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ABOUT

Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) is a global policy research institution that specializes in key social and political issues ranging from democratization to climate change, transatlantic relations to conflict resolution and mediation. IPC organizes and conducts its research under six main clusters:

- The Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative
- Climate Change
- Democratization and Institutional Reform
- SHURA Energy Transition Center
- Urbanization and Local Governance
- Conflict Resolution and Mediation

Since 2001, IPC has provided decision makers, opinion leaders, and other major stakeholders with objective analyses and innovative policy recommendations.



HISTORY

Istanbul Policy Center was established at Sabancı University in November 2001 with the intent to conduct research in multiple policy areas. Since then, IPC has strived to create a bridge between NGOs and academia in both Turkey and the world without losing its focus on applied academic research and public policy. Between 2001 and 2010, IPC accomplished noteworthy projects in the areas of education reform, good governance, conflict resolution, Turkey-EU relations, and globalization. Furthermore, the "Turkey-U.S. Relations" program was introduced as one of the Center's principal research programs during this period. In its early years, IPC's Education Reform Initiative also became one of its significant projects and increased the Center's public visibility.

As climate studies have been one of IPC's most visible research areas for the last six years, Climate Change was added as a main research cluster. Urbanization and Local Governance was added as another research area.

In August 2010, Fuat Keyman, Professor of International Relations at Sabancı University, took over as the Director of IPC. Under Professor Keyman's leadership, IPC has generated outstanding programs, publications, and events. Following the transition, Democratization and Institutional Reform as well as Conflict Resolution and Mediation were added to IPC's key research areas. In 2011, IPC partnered with Stiftung Mercator to establish one of the most comprehensive cooperations between a Turkish research institution and a German foundation. In 2012, the Istanbul Policy Center–Sabancı University–Stiftung Mercator Initiative was launched. Since then, the Initiative has produced a wide array of research and outreach activities in EU/German-Turkish relations and climate change. Through this collaboration, both institutions seek to strengthen the academic, political, and social ties between Turkey and Germany, as well as between Turkey and Europe.

Since the beginning of the Initiative, 51 visiting researchers and 14 senior fellows have worked at IPC and Sabancı University. From 2012 to 2018, the Initiative, democratization and institutional reform, and conflict resolution and mediation were IPC's three core research clusters.

Within the last two years, IPC has expanded its research into six clusters. On May 9, 2018, the SHURA Energy Transition Center was officially launched to contribute to the debate on energy transformation in Turkey. As climate studies have been one of IPC's most visible research areas for the last six years, Climate Change was added as a main research cluster. Urbanization and Local Governance was added as another research area. IPC's studies in this field focus on economic, social, and democratic change, development, and globalization in important urban centers in Anatolia.

IPC supports the Sabancı University Faculty of Arts and Social Science's academic and student projects, including SU Gender, Cultural Studies, and "Özgür Proje," with financial, technical, and intellectual assistance.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Our globalizing world is presently in a state of what Zbigniew Brzezinski has referred to as "global turmoil." From economic crises to security challenges, from climate change to increasing inequality and poverty, and from violence to terror, to name a few, globalization is confronted by not one but multiple crises, occurring simultaneously and with devastating and severe consequences. Risk, uncertainty, and insecurity are the terms that we use to describe the present crisis—that is, the multiple crises of globalization—accelerating this global turmoil, which is gaining an enduring quality as it shapes global, regional, national, and local affairs and developments.

Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) plays a unique role in addressing these multiple crises of globalization. The complex issues that we tackle range from climate change to polarization, from migration to conflict resolution. In the last two years, members of the IPC family have worked hard to produce high-quality, evidence-based research to address key questions in these policy fields. With their success, IPC has become a platform for discussion and debate for academics, experts, NGOs, and students, producing quality and independent research to inform society and decision makers with robust policy recommendations. We offer a forum for our community to come together to analyze problems and exchange ideas supported by academic research.

With a team of 40 people, six research clusters, and 13 research programs, we have organized more than 300 events in Turkey and abroad in various formats such as panels, conferences, talks, workshops, and book launches. In addition, we have published nearly 200 reports, policy briefs, and op-eds that have been circulated among key stakeholders across the globe. At the beginning of 2019, thanks to our expanding research fields, we added Climate Change, Urbanization and Local Governance, and SHURA Energy Transition Center to our existing research clusters, the Mercator-IPC Initiative, Democratization and Institutional Reform, and Conflict Resolution and Mediation.

This year, we are celebrating the eighth year of the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative. I believe that the consolidated and strong bond that the Initiative has built between Germany and Turkey will continue. In the course of these eight years, we have hosted 51 Fellows and 14 Senior Fellows at IPC, cooperated with over 30 national and international institutions, organized more than 250 events, and published around 100 publications. We have also continued

to organize annual alumni retreats in Istanbul to bring together the fellows to exchange ideas and build lasting friendships.

In the field of the EU/German-Turkish relations, we have emphasized the European Union's role as an anchor for the democratization of Turkey's political transformation. Our focus in the past two years has mainly been on Customs Union modernization, migration, and security-related issues in the context of their implications for EU/German-Turkish relations.

In the field of Climate Change, we have become the nexus between the policy field and academic research in Turkey by supporting and organizing activities that are geared toward strengthening capacity, building networks and policy, and raising public awareness. IPC/Sabancı University has been officially represented in the last six COPs, in Warsaw, Lima, Paris, Bonn, Katowice, and Madrid, and has been recognized as a major communicator in COP meetings by Turkish academia and the media. We have initiated monthly events such as Nature and Climate and Climate Café Talks; and we have initiated the Right to A Future Program to ensure a rights-based discussion on climate action, support works toward this end, and strengthen the discourse of human rights and the rights of nature for climate action. Energy politics, as an integral part of climate policies, has also been integrated into our climate policy agenda, including low-carbon development, Turkey's regional role in energy politics, and Turkey's coal policies. In cooperation with the European Climate Foundation (ECF) and Agora Energiewende, we launched SHURA Energy Transition Center on May 9, 2018 to support the debate on Turkey's transition to a low-carbon energy system.

Democratization and Institutional Reform constitutes IPC's fourth research area, which concerns enhancing democratization and good governance in Turkey. Today, under the leadership of IPC, the Checks and Balances Network is responsible for programs that promote deliberative democratic processes and participatory citizenship with 298 CSOs all around Turkey.

Our work on urbanization and local governance covers the economic, social, and environmental transformation that Turkey's cities have undergone throughout the process of globalization. In the past two years, we have initiated a panel series on Istanbul, one of the largest metropolises not only in Turkey but also in the world, under the title of "Istanbul Perspectives," which examines the cultural changes that the city has been going through as a result of urbanization. Since October 2018, we have been conducting interviews with researchers who investigate the transformation of Istanbul's urban space.

Our Conflict Resolution and Mediation Stream focuses on migration and refugees, the role of women in conflict resolution and mediation, the Kurdish question, peace and reconciliation, and dialogue and conflict resolution in Turkey's democratization.

With its groundbreaking and independent research and expertise in the fields of public policy and social sciences, IPC is one of the most influential, respected, and fastest-growing think tanks in Turkey. Our strength comes from our five trademark characteristics: academic rigor, creativity, relevance, teamwork, and a friendly office environment. I would like to thank everyone in the IPC team for their hard work in sustaining this quality and success. The 2018-19 Activity Report is a selection of some of the most important projects, events, and publications of the last two years.

Prof. Dr. Fuat Keyman
Director, Istanbul Policy Center

IPC IN NUMBERS (2012-2019)

40 researchers and administrative personnel

6 research clusters

13 effective and up-to-date research programs

303 workshops, conferences, and panels

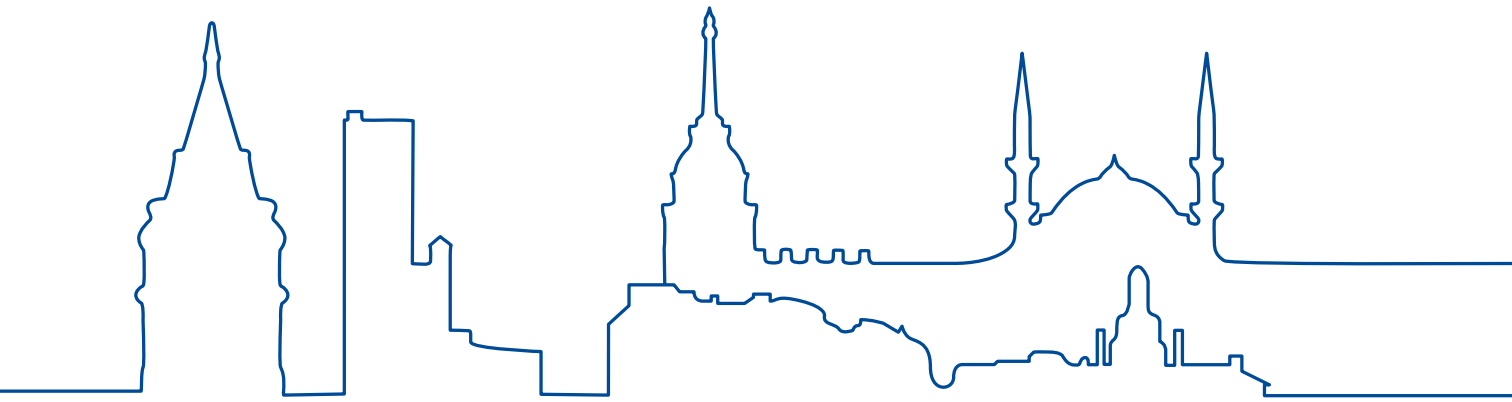
In the last two years, members of the IPC family have worked hard to produce high-quality, evidence-based research to address key questions in these policy fields.

185 publications

Support for more than **20** joint research projects with Sabancı University professors

78 Sabancı University student interns and project assistants

With their success, IPC has become a platform for discussion and debate for academics, experts, NGOs, and students, producing quality and independent research to inform society and decision-makers with robust policy recommendations. We offer a forum for our community to come together to analyze problems and exchange ideas supported by academic research.



INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

IPC works closely with a diverse community of policymakers, journalists, scholars, and civil society activists. The Center also cooperates with universities, think tanks, foundations, as well as central and local government agencies.

Innovative research and successful public policy programs thrive on strong partnerships built over time, across sectors and borders. Committed entirely to this principle, IPC works with a broad network of think tanks from Turkey, Europe, the United States, and different regions from around the world. IPC's collaboration with these institutions contributes to its multi-vectored, diverse, objective, and expansive policy research and analysis. These strong ties with leading global public policy institutions also play a vital role in improving political, economic, and academic cooperation between Turkey, Europe, the United States, and other strategic actors.

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IPC has cooperated with the following institutions:

- Abdullah Gül University Youth Factory (AGU Youth Factory)
- Academic-Activist Co-Produced Knowledge for Environmental Justice (ACKnowl-EJ)
- Açık Radyo
- Agence Française de Développement (AGD)
- Agora Energiewende
- Asociacion Nuestra Europa
- The Aspen Institute
- Atlantic Council of the United States
- Bilkent University
- Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies
- BMWi - Renewable Energy Working Group
- Boğaziçi University (BOUN)
- Brookings Institution
- Bruegel
- Business Council for Sustainable Development Turkey (BCSD Turkey)
- Center for American Progress (CAP)
- Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- Center for European Security Studies (CESS)
- Centre for Turkey and European Union Studies (CEFTUS)
- Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs
- Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)
- Economic Development Foundation (IKV)
- The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV)
- Ege University
- Elcano Royal Institute
- Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Europe (Spain)
- European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- European Climate Foundation (ECF)
- European Commission (EC)
- European Parliament (EP)
- The Foreign Policy Centre (FPC)

Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)

Foundation for the Protection and Promotion of the Environment and Cultural Heritage (CEKUL)

Freie Universität Berlin

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Turkey

German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

German-Turkish Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK)

Global and Local Thought Institution (KUYEREL)

Grantham Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

Green Europe Foundation (GEF)

Green Thought Association

Greenpeace

Hacettepe University

Heinrich Böll Stiftung

Hrant Dink Foundation

Human Development Foundation (INGEV)

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU)

Ifo Institute at the University of Munich

Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)

International Energy Agency (IEA)

Istanbul Bilgi University

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Kadir Has University

Lokomotif Cooperation

Marmara University Research Center for International Relations (MURCIR)

Middle East Technical University (METU)

Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR)

National Democratic Institute (NDI)

National Geographic (NAT GEO)

The Netherlands Consulate in Turkey

Newcastle University

Nilüfer Innovation Center (NLL)

Nilüfer Youth Assembly

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Öğretmen Ağı - ERG

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI)

Renewables Academy (RENAC)

Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Stiftung Mercator

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

Syrian Economic Forum (SEF)

TOBB University of Economics and Technology Department of Political Science and International Relations

The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats (TEMA)

Türk Girişim ve İş Dünyası Konfederasyonu (TURKONFED)

Türk Sanayicileri ve İş İnsanları Derneği (TUSİAD)

UK British Consulate

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M)

Université de Genéve (UNIGE)

University of Cologne (UoC)

University of Glasgow

University of Oxford

World Bank

World Wildlife Foundation (WWF)

YERELİZ Association

Yıldız Technical University (YTU)

Youth Organizations Forum (Go-For)



IPC-SABANCI UNIVERSITY-STIFTUNG MERCATOR INITIATIVE

The Istanbul Policy Center–Sabancı University–Stiftung Mercator Initiative aims to strengthen the academic, political, and social ties between Turkey and Germany as well as between Turkey and Europe.

THE ISTANBUL POLICY CENTER-SABANCI UNIVERSITY-STIFTUNG MERCATOR INITIATIVE

The Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative aims to strengthen the academic, political, and social ties between Turkey and Germany as well as Turkey and Europe. The Initiative is based on the premise that the acquisition of knowledge and the exchange of people and ideas are preconditions for meeting the challenges of an increasingly globalized world in the 21st century.

The Initiative focuses on two areas of cooperation that are essential for the future of Turkey and Germany within a larger European and global context. These areas are:

EU/German-Turkish relations
Climate change

The Initiative was launched on July 5, 2011 upon the signing of the "Memorandum of Understanding" by the presidents of Sabancı University and Stiftung Mercator. It officially initiated its activities on January 1, 2012.

