THE CENTRE FOR TURKEY STUDIES (CEFTUS) and ISTANBUL POLICY CENTER-SABANCI UNIVERSITY-STIFTUNG MERCATOR INITIATIVE cordially invite you to a panel on

“Post-Election Turkey”

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
House of Commons Committee Room 11, London

The Centre for Turkey Studies (CEFTUS) and Istanbul Policy Center-Sabanci University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative will organize two consecutive meetings in London and in Istanbul on “Post-Election Turkey.” The meetings will elaborate on Turkey’s domestic dynamics and foreign policy following the last two general elections.

For the first time in over a decade, the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) lost the majority of its parliamentary seats in the general election in June. Following this, the four parties in the new parliament failed to form a coalition government, thus calling for snap elections on November 1. Nevertheless, the General Election on the November 1 has brought the AK Party back into power.

Whilst it is difficult to anticipate what the future holds for Turkey, especially after the November 1 elections, our panellists will analyze Turkey's political momentum by specifically looking into Turkey-EU relations and the failing Kurdish peace process, as well as Turkey's economic and social prospects.

This event is kindly hosted by Catherine West, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green. Please note security checks are required to enter Portcullis House. Booking is required for this event to ensure adequate seating is available.

Program
19:00 – 19:10 Opening & Welcoming
• Ayla Göl, Senior Lecturer in International Politics at Aberystwyth University
• Catherine West, Member of Parliament for Hornsey and Wood Green
19:10 – 19:50 The outcome and economic-political prospects of the election
Keynote Speakers:
• Fuat Keyman, Director of Istanbul Policy Center and Professor of International Relations at Sabancı University
• Peter Hain, Former Labour Cabinet Minister
• Lord David Owen, Independent Social Democrat and Former British Foreign Secretary, House of Lords
• Lord William Wallace, Liberal Democrat Peer and Former Government Whip in the House of Lords (tbc)
19:50 – 21:00 Discussion
Biographies

Lord David Owen is Director of the Center for International Health and Co-operation, Chairman of Europe Steel, and consultant to Epion Holdings and USM Holdings. He was a Member of Parliament for Plymouth for 26 years from 1966-92. Under previous Labour governments, he served as Navy Minister, Health Minister, and Foreign Secretary. He was co-founder of the Social Democratic Party and its leader from 1983-87 and 1988-90. He was dubbed a Life Baron – Lord Owen of the City of Plymouth – in 1992 and sits as an independent social democrat in the House of Lords.

Peter Hain was a Labour MP for Neath between 1991 and 2015. He was a senior minister for twelve years in the cabinets of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, where he served as Leader of the House of Commons and Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Work and Pensions, and Wales. He also served as Europe Minister, Foreign Minister and Energy Minister during his tenure in office. He chaired the UN Security Council and negotiated international treaties curbing nuclear proliferation and banning the conflict-inducing trade in blood diamonds.

Fuat Keyman is Director of Istanbul Policy Center and Professor of International Relations at Sabanci University. Keyman is a leading Turkish political scientist and an expert on democratization, globalization, international relations, Turkey – EU relations, Turkish foreign policy, and civil society development.

Lord William Wallace is a Liberal Democrat peer. He is an Emeritus Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics. He was appointed a government whip in the House of Lords in the coalition government formed after the 2010 election, with departmental responsibilities covering the FCO, the Ministry of Defence, and the Department of Education. In 2011 William moved from education to the Cabinet Office, while retaining responsibilities for FCO and Defence. In July 2012 he was appointed a member of the Civil Service Reform Board. In the 2012 reshuffle he was appointed to the Privy Council and focused his responsibilities on the FCO (where he is the only Liberal Democrat MP) and the Cabinet Office. In 2013 he was appointed to the government’s Advisory Board for the Commemoration of World War I.