variety of ways: by sponsoring task forces and policy reports; by convening meetings with global leaders; by organising roundtables with experts; and by fostering cooperation with global counterparts as well as through its community programmes.

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AGENDA

Monday, 22nd of February

19:30 Cocktail Reception

20:00 Dinner

Guest speakers:

Fatma Ceren Yazgan Etiz, Turkish Foreign Ministry of
Affairs

Sasha Havlicek, Institute for Strategic Dialogue

AGENDA

Tuesday, 23rd of February

09:30- 10:00 Delegates arrive and morning coffee

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening remarks**

Memduh Karakullukçu, GRF & Sasha Havlicek, ISD

10:30 – 12:00 **Session #1**

Geostrategic context of Syria and Iraq: Vectors of instability towards the region and Europe

Chair: Ümit Pamir

Speakers: Marc Pierini, Ünal Çeviköz

12:00- 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 14:45 **Session #2**

Refugees: National and collective strategies to prevent radicalization

Chair: Sinan Ülgen

Speakers: Filippo Dionigi, Elif Özmenek Çarmıklı

14:45- 15:15 Coffee Break

AGENDA

15:15 – 16:45 Session #3

Foreign Fighters: A national threat in need of a cooperative response

Chair: Philip Robins

Speakers: Fatma Ceren Yazgan Etiz, Monica Marks

16:45-17:00 Closing remarks

James Kearney, ISD & İlter Turan, GRF

LIST OF GRF PARTICIPANTS

GRF Guests

Elif ÖZMENEK ÇARMIKLI, USAK

Osman Bahadır DİNÇER, USAK

Fatma Ceren YAZGAN ETİZ, Deputy Director General
for Security and Intelligence Affairs, Turkish Foreign
Ministry of Affairs

GRF Community

Gülner AYBET, GRF Member

Ezgisu BİBER, GRF Program Director

Hikmet ÇETİN, GRF Board Member

Ünal ÇEVİKÖZ, GRF Member

Müge DALKIRAN, GRF Young Scholar

Salim DERVİŞOĞLU, GRF Member

Maxine İMER, GRF Administrative Coordinator

Memduh KARAKULLUKÇU, GRF President

Sami KOHEN, GRF Member

Mustafa ÖZBEY, GRF Member

Nur Banu ÖZKUT, GRF Young Scholar

Ümit PAMİR, GRF Member

Melike TOKATLIOĞLU, GRF Young Scholar

İlter TURAN, GRF Board Member

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Nigar AĞAOĞULLARI YALINKILIÇ, GRF Executive
Director

LIST OF ISD PARTICIPANTS

ISD Guests

Mubaraz AHMED, Centre on Religion & Geopolitics at the
Tony Blair Faith Foundation

Andrew ABELL, US Consulate Istanbul

Filippo DIONIGI, LSE

Suat KINIKLIOĞLU, Center for Strategic Communication

Monica MARKS, Oxford University

Marc PIERINI, Carnegie Europe

Philip ROBINS, St Antony's College, Oxford

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Sinan ÜLGEN, Carnegie Brussels

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BIOGRAPHIES

Elif ÖZMENEK ÇARMIKLI

Researcher, *International Strategic Research Organization (USAK)*
Center for Social Studies

Elif Özmenek Çarmıklı is a researcher at the International Strategic Research Organization (USAK) Center for Social Studies and a PhD candidate at the New School University. Her main research interests include the external dimension of migration management, border management, human rights, and conflict resolution. Her ongoing PhD thesis is titled “Extraterritorial Migration Control: Rise of Turkey as Bufferizing Actor.” From 2000 to 2010, Özmenek worked as the New York correspondent and commentator for several media organizations. She also has taught foreign policy and sociology at Bosphorus University, Baskent University, and the State University of New York. Özmenek also worked as a political risk analyst at the American International Group (AIG) and as a researcher at the Institute for International Research, the Arab Organization for Human Rights, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. She is a co-author of “Turkey and Syrian Refugees: The Limits of Hospitality”, a joint report by the Brookings Institution and USAK. Recently, she was a consultant for a needs-assessment project supervised by the International Organization for Migration titled “Legal, Institutional, Administrative and Technical Needs Assessment for Effective Implementation of the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement.”

