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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, Mediation and Living Together

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 IPC's early years, the Education Reform Initiative also became one of its most prominent projects and increased the Center's public visibility.

From 2012 to 2018, the Initiative, Democratization and Institutional Reform, and Conflict Resolution and Mediation were IPC's three core research clusters.

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 and Stiftung Mercator established one of the most comprehensive partnerships 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 related to EU/Germany-Turkey 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, 60 Mercator-IPC Fellows and 23 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellows have worked at IPC and Sabancı University.

In the last five 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. Climate Change, which has been one of IPC's most visible research areas for nine years, became a main research cluster. Urbanization and Local Governance was also added as a research area. IPC's studies in this field focus on economic, social, and democratic change, as well as development and globalization, in important urban centers in Anatolia.

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

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The COVID-19 pandemic became a new reality as we moved from 2019 to 2020. Coupled with the ongoing challenges of climate change, income inequality and unfair distribution of wealth, population mobility, rapidly increasing urbanization, security problems, and devastating polarization, the pandemic has made the crises of globalization more evident. In line with these developments, at IPC we focused on issues central to debates on governance, such as state capacity and inclusion, access to basic needs, and security and welfare.

We closely monitored the impact of these crises in order to provide high-quality, evidence-based, and independent recommendations in 2020 and 2021. With 49 researchers and administrative staff, six research clusters, and 115 effective and up-to-date research programs, IPC has organized nearly 500 events in various formats, including panels, conferences, talks, workshops, and book launches since 2012. In addition, we have published more than 250 reports, policy briefs, and op-eds that have been circulated among key stakeholders across the globe. Even though we prefer to bring people together for in-person meetings, the new community we built through online events has increased access to our work. Thanks to our weekly online webinars and programs, we were able to reach more viewers, especially those living outside of Istanbul who were unable to attend our events in person prior to the pandemic. In addition to the Climate Café Talks, Nature and Climate, and Istanbul Perspectives event series, we broadcast the *Salgın ve Toplum* and *Gıdanın Politik Ekolojisi* webinar series, and we continue broadcasting the *Nasıl Bir Dünya? Nasıl Bir Türkiye?* Program in partnership with Medyascope.

In 2021, the IPC–Sabancı University–Stiftung Mercator Initiative celebrated its tenth year. Through the Initiative, we continue to strengthen ties between Germany and Turkey. Over the last decade, we have hosted 60 Mercator-IPC Fellows and 23 Senior Fellows, cooperated with 30 national and international institutions, organized more than 300 events, and produced more than 150 publications.

In the past ten years, we have also continued to support the networks we established within the scope of the Climate Change Program, one of IPC's most visible working areas. Through this program, we have worked with stakeholders to advance policy-making processes by supporting their capacity-building efforts and raising public awareness. Along with our Climate Café and Nature and Climate event series, we continue our work on the Right to A Future Program, which we established to discuss climate change and climate action within a rights-based framework. We have carried out numerous projects that contributed to low-carbon developments in the energy sector, published reports, and organized events with the SHURA Energy Transition Center, which we established as an innovative energy transition platform.

In the field of Democratization and Institutional Reform, we have continued research that aims to further democratization and good governance in Turkey. With the Checks and Balances Network under the leadership of IPC, we have brought together 281 NGOs across the country to support democratization and active, participatory citizenship practices.

Focusing on good governance in an increasingly urbanized Turkey (and the world), we have continued to bring together key stakeholders and develop projects to foster discussions about rights, freedoms, inequalities, and access to basic needs in cities as part of our Urbanization and Local Governance research field.

Additionally, during the past two years, we have conducted research on participation in urban life, citizen-focused applications, and the development of cities amid concerns about quality of life and the climate crisis.

In the field of Conflict Resolution, Mediation, and Living Together, we have continued our efforts toward democratization and dialogue by focusing on the topics of migration, refugees, women's role in mediation, the Kurdish Question, peace and reconciliation, and conflict resolution.