▼ Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program Alumni Retreat 2019, Istanbul



In the course of eight years, the Initiative has

hosted **51 Fellows** and **14 Senior Fellows**
at IPC, all of whom are experienced and prominent researchers, journalists, and professionals

organized close to
250 events in Turkey and abroad
including panels, conferences, talks, workshops, and book launches

cooperated with over **30 national and international institutions**

published around **100 publications**
that have been circulated among key stakeholders across the globe

MERCATOR-IPC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Initiative's cornerstone is the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program, which allows international scholars and civil society activists predominantly, but not exclusively, from Germany to work on academic and practical projects at IPC. Fellows work on projects within the fields of EU/German-Turkish relations and climate change. There are two types of positions available:



Mercator-IPC Fellowships are granted to outstanding young academics, journalists, and professionals who have significant prior work experience. Each year the fellowship program opens a call for applications to select a new cycle of fellows. Selected fellows are invited for interviews conducted by an international jury consisting of eminent experts from the two thematic areas.

Mercator-IPC Senior Fellowships are granted to internationally renowned scholars and highly respected representatives of civil society or politics who have already made a significant contribution to German-Turkish or European-Turkish relations.

LIST OF MERCATOR-IPC FELLOWS

2019/20

EU/German-Turkish Relations

Ellen Kollender

Voices of Civil Society Actors on Inclusive Education in Times of Forced Migration: Case Studies in Germany and Turkey

Gökçe Uysal

Refugees' Integration into the Labor Market: What Can Turkey and Germany Learn from Each Other?

Andrea Weiss

Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railroad: Geopolitical Imagery and Turkey's Role in the EU's Europe-Asia Connectivity



▲ Welcoming of the 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellows, October 21, 2019, Istanbul

Climate Change

Sinan Erensü

When Locals Generate: Limits and Potentials of Energy Cooperatives for a Democratic Energy Transition

Akgün İlhan

Tracing Possibilities of Urban Water Demand Management in the Climate Change Age in Turkey: Deriving Lessons from Istanbul and Berlin

2018/19

EU/German-Turkish Relations

Yohanan Benhaim

Turkish Business People and the War in Iraq: Impacts and Prospects in Trade and Construction Sectors

Joanna Krzemińska

Refugees and Elementary School in Istanbul - Inclusion of Young Refugees through Cultural Education

Maissam Nimer

Access of Syrian Refugee Adults to Language Instruction

Jannes Tessmann

Multi-scalar Labor Governance in EU-Turkey Garment Value Chains: Challenges and Potentials for Workplace Integration of Refugees

Annegret Warth

Municipalities as Actors of Youth Exchange?! An Exemplary Case Analysis of Youth Work and Local Governance Structures in Turkey



▲ Welcoming of the 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellows, October 8, 2018, Istanbul

Climate Change

Cem İskender Aydın

Assessing Multi-level Governance Using Participatory Multi-criteria Evaluation Frameworks: The Case of Windfarm Conflicts in Turkey

Ender Peker

Producing Actionable Knowledge to Achieve Climate Responsive Urban Development in Turkey

2017/18

EU/German-Turkish Relations

Banu Karaca

Turkish Cultural Foreign Policy at the Crossroads: Potentials and Challenges

Souad Osserian

Syrian Healthcare and Education Professionals' Integration in Turkey: Altering Formulations of Turkish Citizenship

Gabriele Cloeters

The Gender Aspect of Syrian Migration in Turkey: Approaches of Non-Governmental Organizations Towards Syrian Female Refugees

Simon Waldman

Beyond the European Union: The Future of Turkish-United Kingdom Relations

Climate Change

Barış Karapınar

Climate Change and Land: Leveraging the Synergies between Adaptation and Mitigation through Sustainable Land Management in Turkey

Pınar Ertör-Akyazı

Carbon Pricing Options and EU Harmonization in Turkey: A Behavioral Economics Approach



▲ Welcoming of the 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellows, October 21, 2019, Istanbul

LIST OF MERCATOR-IPC SENIOR FELLOWS

Aslı Aydıntaşbaş, 2019 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow; Former Journalist

Atila Eralp, 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow; Senior Fellow at the Center for European Studies and Emeritus Professor in the Department of International Relations at the Middle East Technical University, Ankara

Özcan Mutlu, 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow; Former Member of the German Parliament (2013–2017), the Green Party

Michael Thumann, 2019 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow; Diplomatic Correspondent of *Die Zeit*, Berlin

Wolfgang Wessels, 2019 Mercator-IPC Visiting Senior Fellow; Director of the Centre for Turkey and European Union Studies (CETEUS) at the University of Cologne

The Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program team convenes annual Advisory Council and Executive Board meetings to assess the Initiative's role in Turkish-European relations and its strategic outlook as well as take administrative decisions. The fellowship kicks off with an orientation program and an official high-level welcoming event. Throughout their fellowship, fellows get together with the coordination team at regular monthly working group meetings. The program also organizes monthly brown bag lunches where IPC staff and the fellows present their research.

As part of the sustainability of the fellowship network, since 2015, Mercator-IPC Alumni have reunited each year at an Alumni Retreat, which allows the fellows to tap into the expertise of prominent scholars/experts under an overarching theme and conduct in-depth discussions with the group and join hands-on training workshops.

LIST OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE MERCATOR-IPC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

EU/GERMAN-TURKISH RELATIONS

EVENTS

Revitalizing Turkey-EU Relations in Regional and Global Turmoil

The Initiative, in cooperation with Blickwechsel, convened a panel discussion on "Revitalizing Turkey-EU Relations in Regional and Global Turmoil" on January 11, 2018 at Humboldt University, Berlin, with the participation of Director Fuat Keyman, 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp, Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and Head of the ECFR Berlin Office Josef Janning as panelists and Humboldt University Faculty Member Ertuğ Tombuş as chair.

▼ "Turkey-EU Summit: The Aftermath," March 27, 2018, Istanbul



Hub or Spoke? NATO's Role in Allied Projecting Stability Efforts on the Southern Flank

2016/17 Mercator-IPC Fellow Magdalena Kirchner organized a conference titled "Hub or Spoke? NATO's Role in Allied Projecting Stability Efforts on the Southern Flank" at Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin, with the support of NATO's Public Diplomacy Division, on March 15–16, 2018.

Turkey-EU Summit: The Aftermath

The panel "Turkey-EU Summit: The Aftermath," convened by the Initiative, in partnership with the Economic Development Foundation, took place on March 27, 2018 at The Vault, House Hotel, Karaköy, and brought together prominent scholars on Turkey-EU relations to discuss the aftermath of the Turkey-EU summit and its immediate implications.

EU-Turkey Relations in Times of Global and Regional Turmoil

The joint panel discussion "EU-Turkey Relations in Times of Global and Regional Turmoil," convened by the Initiative, the Centre for Turkey and European Studies (CETEUS), University of Cologne, and Stiftung Mercator, took place on April 19, 2018 at the University of Cologne.

'Community Centers' in Turkey: Histories, Practices and Visions in a Migration Context

2016/17 Mercator-IPC Fellow Kristen Biehl's workshop titled "'Community Centers' in Turkey: Histories, Practices and Visions in a Migration Context" took place on April 27–28, 2018 in the Cezayir Meeting Rooms.



▲ "Young Scholars and Early Career Academics Conference: Migration, Social Transformation and Differential Inclusion in Turkey," October 5-6, Istanbul

Healthcare Access for Syrian Refugees: A Gender-Sensitive Perspective

The roundtable discussion "Healthcare Access for Syrian Refugees: A Gender-Sensitive Perspective," convened by 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellows Souad Osseiran and Gabriele Cloeters, took place on May 4, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

Mercator-IPC Alumni Retreat 2018

The third Mercator-IPC Alumni Retreat took place on May 18-20, 2018 at Village Park Polonezköy. The event started with a Welcoming Speech by Fuat Keyman, followed by an Inspiring Speech by Dilek Ertükel from the Checks and Balances Network. The retreat included a "Critical Thinking" workshop by Leilani van Rheenen, a "Theatre in Social Research" workshop by Pieter Verstraete, a "Non-Violent Communication" workshop by Burak Ülman, and a café talk by Tonguç Çoban on the "Turkey Barometer."

▼ Launch event for "Syrians in Turkey" booklet on October 8, 2018, Istanbul



Book Launch: *Istanbul: Living with Difference in a Global City*

The book *Istanbul: Living with Difference in a Global City,* co-edited by Fuat Keyman, Nora Fisher Onar, and Susan C. Pearce, was launched at IPC Karaköy on June 21, 2018. Fuat Keyman, Nora Fisher Onar, Feyzi Baban, Çağlar Keyder, İlay Romain Örs, and Hande Paker participated as speakers.

Young Scholars and Early Career Academics Conference: Migration, Social Transformation and Differential Inclusion in Turkey

2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellows Gabriele Cloeters & Souad Osseiran convened a conference titled "Migration, Social Transformation and Differential Inclusion in Turkey" on October 5-6, 2018 at SALT Galata.

The keynote speech of the conference on "Anonymous Black and Brown Bodies: The Productive Power of Europe's Deadly Border" was given by Prof. Nicholas De Genova from the University of Houston on October 5, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

Syrians in Turkey

The booklet "Syrians in Turkey" authored by 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellows Souad Osseiran and Gabriele Cloeters, 2016/17 Mercator-IPC Fellows Emre Üçkardeşler, Kristen Biehl, and Wiebke Hohberger, and 2015/16

Mercator-IPC Fellow Hande Paker, was launched with the moderation of IPC Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit on Monday, October 8, 2018 at Salon IKSV.

Welcoming of the 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellows

The Welcoming of the 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellows was held on October 8, 2018 at Salon IKSV. The event marked the seventh cycle of the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program of the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative.

The event began with welcoming remarks by IPC Director Fuat Keyman, followed by remarks from the Chairman of the Advisory Board at Stiftung Mercator, Rüdiger Frohn. The welcoming remarks were followed by a movie screening that introduced 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellows Atila Eralp and Özcan Mutlu and the 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellows Annegret Warth, Cem İskender Aydın, Ender Peker, Jannes Tessmann, Joanna Krzemińska, Maissam Nimer, and Yohanan Benhaim.

EU-Turkey Relations in Times of Global and Regional Turmoil

The roundtable discussion "EU-Turkey Relations in Times of Global and Regional Turmoil," convened by the Initiative and Elcano Royal Institute, took place on October 18, 2018 at Elcano Royal Institute.

IPC and Elcano Royal Institute signed an agreement to foster cooperation between the two institutions.

EU-Turkey Relations in a Turbulent World – Cooperation or Conflict?

The joint panel discussion "EU-Turkey Relations in a Turbulent World – Cooperation or Conflict?", convened by the Initiative, Asociacion Nuestra Europa, and Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, took place on October 18, 2018 at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

Strategic Partners or Drifting Apart? British-Turkish Relations and Brexit

The Initiative and the Foreign Policy Centre organized the panel "Strategic Partners or Drifting Apart? British-Turkish Relations and Brexit" on November 27, 2018 at the British Parliament, London. The panel brought together prominent scholars and policymakers to focus on the challenges, opportunities, and pitfalls on the road ahead in British-Turkish relations.

British-Turkish Relations after Brexit: Strategic Partners?

The Initiative and St Antony's College at the University of Oxford organized the panel "British-Turkish Relations after Brexit: Strategic Partners?" on November 28, 2018 at the European Studies Centre, Oxford University. The panel brought together prominent scholars to focus on the challenges, opportunities, and pitfalls on the road ahead in British-Turkish relations.

Panel Discussion on "Syrians in Turkey" & Report Launch of "The Role of Civil Society in Fostering Pluralism"

The Initiative organized a panel discussion on "Syrians in Turkey" and the report launch of "The Role of Civil Society in Fostering Pluralism" on December 21, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.



▲ "Populist Tendencies and Turkish Immigrants in Germany," April 16, 2019, Istanbul

Turkey's Refugee Dilemma and Foreign Policy Amidst Regional Turmoil

The Initiative and the Center for American Progress organized the roundtable discussion "Turkey's Refugee Dilemma and Foreign Policy Amidst Regional Turmoil" with Director Fuat Keyman, Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Center for American Progress Senior Fellow Alan Makovsky, and Brookings Institution Doha Center Nonresident Fellow Galip Dalay on January 10, 2019 at Center for American Progress, Washington, DC.

Turkey and the West

The Initiative and the Brookings Institution organized the roundtable discussion "Turkey and the West" with Director Fuat Keyman, Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp, Brookings Institution Doha Center Nonresident Fellow Galip Dalay, and 2015/16 Mercator-IPC Fellow İlke Toygür on January 14, 2019 in Washington, DC.

Britain, Turkey and the EU: Mapping the Future of Differentiated Integration

The Initiative, Centre for European Reform, and Economic Development Foundation (İKV) organized the conference "Britain, Turkey and the EU: Mapping the Future of Differentiated Integration" on April 4, 2019 at the Centre for European Reform in London.

Turkey, Britain and Europe in Global Turmoil: Historical Representations and Contemporary Repercussions

The Initiative and the University of Cambridge organized the roundtable discussion "Turkey, Britain and Europe in Global Turmoil: Historical Representations and Contemporary Repercussions" with the participation of Director Fuat Keyman, Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp on April 5, 2019 at the University of Cambridge.

Populist Tendencies and Turkish Immigrants in Germany

The Initiative organized the panel titled "Populist Tendencies and Turkish Immigrants in Germany" with 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Özcan Mutlu and Director Fuat Keyman on April 16, 2019 at Cezayir Restaurant.

Mercator-IPC Alumni Retreat 2019

The fourth Mercator-IPC Alumni Retreat took place on May 3-5, 2019 at Ağva Robin's Nest Eco Resort. The event began with speeches from Senior Scholar & Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program Coordinator Pelin Oğuz, and Stiftung Mercator Head of Project Management Office Daniel Grütjen.

