

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**THE TURKISH INVASION OF AFRIN
&
KURDISH ACADEMICS DISCUSS THEIR VISION FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION TO
THE CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

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OPENING SESSION, Room – ASP 1G3

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09.30 – 10.30

OPENING REMARKS AND GREETINGS

Ms. Kariane WESTRHEIM, Chair EUTCC, University of Bergen, Norway

MEP Gabi ZIMMER, Chairwoman of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left Group (GUE/NGL) in the European Parliament, Germany

MEP Josef WEIDENHOLZER, Vice-President of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) in the European Parliament, Austria

MEP Bodil VALERO, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Sweden

MEP Hilde VAUTMANS, Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (TBC)

Mr. Julien DRAY, Regional Councillor of Île-de-France

Mr./Ms.1 Kurdish Intellectuals...

Panel I, Room ASP 1G3

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THE COLONIAL AMBITIONS OF THE TURKISH STATE

Moderator:

Ms./Mr.

Mr. Yasir IRMAK, Political Scientist, KURD-AKAD, Germany

10.30 – 11.30

THE HISTORY OF CO-EXISTENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Ms. Foza **YUSUF**, Co-Chair of the Executive Council of the Democratic Federation of Northern Syria

THE TURKISH STATE'S AGE-OLD NATIONALIST POLICY AND ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mr. Kendal NEZAN, President of the Kurdish Institute of Paris (TBC)

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE TURKISH STATE'S ILLEGAL AGGRESSION

Mr. Ferda CETIN, Lawyer and Journalist, Belgium

ALTERNATIVE TO THE ONGOING SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE AND TYRANNY THAT CONTINUES TO ENGULF THE MIDDLE EAST

Ms. Ilham **AHMAD** Co-chair of Syria Democratic Council (MSD)

Panel II, Room ASP 1G3

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**THE SILENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON TURKISH AGGRESSION and EU
BILATARAL RELATIONS IN TURKEY AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

Moderator:

Mr./Ms.....

Mr. Yasir IRMAK, Political Scientist, KURD-AKAD, Germany

11.30 – 12.30

MEP Ana GOMES, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Portugal

MEP Costas MAVRIDES, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Cyprus

MEP Julie WARD, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, UK

MEP Jean LAMBERT, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, UK

MEP Martina MICHELS, Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left, Germany

MEP Marie-Christine VERGIAT, Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left, France

MEP Javier NART, Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe) (TBC)

Panel III, Room – ASP 1G3

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NEW CIRCUMSTANCES, PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRATISATION

Moderator

Dr. Cengiz GUNES, The Open University, Political and International Studies, Associate Lecturer, UK

Dr. Barzoo ELIASSI, Associate Professor, Sweden

15.00 – 16.30

THE ROLE OF KURDISH INTELLECTUALS AND ACADEMICS

Ms. Eda BEKTAS, Educational Scientist, KURD-AKAD, Germany

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOCIETY AND INTELLECTUALS

Mr. Thomas Jeffrey MILEY, Lecturer of Political Sociology in the Department of Sociology at Cambridge, UK

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN VALUES

Mr. Mariwan KANIE, Lecture at University of Amsterdam, Netherland

KURDISH INTELLECTUALS IN THE DIASPORA

Mr. Kamran MATIN, Senior Lecturer in International Relations at Sussex University, UK

THE NEW SOCIETY AND THE ROLE OF INTELLECTUALS

Mr. Mustafa K. TOPAL, Currently PhD student at the Department of People and Technology at Roskilde University (RUC), Denmark

KURDISH UNITY AND THE INTELLECTUALS

Dr. Kamaran MENTIK, Lecture at the Faculty of Law and Politics Department, Siah El DinUniversity, Erbil

GENDER EQUALITY AS A KEY PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATISATION

Ms. Münevver AZIZOGLU-BAZAN, Social Scientist, University of Bremen, Germany

Panel VI, Room- 1G3

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THE KURDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEMOCRACY IN A CHANGING MIDDLE EAST
16.30 – 18.30

OPEN DISCUSSION WITH PARTICIPANTS & ACADEMICS
chaired by

Ms. Dilar DIRIK, Currently PhD at the Sociology Department at the University of Cambridge

Mr. Refik GEFUR, KNK -Executive Council Member, Belgium

Dr. Arzu YILMAZ, IPC-Stiftung Mercator Fellow at SWP-Germany