In summary, through our work in these six fields in 2020–2021, we expanded the IPC team with valuable additions to our research staff. We aimed to reach more people, taking advantage of the opportunities available to us during the pandemic as much as possible. We provided a forum for finding common ground and exchanging views based on scientific inquiry to tackle collective problems. I believe that each member of the IPC team possesses IPC's trademark characteristics of teamwork, academic rigor, creativity, and taking initiative as they closely follow trends and changes in the world. Their efforts create a friendly office environment that constitutes the foundation of IPC's strength. I sincerely thank the entire IPC team for their perseverance, diligent work, and success. The 2020–2021 Activity Report provides an overview of the programs, projects, events, and publications within our six working fields covering the themes outlined above. I hope you enjoy our report.

Prof. Dr. Fuat Keyman
Director, Istanbul Policy Center

IPC IN NUMBERS (since 2012)

49 researchers and administrative personnel

6 research clusters

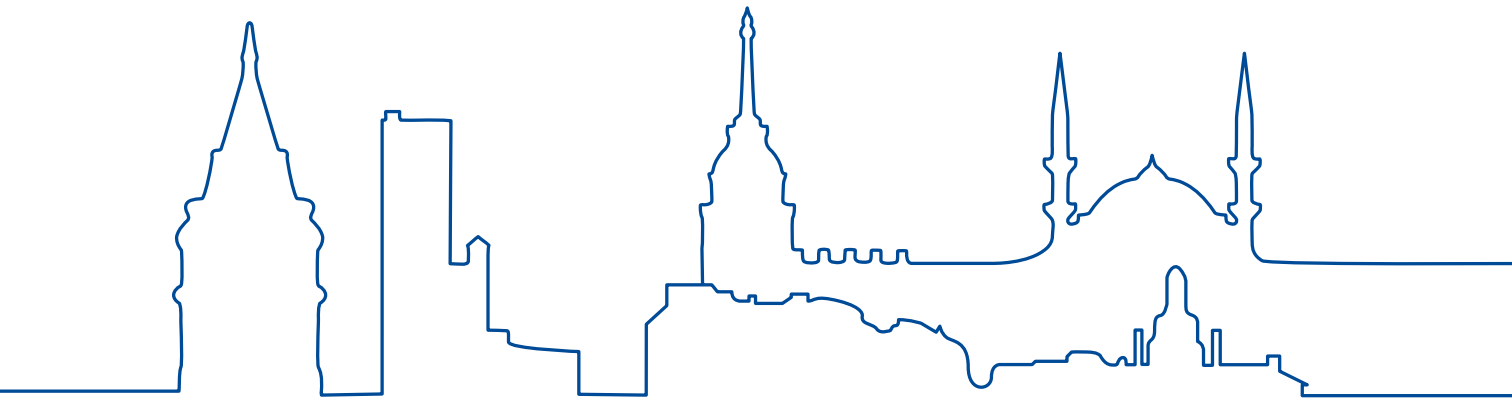
107 completed and eight effective and up-to-date research programs

Nearly **500** events, such as workshops, conferences, panels, etc.

More than 250 publications

Support for more than 21 joint research projects led by Sabancı University professors

More than 80 Sabancı University students interning and working as project assistants



COOPERATION WITH PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

IPC works closely with a diverse community of policymakers, journalists, scholars, and civil society activists. The Center also cooperates with universities, think tanks, foundations, and 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 worldwide. 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 among Turkey, Europe, the United States, and other strategic actors.

IPC has cooperated with the following institutions:

- 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)

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Öğretmen Ağı - ERG

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.

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 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 launched its activities on January 1, 2012.

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the activities of the Initiative in 2020 and 2021. Similar to many institutions, the Initiative transitioned its activities to online communication channels such as Zoom. The Initiative placed great emphasis on enhancing its impact through publications and outreach activites, including online conferences, panels, and roundtable discussions.

Additionally, our weekly program *Nasıl Bir Dünya? Nasıl Bir Türkiye?* on Medyascope increased our visibility to a diverse audience. We had the opportunity to cover a wide range of issues, including but not limited to foreign policy, health (COVID-19), economy, unemployment, EU-Turkey relations, climate change, and education. Our ultimate goal was to adapt to this new and unique pandemic process, understand the issues around it, and share our findings with the wider community.