BIOGRAPHIES

Osman Bahadır DİNÇER

Director, *International Strategic Research Organization (USAK)*
Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies

Engaged in research at USAK since 2005, Osman Bahadır Dinçer became the Director of the organization's Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies in 2012. As a comparative political scientist, Dinçer has focused the majority of his research on Middle Eastern politics with particular reference to the state, violent/non-violent non-state actors, social and political movements, political development, democratization, and Turkish foreign policy. Recently he has come to concentrate his academic efforts on the Syrian crisis with its various dimensions, including the political transition process, ISIS, refugees, etc. Dinçer has authored and co-authored numerous articles and reports on Middle Eastern politics for various organizations, including the NATO Centre of Excellence Defense against Terrorism (COE-DAT), the Valdai Discussion Club, the Brookings Institution, German Marshall Fund, as well as for USAK itself. Dinçer has also carried out extensive fieldworks across the region, the latest of which concentrated on how to deal with ISIS and was funded by COE-DAT. Before beginning his doctoral studies at Bilkent University's Department of Political Science, Dinçer obtained an MA in International Relations from the School of International Service (SIS) at American University in Washington D.C., and a BA in Economics from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara. He speaks English and Arabic and is a regular contributor to national and international media outlets.

BIOGRAPHIES

Fatma Ceren YAZGAN ETİZ

Deputy Director for Security Affairs and Intelligence
Affairs, *Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Fatma Ceren Yazgan Etiz began her career at the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1993. She served at the Turkish Embassies in Muscat, Kiev and Moscow as well as at the Turkish Permanent Mission to the OSCE. Ms. Yazgan has worked at bilateral political desks (EFTA countries; Americas) as well as at the Directorate for Security and Intelligence.

Mrs. Yazgan Etiz has a BA in Political Science and International Relations from Boğaziçi University in Istanbul and an M.litt. in Terrorism Studies from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

BIOGRAPHIES

Gölnur AYBET

Head of the Political Science and International Relations Department and Director of the Centre for Security Studies, *Bahçeşehir University*

Professor Gölner Aybet is the Head of Department of Political Science and International Relations and the Director of the Centre for Security Studies at Bahçeşehir University. She has previously taught at the University of Kent, University of Nottingham, Bilkent University, İzmir University of Economics and Özyeğin University. Her fields of expertise are international security, transatlantic relations with special reference to NATO and the EU, postconflict reconstruction, and state building. She received her BA 71 Hons Economics and Public Administration from Royal Holloway, University of London, MSc in International Relations from University of Southampton, M. Phil in War Studies from King's College, University of London, and her PhD in International Relations from the University of Nottingham. She has been a Principal Investigator to many research projects, was involved as a consultant on international security issues in various organizations including NATO and the EU, and is a well-known commentator on current affairs in international media. Aybet is the editor of the "Contemporary Turkey" book series published by I.B. Tauris in London. She is a regular participant of the Turkish-British "Tatlı Dil Forum," a member of the Council of Management of the British Institute at Ankara, and a member of GRF. In 2009, she was ranked as one of the top 20 most powerful Muslim women in the United Kingdom by The Times.

BIOGRAPHIES

Ezgisu BİBER

Program Director, *Global Relations Forum*

Ezgisu Biber obtained her BA degree in Social and Political Sciences from Sabanci University in 2011, and her MA degree in International Affairs and International Economics, with a concentration in Conflict Management, from the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze SAIS in 2013. As one of GRF's first 'Young Scholars', she completed an internship at GRF in 2012. She also interned at the Center for Turkish Studies of the Middle East Institute in Washington DC in 2013, prior to working as Project Assistant for one of the projects conducted by this institute in Gaziantep, Turkey. She then worked as an International Relations Expert at the Union of Black Sea and Caspian Business (BCB), an initiative of the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD). She is currently working as Program Director at GRF, where she is the director and rapporteur of the Middle East and North Africa Task Force, coordinator of the Roundtable Series on the Rule of Law, Institutions and Development, and co-director of the Young Global Program. She is fluent in Turkish, English and French.

