

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SYRIA
HISTORY, POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY
24-26 APRIL ANKARA**

Venue: Bera Hotel, Ziya Gökalp Avenue, No: 58 Çankaya - Ankara / Türkiye

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

24 APRIL, FRIDAY

Registration: 09:00-18:00

Opening Ceremony: 10:00-11:00

Moment of Silence and Turkish National Anthem

Protocol Speeches

Prof. Dr. H. Mustafa Eravci-Chair of Symposium Organization Committee

Prof. Dr. Birol Akgün-Co-Chair of Symposium Organization Committee

Prof. Dr. Refik Turan-President of Turkish Historical Society

Prof. Dr. Metin Doğan-Rector of Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey (In case of participation)

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Davutoğlu-Prime Minister of Turkey (In case of participation)

Keynote Speech: 11:00-12:00

Prof. Dr. Fred H. Lawson, Mills College

“Syrian Crisis and Future of the Middle East Regional System”

Lunch: 12:00-14:00

Session 1: 14:00 - 15:30

Syria: Legacy of the Ottoman Civilization: Socio-Economic and Administrative Structure, Colonial Period

Chair: Prof. Dr. M. Fatih Uşan, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Akif Kireççi, Bilkent University

“The Emergence of Arab Nationalism in Syria”

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Güler, Afyon Kocatepe University

“Security Problems in Ottoman Syria and the Way of Their Resolution”

Assist. Prof. Dr. Yasin Atliođlu, Niđe University

“Syria under the French Mandate”

Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Talha Çiçek, İstanbul Medeniyet University

“Syria in the Era of Ottoman Modernization: Reform, State and Political Actors”

Coffee Break: 15:30 - 16:00

Session 2: 16:00 - 17:30

Sociology of Syria: Ethnic, Sectarian and Ideological Dynamics

Chair: Prof. Dr. James Gelvin, University of California, Los Angeles

Prof. Dr. H. Mustafa Eravcı, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

“Syrian Nusayris from the Ottomans to the Independence”

Oytun Orhan, Center for Middle Eastern Strategic Studies

“Syrian Turkmens”

Dr. Hussein Qatreeb, Syrian Center of Research and Studies

“Christian Communities in Syria”

Res. Assist. Maşallah Nar, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

“Development of the Salafi Movement in Syria”

25 APRIL, SATURDAY

Session 1: 09:00 - 10:30

Modern Syria: Society, Politics and Economy

Chair: Prof. Dr. Muhsin Kar, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Prof. Dr. Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv University

“Syria - The Baath Party and the National Progressive Front (NPF) - a False Democratic Experience”

Prof. Dr. Harun Öztürkler, Kırıkkale University

“Political Economy of Syria”

Assist. Prof. Dr. Leon Goldsmith, Sultan Qaboos University

“Between Integration and Disintegration: Reconciling ‘Heterodox’ and ‘Orthodox’ Islamic Identities in Syria”

Res. Assist. Nuri Salık, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

“Bashar al-Assad’s Path: A Historical Sociological Approach to the Syrian Crisis”

Coffee Break: 10:30 - 11:00

Session 2: 11:00 - 12:30

Syrian Foreign Policy

Chair: **Prof. Dr. M. Vedat Gürbüz**, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Prof. Dr. Tayyar Arı, Uludağ University

“US-Syrian Relations”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özlem Tür, Middle East Technical University

“Syrian-Israeli Relations”

Assist. Prof. Dr. Bayram Sinkaya, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

“Syrian-Iranian Relations”

Orhan Gafarlı, Wise Men Center for Strategic Studies (BILGESAM)

“Syrian-Russian Relations”

Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30

Session 3: 13:30 - 15:00

Turkish-Syrian Relations

Chair: **Prof. Dr. Haluk Alkan**, Marmara University

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Şahin, Institute of Strategic Thinking (SDE)

“Dynamics of Turkish-Syrian Relations”

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Sıtkı Bilgin, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

“Turkish-Syrian Relations from its Beginning to 2002”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mesut Özcan, The Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs

“Turkish-Syrian Relations between 2002 and 2011”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şaban Kardaş, TOBB University/ORSAM

“Turkish-Syrian Relations during the Arab Spring”

Coffee Break: 15:00 - 15:30

Session 4: 15:30 - 17:00

Syria and the Arab Spring - 1

Chair: **Ufuk Ulutaş**, SETA Foundation

Prof. Dr. David Lesch, Trinity University

“A Speech and Decision Making at the Beginning of the Syrian Uprising”

Dr. Alan George, King’s College

“Calibrated Cruelty: the Syrian regime’s Nuanced Responses to Dissent”

Gazi Walid Falah, Akron University

“How Internal Crisis in Syria Changed the Regional Geo-politics?”

Hossam el-Ghadban, Deputy Head of Syrian Muslim Brotherhood

“Syrian Ikhwan”

Coffee Break: 17:00-17:30

Session 5: 17:30-19:00

Syria and the Arab Spring - 2

Chair: **Galip Dalay**, El Sharq Forum

Amb. Muhammed El Fatih Nasiri, Representative of the Arab League in Turkey

“Syrian Foreign Policy within the Framework of inter-Arab Politics”

Çetiner Çetin, Yeni Şafak Newspaper

“Kurdish Political Movement in Syria”

Can Acun, Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research

“Civilian and Armed Opposition Groups in Syria”

Ceren Kenar, Türkiye Newspaper

“Syria and Shiite Crescent: The Role of Hezbollah in the Syrian Civil War”

26 APRIL, SUNDAY

Session 1: 09:00 – 10:30

International Organizations and Humanitarian Aspect of the Syrian Crisis

Chair: Prof. Dr. Mehmet Barca, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Prof. Dr. Muhittin Ataman, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

“Failure of International Diplomacy in Syria”

Prof. Dr. İbrahim Kaya, İstanbul University

“Syrian Crisis and International Law”

Mustafa Çağlı, İHH

“Activities of Turkish NGOs in Syria”

Nabil al-Tikriti, Cordoba Foundation

“The Role of EU during the Syrian Crisis”

Coffee Break: 10:30-11:00

Session 2: 11:00 - 12:30

The Future of Syria: How to Resolve the Crisis?

Chair: Prof. Dr. Gökhan Çetinsaya, Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey

Prof. Dr. Birol Akgün, Yıldırım Beyazıt University

Prof. Dr. James Gelvin, University of California, Los Angeles

Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Kalın, Presidency of the Turkish Republic

Halid Hoca, Head of National Coalition for Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces

Lunch: 12:30 - 14:00

Closing Session: 14:00 - 15:00

Chair: Prof. Dr. Emrullah İşler, Turkish Grand National Assembly

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