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

2020/21

EU/German-Turkish Relations

Elena Dück

Universität Passau, Germany
Project: International Educational Cooperation: A Cornerstone of Sustainable Foreign Policy

▼ The Welcoming of the 2020-21 Mercator-IPC Fellows, October 11, 2021





▲ The Welcoming of the 2020-21 Mercator-IPC Fellows, October 19, 2020-2

Jan Schierkolk

Freelance Project Manager, Germany
Project: Promoting Civic Participation in EU-Turkish Municipal Cooperation

Karolína Augustová

Aston University, UK
Project: Violent Impacts of the EU's Externalization Politics on Refugees' Everyday Mobility in Turkey

Michael Kaeding

University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
Project: Turkey's (Enhanced) Engagement with EU Agencies: A Potential Membership Substitute Mechanism in a Differentiated EU

Climate Change

Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı

Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
Project: The "Green New Deal for Turkey" to Tackle the Climate Crisis

David Samuel Williams

University of Hamburg, Germany
Project: How National Adaptation Plans Can Address and Consider Vulnerable Communities

Özge Geyik

Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia
Project: Climate Change and Nutritional Sustainability: Aligning Climate Change, Food Production and Public Health Nutrition Targets

2021/22

EU/German-Turkish Relations

Sibel Karadağ

Koç University, Turkey
Project: On the Eve of a New "Deal": Scope, Actors, and Methods

Arzu Karakulak

Bahçeşehir University, Turkey
Project: Unpuzzling the Pandemic-Prejudice Link: Understanding How and When the Threat of COVID-19 Leads to Prejudice Against Refugees

Onur Sazak

International Press Institute, Turkey
Project: Reengaging European Philanthropy in the Restoration of Turkish Civil Society

Climate Change

Ezgi Ediboğlu

Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University, Turkey
Project: The Technology Roadmap on Combating Climate Change: A Proposal for Turkey

Theocharis Grigoriadis

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Project: German-Style Energy Transitions: Wind Energy & Development in Turkey

Anna Irmina Zadrożna

University of Oslo, Norway
Project: Green Spaces for Cities' Survival: Use and Perception of Green Spaces in Istanbul and Strategies for their Sustainable Governance

LIST OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE MERCATOR-IPC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Welcoming of the 2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellows

The Welcoming of the 2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellows was held on October 19, 2020 at The Seed. The event began with welcoming remarks by Yusuf Leblebici, followed by remarks from Fuat Keyman and Michael Schwarz. The event continued with a speech by Mercator-IPC Visiting Senior Fellow Pankaj Mishra and a Q&A section moderated by Senior Scholar Senem Aydın-Düzgit. Finally, the event was concluded with a movie screening that introduced the 2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellows Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı, David Samuel Williams, Elena Dück, Jan Schierkolk, Karolína Augustová, Michael Kaeding, and Özge Geyik.

The End of the Western Model

The Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative organized a webinar "The End of the Western Model" with Mercator-IPC Visiting Senior Fellow Pankaj Mishra on October 20, 2020. The webinar was moderated by IPC Senior Scholar Evren Balta.

The Welcoming of the 2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellows

The Welcoming of the 2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellows was held on October 11, 2021 at Barbare Vineyard House. The event began with welcoming remarks by IPC Director Fuat Keyman and Stiftung Mercator Director Michael Schwarz. The event continued with a movie screening that introduced the 2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellows Anna Zadrożna, Arzu Karakulak, Ezgi Ediboğlu, Onur Sazak, Sibel Karadağ, and Theocharis Grigoriadis.





EU/GERMAN-TURKISH RELATIONS

EVENTS

Differentiated Integration in EU-Turkey Relations

The Initiative hosted Mercator-IPC Visiting Senior Fellow Frank Schimmelfennig in Istanbul. During his visit, Schimmelfennig participated in the panel titled "Ever Looser Union: Differentiated Integration in Europe" on January 30, 2020 at METU; gave a seminar on the topic on February 3, 2020 at Sabancı University; and held a breakfast talk on "Differentiated Integration in EU-Turkey Relations: Prospects and Obstacles" on February 4, 2020 at the Galata Istanbul Hotel.

Turkey and Greece: Views of Each Other

The Initiative, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), and diaNEOsis Research and Policy Institute organized a closed roundtable meeting "Turkey and Greece: Views of Each Other" to present and discuss the results of the first joint Greek-Turkish opinion survey on October 26, 2021.

