Post-Coup Opportunities on Conflict Resolution and Democracy Project

Turkey has been facing a number of challenges recently due to increasing societal polarization and insecurity in the neighboring countries. The failed 15 July 2016 coup attempt has left the country in a state of further uncertainty, creating a conducive environment for conflicts to flourish. ‘Post-Coup Opportunities on Conflict Resolution and Democracy Project’ aimed to identify and analyse the main conflicts which could potentially hinder consolidation of democracy in Turkey. Therefore, the project will contribute to stimulate dialogue between different groups in the society in order to ensure sustainability of the broad-based public consensus on civilian rule as an undisputed norm in the post-coup period. The project focused on the Kurdish question and polarization as main strands of conflict and instability in Turkey. As such, the study sought to overcome changing domestic context and conflict with the PKK through production of quality information for relevant stakeholders and the promotion of inclusive dialogue. Stability and democratization in Turkey is quite critical considering its contribution to overcome the regional issues such as the refugee crisis. Thus, the project pursues to deliver policy recommendations resulting from extensive primary data gathered through five workshops organized in Istanbul, Ankara and Diyarbakır with about 100 participants and in-depth and face-to-face interviews with 22 participants from the bureaucracy, academia, civil society, business circles, and the media together with data analysis and quality information transfer to the decision-makers.

The reports introduced during the press conference are as following:

Pınar Akpınar and Derya Berk, “Post-Coup Opportunities on Conflict Resolution and Democracy” (Final Report)

Bülent Aras, “Turkish Foreign Policy after July 15”

Bülent Aras, “State, Institutions and Reform in Turkey after July 15”

Cuma Çiçek, “Kurdish Question and Civil Society after July 15: Paths for Dialogue and Reconciliation”


Aysen Ataseven and E.Fuat Keyman, “Opportunities for Consensus and Coexistence after July 15: Peace and Human Development Connection”

E. Fuat Keyman, “The Return to Normality: Possibility of Reconciliation after July 15”

Altay Atlı, “Healing the Wounds: Turkey’s Quest for Inclusive Economic Growth”

Senem Aydın Düzgit and Evren Balta, “Turkey After July 15th: When Elites Polarize over Polarization”