BIOGRAPHIES

Hikmet ÇETİN

Former Speaker, *Turkish Grand National Assembly*

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs

Former NATO Sen. Civilian Representative to Afghanistan

Hikmet Çetin is the former speaker of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, and former NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan. He served four terms as a member of the Turkish Parliament. He held the positions of Minister of Foreign Affairs during 1991-1994 and Speaker of the House in the years 1997-1999. On November 19, 2003, he was appointed as NATO Secretary General's Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan, the highest-level political representative of NATO in Afghanistan. He took office in Kabul in 2004 and served four consecutive terms until August 24, 2006. Earlier in his career, he worked as the head of Economics Planning Department at the State Planning Organization. During this time, he was a part-time lecturer at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara.

Hikmet Çetin is a member of the Global Leadership Foundation and the Executive Board for the European Leadership Network as well as Honorary Board Member of the Peres Centre for Peace. He graduated in 1960 with a BA in Economics and Finance from Ankara University and received his MA in Economics of Development from Williams College. In 1968, he carried out research on Development Models at Stanford University, USA.

BIOGRAPHIES

Ünal ÇEVİKÖZ

Former Turkish Ambassador to the UK, Iraq and Azerbaijan

Ünal Çeviköz joined the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1978. Following his service in Ankara, he worked as second secretary at the Turkish embassy in Moscow and as consul at the Turkish consulate general in Bregenz, Austria. After serving as the chief of section at the east European department of the foreign ministry, Çeviköz was assigned to the Turkish embassy in Sofia as counselor. After 1989, he worked at the economic and political affairs directorates in the international secretariat of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). After launching the NATO Information Office in Moscow in 1994, Çeviköz prepared the NATO-Russia Founding Act before returning to the Turkish foreign ministry, where he headed the Balkan department and then served as the deputy director general for the Caucasus and Central Asia. He then served as Turkey's ambassador to Azerbaijan (2001–2004) and Iraq (2004–2006). From 2007 to 2010, Çeviköz acted as deputy undersecretary for bilateral political affairs and prepared the protocols signed between Turkey and Armenia in 2009. He then served as ambassador to the United Kingdom from 2010 to 2014. Çeviköz has been president of the general assembly of the International Maritime Organization since 2013. He holds two bachelor's degrees from Boğaziçi University, in English language and literature and political science, and a master's degree from Brussels University in international relations.

BIOGRAPHIES

Müge DALKIRAN

Research Assistant, *Istanbul Kültür University Department of International Relations*

Müge Dalkıran graduated from the University of Galatasaray with a degree in International Relations and completed her MA in Human Rights Law at Bilgi University. Her academic interests include Human Rights, Activism and Forced Migration Studies. Since November 2013, she has been working as a research assistant in the Department of International Relations at Istanbul Kültür University. She is also Istanbul-based researcher of the University of Toronto in “SSHRC Partnership Development Grant Project – Migrants, Refugees, and the International State System”. Additionally, she has been volunteering in Refugee Rights Commission of Human Rights Association in Istanbul.

BIOGRAPHIES

Salim DERVIŐOĐLU

Former Commander of the Turkish Naval Forces

Salim Dervişođlu served as Commander of the Turkish Naval Forces from 1997 to 1999. Previously, he served as the Deputy Secretary General of the Turkish National Security Council, Head of Plans and Policy Department of NATO Allied Naval Forces Command of Southern Europe, Superintendent of the Turkish Naval Academy, Chief of the Intelligence Division of the Turkish General Staff, and Head of Press and Public Relations Department of the Turkish National Security Council.

Admiral Dervişođlu is currently a member of the Wise Men Center for Strategic Studies in Istanbul. He is a graduate of the Turkish Naval War College and received his MSc in management from the US Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

BIOGRAPHIES

Maxine İMER

Administrative Coordinator, *Global Relations Forum*

Maxine Imer was born in Liverpool, England in 1956. She studied Languages for Business at Wolverhampton Polytechnic. In 1978 she joined Creusot Loire Steel Co. Ltd., the UK sales office of the French steel company, as sales administrator, and worked there until 1982, when she moved to Istanbul, Turkey.

She joined the Koç Group in 1988, as executive secretary to Mr. Rahmi M. Koç, assisting him on many projects such as the establishment of the Rahmi M. Koç Museum and the setting up and running of the Edwards boutiques. Maxine Imer is married with 2 children. She is fluent in English and Turkish.