The Impact of the Pandemic on Prejudice Against Refugees - Focus Group Interview

The Initiative organized a focus group interview to understand the perceptions of Syrian refugees with the support of the World Academy for Local Government and Democracy (WALD) on November 27, 2021 at IPC Karaköy. The meeting took place within the scope of 2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Arzu Karakulak's project titled "The Impact of the Pandemic on Prejudice Against Refugees."

WEBINAR SERIES

"Understanding Complexity and Capacity for Resilience in Turkey"

While the course of 2021 remained unpredictable in regard to the pandemic, it was also unclear how Turkey's relations with the European Union, United States, and Russia would evolve. As the Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative, we believed it was time to contextualize the debate on Turkey and the long-standing Turkey-EU relationship with respect to global trends, including the transatlantic relationship and the present debate on the future of Europe.

By initiating the virtual event series "Understanding Complexity and Resilience in Turkey" in collaboration with our international partners, we aimed to contribute to a better understanding of Turkey's role within the global context.

Understanding Complexity and Capacity for Resilience in Turkey I: U.S.–EU–Turkey Relations in 2021

The Initiative and the Center for American Progress convened a digital discussion on U.S.–EU–Turkey Relations, featuring panelists Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Atila Eralp, Şebnem Kalemli-Özcan, and Max Hoffman, on February 3, 2021.

Understanding Complexity and Capacity for Resilience in Turkey II: The Eastern Mediterranean and EU-Turkey Relations: Opening a New Chapter

The Initiative and the Istituto Affari Internazionali convened a webinar on the Eastern Mediterranean and EU-Turkey Relations: Opening a New Chapter, featuring panelists Angelina Eichhorst, Atila Eralp, Luca Franza, and Damon Wilson, on March 11, 2021.

Understanding Complexity and Capacity for Resilience in Turkey III: Governing Precarity through EU-Turkey Relations

The Initiative convened a webinar titled "Governing Precarity through EU-Turkey Relations" on May 20, 2021. The event began with welcoming remarks by Stiftung Mercator Centre for International Affairs Director Anne Duncker and IPC Director Fuat Keyman and was followed by two consecutive panels. The first panel titled "The European Green Deal and EU-Turkey Relations" featured panelists Fikret Adaman, Philipp Godron, and Çiğdem Nas. The second panel, titled "Precarious Lives of Syrians in Turkey," featured panelists Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Feyzi Baban, Murat Erdoğan, Fuat Keyman, and Kim Rygiel.

Turkey at the Crossroads (*Eşikteki Türkiye*)

The Initiative and Ankara Institute Turkey initiated a new research and webinar series titled "Turkey at the Crossroads (*Eşikteki Türkiye*)" to understand the social, political, and economic dynamics of the transformation process that Turkey experiences closely and evaluate the interactions of those dynamics with national, regional, and global developments.

Eşikteki Türkiye I: October 12, 2021, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Galip Dalay, Hatem Ete and Fuat Keyman

Eşikteki Türkiye II: December 7, 2021, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Galip Dalay, Hatem Ete, and Fuat Keyman

PUBLICATIONS

The Turkish *Sonderweg*: Erdoğan's New Turkey and Its Role in the Global Order

2019 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Aslı Aydıntaşbaş's policy brief "The Turkish *Sonderweg*: Erdoğan's New Turkey and Its Role in the Global Order" was published in February 2020.

COVID-19 Pandemic and Protecting Households in Turkey

2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Gökçe Uysal's policy brief "COVID-19 Pandemic and Protecting Households in Turkey (*COVİD-19 Pandemisi ve Türkiye'de Hanelerin Korunması*)" was published in April 2020.

Narratives Matter: In Search of a Partnership Strategy

2019 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Wolfgang Wessels' policy brief "Narratives Matter: In Search of a Partnership Strategy" was published in April 2020.

A Fumbling or an Enabling European Union: Envisioning Multilateralism in a Post-Corona World

2019/20 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atilla Eralp and Director Fuat Keyman's policy brief "A Fumbling or an Enabling European Union: Envisioning Multilateralism in a Post-Corona World" was published in May 2020.

