THE ROLE OF ART AND SPORTS IN OVERCOMING POLARIZATION

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Polarization is one of the biggest obstacles for the stability and development of Turkey. The lack of dialogue and reconciliation negatively affects the potential for resolution of problems. Art and sports projects have the potential to positively influence conflict resolution and dialogue processes. The workshop on 'The Role of Art and Sports in Overcoming Polarization' brought together experts from arts, sports, bureaucracy, politics, academia, civil society and media circles who have previous experience in such projects. It aimed at finding solutions as to how art and sports can be used more efficiently for overcoming polarization. Designed in an interactive format, the workshop intended to present concrete policy advice to stakeholders by bringing together experts from relative fields.

Workshop Program

9:45 - 10:00 Opening Remarks

Fuat Keyman, İstanbul Policy Center Director, Sabancı Üniversitesi Professor

10:00 – 11:15 Art and Sports in Overcoming Polarization – Project Experiences

Moderator: Pınar Akpınar, Project Manager, İstanbul Policy Center Conflict Resolution and Mediation Stream

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Art and Sports in Overcoming Polarization – Policy Advices

Moderator: Altay Atlı, İstanbul Policy Center

13:00 Lunch