The retreat included a fishbowl session on "Artificial Intelligence and Governance" by Ofer Engel and Taha Yasseri, moderated by Çiğdem Bozdağ; an "Audiovisuals in Science" workshop by Ricardo Leizaola; a "New Methods for New Challenges: Hybrid Mapping of Local Environmental Knowledge in the Time of the Anthropocene" workshop by Christian Reichel; a yoga session with Tuygun Oruç; a café talk on "Media and Activism" by Haluk Mert Bal; and a coffee talk on "The Right to the City in the Turkish Context: Urban Movements, Neighborhoods and the Gezi Uprising" by Cihan Baysal Uzunçarşılı.

Primary Schools and Refugee Inclusion: Improving Social Cohesion in Schools with Art, Cultural & Civil Partners in the Community

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Joanna Krzeminska's workshop titled "Primary Schools and Refugee Inclusion: Improving Social Cohesion in Schools with Art, Cultural & Civil Partners in the Community" took place on June 19, 2019 at İKSV Alt Kat.

Input was given from Burcu Meltem Arık from Education Reform Initiative, Ebru Kılıç Arguç from Selim Sırrı Tarcan Primary School, and Zülal Fazlıoğlu Akın from Tulane University.

Presentations on best practices in the field were given by İKSV Alt Kat: Learning and Interaction Space, Small Projects Istanbul, Koç University Global Aid Volunteers, Nezahat Gökyiğit Botanical Garden, Contemporary Drama Association, Yuva Association/Goethe Institute, and Maya Foundation.

EU and Turkey in the Wake of Elections: Challenges and Opportunities

The Initiative, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV), and Economic Development Foundation (İKV) organized the panel "EU and Turkey in the Wake of Elections: Challenges and Opportunities" with the participation of Director Fuat Keyman, Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp on July 4, 2019 in Ankara.



▶ "Primary Schools and Refugee Inclusion: Improving Social Cohesion in Schools with Art, Cultural & Civil Partners in the Community," June 19, 2019



▲ Exploring the Dimensions of Refugee Inclusion: Social Structures, Institutions and Strategies Conference

Language Education for Adult Refugees in Turkey

Maissam Nimer convened the panel "Language Education for Adult Refugees in Turkey" on September 27, 2019 at IPC Karaköy. The event brought together practitioners and scholars for a set of panels and moderated conversations about the situation of language education for adult refugees in Turkey.

EU-Turkey Relations: State of Play and Future Perspectives

The Initiative organized the meeting "EU-Turkey Relations: State of Play and Future Perspectives" on October 15, 2019 at the German Embassy in Ankara with the participation of Fuat Keyman, Visiting Senior Fellow Wolfgang Wessels, and German Ambassador to Turkey Martin Erdmann.

The Welcoming of the 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellows

The Welcoming of the 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellows was held on October 21, 2019 at Soho Istanbul. The event began with welcoming remarks by Fuat Keyman, followed by remarks from Michael Schwarz, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Aslı Aydıntaşbaş, Atila Eralp, and Michael Thumann. The welcoming remarks were followed by a movie screening that introduced the 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellows: Akgün İlhan, Andrea Weiss, Ellen Kollender, Gökçe Uysal, and Sinan Erensü.

Exploring Potential at the Local Level: Fostering Local Youth Policy in Turkey

A three-day workshop "Exploring Potential at the Local Level: Fostering Local Youth Policy in Turkey" was convened by 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Annegret Warth in cooperation

▼ Exploring Potential at the Local Level: Fostering Local Youth Policy in Turkey," November 2-4, 2019, Istanbul



with Youth Organizations Forum and with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation on November 2-4, 2019 in Ankara.

This workshop is the result of a joint initiative of the AGU Youth Factory, Lokomotif Cooperation, Nilüfer Youth Assembly, Nilüfer Innovation Center, Yereliz Association, and Youth Organizations Forum, coordinated by 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Annegret Warth.

How to Write for Media

Mercator-IPC Senior Fellows Aslı Aydıntaşbaş and Michael Thumann convened the workshop "How to Write for Media" for the Mercator-IPC Fellows on November 14, 2019 at Adahan Istanbul Hotel.

Power Asymmetries, Divergent Values and Alternative Facts: Prospects for Building Public Deliberation under Conditions of Violence, Confusion and Stress

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Cem İskender Aydın convened the talk "Power Asymmetries, Divergent Values and Alternative Facts: Prospects for Building Public Deliberation under Conditions of Violence, Confusion and Stress" by Martin O'Connor from University of Paris-Saclay on November 19, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Turkey and the West in Global Turmoil

The Initiative convened the panel "Turkey and the West in Global Turmoil" moderated by IPC Senior Scholar and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit with the participation of Mercator-IPC Senior Fellows Aslı Aydıntaşbaş, Atila Eralp, and Michael Thumann on November 25, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Exploring the Dimensions of Refugee Inclusion: Social Structures, Institutions and Strategies Conference

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellows Maissam Nimer and Jannes Tessmann convened an international conference on "Exploring the Dimensions of Refugee Inclusion" on November 28-29, 2019 at the Consulate General of the Netherlands, Istanbul.

The first keynote speech of the conference "Shifting the Gaze: Beyond Inclusion and Social Cohesion toward Refugee-Refugee Relationality" was given by Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh from University College London on November 28 at the Consulate-General of the Netherlands. The second keynote speech of the conference "Rethinking 'Inclusion': Coloniality, Patriarchy and the Administrator's Gaze in 'Refugee Inclusion' Projects" was given by Prem Kumar Rajaram from Central European University on November 29, 2019 at the Consulate-General of the Netherlands.

Problems and Prospects for EU-Germany-Turkey Relations under New EU Leadership

The Initiative organized the meeting "Problems and Prospects for EU-Germany-Turkey Relations under New EU Leadership" on December 3, 2019 at the Galata Hotel by SOFITEL with the participation of Visiting Senior Fellow Wolfgang Wessels as the keynote speaker, Senior Fellow Atila Eralp as the discussant, and Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit as the chair.

The Protests in Lebanon: Perspectives on Context, Dynamics and Future

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Maissam Nimer organized a panel on "The Protests in Lebanon: Perspectives on Context, Dynamics and Future" on December 10, 2019 at IPC Karaköy. Raja Abillama and Mert Arslanalp from Boğaziçi University and Freelance Journalist Bissane El Cheikh participated as speakers.

PUBLICATIONS

Revitalizing Turkey-EU Relations?

Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp's policy brief titled "Revitalizing Turkey-EU Relations?" was published in March 2018.

Strengthening EU-Turkey Economic Relations: Can Services Revitalize the Customs Union?

The report *Strengthening EU-Turkey Economic Relations: Can Services Revitalize the Customs Union?* was published in March 2018. It was authored by a research team at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Director Daniel Gros, Senior Research Fellow Jacques Pelkmans, Research Fellow Mehtap Akgüç, Researcher Matthias Busse, and Research Assistant Mattia Di Salvo.

Opportunities in Higher Education for Syrians in Turkey

2016/17 Mercator-IPC Fellow Wiebke Hohberger's report titled *Opportunities in Higher Education for Syrians in Turkey: The Perspective of Syrian University Students on the Educational Conditions, Needs and Possible Solutions for Improvement* was published in March 2018.

PESCO and Security Cooperation between the EU and Turkey

"PESCO and Security Cooperation between the EU and Turkey," written by IPC Senior Scholar & Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit and Alessandro Marrone, was published in Global Turkey in Europe in September 2018.

Healthcare Access for Syrian Refugees in Istanbul: A Gender-Sensitive Perspective

2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellows Gabriele Cloeters and Souad Osseiran's report *Healthcare Access for Syrian Refugees in Istanbul: A Gender-Sensitive Perspective* was published in January 2019.

Sustainable Approaches to Humanitarian Assistance in the Field of Language Education for Adult Refugees in Turkey

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Maissam Nimer and IPC Intern Tuygun Oruç's policy brief, "Sustainable Approaches to Humanitarian Assistance in the Field of Language Education for Adult Refugees in Turkey" was published in March 2019.

Between Rapprochement and Rejection: Identity and Cultural Drivers in Europe-Turkey Relations

Between Rapprochement and Rejection: Identity and Cultural Drivers in Europe-Turkey Relations was published in April 2019. It was authored by Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator; Romana Königsbrun, the Director of Austrian Cultural Forum; Bahar Rumelili, Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair at the Department of International Relations at Koç University; and Johanna Chovanec, Doctoral Fellow at the University of Vienna.

Multilateralism Matters: Toward a Rules-Based Turkey-EU Relationship

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp's policy brief titled "Multilateralism Matters: Toward a Rules-Based Turkey-EU Relationship" was published in May 2019.

Practicing Coexistence in Civil Society: Syrian Refugees in Turkey

2015/16 Mercator-IPC Fellow Hande Paker's report *Practicing Coexistence in Civil Society: Syrian Refugees in Turkey* was published in June 2019.

Urban Community Centers in Turkey: Understanding the Diversity of Contemporary Practices

2016/17 Mercator-IPC Fellow Kristen Sarah Biehl's report *Urban Community Centers in Turkey: Understanding the Diversity of Contemporary Practices* was published in September 2019. The Turkish translation was published in November 2019.

Institutional Structures and Refugees' Experiences with Turkish Language Education in Turkey

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Maissam Nimer's report *Institutional Structures and Refugees' Experiences with Turkish Language Education in Turkey* was published in October 2019.

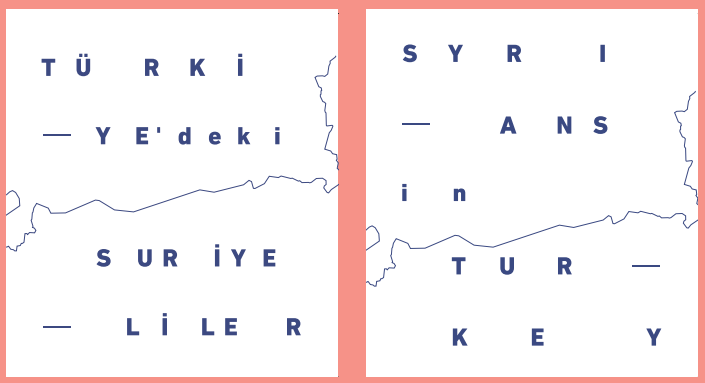
Changing Parameters of Migration Cooperation: Beyond the EU-Turkey Deal?

Director Fuat Keyman, Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and 2016/17 Mercator-IPC Fellow Kristen Biehl's report *Changing Parameters of Migration Cooperation: Beyond the EU-Turkey Deal?* was published in December 2019.

SYRIANS IN TURKEY

Developing models for integrating refugees into society is one of the subtopics under the EU/German-Turkish relations cluster of the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program. To this end, the "Syrians in Turkey" booklet presents a snapshot of the current situation of Syrians in Turkey and the policy responses that have been implemented since the start of their arrival. The contributing Mercator-IPC Fellows bring the issue into focus through six policy areas: healthcare, education, labor, gender-based aspects, civil society, and social cohesion.

The booklet was authored by 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellows Souad Osseiran and Gabriele Cloeters, 2016/17 Mercator-IPC Fellows Emre Üçkardeşler, Kristen Biehl, and Wiebke Hohberger, and 2015/16 Mercator-IPC Fellow Hande Paker and published in October 2018.



PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE INITIATIVE

Global Turkey in Europe

Since 2012, IPC has partnered with the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) under the Global Turkey in Europe (GTE) project to strengthen Turkey-EU relations through the development of policy recommendations that are based on in-depth academic research and enhanced by practical advice from professionals and decision makers.

In 2017 the GTE V project was launched and extended until the end of 2019. GTE V aims to mobilize European and Turkish actors from politics, academia, businesses, and civil society to explore ways to transform the currently strained debates in key areas of Turkey-EU relations, such as the future of Turkey's EU accession negotiations; the modernization of the Customs Union; cooperation in migration management; energy cooperation; security cooperation; and the strengthening of civil society.

ACTIVITIES UNDER "GTE V"

GTE V: PESCO and Security Cooperation between EU and Turkey

As part of the Global Turkey in Europe V program, IAI, IPC, and Stiftung Mercator convened the roundtable discussion on "PESCO and Security Cooperation between EU and Turkey" on May 14, 2018, at Mercator Centre Berlin.

GTE V: Engaging Civil Societies in Turkey and the EU: Can They Break Through the Deadlock?

As part of the Global Turkey in Europe V project, IAI, IPC, and Stiftung Mercator convened the roundtable discussion on "Engaging Civil Societies in Turkey and the EU: Can They Break Through the Deadlock?" that took place on February 1, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

GTE V: EU-Turkey Cooperation on Migration Management: Going Beyond Ad Hoc Short-Termism

As part of Global Turkey in Europe V, IAI, IPC, and Stiftung Mercator convened the roundtable discussion on "EU-Turkey Cooperation on Migration Management: Going Beyond Ad Hoc Short-Termism" on May 6, 2019 in Kos, Greece.

GTE V: From Findings to Market – Perspectives and Challenges for the Development of Gas Resources in the East Med

As part of Global Turkey in Europe V, IAI, IPC, and Stiftung Mercator convened the roundtable discussion on "From Findings to Market – Perspectives and Challenges for the Development of Gas Resources in the East Med" on July 1 in Nicosia, Cyprus.

GTE V: Turkey-EU Relations in a Changing Era? Domestic Dynamics and International Constraints

As part of Global Turkey in Europe V, IAI, IPC, and Stiftung Mercator convened the roundtable discussion on "Turkey-EU Relations in a Changing Era? Domestic Dynamics and International Constraints" on November 6, 2019 in Brussels, Belgium.

Revitalizing Turkey-EU/Germany Relations

The project "Revitalizing Turkey-EU/Germany Relations" aims to contribute to the revitalization of the Turkey-EU/Germany relationship through two complementary courses of action.

The first pillar of the project, with its particular focus on publications, aims to create a knowledge base in order to intensify cooperation and practical policy making in two key policy areas between the two sides, namely the refugee crisis and the upgrading of the Customs Union agreement.

The second pillar of the project focuses on networking events and established a Track II diplomacy working group. The group's aim is to create a platform by bringing together academics, professionals, and public servants from Turkish, German, and European institutions to feed into the debate on the future of Turkey-EU/Germany relations and work collectively on revitalizing relations. The first meeting took place in Istanbul. Given the trilateral partnership of the Initiative, high-level meetings were held in Berlin and Brussels over the course of 2018.