BIOGRAPHIES

Memduh KARAKULLUKÇU

Vice-Chairman and President, *Global Relations Forum*

Memduh Karakullukçu is the Vice-Chairman and President of Global Relations Forum (GRF). He is also the Founding Partner of the Turkish online legal informatics initiative, kanunum.com. Previously, he has served as the senior adviser to the Chairwoman of Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD) and as the Founding Managing Director of Istanbul's leading science park, Istanbul Technical University (İTÜ) ARI Teknokent, currently an innovation community of over one hundred technology companies. During his tenure at İTÜ, Karakullukçu was the senior adviser to the President, the coordinator of the Law, Technology and Policy graduate programme and the strategic adviser at the University's Center for Satellite Communications. He has served as a member of the academic staff at the LSE and İTÜ. His earlier academic work includes research commissioned by the IMF and the World Bank on inflation dynamics, debt instruments and debt markets. His recent policy work at GRF includes global energy analysis, technology-related security issues, global economic/financial governance and the economic prospects of the MENA region. Earlier in his career, he worked as a specialist in structured finance in London and Istanbul.

Memduh Karakullukçu received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering and in Economics at MIT, his MSc in Finance at the LSE and his J.D. at Columbia University. He is a member of the New York State Bar.

BIOGRAPHIES

Sami KOHEN

Journalist and Writer

Sami Kohen, born in Istanbul in 1928, studied journalism at Istanbul University and began his career at the daily Yeni Istanbul. He then moved to the daily Milliyet in 1954 as Foreign Editor.

Throughout his career, he travelled extensively and covered major international events. He was the first Turkish journalist to travel to and cover from China and North Korea. He worked as the correspondent in Turkey of Newsweek, the Christian Science Monitor, the Guardian and the Economist.

Currently, he writes a regular column on Turkish foreign policy issues for Milliyet and is regarded as a veteran of the Turkish press.

BIOGRAPHIES

Mustafa ÖZBEY

Two-Star Admiral (Ret.)

Board Member, *Erciyas Steel Pipe Co.*

Mustafa Özbey was born in Ankara in 1946. He joined the Naval High School in 1960 and joined the Navy in 1967 with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. After completing his training at the Naval War Academy from 1974 to 1976, he started his new assignment at the TGS Plans and Policy Division as Staff officer. He continued to attend advanced training programs both in Turkey and abroad from 1976 to 1992 and served at NATO Headquarters in Brussels as Force Planning Officer for three years. He also served as Commander and Commodore of Frigates. He was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral in 1992. He served as the Chief of Naval Plans and Principles Division in Turkish Naval Forces Command, and assumed command of Fast Patrol Boats Fleet. After being promoted to Senior Rear Admiral in 1996, he served as Department Head of the TGS's Greece-Cyprus Office. He then assumed Mine Fleet Commander and Chief of Staff of Turkish Naval Fleet positions at the same rank. He retired in 2001 by his own request. Özbey, since then, has worked as consultant and executive in private sector companies, been a member of the Board of Directors of Erciyas Steel Pipe Co. and the partner of Hydromx International. He is also a member of Global Relations Forum.

BIOGRAPHIES

Nur Banu ÖZKUT

Program Manager, *Refugee Rights Turkey*

Nur Banu Özkut graduated from TEV İnanc Türkes High School in Kocaeli from which she has also obtained International Baccalaureate Diploma. In January 2013, she earned a double B.A. degree in the departments of Political Science & International Relations and Philosophy of Boğaziçi University. She spent a semester in 2011 at Institut d'Etudes Politiques a Paris (Sciences Po) as an exchange student. She started her M.A. in September 2013 at the department of Political Science and International Relations of Boğaziçi University. Her research interests include immigration and refugee studies, comparative secularism, neoliberalism, privatization of education and political theory.

Nur Banu started her professional career in January 2013 at a Turkey-based non-governmental organization, Helsinki Citizens Assembly as part of the Refugee Advocacy and Support Program and worked there as a supervisor at the legal assistance unit. Currently, she is the Program Manager at Refugee Rights Turkey, an independent, Istanbul-based human rights organization which she also co-founded. The organization provides legal information and assistance services to asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants, organizes trainings and generates reference materials for lawyers and NGO workers, and advocates for improvements in Turkey's legislation and policy concerning the legal protection of refugees and migrants in line with international standards.