Syrian Workers and Informality in the Textile Sector in Istanbul

2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Gökçe Uysal and independent researcher Engin Volkan's policy brief "Syrian Workers and Informality in the Textile Sector in Istanbul" was published in May 2020.



Nationalism by Choice: How the Presidents of Turkey and Russia Take Advantage of National Feelings to Stay in Power

2019/20 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Michael Thumann's policy brief "Nationalism by Choice: How the Presidents of Turkey and Russia Take Advantage of National Feelings to Stay in Power" was published in May 2020.

How Should We Track the Collapse in the Labor Market Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic?

2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Gökçe Uysal and BETAM Research Assistants Hamza Mutluay and Mehmet Cem Şahin's policy brief "How Should We Track the Collapse in the Labor Market Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic? (*COVID-19 Pandemisinin İşgücü Piyasasında Yarattığı Tahribat Nasıl Takip Edilmeli?*)" was published in June 2020.

Syrian Textile Workers Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case for Closer Cooperation between Turkey and the EU

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Jannes Tessmann's policy brief "Syrian Textile Workers Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case for Closer Cooperation between Turkey and the EU" was published in June 2020.

Long-Term Exclusionary Effects of COVID-19 for Refugee Children in the German and Turkish Education Systems: A Comparative Perspective

2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ellen Kollender and 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Maissam Nimer's policy brief "Long-Term Exclusionary Effects of COVID-19 for Refugee Children in the German and Turkish Education Systems: A Comparative Perspective" was published in July 2020.

Gender Inequality in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Who Did the Housework? Who Took Care of the Children?

2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Gökçe Uysal, Istanbul Technical University Lecturer Aysun Hızıroğlu, and Bocconi University PhD Student and Fellow Selin Köksal published a policy brief titled "Gender Inequality in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Who Did the Housework? Who Took Care of the Children?" in March 2021.

Looking Again at the Age of Anger

2020 Mercator-IPC Visitor Senior Fellow Pankaj Mishra published a policy analysis titled "Looking Again at the Age of Anger" in April 2021.

Impacts of EU-Turkey Cooperation on Migration Along the Iran-Turkey Border

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Karolína Augustová published a policy brief titled "Impacts of EU-Turkey Cooperation on Migration Along the Iran-Turkey Border" in May 2021.

German External Cultural and Educational Policies in Turkey: Cooperation as Equal Partners?

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Elena Dück's policy brief "German External Cultural and Educational Policies in Turkey: Cooperation as Equal Partners?" was published in June 2021.

The Future of Europe Debate: Revitalizing Turkey-EU Relations amid the Changing Global Context

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp's policy brief "The Future of Europe Debate: Revitalizing Turkey-EU Relations amid the Changing Global Context (*Avrupa'nın Geleceği Tartışması: Değişen Küresel Bağlamda Türkiye-AB İlişkilerini Yeniden Canlandırmak*)" was published in June 2021.

Assessing the Potential of EU Agencies for the Future of EU-Turkey Relations, Part I: Turkey's Full Membership without Voting Rights in the EEA and EMCDDA

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Michael Kaeding and former IPC intern Frederic Krull's policy brief "Assessing the Potential of EU Agencies for the Future of EU-Turkey Relations, Part I: Turkey's Full Membership without Voting Rights in the EEA and EMCDDA" was published in September 2021.

Between Fostering and Outsourcing Educational Justice: The EU-Turkey Statement and Its Impacts on the Education of 'Refugee Students' in Turkey

2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ellen Kollender's policy brief "Between Fostering and Outsourcing Educational Justice: The EU-Turkey Statement and Its Impacts on the Education of 'Refugee Students' in Turkey" was published in September 2021.

The Border Landscape in Eastern Turkey after the Taliban's Takeover of Afghanistan

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Karolína Augustová's analysis "The Border Landscape in Eastern Turkey After the Taliban's Takeover of Afghanistan" was published in September 2021.

Assessing the Potential of EU Agencies for the Future of EU-Turkey Relations, Part II: A Systematic Mapping of Cooperation Between EU Agencies and Turkey (1999–2021)

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Michael Kaeding's policy brief "Assessing the Potential of EU Agencies for the Future of EU-Turkey Relations, Part II: A Systematic Mapping of Cooperation Between EU Agencies and Turkey (1999–2021)" was published in October 2021.