Humanitarian Policy Responses to the Refugee Issue

The project "Humanitarian Policy Responses to the Refugee Issue" by 2015/16 Mercator-IPC Fellow Hande Paker, analyzed the instances of encounters between refugees and hosts in which hostility, exclusion, and fear are overcome. Data was collected to address the question of whether and how interactions that strengthen common political and social spaces can be supported. Out of this data, policy suggestions for an alternative, inclusive response to the refugee issue were formulated.

ACTIVITIES UNDER "REVITALIZING TURKEY-EU/GERMANY RELATIONS"

Track II Diplomacy Working Group II

Under the scope of the project "Revitalizing Turkey-EU/Germany Relations" funded by the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative, the second meeting of the Track II diplomacy working group took place in Mercator Centre Berlin on January 12, 2018, with the participation of IPC Director Fuat Keyman, IPC Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp, and Sabancı University Faculty Member Meltem Müftüler-Baç.

Track II Diplomacy Working Group III

The final meeting of the Track II diplomacy working group, under the scope of the project "Revitalizing Turkey-EU/Germany Relations," funded by the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative, took place on December 14, 2018, in the European Parliament, Brussels. The meeting was held with the participation of IPC Senior Scholar and Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp, and Sabancı University Faculty Member Meltem Müftüler-Baç.



Living with Others: Fostering Cultural Pluralism through Citizenship Politics

A workshop on "Living with Others: Fostering Cultural Pluralism through Citizenship Politics" was conducted at Humboldt University on March 15, 2018. The workshop brought together academics and civil society groups interested in issues around fostering diversity and pluralism and opening up communities to newcomers.

Challenges and Promises of Diversity: Refugee Policies and Citizenship Politics

A public forum titled "Challenges and Promises of Diversity: Refugee Policies and Citizenship Politics" was convened at Mercator Centre Berlin on March 16, 2018. The forum brought together academics and civil society groups interested in issues around fostering diversity and pluralism and opening up communities to newcomers.

Promises and Challenges of Diversity: The Role of Civil Society Initiatives in Fostering Pluralism

The report titled *Promises and Challenges of Diversity: The Role of Civil Society Initiatives in Fostering Pluralism* was published in October 2018. It was authored by Assoc. Prof. Feyzi Baban from Trent University, the Director of IPC Prof. Fuat Keyman, 2015/16 Mercator-IPC Fellow Hande Paker, and the Associate Director of the International Migration Research Centre Assoc. Prof. Kim Rygiel.

CLIMATE CHANGE

EVENTS

National Geographic On Campus! Climate Change and Our World

For the first event of the "National Geographic on Campus!" series, National Geographic photographer Reza Deghati and 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellow Barış Karapınar shared their views on the impacts of climate change. The event was moderated by Onur Kumbaracıbaşı from National Geographic. The event took place on April 17, 2018 at Sabancı University Cinema Hall.

National Geographic On Campus! Climate Change and Our World II

The second event in the "National Geographic on Campus!" series took place on May 7, 2018 at Boğaziçi University. The joint event by Sabancı University, IPC, Boğaziçi University Agricultural Platform, and National Geographic brought together photographer and author Reza Deghati, whose photographs have appeared on the covers of various magazines such as *National Geographic, Time,* and *Newsweek*, and 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellow Barış Karapınar, climate change expert from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The panelists discussed the effects of climate change on food security and poverty.

▼ "National Geographic On Campus! Climate Change and Our World," April 17, 2018, Istanbul



EU-Turkey Energy and Climate Dialogues

Bruegel and the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative organized the panel discussion titled "EU-Turkey Energy and Climate Dialogues" on January 17, 2019 at IPC Karaköy. The event was based on the paper "What is the cost of capital for wind energy investments in Turkey?" written by Gustav Fredriksson, Simone Tagliapietra, and Georg Zachmann.

From the Ground Up: Environmental Struggles and Transformations to Sustainability

The IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative and ACKnowl-EJ network convened the discussion "From the Ground Up: Environmental Struggles and Transformations to Sustainability" under the initiative of 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Cem İskender Aydın on April 26, 2019 at Studio-X Istanbul.

Should We Rely on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies?: The Critical Role of Energy Cost and Scalability

The IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative organized the panel titled "Should We Rely on Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies?: The Critical Role of Energy Cost and Scalability" with Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment Research Fellow Oytun Babacan and Climate Studies Coordinator Ümit Şahin on May 16, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

"Production of Climate Responsive Urban Built Environments" Conference

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ender Peker convened a conference titled "Production of Climate Responsive Urban Built Environments" on May 22-24, 2019 at IPC Karaköy and the Netherlands Consulate.

The first public lecture of the conference on "Urban and Global Scale Climate Science" was given by Prof. Gerald Mills from the University College Dublin on May 22, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

The second public lecture of the conference on "Evolutionary Resilience, Relational Space and Adaptive Planning" was given by Prof. Simin Davoudi from Newcastle University on May 23, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Book Talk: *Climate Change and the Voiceless: Protecting Future Generations, Wildlife, and Natural Resources*

IPC hosted Randall Abate for a book talk on his latest book, *Climate Change and the Voiceless: Protecting Future Generations, Wildlife, and Natural Resources,* on June 11, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Heatwaves: Increasing Threat with Climate Change and Heat-Health Action Plans

The launch event and assessment meeting for Climate Change Studies Coordinator and Public Health Expert Ümit Şahin's new report *Heatwaves: Increasing Threat With Climate Change and Heat-Health Action Plans* took place on July 2, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Challenges of Retrofitting Existing Housing Stock to Achieve CO_2 Reduction Targets

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ender Peker co-organized a workshop on the "Challenges of Retrofitting Existing Housing Stock to Achieve CO_2 Reduction Targets" with Kadıköy Municipality on October 10, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Co-creating Solutions for the Challenges of Municipal Level Climate Action in Turkey

Ender Peker convened a workshop for "Co-creating Solutions for the Challenges of Municipal Level Climate Action in Turkey" on October 17, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.



▶ "Production of Climate Responsive Urban Built Environments" Conference, May 22-24, 2019, Istanbul

PUBLICATIONS

Water and Food Security in Turkey in a Changing Climate

2016/17 Mercator-IPC Fellow Tuğba Ağaçayak and Director Fuat Keyman's policy brief titled "Water and Food Security in Turkey in a Changing Climate" was published in March 2018.

Heatwaves: Increasing Threat with Climate Change and Heat-Health Action Plans

IPC Senior Scholar and Climate Studies Coordinator Ümit Şahin's policy brief "Heatwaves: Increasing Threat with Climate Change and Heat-Health Action Plans" was published in July 2019.

Cities in a Changing Climate: Reduction and Adaptation Policies for Local Governance

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellows Cem İskender Aydın and Ender Peker's policy brief "Cities in a Changing Climate: Reduction and Adaptation Policies for Local Governance" was published in September 2019.

PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE INITIATIVE

Climate Change Policy Building in Turkey

Initiated by Climate Change Studies Coordinator Ümit Şahin, this project aims to coordinate different policy-relevant works under IPC's climate change cluster with regard to three areas: climate governance, climate-related energy policies, and international negotiations.

As an initial step, the project aims to facilitate the dialogue between different climate policy actors in Turkey. As part of the international negotiations area, IPC has been officially represented at both Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings in 2018 and 2019.

Introducing an Emissions-Based Vehicle Taxation Scheme in Turkey

2015/16 Mercator-IPC Fellow and International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) EU Managing Director Peter Mock initiated the project "Introducing an Emissions-based Vehicle Taxation Scheme in Turkey," which aims to develop concrete policy pathways for switching to an emissions-based vehicle taxation scheme in Turkey and exchanging knowledge and experience between a broad range of stakeholders in Turkey and Germany.

Two workshops were convened titled "Reducing Emissions from Passenger Cars in Turkey: The Role of Taxation Policies for Incentivizing Zero- and Low-Emission Vehicles." The first workshop was convened in cooperation with the German Embassy on April 2 in Ankara, while the second was held on April 3, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

ACTIVITIES UNDER CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY BUILDING IN TURKEY

Carbon Pricing: Carbon Tax and Emissions Trade

The fourth Climate Policies Roundtable titled "Carbon Pricing: Carbon Tax and Emissions Trade" was held at IPC Karaköy on April 18, 2018, with Climate Studies Coordinator and Senior Scholar Ümit Şahin and 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellow Pınar Ertör Akyazı as facilitators.

Nature Conservation and Protection of Biodiversity Subject to Climate Change Impacts

Climate Studies Coordinator and Senior Scholar Ümit Şahin and 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellow Pınar Ertör Akyazı convened a roundtable meeting titled "Nature conservation and protection of biodiversity subject to climate change impacts" on June 25, 2019 in Ankara.



COP24 Katowice – Opportunities of Energy Transition in an Emerging Economy

SHURA Energy Transition Center held a panel titled "Opportunities of Energy Transition in an Emerging Economy" as a side event on December 6, 2018 in the Turkey Pavilion at COP 24 Katowice, Poland.

COP24 Katowice – Mobilizing the Social and Economic Co-Benefits of Renewable Energy

"Mobilizing the Social and Economic Co-Benefits of Renewable Energy: Turkey & Emerging Economies" side event was convened on December 10, 2018 in the Turkey Pavilion at COP 24 Katowice, Poland.

2018 Katowice Climate Summit – Impressions from COP24

The Initiative convened the panel titled "2018 Katowice Climate Summit – Impressions from COP24," with the participation of Climate Change Studies Coordinator Ümit Şahin, 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Cem İskender Aydın, 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellow Pınar Ertör-Akyazı, and Semra Cerit Mazlum from Marmara University on December 18, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

COP25 Madrid – Social and Economic Co-Benefits of Climate Change Mitigation: Employment, Industrial Development, and Energy Transition

The Initiative, SHURA Energy Transition Centre, and the Institute of Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) organized the side-event titled "Social and Economic Co-Benefits of Climate Change Mitigation: Employment, Industrial Development, and Energy Transition" on December 6, 2019 at COP25 Madrid.

2019 Madrid Climate Summit – Impressions from COP25

The Initiative convened the panel titled "2019 Madrid Climate Summit – Impressions from COP25," with the participation of Climate Change Studies Coordinator Ümit Şahin, 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Sinan Erensü, and Semra Cerit Mazlum from Marmara University, on December 19, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.



CLIMATE CAFÉ TALKS

IPC organized bimonthly gatherings where researchers and academics working on various subjects related to climate change—from politics to environmental sciences, economy to psychology—came together in an interdisciplinary setting.

Climate Café Talks 2 – How Do Farmers Adapt to Climate Change?

As the second event in the Climate Café Talks series, 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellow Barış Karapınar's talk on "How Do Farmers Adapt to Climate Change? Survey Results with 700 Farmers" took place on February 6, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

Climate Café Talks 3 – Climate Movements in Turkey and the World

As the third event in the Climate Café Talks series, 2016/17 Mercator-IPC Fellow Hande Paker and Baran Alp Uncu's talks on "Climate Movements in Turkey and the World" took place on April 4, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

Climate Café Talks 4 – Behavioral Economics Experiments for Climate Change and the Commons

As the fourth event in the Climate Café Talks series, 2017/18 Mercator-IPC Fellow Pınar Ertör Akyazı's talk on "Behavioral Economics Experiments for Climate Change and Commons" took place on June 6, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

Climate Café Talks 5 – The Science of the Human Sources of Climate Change: A Historical Perspective

As the fifth event in the Climate Café Talks series, Prof. Dr. H. Nüzhet Dalfes' talk on "The Science of the Human Sources of Climate Change: A Historical Perspective" took place on October 3, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

Climate Café Talks 6 – Does Economic Growth Bring Happiness? The Economy of Happiness

As the sixth event in the Climate Café Talks series, Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı's talk on "Does Economic Growth Bring Happiness? The Economy of Happiness" took place on January 9, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Climate Café Talks 7 – Global Climate Change and Emissions Trade: Suggestions for a Green Economy Design

As the seventh event in the Climate Café Talks series, Ayşe Uyduranoğlu's talk on "Global Climate Change and Emissions Trade: Suggestions for a Green Economy Design" took place on March 6, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Climate Café Talks 8 – An Urban Development Problem: Providing Urban Thermal Comfort

As the eighth event in the Climate Café Talks series, 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ender Peker's talk on "An Urban Development Problem: Providing Urban Thermal Comfort" took place on May 8, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Climate Café Talks 9 – On the Trail of Energy Justice: Understanding the Opposition against Wind Energy in Turkey

As the ninth event in the Climate Café Talks series, Cem İskender Aydın's talk on "On the Trail of Energy Justice: Understanding the Opposition against Wind Energy in Turkey" took place on October 2, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.













NATURE AND CLIMATE TALKS

IPC organized bimonthly gatherings where experts from the field of conservation of nature and climate change came together in an interdisciplinary setting.

Nature and Climate Talks 1 – From Bird Paradise to Biosphere: Years with Nature

The first in the Nature and Climate Talks series took place with nature conservationist Tansu Gürpınar's talk on "From Bird Paradise to Biosphere: Years with Nature" on November 20, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

Nature and Climate Talks 2 – The Future of Anthropocene: Genes, Species, and Ecosystems during Climate Change

The second in the Nature and Climate Talks series took place with nature scientist Emrah Çoraman's talk on "The Future of Anthropocene: Genes, Species, and Ecosystems During Climate Change" on February 18, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Nature and Climate Talks 3 – Our Changing World: Through the Bird's Eye

The third in the Nature and Climate Talks series took place with expert ecologist and bird watcher Kerem Ali Boyla's talk on "Our Changing World: Through the Bird's Eye" on April 3, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Nature and Climate Talks 4 – The History of Environmental (Non-) Conservation

The fourth in the Nature and Climate Talks series took place with Prof. Nesrin Algan's talk on "The History of Environmental (Non-) Conservation" on May 28, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Nature and Climate Talks 5 – Land Ethics and Ecological Citizenship in the Age of Climate Change

The fifth in the Nature and Climate Talks series took place with Ufuk Özdağ's talk on "Land Ethics and Ecological Citizenship in the Age of Climate Change" on November 4, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.







CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate studies has been one of IPC's most visible research areas for the last six years. In the field of Climate Change, IPC has become the nexus in the policy field in Turkey by supporting and organizing activities that are geared toward strengthening capacity, building networks and policy, and raising public awareness.

THE RIGHT TO A FUTURE PROGRAM

The Right to A Future Program was jointly established by Istanbul Policy Center at Sabancı University and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Lund University in order to ensure a rights-based discussion on climate action, to support work toward this end, and to strengthen the discourse of human rights and the rights of nature for climate action. The objectives of the program are to support academic studies on rights-based climate action, to publish research on this topic, to improve the capacity of academia and civil society on the subject through activities such as conferences and workshops, and to implement a rights-based perspective in the process of climate policies through projects and cooperation with local governments and public institutions.

RIGHT TO A FUTURE CONFERENCE: RIGHTS-BASED CLIMATE ACTION

"Right to A Future Conference: Rights-Based Climate Action" was organized on October 31, 2019 at IPC Karaköy to introduce the Right to A Future Program, initiated by IPC and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute at Lund University. The keynote speech of the event was delivered by Matthew Scott from Raoul Wallenberg Institute at Lund University.

COBENEFITS PROJECT

COBENEFITS: MOBILIZING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CO-BENEFITS OF CLIMATE ACTION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

The COBENEFITS project is part of the International Climate Initiative (IKI) and supported by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). COBENEFITS cooperates with national authorities and knowledge partners in Germany, India, South Africa, Vietnam, and Turkey to help them mobilize the co-benefits of climate action and renewable energy in their countries.

The project is coordinated by the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS, lead) in partnership with the Renewables Academy (RENAC), the Independent Institute for Environmental Issues (UfU), International Energy Transition GmbH (IET) and, in Turkey, Sabanci University-Istanbul Policy Center (IPC).

IPC coordinates scientific co-benefits assessments on four COBENEFITS priority areas in Turkey (employment, industrial development, air quality, and energy supply security), online and face-to-face COBENEFITS trainings, and policy dialogue sessions on enabling political environments and overcoming barriers to seize co-benefits.





CO-BENEFITS AS DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE DIPLOMACY

IPC Senior Scholar and Climate Studies Coordinator Ümit Şahin was an invited speaker for two panel discussions, "Mobilizing Opportunities, Raising Climate Ambition" and " Benefits as Drivers of International Climate Diplomacy" in the Conference of Climate Opportunity 2019: Co-Benefits for Just Energy Futures organized by the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam (IASS) on October 15, 2019 in Berlin.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEM PLANNING FOR CO-BENEFITS

Pınar Ertör-Akyazı co-organized face-to-face training on "Sustainable Energy System Planning for Co-Benefits," in collaboration with RENAC (The Renewables Academy), within the IASS-IPC COBENEFITS Project on September 24-25, 2019 in Ankara.

METHODS AND TOOLS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF CO-BENEFITS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

Pınar Ertör-Akyazı co-organized face-to-face training on "Methods and Tools for the Assessment of Co-benefits of Renewable Energy," in collaboration with RENAC (The Renewables Academy), within the IASS-IPC COBENEFITS Project on October 8-9, 2019 in Ankara.



CO-BENEFITS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY WITH A FOCUS ON EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Pınar Ertör-Akyazı co-organized a face-to-face training on "Co-benefits of Renewable Energy with a Focus on Employment and Industrial Development Opportunities," in collaboration with RENAC (The Renewables Academy) within the IASS-IPC COBENEFITS Project on October 22-23, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

COBENEFITS ISTANBUL CONFERENCE: "MOBILIZING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CO-BENEFITS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY IN TURKEY"

IPC and IASS co-organized the COBENEFITS Istanbul Conference on November 13, 2019 at IPC Karaköy to share the first findings of the COBENEFITS Studies conducted within the international "COBENEFITS: Mobilizing the Social and Economic Co-Benefits of Renewable Energy" project. The conference was followed with a roundtable meeting on the issue on November 14, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

REPORTS

Future Skills and Job Creation through Renewable Energy in Turkey, IASS Potsdam, November 2019

Industrial Development, Trade Opportunities and Innovation with Renewable Energy in Turkey, IASS Potsdam, November 2019

CARBON LOCK-IN IN TURKEY PROJECT

Carbon Lock-In in Turkey is a research project comparing Turkey, Germany, and Poland's energy systems, perspectives, future energy policies, and how each country approaches the global trend toward a low-carbon transition. The research comprised visits and interviews with relevant institutions and experts in Germany, Poland, and Turkey. The project was run by Ümit Şahin and supported by European Climate Foundation.



REPORT LAUNCH: CARBON LOCK-IN IN TURKEY: A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE OF LOW-CARBON TRANSITION WITH GERMANY AND POLAND

The report launch for IPC Senior Scholar and Climate Studies Coordinator Ümit Şahin's report *Carbon Lock-In in Turkey: A Comparative Perspective of Low-Carbon Transition with Germany and Poland* was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

The report was published in February 2018.



OTHER EVENTS

OPPORTUNITIES OF TRANSITION TO CLIMATE-FRIENDLY DEVELOPMENT MODEL IN TURKEY

IPC, TEMA Foundation, and Climate Action Network Europe organized the roundtable meeting "Opportunities of Transition to Climate-Friendly Development Model in Turkey" on December 20, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

DEMOCRATIZATION AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Under IPC's Democratization and Institutional Reform Cluster, the Checks and Balances Network (CBN) aims to contribute to strengthening the system of checks and balances in Turkey, which is indispensable to Turkey's democratization, by conducting monitoring, policy making, public opinion building, and advocacy activities.



CHECKS AND BALANCES NETWORK (CBN)

WHAT IS THE CHECKS AND BALANCES NETWORK?

The Checks and Balances Network (CBN) is a civic movement in which 295 NGOs (working at the national and local level) and tens of thousands of supporters and followers from different political backgrounds work together to strengthen participatory and pluralistic democracy. The Network, which came together in 2011 during the period of drafting a new constitution, aims to contribute to strengthening the system of checks and balances in Turkey, which is indispensable to Turkey's democratization, by conducting monitoring, policy making, public opinion building, and advocacy activities. The CBN operates through "reform groups" working in seven areas where reform is needed for a functioning system of checks and balances. These reform groups address the constitution, legislative, executive, judiciary, media, local governments, and civil society.



CBN'S STRUCTURE

The structure of the CBN is composed of the general assembly, covering all corporate members; reform groups, operating in the seven priority areas of the CBN (RG); local coordinators, who voluntarily carry out CBN studies in nine hubs in central CBN provinces (PC); the coordination committee, which is composed of representatives who are selected from the reform groups and the local coordinators in the general assembly, which determines the strategy of the network (CC); the Monitoring Committee of the CBN's internal monitoring mechanism (IEG); the communication group (CG) and professional employees, who are selected by the reform groups and are responsible for the management of the CBN's public affairs and implementation of the communication strategy.

WHAT DID WE DO IN 2018–2019?

- Starting with 117 members in 2014, our network has increased more than 100% in two years and has become the voice of 295 organizations.
- Approximately 600 stakeholders were interviewed in 20 provinces in 2018–2019, bringing together 150 members of the Network. The CBN has thousands of supporters across Turkey.
- CBN published 14 calls, 7 policy papers, and 10 analysis reports.

- Mecliste.org published more than 700 alerts, summaries, and analyses.
- Regional panels and briefings were organized in seven provinces with 480 participants.
- Eight "democracy tables" were established with the participation of 223 people. Reform proposals were forwarded to decision-makers and relevant institutions.
- 152 local and national decision-makers from various political parties and institutions were interviewed.
- Since June 2019, voluntary facilitators, which participated in the specially designed civic education workshops focusing on active citizenship, organized ten checks and balances workshops in six districts with 138 participants.
- The program on gender mainstreaming was launched. The process of creating a three-year action plan is ongoing.
- CBN appeared in the news 101 times.
- In order to strengthen the CBN's institutional structure and capacity, governance documents such as anti-corruption documents and complaint mechanisms have been prepared and implemented.

SELECTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

2018

January–June 2018

General Election

The CBN conducted awareness studies during the June 24, 2018 presidential and general elections:

- The report *Toward General Elections on 24 June: Election Declarations within the Scope of 9 Components of Checks and Balances* was published.
- The report *Guideline on Parties' Pledges: What are Political Parties Promising?* was published.
- Information on changes in the legal framework for nominating candidates seeking election, freedom of choice and freedom of expression, and digital content was produced in order to inform citizens about candidates' commitments to checks and balances.
- The "Meclis de Bizi Görecek mi?" campaign was launched to draw attention to the relationship between strong and accountable parliamentarians and voters.







January 2018

Imagine Turkey Advocacy Campaign

Imagine Turkey Report was shared with more than 120 decision makers, business people, media representatives, and NGOs in 12 cities, including Adana, Ankara, Bursa, Batman, Denizli, Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Istanbul, Izmir, Kahramanmaras, Mardin, and Ordu.



March 2018

We Met at the Democracy Table to Reconcile: What Kind of Checks and Balances in the Presidential System?

CBN believes that the legislative efforts to implement the presidential system could be structured with stronger checks and balances mechanisms. CBN gathered experts with different worldviews and political perspectives at the Democracy Table Meeting in Istanbul on March 3. More than 100 experts in legislative, executive, judicial, local government, and the electoral system participated. The report was shared with the public.

April 2018

SIDA-Swedish Development Agency Cooperation

CBN signed a new funding agreement to carry out its activities between 2018 and 2020. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) will finance the achievement of the objectives set out in the current strategic plan of the Network, the expansion of professional staff, the local base of the CC, RG, CBN, the ROI, and the LAG over the next three years. SIDA funds are purchased and distributed through Sabancı University, IPC.

May–June 2018

Reform Groups Meetings

Assessment meetings were held within the framework of CBN's Perspective and Strategy Change, and reform groups were organized within the framework of the SIDA project and financial resources. Approximately 102 CBN actors attended the meetings.

September 2018

Local Coordinators' Capacity-Building Training

Capacity-building training was organized in Ankara with the participation of 22 local coordinators of CBN from ten provinces in Turkey, Adana, Ankara, Bursa, Diyarbakir, Istanbul, Izmir, Kahramanmaras, Ordu, Batman, and Mardin, from September 21–23, 2018. The training

aimed to improve the capacities of local coordinators, which are one of the main components of CBN, to increase their motivation and to equalize their level of knowledge.

November–December 2018

"The Presidential System from the Perspective of Checks and Balances" in Turkey's Six Regions and Seven Provinces

CBN organized the panel "The Presidential System from the Perspective of Checks and Balances" to increase participatory and active citizenship as well as citizens' awareness of basic issues in Turkey, especially the presidential system of government. The panels were held in six regions and in seven provinces of Turkey, with more than 400 attendees. Dr. Ersoy Kontacı from Ankara University, Prof. Dr. Tanel Demirel from Çankaya University, Prof. Fuat Keyman from Sabancı University, Assistant Professor Demirhan Burak Çelik from Galatasaray University, Prof. Tansu Tosun from Ege University, and Assistant Professor Didem Yılmaz from Bahçeşehir University took part in the panels.





December 2018

Meeting with Trade Union Representatives

During field visits in Bursa, CBN met with representatives of multiple trade unions, then these meetings continued in the general assembly attended by the their presidents both in Diyarbakir and Bursa. As trade unions have thousands of representatives as part of their institutional structures, they work on issues closely related to checks and balances.

MECLISTE.ORG

In 2018, mecliste.org discussed 25 topics on the public agenda such as the 2019 budget, election alliances, and the features of the new system. We prepared 195 tweets, 139 Facebook posts, 52 website content, 110 graphic cards, five videos, and four commissioned reports on these 25 topics. This content reached a total of 500,000 users. Additionally, our video series "Assembly before and after the elections"—in which we explained the new role and position of the Assembly in the new system of government after the June 24 elections and how this will change citizens' relations with the Assembly—was viewed 34,092 times.

In order to strengthen our capacity and raise public awareness, we organized a training program in Ankara from February 15–18 with the participation of 15 civil society representatives.



2019

Strong and Effective Parliament: The Procedural Rules in the New System

In order to harmonize with the changing government system, the text of the Rules of Procedure, which determines the functioning and order of the parliament, must be amended. The Constitutional Commission made changes in October 2018, but the studies did not continue.



The Legislative Reform Group considered the issue as an opportunity to make comprehensive proposals with the aim of guiding future efforts for "a bylaw to support the effective parliamentary structure," for which it has been advocating.

January–June 2019

Beyond Elections, Reform Proposals for Participatory Local Government

Through the local government reform group, proposals were developed to contribute to the development of democracy at the local level. "Democracy tables" were established in the cities of Ankara, Van, and Adana within the scope of local elections and local government reform. Sixty participants with differing views, backgrounds, and experiences from academia, civil society, business, and media came together to discuss how the principles within a democratic local government can balance and control the central administration and respond to problems within cities. Participants proposed suggestions concerning rule of law, local politics, democratic local governments, local governance and participation mechanisms, citizen-oriented urbanization and civil democratic culture, and the need for a comprehensive and democratic local government reform in Turkey. Evaluations and requests from these three meetings, along with suggestions from local authorities participating in the democracy table held in Istanbul on March 3, 2019, were compiled in a report.



February 2019

EU-Turkey Relations from the Perspective of Civil Society Organizations

CBN organized a roundtable entitled "EU-Turkey Relations from the Perspective of Civil Society Organizations" on February 11, 2019. The purpose of the roundtable meeting was to address Turkey-EU relations in detail from the perspective of civil society organizations. The roundtable was held with the participation of representatives of Ankara's leading non-governmental organizations and international organizations.

March 2019

Local Coordination Meeting and City-Based Strategies

CBN held a local coordination meeting with Turkey's 16 local coordinators from nine provinces on March 14–15, 2019. Within the scope of the CBN Strategic Plan, which focuses on citizens' views, our local coordinators came together to adopt, absorb, and embrace the duties and responsibilities held as local coordinators, reviewing and evaluating what has been done within the scope of previous field studies and coordinating the activities to be carried out within the scope of the network studies and provincial strategies for the next period. In the meeting, past studies were evaluated according to each province, and feedback was collected in order to guide future studies.