BIOGRAPHIES

Ümit PAMİR

Former Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations

Ümit Pamir is a retired career diplomat. After graduating from the Faculty of Political Sciences of Ankara University, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1965. Earlier in his career, he has served in several posts at the Turkish Embassies in London, Rome, and Budapest, as well as at the Turkish Permanent Delegation to NATO. He has served several posts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as Director of the Middle East and Africa Department and Director of the Policy Planning Department. Subsequently, he served at the Turkish Permanent Mission of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (1990-1991), in Algeria (1991-1995) and in Greece (1995-1997) as the Turkish Ambassador. From 1997 to 2000, Mr. Pamir assumed the duties of Chief Advisor to Turkish Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit and Prime Minister Mesut Yılmaz on foreign policy. Before his retirement, he served as Permanent Representative to the United Nations (2000-2004) and to NATO (2004-2007). Ambassador Pamir was a member of the group of “Wise Men” selected by the Secretary General of NATO for drafting the new Strategic Concept of the Alliance. He is currently a member of Global Relations Forum, Global Policy Trends Center, the Wise Men Center of Strategic Studies (BİLGESAM), and TASAM.

BIOGRAPHIES

Melike TOKATLIOĞLU

Human Rights Advocate, *Association for Monitoring Human Rights (AMER)*

Melike Tokatlioglu was born in İzmir on April 9th, 1993. She completed her high school education at the İzmir American Collegiate Institute, graduating with a dual degree consisting of the Turkish Ministry of Education curriculum and the International Baccalaureate. She completed her undergraduate studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs of Princeton University, where she focused on the EU-Turkey relations, Middle Eastern Studies, Human Rights, and Gender Studies. Her undergraduate thesis topic was the Syrian refugee crisis in Turkey, with an emphasis on the role of the government, international NGOs and the EU in the preservation of the rights of the Syrian refugees. After graduating from Princeton in 2015, she moved to Istanbul to participate in rights-based grassroots Civil Society Organizations. Currently, she is working at Association for Monitoring Equal Rights (AMER). Her current projects include monitoring discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion and belief, and field studies on Syrians' access to rights in İstanbul. She is also in the process of applying to law schools in the US, where she plans to continue her education within the academic year of 2017. She received the title of 'GRF Young Scholar' after completing the 2013 term of the Young Scholars Abroad Program.

BIOGRAPHIES

İlter TURAN

Professor of Political Science and former Rector, *Bilgi University*

İlter Turan was born in 1941 in Istanbul. Currently a Political Science professor in International Relations at Istanbul Bilgi University, he has served as its rector through 1998-2001.

Previously, he has served as professor at Koç (1993-1998) and Istanbul (1964-1993) universities and held visiting appointments at various American and British universities. Prof. Turan is the past president of the Turkish Political Science Association and the Program Chair of the 21st World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Santiago, Chile, July 2009.

He serves on the board of several foundations and corporations. He is widely published in English and Turkish on Comparative Politics, Turkish politics and foreign policy. His recent writings have been on the politics of water, the Turkish parliament and Turkish political parties. Prof. Turan is married and has one child.

Turan received his BA from Oberlin College in political sciences and his MA from Columbia University in the same subject.

BIOGRAPHIES

Ali Serkan TÜRKMENOĞLU

Program Director, *Global Relations Forum*

Ali Serkan Türkmenoğlu was born in Adana, Turkey in 1988. He graduated from Istanbul Technical University (ITU) Department of Electrical Engineering in 2011. During his undergraduate studies, he interned at Enerjisa and Isken.

After participating in the first term of the Young Scholars Seminars (2010) for university students organized by Global Relations Forum (GRF), he started interning at GRF to later join GRF's Executive Staff as of September 2011. He worked as an "Associate" in 2012 and a "Senior Associate" in 2013. Türkmenoğlu worked on the technical calculations and editing process of the GRF Energy Task Force Report published at this term.

As of 2014, he has been promoted to the position of "Program Director". Within this scope, he serves as the Director of the GRF Young Scholars & Young Scholars Abroad Seminar Program, Project Associate of the "Turkey's Approach to Security in the 21st Century" Task Force, and the Co-Director of the GRF Young Global Program.