German Cultural and Educational Policies in Turkey during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Potential

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Elena Dück's policy brief "German Cultural and Educational Policies in Turkey during the COVID-19 Pandemic Challenges and Potential" was published in October 2021.

Assessing the Potential of EU Agencies for the Future of EU-Turkey Relations, Part III: Mapping EU Agencies' Coverage in the Turkish Press (2002–2021)

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Micheal Kaeding and Zeki Demirpolat, research assistant at the University of Duisburg-Essen, published a policy brief titled "Assessing the Potential of EU Agencies for the Future of EU-Turkey Relations, Part III: Mapping EU Agencies' Coverage in the Turkish Press" in November 2021.

CLIMATE CHANGE

EVENTS

Nature and Climate Talks

Climate Change Cluster Coordinator Ümit Şahin convened bimonthly gatherings where experts from the fields of nature conservation and climate change came together in an interdisciplinary setting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the talks after March 2020 took place on online platforms.

Nature and Climate Talks 6 – The Impact of Climate Change on Birds

The sixth event in the Nature and Climate Talks series was Kiraz Erciyas Yavuz's talk, "The Impact of Climate Change on Birds (*Değişen İklimin Kuşlara Etkisi*)," held on January 14, 2020, at IPC Karaköy.

Nature and Climate Talks 7 – Global Climate Change and Anatolian Biogeography: Understanding the Past, Projecting the Future

The seventh event in the Nature and Climate Talks series was Hakan Gür's talk, "Global Climate Change and Anatolian Biogeography: Understanding the Past, Projecting the Future (*Küresel İklim Değişiklikleri ve Anadolu Biyocoğrafyası: Geçmişi Anlamak ve Geleceği Öngörmek*)," held on March 4, 2020, at IPC Karaköy.

Nature and Climate Talks 8 – Climate Change, Wildfires, and Biodiversity

The eighth event in the Nature and Climate Talks series, Hacettepe University Scholar Çağatay Tavşanoğlu's talk titled "Climate Change, Wildfires, and Biodiversity (*İklim Değişikliği, Orman Yangınları ve Biyoçeşitlilik*)," was held on May 12, 2020.

Nature and Climate Talks 9 – Rethinking the Future of the Planet: Ecological Citizenship and Information Infrastructures

The ninth event in the Nature and Climate Talks series, Cansu Dedeoğlu and Çağdaş Dedeoğlu's talk titled "Rethinking the Future of the Planet: Ecological Citizenship and Information Infrastructures (*Gezegenin Geleceğini Yeniden Düşünmek: Ekolojik Vatandaşlık ve Enformasyon Altyapıları*)," was held on November 18, 2020.

Nature and Climate Talks 10 – Science, Ethics and the Love of Nature in the Era of Climate Crisis

The tenth event in the Nature and Climate Talks series, Sargun Ali Tont's talk titled "Science, Ethics and the Love of Nature in the Era of Climate Crisis (*İklim Krizi Çağında Bilim, Etik ve Doğa Sevgisi*)," was held on March 22, 2021.

▼ Nature and Climate Talks 8 – Climate Change, Wildfires, and Biodiversity, May 12, 2020



CLIMATE CAFÉ TALKS

Climate Change Cluster Coordinator Ümit Şahin convened bimonthly gatherings where researchers and academics working on various subjects related to climate change—from environmental sciences to politics, economy to psychology—came together in an interdisciplinary setting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the talks after March 2020 took place on online platforms.

Climate Café Talks 10 – Studying Turkey's Energy Policies in Light of Social Sciences

The tenth event in the Climate Café Talks series, Begüm Özkaynak's talk titled "Studying Turkey's Energy Policies in Light of Social Sciences (*Türkiye'nin Enerji Politikalarını Sosyal Bilimler Işığında Okumak*)," was held on February 12, 2020, at IPC Karaköy.

Climate Café Talks 11 – In Search of a Different Loss and Damage Politics: Urban Climate Justice and Istanbul

The eleventh event in the Climate Café Talks series, 2014/15 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ethemcan Turhan's talk titled "In Search of a Different Loss and Damage Politics: Urban Climate Justice and Istanbul (*Başka Bir Kayıp ve Zarar Siyasetini Aramak: Kentsel İklim Adaleti ve İstanbul*)," was held on April 22, 2020.