April 2019

Checks and Balances in Historical and Cultural Heritage, History Talks Panel

The Historical and Cultural Heritage Research Center, which traces the checks and balance mechanisms in Anatolian civilizations, brought a new series of activities to our network, "History Talks." In this first event hosted by the Advisory Board, Prof. Dr. Levent Kayapınar, Assoc. Prof. Eşref Küçük, and researcher Onur Kalkan examined Hittite, Roman, and Byzantine civilizations, which have an important place in the history of Anatolia, from the perspective of checks and balances. Discussants talked about the legal, social, and political factors limiting the power of the government in these three states during different periods. The discussants debated the extent to which we can discuss checks and balances in this context.



February–May 2019

Field Visits

CBN made field visits to Van, Ordu, Mersin, Gaziantep, Diyarbakir, Adana, and Izmir. The main purpose of these



visits was to prepare the ground for the CBN's activities in the regions and to clarify and finalize the content and scope of the studies planned for the future. During the field visits, the general points of attention were the general evaluation of the provinces, as well as observations and analyses of their potential for CBN.

Think Civil Forum (Sivil Düşün Program)

Think Civil Forum was held on May 2–3, 2019 in Ankara Sheraton Hotel with the participation of over 150 NGOs and over 100 activists. During the Think Civil Forum, panels were held on topics such as the transformation of civil society and rights, new methods of activism, and civil society in the digital world. CBN took part through "Imagine Civil Society," which is a format specifically designed for the Think Civil Forum in the Imagine Turkey workshop.

May 2019

Active Citizenship (Checks and Balances) Training Trainer Training

The Checks and Balances Education Project was initiated within the scope of active citizenship studies to encourage all segments of society to adopt the concept of checks and balances and provide insight into the principles of checks and balances not only within legal mechanisms but in all areas of society. From 13 different cities of Turkey, 20 trainers, with two observers from each respective city,



Adana, Ankara, Batman, Bingol, Van, Bursa, Edirne, Mersin, Istanbul, Izmir, Kahramanmaras, Trabzon, and Mardin, were together on May 3–5 to learn how to play a game teaching checks and balances.

After discussions with working groups and experts, it was agreed that a board game would be created to teach the academic study of checks and balances, questioning the mechanisms and analyzing and reviewing them. It was decided to use the game as an exciting and immersive method for active learning. The checks and balances workshops will be conducted in different cities in Turkey using this gaming method, which reflects the pluralistic and innovative structure of the network. In addition to the implementation of the game in these workshops, the workshops will also provide a checks and balances presentation that will explain the features of CBN and its aim and purpose in case it is not explained during the game or if the trainer needs the information. Thanks to instructor training, 20 instructors and two observers had the opportunity to apply what they had learned.

June–December 2019

Checks and Balances Workshops

Within the scope of the active citizenship activities, trainers implemented "checks and balances workshops" with the aim to see that all sectors of society adopt checks and balances. One hundred thirty-eight people participated in the workshops held between June and November 2019.

July 2019

Judicial Reform Strategy from the Perspective of Checks and Balances

Experts from all over Turkey met at the "democracy tables" moderated by Professor Dr. Osman Can and spoke about the Judicial Reform Strategy Paper announced by the president in May. During three 1.5-hour sessions, 15 participants presented their findings and recommendations on the judicial reform strategy. Our group also visited the Ministry of Justice officials who could not attend the meeting. Assoc. Dr. Didem Yılmaz prepared the results and suggestions of the meeting and shared them with the public.

July 2019

Summer Visit to Politicians before the New Legislative Period

CBN was one of the first organizations to prepare content for the revision of the government system, which will take place when parliament opens in October. While reminiscent of the new era, it also held one-on-one meetings with decision-makers to ensure that the possible revision would create checks and balances as well as a more democratic system. Eight deputies from all political parties in parliament were interviewed.







September 2019

Second CBN's General Assembly

The general assembly of CBN was held on September 21–22 in Ankara. Ninety-six delegates from thirty provinces in Turkey joined the general assembly. New members of the decision-making mechanism CC, internal audit mechanism IDG, and local coordinators representatives of CC were elected.

PUBLICATIONS 2018–2019

MECLISTE.ORG

Mecliste.org published 441 alerts, summaries, and analyses on 39 topics such as local elections, online publishing, and how much the legislature has worked this legislative year. Twenty-one of these were summaries of legal proposals that will be debated in parliament. In the Assembly, Mecliste.org followed up with 27 of the 38 proposals that were enacted. In total, this information has reached close to 600,000 people.



In addition, we compiled the promises of the political parties that are in the parliament on the issues of environment, health, and women and prepared three reports evaluating their work in the parliament in line with these promises.

We conducted the second of the mecliste.org monitoring training with 19 participants from 12 different cities. The first mecliste.org monitoring training was conducted last year.

CALLS

- Call to TVs and Radios: Give Equal Rights to Every Candidate! – May 27, 2018
- All Political Parties Should Act on their Commitments– July 5, 2018
- While the State of Emergency Is Ending: The Main Aim Should Be Empowered Democracy and Normalization That Citizens Can Embrace – July 19, 2018
- CBN Salutes the New Parliament of the New System: Remember Pledges, Work Together – October 2018
- On the Eve of Elections, Four Calls to "See Local": Who, Why, How? – March 2019
- A Message for After the Election: The Election Is Over, It Is Time for Reform of Local Administrations – April 2019

- Press Release: To Censure the Attack Against the Opposition Party! – April 2019
- Press Release: All Parties Should Come Together and Reach a Consensus to Initiate a New Democratic Constitution – June 2019
- The Unjust Appointment of Trustees Is a Barrier for Checks and Balances! –September 2019

POLICY PAPERS

- "Representation and Reliability Should Be Prioritized in Every Phase of the Elections," March 19, 2018
- "Access to Information is Essential to Participatory Democracy," April 2018
- "After the State of Emergency: The Fight Against Terror Should be Undertaken with Respect to Checks and Balances and the Will of the People," July 2018
- "Recommendations for a Strong & Effective Parliament: Bylaws Under the New System," October 2018
- "Disproportionate Detention Without Cause: Why Is This Happening? How Can It Be Overcome?" December 2018
- "Critical Evaluations of the Provisions in the Turkish Penal Code on the Defamation of the President within the Scope of Political Rights and Freedoms," February 2019

REPORTS

- *Imagine Turkey: Dreams, Ideas and Values Mapping for Turkey*, January/ February 2018
- *Toward 24 June: Election Bulletins in Regard to Nine Benchmarks of the Check and Balances System*, June 2018
- *Reform Recommendations for the Presidential System with Checks and Balances*, September 2018
- *3 March Democracy Table Meeting – How to Establish Checks and Balances in the Presidential System?*, January 2019
- *Van and Adana Democracy Table Meeting Report | Think About Principles of Participatory Local Administrations in Urbanized Turkey*, March 2019
- *Needs and Demands for Democratic and Participatory Local Administrations As Strong Checks and Balances Actors*, October 2019
- *Judicial Reform Strategy from the Perspective of Checks and Balances*, September 2019

BENCHMARKS

- Under a Presidential System with Checks and Balances: Executive Branch Benchmarks, October 2019
- Toward an Independent Judiciary: Benchmarks for Checks and Balances, July 2018
- Transparency, Participation and Accountability in Local Government Benchmarks, February 2019
- Under a Presidential System with Checks and Balances: Legislative Branch Benchmarks, October 2018

SHURA ENERGY TRANSITION CENTER

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SHURA Energy Transition Center contributes to decarbonization of the energy sector via an innovative energy transition platform. It caters to the need for a sustainable and broadly recognized platform for discussions on policy, technological, and economic aspects of Turkey's energy sector. Founded by European Climate Foundation (ECF), Agora Energiewende, and Sabancı University (SU) Istanbul Policy Center (IPC), SHURA's mission is to support the debate on Turkey's transition to a low-carbon energy system through energy efficiency and renewable energy, fact-based analysis and the best available data.

On May 9, 2018, SHURA Energy Transition Center was officially launched in Istanbul, with representatives from industry, public sector, civil society, and universities attending, in order to contribute to the debate on energy transformation in Turkey.

WHAT IS ENERGY TRANSITION?

Energy transition means enabling the energy system to be more secure, affordable, and sustainable. Renewable energy, energy efficiency, distributed generation, electrification, smart grids, and innovation are at the center of the energy transition. By accelerating the implementation of these solutions, it is possible to transition to a low-carbon energy system that will have a central role in climate change mitigation.



200 bilateral meetings

with national and international stakeholders

150 presentations, keynote speeches, moderations, panel discussions, workshops, and webinars **in national and international events**

2018–2019: # 25 reports, proceedings, and working papers





"SHURA is named after Shu, the mythological god of wind, and Ra, the sun god in the Middle East. The center is the first think tank that operates on the energy transition in Turkey."

EVENTS/PUBLICATIONS

Taking into account all relevant perspectives from a multitude of stakeholders, SHURA produces fact-based analyses on how to achieve energy transition in Turkey. These studies cover renewables, energy efficiency, and electrification technologies, their costs and benefits, and the policies needed to enable them across three thematic areas: *Investments, Policy, Technology & Innovation*

SELECTED EVENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

INCREASING THE SHARE OF RENEWABLES IN TURKEY'S POWER SYSTEM: OPTIONS FOR TRANSMISSION EXPANSION AND FLEXIBILITY

May 2018

The use of renewable energy resources, primarily wind and solar, is expected to grow significantly within Turkey's power system. There has been tremendous growth in installed renewable electricity generation capacity in recent years, and Turkey set a new record for solar PV installations in 2017. As deployment of renewable electricity generation technologies is on the cusp of acceleration, there is a need to better understand how the rising share of wind and solar will affect Turkey's power system.



▼ Increasing the Share of Renewables in Turkey's Power System: Options for Transmission Expansion and Flexibility



OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE YEKA AUCTION MODEL FOR ENHANCING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OF TURKEY'S POWER SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

January 2019

Turkey is on the verge of transitioning its energy system, and today's investment choices will determine tomorrow's energy landscape. Turkey's urgent policy priority is to reduce its current account deficit, which is largely impacted by growing energy imports. Energy efficiency and local renewable energy resources have paramount importance in eliminating

the dependency on imported gas and coal. To accelerate the adoption of local renewable energy resources, Turkey has implemented a mix of policy mechanisms, including the Renewable Energy Resource Areas (YEKA) auctions, which have lowered costs. It is necessary to understand how the YEKA auctions can be more effective as they are expected to play a crucial role in raising Turkey's renewable energy share.

COSTS AND BENEFITS OF OPTIONS TO INCREASE SYSTEM FLEXIBILITY

April 2019

By the end of 2018, in total, more than 5 gigawatts (GW) of solar photovoltaic (PV) and around 7 GW onshore wind capacity were installed in Turkey, representing around 14% of Turkey's total installed electricity generation capacity. The combined electricity generation from solar PV and onshore wind supplied just below 10% of Turkey's total annual demand for electricity in 2018. SHURA's grid integration study shows that tripling the planned wind and solar capacity to 60 GW by 2026 (supplying 30% of Turkey's total electricity demand and half of the total demand including other renewables) is possible, but integrating this capacity would require a more flexible power system by introducing options such as more flexible coal-fired power plants, demand response, or energy storage.

FINANCING THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN TURKEY

October 2019

The world is rapidly moving toward an energy transition that involves renewable energy and energy efficiency, on the one hand, and distributed production technologies and digitalization, on the other. The critical factor all over the world is the urgent need for action to prevent climate change. The goal of energy security and reducing import dependency makes climate action indispensable for Turkey in addition to environmental and climate concerns. In this context, it is important to provide the necessary financing and adapt the financial sector.

▼ Financing the Energy Transition in Turkey



EVENTS

SELECTED EVENTS ORGANIZED BY SHURA

PANEL: R&D AND INNOVATION IN TRANSITION TO VALUE-ADDED GENERATION FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

SHURA Energy Transition Center organized a panel on R&D and innovation activities in solar production equipment during Solarex Istanbul 2019 Fair, which took place on April 4-6, 2019.

LAUNCH EVENT: FINANCING THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN TURKEY

On October 3, 2019, SHURA Energy Transition Center launched its new report titled *Financing Turkey's Energy Transition*. More than 100 guests from the public sector, private sector, and the press participated in the event.

▼ Financing the Energy Transition in Turkey



THE IMPACT OF INCENTIVES, SUPPORT AND SUBSIDIES ON THE ENERGY SECTOR IN TURKEY

SHURA Energy Transition Center organized a panel on "The Impact of Incentives, Support and Subsidies on the Energy Sector in Turkey" on December 18, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

NATIONAL ROAD TOUR: GRID INTEGRATION STUDY

As part of the road tour to present the Grid Integration Study, SHURA Energy Transition Center met with civil society representatives on June 20, 2018 and with private sector representatives on June 21, 2018 at IPC.

9TH TURKISH ENERGY SUMMIT

SHURA Energy Transition Center held two major events at the 9th Turkish Energy Summit, which was organized by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and Energy Market Regulatory Authority in Antalya on October 9–10, 2018. In the first event, SHURA made a presentation on the integration of renewable energy resources into Turkey's electricity grid. It also moderated the event titled "Investments and Financing for Renewable Energy: YEKA Model."

7TH TURKISH WIND ENERGY CONGRESS

SHURA Energy Transition Center organized and moderated the panel "How can Turkey ensure a successful energy transition?" during the 7th Turkish Wind Energy Congress, which took place on November 5–6, 2018.



▶ Investing in a Low-Emission, Resilient Future: Opportunities for Turkey



JOINT EVENTS

INVESTING IN A LOW-EMISSION, RESILIENT FUTURE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR TURKEY MEETING

"Investing in a Low-Emission, Resilient Future: Opportunities for Turkey" was jointly organized with the OECD on January 22, 2019 in Istanbul.

LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR ACCELERATING SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT IN TURKEY'S ENERGY TRANSITION EVENT

SHURA Energy Transition Center and Bloomberg NEF jointly organized the event "Long-Term Prospects for Accelerating Short-Term Investment in Turkey's Energy Transition" on February 13, 2019 to discuss the long-term potential of renewables and what planning for this could mean in the scope of the current progress and market situation for energy transition in Turkey.