BIOGRAPHIES

Yaşar YAKIŞ

President, *Centre for Strategic Communication (STRATİM)*

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs

Yaşar Yakış is the president of the Centre for Strategic Communication, a nongovernmental organization aimed at facilitating Turkey's strategic communications. Upon joining the diplomatic services in 1962, he served at the consulate general in Antwerp, the embassy in Lagos, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense College in Rome, and the embassy in Damascus. Yakış was then appointed ambassador to Riyadh (1988), deputy undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1992), ambassador to Cairo (1995), and permanent representative to the United Nations office in Vienna (1988). In 2001, Yakış became a founding member and deputy chairman of the Justice and Development Party. He was minister of foreign affairs of the fifty-eighth Turkish government (2002–2003) and served as a member of parliament until June 2011. He participated in the European convention to draft the European constitution. He served as the chairman of the parliamentary European Union (EU) committee, co-chairman of the Turkey-EU joint parliamentary commission (2003–2011), and chairman of the parliamentary French caucus (2007–2011). Yakış is also a member of the Turkish-Greek Forum, board member of GRF, and co-chairman of the Turkish-British "Tatlıdil" Forum. He is bestowed on the Decoration of the King Abdulaziz (first degree), Legion d'Honneur (Officier), and L'Ordine della Stella della Solidarieta Italiana (Commandatore). Yakış obtained his BA from Ankara University Faculty of Political Sciences.

BIOGRAPHIES

Nigar AĖAOĖULLARI YALINKILIĖ

Executive Director, *Global Relations Forum*

Nigar AĖaoĖulları YalınkılıĖ, the executive director of Global Relations Forum (GRF), joined GRF in 2009 as a program director and has coordinated GRF's task force on energy. Currently, she oversees and coordinates GRF's track-II projects with Russia and GRF's task force on security.

Before she started her career at an international law firm in New York, YalınkılıĖ worked at Western Policy Center in Washington, DC, and at the Turkish mission to the United Nations. Prior to joining GRF, she specialized in strategy and business development and served as a communication consultant to several companies. She is fluent in Turkish and English, and conversational in French and Greek.

Ms. YalınkılıĖ graduated from Georgetown University in 2002 with a BS degree (cum laude) in foreign affairs concentrating in culture and politics as well as minorities, and she completed a certificate program in Muslim-Christian relations. She holds an MSc degree (merit) in social and public communication from the London School of Economics with specializations in corporate communications and social psychology.

BIOGRAPHIES

Mubaraz AHMED

Analyst, Centre on Religion & Geopolitics at the Tony Blair Faith Foundation

Mubaraz Ahmed is an analyst for the Centre on Religion & Geopolitics, at the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, having joined the organisation in June 2015. Leading on the Middle East & North Africa region for Religion & Geopolitics, Mubaraz's research interests include counter-extremism policymaking, jihadi ideology, and modern trends in Islam. Mubaraz read Arabic at undergraduate level and holds a master's in Islamic Studies from SOAS.

BIOGRAPHIES

Andrew ABELL

Chief of the Political and Economic Section, *U.S. Consulate General, Istanbul*

Andrew Abell has served as Chief of the Political and Economic Section at the U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul, Turkey, since August 2015. As such, he directs the section's reporting and analysis of political and economic developments in Turkey's economic, cultural, and media capital. A career diplomat, he has served abroad at the U.S. Embassies in Tel Aviv, Israel, and Damascus, Syria. In Washington, DC, he has served as the Senior Syria Desk Officer in the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. Subsequently, he was detailed to the Pentagon for duty as political advisor to the Joint Staff Directorate for Strategy and Policy (J-5), Middle East Division. From 2012-2013, he was the National Security Council (NSC) Director for Israeli and Palestinian Affairs at the White House. He spent the 2013-2014 academic year as a Rusk Fellow at Georgetown University, where he taught courses on statecraft and the Syrian civil war. Andrew is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts. A former U.S. Marine Corps officer, he has studied Turkish, Arabic, Hebrew, and French.

BIOGRAPHIES

Filippo DIONIGI

Research Fellow, *LSE Middle East Centre*

Filippo Dionigi is Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow at the LSE Middle East Centre. He is currently researching the impact of the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.

He has published *Hezbollah, Islamist Politics and International Society* in 2014 with Palgrave-MacMillan and his previous publications are in *Journal of International Political Theory*, *International Peacekeeping*, *European Journal of International Relations*, and *Politics and Religion*. His main research interests are international relations theories applied to the Middle Eastern regional context, state and refugees relations, and international politics and religion.