Climate Café Talks 12 – Access to Water from the Perspective of COVID-19 and Policy Recommendations

The twelfth event in the Climate Café Talks series, 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Akgün İlhan's talk titled "Access to Water from the Perspective of COVID-19 and Policy Recommendations (*COVİD-19 Penceresinden Suya Erişim Meselesi ve Çözüm Önerileri*)," was held on June 17, 2020.

Climate Café Talks 13 – Energy Democracy in Theory and Practice

The thirteenth event in the Climate Café Talks series, 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Sinan Erensü's talk titled "Energy Democracy in Theory and Practice (*Enerjiyi Toplumsallaştırmak: Kuram ve Uygulamada Enerji Demokrasisi*)," was held on December 16, 2020.

Climate Cafe Talks 14 – Assessing Developmentalism in Turkey on the Food-Agriculture Axis

The fourteenth event in the Climate Café Talks series, 2020/21 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Fikret Adaman's talk titled "Assessing Developmentalism in Turkey on the Food-Agriculture Axis (*Türkiye'de Kalkınmacılığın Gıda-Tarım Ekseninde Değerlendirilmesi*)," was held on February 10, 2021.

Climate Cafe Talks 15 – Planetary Imaginations and the Anthropocene Art: Geoaesthetic Acts

The fifteenth event in the Climate Café Talks series, Benek Çinçik's talk titled "Planetary Imaginations and the Art: Geoaesthetic Acts (*Gezegensel İmgelemler ve Antroposen Sanatı: Jeoestetik Eylemler*)," was held on April 26, 2021.

Climate Cafe Talks 16 – Evaluation of MENA Region Extreme Weather Events in Terms of Future Model Projections

The sixteenth event in the Climate Café Talks series, Tuğba Öztürk's talk titled "Evaluation of MENA Region Extreme Weather Events in Terms of Future Model Projections (*MENA Bölgesi Aşırı Hava Olaylarının Gelecek Model Projeksiyonları Açısından Değerlendirilmesi*)," was held on June 30, 2021.

Climate Cafe Talks 17 – Associating Climate Policy and Actions with Spatial Planning

The seventeenth event in the Climate Café Talks series, Osman Balaban's talk titled "Associating Climate Policy and Actions with Spatial Planning (*İklim Politikasını ve Eylemlerini Mekansal Planlama ile İlişkilendirmek*)," was held on December 22, 2021.

WEBINAR SERIES

The Political Ecology of Food (*Gıdanın Politik Ekolojisi*)

Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Fikret Adaman convened a monthly webinar series, "The Political Ecology of Food," which aimed to contribute to the establishment of a more equitable and sustainable food system in Turkey by discussing the structure of this system and its social, economic, and ecological effects. The main goal of these webinars was to examine various dimensions of the food system, such as access to production resources, socio-economic transitions in rural life, technological changes, ecosystem dynamics, consumption culture, agriculture, and food policies, taking an interdisciplinary and holistic approach.



▼ Sustainability of Nutrition and the Political Economy of Our Dinner Table, March 31, 2021

The Political Ecology of Food 1 – Talking About Food: Various Concepts, Different Approaches

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Talking About Food: Various Concepts, Different Approaches (*Gıda'yı Konuşurken: Farklı Kavramlar, Farklı Yaklaşımlar*)" with Hilal Elver and Özge Güneş on March 17, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 2 – Sustainability of Nutrition and the Political Economy of Our Dinner Table

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Sustainability of Nutrition and the Political Economy of Our Dinner Table (*Beslenmenin Sürdürülebilirliği ve Soframızın Ekonomi-Politiği*)" with Özge Geyik and Candan Türkkan on March 31, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 3 – The Key Subjects of the Food System

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "The Key Subjects of the Food System: Farmers, Part-Time Farmers, Seasonal Workers and Others (*Gıda sisteminin Kilit Özneleri*)" with Burak Gürel and Deniz Pelek on April 14, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 4 – The Political Economy of the Value and Supply Chain in the Agriculture and Food Sector