▼ Long-Term Prospects for Accelerating Short-Term Investment in Turkey's Energy Transition Event







▲ Energy Efficiency Roundtable Meeting

ENERGY EFFICIENCY ROUNDTABLE MEETING

SHURA Energy Transition Center and CDP Turkey jointly organized the "Energy Efficiency Roundtable Meeting" on March 26, 2019, in which participants from a variety of sectors discussed the role of the private sector in energy transition.



▲ IRENA & SHURA Innovation Day 2019 Event

IRENA & SHURA INNOVATION DAY 2019 EVENT

SHURA Energy Transition Center co-organized the Innovation Day 2019 event with IRENA, receiving support from the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey, which took place in Ankara on November 27, 2019.

▼ IRENA & SHURA Innovation Day 2019 Event





▶ Stakeholder Engagement Meeting: Integrating the Electricity Demand of Electric Vehicles in the Distribution Grid

PUBLIC SECTOR

NATIONAL ROAD TOUR: GRID INTEGRATION STUDY

As part of the road tour to present the Grid Integration Study, SHURA Energy Transition Center held stakeholder engagement meetings with public sector representatives from EPDK (Energy Market Regulatory Authority) on May 11, 2018, the Directorate General for Renewable Energy on May 15, 2018, and Turkish Electricity Transmission Corporation (TEIAŞ) on May 17, 2018 in Ankara.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING: INTEGRATING THE ELECTRICITY DEMAND OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE DISTRIBUTION GRID

SHURA Energy Transition Center organized a stakeholder consultation meeting together with the Ministry of Energy & Natural Resources titled "Integrating the Electricity Demand of Electric Vehicles in the Distribution Grid" on August 8, 2019. More than 100 experts from the public and private sectors as well as civil society attended the meeting.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING: BATTERY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES

SHURA Energy Transition Center presented information on the newly released report *The Role of Battery Technologies in the Transition of Energy and Transport Sectors* at the Electricity Producers Association on December 12, 2019.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

WORKSHOPS AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

SHURA Energy Transition Center organized a system integration workshop with the European Commission's ENTSO-E (Europe Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity), DG ENER, and DG NEAR in Brussels on June 29, 2018.

IRENA INNOVATION WEEK 2018 PANEL

SHURA Energy Transition Center was a panelist at IRENA's (International Renewable Energy Agency) Innovation Week 2018 in Bonn during the special session "Electrification of Heat" on September 5–7, 2018.

UNECE, 27TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

SHURA Energy Transition Center presented its Grid Integration Study at UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) 27th Session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy in Geneva at the special session "Deep Transformation of the Energy System through Electricity" on September 27, 2018.

EBRD ANNUAL MEETING PANEL

SHURA Energy Transition Center participated at the EBRD Annual Meeting 2019 with its own booth and "Just Transition" panel on May 8–9, 2019.

UNESCAP 10TH INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SHURA Energy Transition Center participated as a speaker in the 10th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development hosted by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Bangkok on October 7–8, 2019.

UN HABITAT WORLD CITIES DAY 2019 CONFERENCE

SHURA Energy Transition Center spoke on the panel "Opportunities for Urban Renewable Energy Generation and Urban Renewable Energy Generation" at the World Cities Day 2019 organized by UN Habitat and held on October 31, 2019 in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

SHURASTAT

SHURASTAT aims to draw attention to issues related to energy transition with selected figures and data from national and internationally recognized sources. Published on a monthly basis, SHURASTAT stimulates interest and curiosity for further research and contributes to the debate through short reviews and examples from Turkey and the world. The first issue of SHURASTAT was released in February 2019.

Utilizing the data from the World Bank, IRENA, TUIK (TURKSTAT), and EMRA (EPDK) as well as SHURA's own reports, SHURASTAT's issues have so far covered topics such as low-carbon infrastructure investments in developing countries, the increasing share of solar energy in Turkey's electricity generation, the increase in global greenhouse gas emissions, the contribution of energy storage to energy transition, the share of renewables in G20 countries and Turkey's status under Sustainable Development Goal 7, green bonds and other green debt instruments, trends in innovation, and patents for energy transition and electric vehicles.











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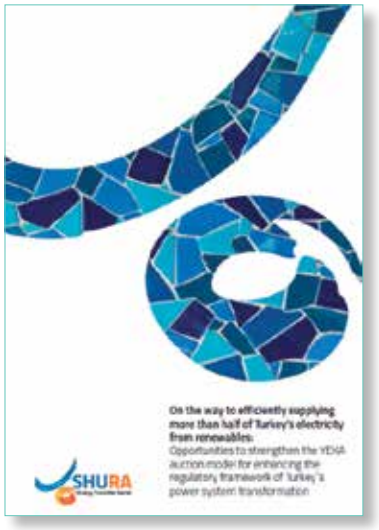


Increasing the Share of Renewables in Turkey's Power System: Options for Transmission Expansion and Flexibility, May 2018

Global Industrial Carbon Dioxide Emissions Mitigation: Investigation of the Role of Renewable Energy and Other Technologies until 2060, June 2018

How Turkey Can Ensure a Successful Energy Transition, July 2018

Balancing the Location of Wind and Solar PV Investments, October 2018

Ensuring the Sustainability of Financing for the Transition to a Low-carbon Economy in Turkey, October 2018 (in Turkish)

Renewable Energy Integration and Priorities for Energy Transition in Turkey, November 2018 (in Turkish)

Lessons from Global Experiences for Accelerating Energy Transition in Turkey through Solar and Wind Power, December 2018

Circular Economy for the Energy Transition, January 2019

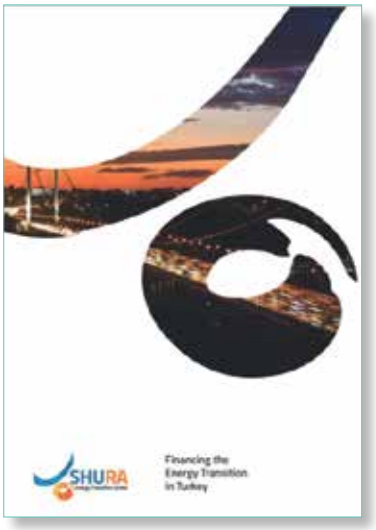
Investing in a Low-Carbon and Resilient Future: Opportunities for Turkey, January 2019 (in Turkish)

Opportunities to Strengthen the YEKA Auction Model for Enhancing the Regulatory Framework of Turkey's Power System Transformation, January 2019

Long-term Solutions to Accelerate Short-term Investments for Energy Transition in Turkey, February 2019 (in Turkish)

Energy Transition in Turkey and the Role of the Private Sector, February 2019 (in Turkish)

Energy Efficiency Business Models of the Private Sector for Sustainability, March 2019 (in Turkish)





On the Way to Efficiently Supplying More Than Half of Turkey's Electricity from Renewables: Costs and Benefits Options to Increase System Flexibility, April 2019

R&D and Innovation in Transition to Value-Added Production for Renewable Energy, April 2019 (in Turkish)

Energy Pricing and Non-Market Flows in Turkey's Energy Sector, May 2019

ICCI 2019 SHURA Special Session Summary Report: Financing the Energy Transition in Turkey, May 2019 (in Turkish)

Enhancing Turkey's Policy Framework for Energy Efficiency of Buildings, and Recommendations for the Way Forward Based on International Experiences, June 2019

Financing the Energy Transition in Turkey, October 2019

The Role of Battery Technologies in the Transformation of the Energy and Transport Sectors: Trends, Opportunities and Innovative Practices, November 2019

International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and SHURA Energy Transition Center "Innovation Day" Event Summary Report, November 2019

Trends in Innovation and Patents for Energy Transition in Turkey, December 2019 (in Turkish)

"The Impact of Incentives, Support and Subsidies on the Energy Sector in Turkey" Presentation and Panel Summary Report, December 2019

Transport Sector Transformation: Integrating Electric Vehicles into Turkey's Distribution Grids, December 2019



URBANIZATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

The newly established Urbanization and Local Governance cluster of Istanbul Policy Center aims to address the economic, social, and environmental governance transformations that Turkey's cities have undergone throughout the process of globalization.

Although the Urbanization and Local Governance cluster is newly established within IPC, studies on this issue have been ongoing since 2015. As we are now living in a new "urban age," as announced by the United Nations (UN), IPC has decided to incorporate urbanization studies into its research. Anatolian cities, on which IPC focuses, underwent an economic, social, and urban transformation coinciding with various processes of globalization after 1980 and have shifted their focus on local governance. According to their location, Anatolian cities also encounter phenomena such as immigration or socio-economic inequality. The move of the center of social life to cities has brought about a different urbanization process than in the past. In this framework, IPC's urban studies aim to conduct in-depth research assessing the political, economic, and societal impacts of globalization on Anatolian cities on a comparative basis, which would give every city the chance to tell its own story.

Under this cluster, IPC has collaborated with many non-governmental organizations, especially with TURKONFED, to closely examine Anatolian cities with different historical backgrounds within the context of the city-region, publishing multiple reports. In this context, our first report, *City-Region: New Dynamics in Local Development – From Turkey's Cities to Cities' Turkey,* was published in April 2017. This report, which covers 12 cities, was deepened in a second study, and a new report was prepared focusing on four cities. *City-Region: New Dynamics in Local Government Report* was shared with academicians, local governments, and decision-makers working in this field in May 2019. In 2017, the study "Analysis of the Effects of the Events in Sur on the City's Economy" investigated the impacts of conflict processes on urban life and the urban economy.

In 2018, in line with TUBITAK 1003 Program of Supporting the R&D Projects for Priority Areas, IPC's "Sustainable Urban Policies: Quality of Life in Terms of City-regions in Turkey" project was supported under the program subtheme "Living Environment and Intramural Affairs."

Under this cluster IPC conducts "Istanbul Perspectives," a panel series on Istanbul that examines urbanization and cultural change in the city, which is one of the largest metropolises not only in Turkey but also in the world. We initiated this monthly event series in October 2018, and in 2019/20, we continue to conduct interviews with researchers investigating the transformation of Istanbul's urban space.

With its studies in urbanization and local governance, IPC aims to contribute to the academic literature and aid local governance actors through sharing scientific research and proposals with decision makers, central/local governments, and local actors.

EVENTS



▲ June 23, 2019, Istanbul's Re-run Elections: An Assessment on Voter Behavior

JUNE 23, 2019, ISTANBUL'S RE-RUN ELECTIONS: AN ASSESSMENT ON VOTER BEHAVIOR

IPC and Infakto organized the panel titled "June 23, 2019, Istanbul's Re-run Elections: An Assessment on Voter Behavior" on July 5, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

CITY-REGION: NEW DYNAMICS IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

IPC Director Fuat Keyman and Local Democracy and Governance Project Coordinator Ayşe Köse Badur presented their report *City-Region: New Dynamics in Local Governance* on September 4, 2019 in Izmir. In the meeting, moderated by Ayşe Köse Badur, Fuat Keyman, General Manager of KONDA Bekir Ağırdır, and Koray Velibeyoğlu from Izmir High Technology Institute discussed the report and the city of Izmir.

DIGITAL GOVERNANCE & SOLUTIONS - STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND WORKSHOP

IPC, Human Development Foundation (INGEV), and University of Oxford organized the steering committee and workshop "ActHuman - Digital Governance and Solutions in Municipalities" on September 24, 2019 at Marmara Municipalities Union.



▶ City-Region: New Dynamics in Local Governance



ISTANBUL PERSPECTIVES SERIES

Istanbul Perspectives Series 1 – "Istanbul, Wide Angle"

The first meeting in the Istanbul Perspectives Talks series took place with Murat Germen's talk on "Istanbul, Wide Angle," moderated by Asuman Suner, on October 25, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

Istanbul Perspectives Series 2 – "Istanbul, Close Up: Architecture and the City over the Last Ten Years"

The second meeting in the Istanbul Perspectives Talks series took place with architect, architectural historian, and lecturer Uğur Tanyeli's talk on "Istanbul, Close Up: Architecture and the City over the Last Ten Years," moderated by Asuman Suner, on November 29, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.



Istanbul Perspectives Series 3 – "Art, Street, Corporeality"

The third meeting of the Istanbul Perspectives Talks took place with Canan, the artist, on "Art, Street, Corporeality," moderated by Asuman Suner, on December 20, 2018 at IPC Karaköy.

Istanbul Perspectives Series 4 – "The Festival Mood of the City"

The fourth meeting in the Istanbul Perspectives Talks series took place with former director of the Istanbul Film Festival



(1983–2006) Hülya Uçansu's talk on "The Festival Mood of the City" moderated by Asuman Suner, on January 24, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Istanbul Perspectives Series 5 – "Hong Kong – Istanbul: Personalizing the City"

The fifth meeting in the Istanbul Perspectives Talks series took place with academic and writer Asuman Suner's talk on "Hong Kong – Istanbul: Personalizing the City." IPC Director Fuat Keyman gave the opening speech at the event on February 21, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Istanbul Perspectives Series 6 – "City, Women, Freedom"

The sixth meeting in the Istanbul Perspectives Talks series took place with academic and writer Fatmagül Berktay's talk on "City, Women, Freedom," moderated by Asuman Suner, on March 28, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Istanbul Perspectives Series 7 – "Istanbul's Transformation from the Perspective of the Performing Arts"

The seventh meeting in the Istanbul Perspectives Talks series took place with director, actor, and academic Mehmet Birkiye's talk on "Istanbul's Transformation from the Perspective of the Performing Arts," moderated by Asuman Suner, on April 25, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.









Istanbul Perspectives Series 8 – "Istanbul from the Perspective of the Art Market"

The eighth meeting in the Istanbul Perspectives Talks series took place with founder and director of Gallery Nev Istanbul Haldun Dostoğlu's talk on "Istanbul from the Perspective of the Art Market," moderated by Asuman Suner, on May 30, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Istanbul Perspectives Series 9 – "Contemporary Art in Istanbul: Structures, Processes"

The ninth meeting in the Istanbul Perspectives Talks series took place with sociologist and curator Ali Akay's talk on "Modern Art in Istanbul: Structures, Processes," moderated by Asuman Suner, on November 21, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

Istanbul Perspectives Series 10 – "Istanbul From the Perspective of Non-Sustainability"

The tenth meeting in the Istanbul Perspectives Talks series took place with academic and researcher Asu Aksoy's talk on "Istanbul from the Perspective of Non-Sustainability," moderated by Asuman Suner, on December 26, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.