BIOGRAPHIES

Suat KINIKLIOĞLU

Executive Director, *Center for Strategic Communication*
(STRATIM)

Suat Kınıklıoğlu is the Executive Director of the Ankara-based Center for Strategic Communication (STRATIM). Kınıklıoğlu served in the Turkish Parliament from 2007 to 2011. While in parliament, Mr. Kınıklıoğlu was Chairman of the Turkey – U.S. Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group and spokesman of the Parliament’ foreign affairs committee. He also served as deputy chairman of external affairs of the Justice and Development Party (AKP). In 2012 he parted ways with the AKP and managed the election campaign of the Republican People’s Party Ankara mayoral candidate Mr. Mansur Yavaş in 2014. The following year Mr. Kınıklıoğlu was a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington D.C. and the Institute of Politics of the University of Chicago.

He writes a weekly column for *Radikal Daily* and *Today’s Zaman*. Prior to his political career, Mr. Kınıklıoğlu was founding executive director of the GMF Ankara office, and Turkey & Caucasus representative of the Canadian International Development Agency. Mr. Kınıklıoğlu frequently comments to international media outlets on current Turkish and regional affairs. He holds a B.Sc. from the Turkish Air Force Academy, a B.A. in Political Science from Carleton University and a Master in International Relations degree from Bilkent University. Mr. Kınıklıoğlu speaks Turkish, English, German and some Russian.

BIOGRAPHIES

Monica MARKS

Rhodes Scholar and doctoral candidate, *St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford*

Monica Marks is a Visiting Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations and a Rhodes Scholar at St Antony's College, Oxford, where she is completing her PhD on politics of the Middle East. A leading analyst on Islamist politics in the MENA region, her work has appeared in leading peer-reviewed academic publications, as well as reports for the Brookings Institute and Carnegie Endowment, and more popularly oriented publications including the New York Times, Washington Post, Guardian, and Foreign Policy.

From 2011 to 2015, Ms. Marks was based in Tunisia, where she also moonlighted as a stringer for the New York Times. A former Fulbright Scholar to Turkey, Ms. Marks has taught undergraduate Middle East politics courses at Istanbul's Bogazici University, as well as in the UK and Tunisia. She is currently based in Istanbul, where she consults, writes, and researches Islamist movements and MENA regional politics in Arabic, French, and Turkish.

BIOGRAPHIES

Marc PIERINI

Visiting Scholar, *Carnegie Europe*

Former EU Ambassador to Syria and Turkey

Marc Pierini is a visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe, where his research focuses on developments in the Middle East and Turkey from a European perspective.

Pierini was a career EU diplomat from December 1976 to April 2012. He was EU ambassador and head of delegation to Turkey (2006–2011), to Tunisia and Libya (2002–2006), Syria (1998–2002), and Morocco (1991–1995). He also served as the first coordinator for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (1995-1998) and was the main negotiator for the release of the Bulgarian hostages from Libya (2004-2007).

Pierini served as counselor in the cabinet of two European commissioners: Claude Cheysson (1979- 1981) and Abel Matutes (1989-1991). He has published three essays in French: “Le prix de la liberté,” “Télégrammes diplomatiques,” and “Où va la Turquie?”

Pierini is a member of the International Council of the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilizations in Marseille, and a member of the Board of Advisors of Turkish Policy Quarterly.

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Dr Philip Robins' professional career spans journalism, policy studies, consultancy and academia. His engagement with the Middle East dates from 1976, when he lived and worked in Israel. He was later based in Jordan, working for the BBC and The Guardian. His connection with the Economist Intelligence Unit dates back to 1983. Philip Robins undertook his doctoral research in the Politics Department at the University of Exeter, under Tim Niblock.

Dr Robins joined Chatham House in 1987, where he was later the founder of the Middle East Programme. Dr Robins was a visiting professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Bosphorus University in Istanbul, 1994/5. He came to Oxford to take up his current post in 1995. In 2009/2010, Dr Robins held the post of Junior Proctor within the University.

Some of Dr Robins' publications include: 'Middle East Drugs Bazaar. Production, Prevention, Consumption' (forthcoming); 'A History of Jordan', published by Cambridge University Press in 2004; and 'Suits & Uniforms: Turkish Foreign Policy Since the Cold War' (Hurst/University of California Press, 2003).

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House of Lords Member

Baroness Suttie is a Liberal Democrat member of the House of Lords. She is a party whip, a member of the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs team and is a member of the House of Lords EU Select Committee and the EU Subcommittee on External Relations.

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Alison worked for 10 years in the European Parliament and gained in-depth knowledge of EU politics and institutions. She was press secretary to the President of the European Parliament from 2002 to 2004. In addition to being a working Peer, she regularly runs a variety of training courses on effective campaigning and influencing for UK civil servants, NGOs and charities, as well as working frequently in North Africa and the Middle East.

Born and brought up in Hawick in the Scottish Borders, Alison graduated from Edinburgh's Heriot-Watt University in 1990 with a degree in French and Russian. She also studied at Voronezh University in the Soviet Union in 1988 and the Université de Haute Alsace in Mulhouse, France in 1989. She is fluent French and Russian.

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Sinan Ülgen is a visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe in Brussels, where his research focuses on Turkish foreign policy, nuclear policy, cyberpolicy, and transatlantic relations. He is a founding partner of Istanbul Economics, a Turkish consulting firm that specializes in public and regulatory affairs, and chairman of the Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies, an independent think tank in Istanbul.

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He gained his PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science, where he was awarded the Emirates Award Scholarship, and also attended the School of Oriental and African Studies and Tel Aviv University.

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Sebastien Feve joined the Institute in October 2012. He currently works across the Institute to develop and expand ISD research programmes, international policy advisory services and global networks. As part of this, Sebastien established the Strong Cities Network (SCN), a global network of local authorities working to counter extremism launched at the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September 2015, and is developing a global programme of work in partnership with Facebook, focused on counter-extremism and counter-radicalisation issues online.

Previously, Sebastien managed the Policy Planners' Network on Countering Radicalisation and Polarisation (PPN), an intergovernmental network of government agencies from the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Finland and Spain. Sebastien also previously led ISD's involvement in the 'Countering Lone Actors in Europe' initiative, a collaborative research project between the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), Chatham House and the Institute for Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) at Leiden University.

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As the co-founding CEO of ISD, Sasha leads the organisation's government advisory, research and delivery programmes in the fields of counter-extremism and foreign policy. She advises a range of Western governments on countering extremism and chairs the European Policy Planners' Network on counter-radicalisation, which she initiated in 2008 with the participation of 10 European governments. She co-chaired the EU's Internet Radicalisation working group from 2012-2015 and served on the EU Home Affairs Commissioner's Extremism Advisory board. She is the co-founder of the Women and Extremism Initiative and has spearheaded a partnership with Google Ideas to build the first global network of former extremists and their victims (AVE), and the Innovation Hub that combines tech and marketing expertise with front line networks to counter the internet propaganda and recruitment machinery of the extremists. She recently launched an Online Counter Extremism hub with Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg in Germany. Sasha previously served as Senior Director at the US think-tank, the EastWest Institute (EWI), where she headed the organisation's conflict resolution and transition work and served on a Task Force of the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe in the aftermath of the Balkan wars. Sasha is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, has been invited to testify on extremist recruitment before US Congress and is a regular commentator in the media (CNN, BBC, Channel 4 News and other networks).

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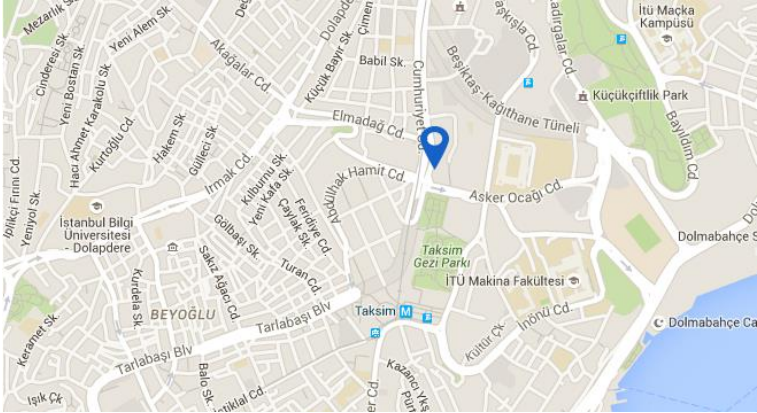
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