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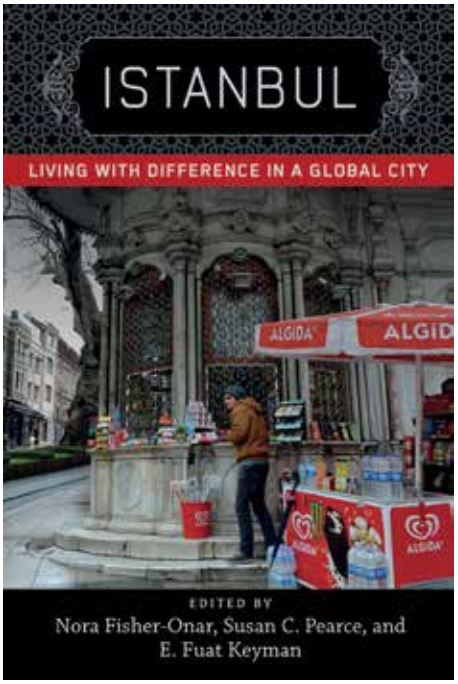

ISTANBUL: LIVING WITH DIFFERENCE IN A GLOBAL CITY

IPC Director Fuat Keyman's edited volume *Istanbul: Living with Difference in a Global City,* co-edited with Nora Fisher-Onar and Susan C. Pearce, was published in January 2018.

LOCAL DYNAMICS IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE: FROM THE CITIES OF TURKEY TO A TURKEY OF CITIES

Director Fuat Keyman's report *Local Dynamics in Local Governance: From the Cities of Turkey to a Turkey of Cities,* co-authored with Local Democracy and Governance Project Coordinator Ayşe Köse Badur, 2015/16 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Çağlar Keyder, and Istanbul Bilgi University Lecturer Fırat Genç, was published by TURKONFED and IPC in May 2019.

JUNE 23, 2019, ISTANBUL'S RE-RUN ELECTIONS: AN ASSESSMENT ON VOTER BEHAVIOR

Emre Erdoğan, Özge Kemahlıoğlu, Mert Moral, Emre Toros, and IPC Senior Fellow Ersin Kalaycıoğlu's report, *June 23, 2019, Istanbul's Re-run Elections: An Assessment on Voter Behavior,* was published in October 2019.



BOOK LAUNCHES



ISTANBUL: LIVING WITH DIFFERENCE IN A GLOBAL CITY

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LOCAL DYNAMICS IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE – FROM THE CITIES OF TURKEY TO A TURKEY OF CITIES

IPC, TURKONFED, ÇUKUROVASIFED, and MESIAD organized the launch of the report *Local Dynamics in Local Governance – From the Cities of Turkey to a Turkey of Cities* on May 10, 2019 at Mersin Divan Hotel.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION

The Conflict Resolution and Mediation (CRM) program is a joint initiative by Sabancı University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) and Istanbul Policy Center. It aims to conduct research, provide education and training, contribute to the enhancement of civilian capacity, and become involved in joint projects with national and international institutions. The program focuses on the Middle East and the Arab Spring, peacebuilding, migration and refugees, mediation, the Kurdish question, and the role of conflict resolution in Turkey's democratization.



EVENTS

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND RECONCILIATION

Sabancı University Faculty Member Ayşe Betül Çelik, IPC Conflict Resolution and Mediation Stream Project Manager Pınar Akpınar, and Project Officer Efe Doğuş Selvi convened the workshop "The Role of Women in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation" on January 11, 2018 at IPC.

This workshop discussed the potential role of women in decreasing polarization and peaceful resolution of the Kurdish Question in Turkey. Women are known to have various roles in building societal peace. The role of women in peacebuilding, the factors that strengthen and weaken cooperation among women in reconciliation, the urgent need for peacebuilding, and new feminist strategies were among the topics discussed in this workshop.

21 YEARS AFTER THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT, N. IRELAND STILL WRESTLES WITH PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

The screening and discussion of three short films under the theme "21 Years after the Good Friday Agreement, N. Ireland Still Wrestles with Peace and Reconciliation" took place on May 27, 2019 at IPC Karaköy. The panel hosted the producers of the movies, Quintin Oliver and Fiona MacMillan, who discussed how the 'yes' campaign for the peace agreement won the referendum and what still remains as the major difficulties in implementing the peace process in N. Ireland.



▶ 21 Years after the Good Friday Agreement, N. Ireland Still Wrestles with Peace and Reconciliation









▲ Understanding and Fostering the Role of Women in Mediation

UNDERSTANDING AND FOSTERING THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN MEDIATION

In the framework of the activities of the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network (MWMN), IPC, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the EU Delegation in Ankara, and the Turkish Women Mediators under the leadership of Sabancı University faculty member Ayşe Betül Çelik organized the workshop "Understanding and Fostering the Role of Women in Mediation" on June 29–30, 2019 at IPC Karaköy.

In October 2019, the Turkish Women Mediators Network also gave trainings on gender-sensitive conflict resolution and mediation to women opinion leaders in Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, and Mardin with the aim to promote mediation as a non-violent means of conflict resolution and empower women as agents of peace.

LAUNCHES

DIALOGUE AND SUSTAINABLE CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE KURDISH QUESTION AND POLARIZATION IN TURKEY

The press conference of the *Dialogue and Sustainable Conflict Resolution in the Kurdish Question and Polarization in Turkey Project*, where IPC Director Fuat Keyman and Conflict Resolution and Mediation Stream Scholar and Project Manager Pınar Akpınar launched the final report, took place at Vault Karaköy – The House Hotel on May 11, 2018.

PUBLICATIONS



STATE CAPACITY, FOREIGN/ SECURITY POLICY AND POLITICAL CRISIS IN TURKEY: THE PROMISE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM

IPC Senior Scholar & Conflict Resolution and Mediation Stream Coordinator Bülent Aras' report *State Capacity, Foreign/Security Policy and Political Crisis in Turkey: The Promise of Administrative Reform* was published in February 2018.

ARTS AND SPORTS ON THE AXIS OF SOCIAL POLARIZATION

Istanbul Technical University Faculty Member Asuman Suner and IPC Researcher Altay Atlı's report titled *Arts and Sports on the Axis of Social Polarization* was published in March 2018.

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN RECONCILIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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The final project report of the *Dialogue and Sustainable Conflict Resolution in the Kurdish Question and Polarization in Turkey* project, prepared by Conflict Resolution and Mediation Stream Scholar and Project Manager Pınar Akpınar and Project Officer Efe Doğuş Selvi, was published in May 2018.

THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AS A SOFT POWER TOOL

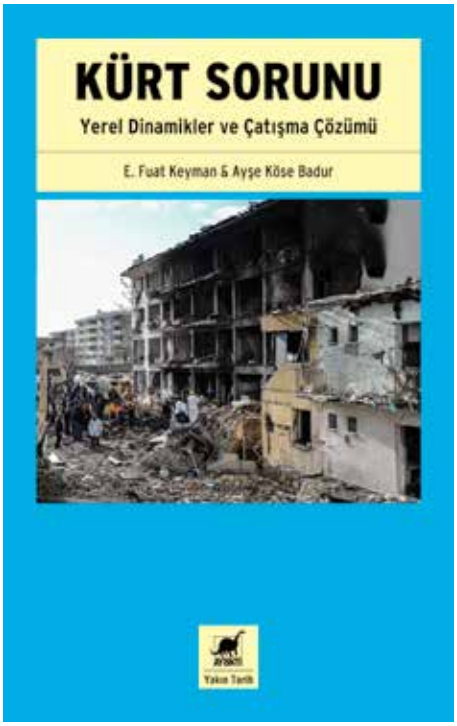
IPC Senior Scholar and Coordinator of the Conflict Resolution and Mediation cluster Bülent Aras (together with Zulkarnain Mohammed) published the article "The Turkish Government Scholarship Program as a Soft Power Tool" in *Turkish Studies* on November 25, 2018.

STATE, INSTITUTIONS AND REFORM IN TURKEY AFTER JULY 15

IPC Senior Scholar and Coordinator of the Conflict Resolution and Mediation Bülent Aras (together with Emirhan Yorulmazlar) published the article "State, Institutions and Reform in Turkey after July 15" in *New Perspectives on Turkey* on November 25, 2018.

KURDISH ISSUE: LOCAL DYNAMICS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Fuat Keyman and Ayşe Köse Badur published the book *Kurdish Issue: Local Dynamics and Conflict Resolution* with Ayrıntı Yayınları in October 2019.





OTHER ACTIVITIES

EVENTS

CENTER FOR ASIA LEADERSHIP – IPC VISIT

Founded by Harvard alumni, Boston-based Center for Asia Leadership visited IPC on June 7, 2018. The 19-person delegation consisting of Harvard, MIT and Fletcher School alumni met with IPC Senior Scholar & Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit and IPC Senior Scholar Bahri Yılmaz, who gave talks on economics, Turkey-EU relations, Turkey's elections, and current issues.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT – IPC VISIT

IPC and the Economic Development Foundation (IKV) hosted parliamentary consultants from the European Parliament to discuss contemporary Turkish politics, Turkey's foreign policy, and EU-Turkey Relations on October 31 at IPC Karaköy.

NEOLIBERALISM, STATE, GLOBAL CRISIS

IPC organized the conference "Neoliberalism, State, Global Crisis" in the honor of Galip Yalman at IPC Karaköy on November 23, 2018.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND ILL TREATMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY

IPC and the Küyerel Global and Local Thought Institution organized the conference "Human Rights and Ill Treatment in the 21st Century," which took place at Taksim Divan Hotel on November 24, 2018.

THE TURKISH HERITAGE ORGANIZATION'S NON-RESIDENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM VISIT

The Turkish Heritage Organization's Non-Resident Fellowship program visited IPC on July 4, 2019. They discussed recent issues on Turkey, Turkey-US relations, Syrian refugees in Turkey, and the economy with Maissam Nimer, Ersin Kalaycioğlu, Bahri Yılmaz, and Cana Tülüş Türk.





▲ Eurasia and China's Belt and Road Initiative

EURASIA AND CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE

The IPC–Sabancı University–Stiftung Mercator Initiative, together with Columbia University's Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies, Harriman Institute, ISERP, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, and Columbia Global Centers in Istanbul, organized the panel discussion "Eurasia and China's Belt and Road Initiative" on September 19, 2019 at Columbia University Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies. Ahmet Evin and Megan Gisclon attended the panel discussion.

LAUNCHES

A TALK WITH PROF. DR. ZAFER TOPRAK: *NEW LIFE IN TURKEY*

A talk with Prof. Dr. Zafer Toprak on his book *New Life in Turkey* was held on February 15, 2018 at IPC.

THE CRISIS OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN TURKEY AND THE WORLD

IPC organized the panel "The Crisis of Democratic Governance in Turkey and the World" on November 8, 2019 at IPC Karaköy to introduce three new books: *Age of Discontent: Essays on Violence, Politics and Belonging* by Evren Balta, *Democracies Divided: The Global Challenge of Political Polarization,* which was edited by Andrew O'Donohue and Thomas Carothers and includes a section by Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and *Kurdish Issue: Local Dynamics and Conflict Resolution* by Fuat Keyman and Ayşe Köse Badur.



PUBLICATIONS

CITIZEN-STATE INTERFACE IN TURKEY: A STUDY FROM THE COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

IPC Senior Scholar Ersin Kalaycıoğlu and Koç University Faculty Member Ali Çarkoğlu's ISSP report *Citizen-State Interface in Turkey: A Study from the Comparative Perspective* was published in February 2018.

A COMPARATIVE LOOK AT TURKEY'S WORK ORIENTATION

IPC Senior Scholar Ersin Kalaycıoğlu and Koç University Faculty Member Ali Çarkoğlu's report *A Comparative Look at Turkey's Work Orientation* was published in February 2018.

SOCIAL COHESION IN TURKEY

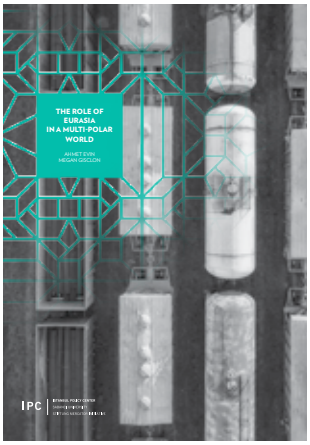
INGEV Researchers Aysen Ataseven and Çağla Bakış's report *Social Cohesion in Turkey* was published in June 2018. The report includes an executive summary by Fuat Keyman and focuses on the current state of social cohesion in Turkey.

WHY HAS CHINA SUCCEEDED? DOES CHINA'S SUCCESS CONTRADICT ACEMOĞLU AND ROBINSON'S THESIS IN "WHY NATIONS FAIL?"

IPC Senior Scholar Bahri Yılmaz's working paper "Why Has China Succeeded? Does China's Success Contradict Acemoğlu and Robinson's Thesis in *Why Nations Fail?*" was published in June 2018.

THE ROLE OF EURASIA IN A MULTI-POLAR WORLD

Senior Scholar Ahmet Evin and Managing Editor and Researcher Megan Gisclon's report *The Role of Eurasia in a Multi-Polar World* was published in March 2019.



WHICH WAY NOW FOR THE EU?

Kemal Derviş published the IPC Analysis "Which Way Now for the EU?" on July 25, 2019.

DEMOCRACIES DIVIDED: THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF POLITICAL POLARIZATION

Andrew O'Donohue's edited volume, co-edited with Thomas Carothers, *Democracies Divided: The Global Challenge of Political Polarization* was published on September 24, 2019 with the Brookings Institution Press. The book featured a chapter by Senem Aydın-Düzgit, titled "The Islamist-Secularist Divide and Turkey's Descent into Severe Polarization."

IPC TEAM (December 2019)

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- Bülent Aras, Senior Scholar
- İzak Atiyas, Senior Scholar
- Evren Balta, Senior Scholar and Researcher
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