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "The Political Economy of the Value and Supply Chain in the Agriculture and Food Sector (*Tarım ve Gıda Sektöründeki Değer ve Tedarik Zincirinin Ekonomi Politiği*)" with Halis Akder and Derya Nizam on April 28, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 5 – Agriculture and Food Sector on the Axis of New Technologies and Traditional Knowledge

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Agriculture and Food Sector on the Axis of New Technologies and Traditional Knowledge (*Yeni Teknolojiler ve Geleneksel Bilgi Ekseninde Tarım ve Gıda Sektörü*)" with Gökhan Özertan and Zühre Aksoy on May 5, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 6 – Agroecology: Opportunities and Challenges

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Agroecology: Opportunities and Challenges (*Agroekoloji—Fırsatlar ve Zorluklar*)" with Peter Rosset on May 26, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 7 – Sustainable Nutrition: The Effects of What We Eat/Drink on Our Health and the Planet

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Sustainable Nutrition: The Effects of What We Eat/Drink on Our Health and the Planet (*Sürdürülebilir Beslenme: Yediklerimizin/İçtiklerimizin Sağlığımıza ve Gezegene Etkileri*)" with Emine Aksoydan and Reci Meseri on June 9, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 8 – Places for the Production and Consumption of Food: Rural, Urban, Rural-Urban

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Places for the Production and Consumption of Food: Rural, Urban, Rural-Urban (*Gıdanın Üretim ve Tüketim Mekânları*)" with Koray Velibeyoğlu and Emel Karakaya on June 23, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 9 – Food in Urban Spaces: Problems/Solutions

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Food in Urban Spaces: Problems/Solutions" with Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu and İrem Soysal Al on October 13, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 10 – Food in Rural Areas: Research of Problems/Solutions

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Food in Rural Areas: Research of Problems/Solutions (*Kırsal Mekanlarda Gıda: Sorunlar/Çözüm Arayışları*)" with Dalya Hazar Kalonya and Kiraz Özdoğan on November 3, 2021.

The Political Ecology of Food 11 – Women's Cooperatives in Food Production: Experiences and Possibilities

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Women's Cooperatives in Food Production: Experiences and Possibilities (*Gıda Üretiminde Kadın Kooperatifleri: Deneyimler ve İmkânlar*)" with Bengü Kurtege-Sefer on November 24, 2021.

Road to Glasgow: Climate Policies (*Glasgow'a Doğru İklim Politikaları*)

Climate Change Cluster Coordinator Ümit Şahin initiated a series of webinars in the lead up to COP26 in Glasgow to discuss climate policies. Topics such as developments since the 2015 Paris Agreement, expectations for Glasgow, the importance of climate negotiations in international relations, and the role of the green economy in the fight against the climate crisis were discussed by esteemed academics, experts, and activists.

Road to Glasgow 1 – The Latest Status of Climate Talks from Paris to Glasgow

The Initiative convened a webinar titled "The Latest Status of Climate Talks from Paris to Glasgow (*Paris'ten Glasgow'a İklim Müzakerelerinde Son Durum*)" with Gökşen Şahin, Mahir Ilgaz, and Semra Cerit Mazlum on September 20, 2021.



▶ The Latest Status of Climate Talks from Paris to Glasgow, September 20, 2021

Road to Glasgow 2 – Economic Policies and Green Deal

The Initiative convened a webinar titled "Economic Policies and Green Deal (*Ekonomi Politikaları ve Yeşil Mutabakat*)" with Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı, Ebru Voyvoda, Güven Sak, and Selahattin Hakman on October 4, 2021.

Road to Glasgow 3 – Climate Negotiations in the Context of International Relations

The Initiative convened a webinar titled "Climate Negotiations in the Context of International Relations (*Uluslararası İlişkiler Bağlamında İklim Müzakereleri*)" with Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Alper Kaliber, Fuat Keyman, and Çiğdem Nas on October 18, 2021.

Road to Glasgow 4 – What to Expect from Glasgow? The Latest Situation on the Start of Negotiations

The Initiative convened a webinar titled "What to Expect from Glasgow? The Latest Situation on the Start of Negotiations (*Glasgow'dan Ne Bekliyoruz? Müzakereler Başlarken Son Durum*)" with Ümit Şahin, Bengisu Özenç, Devin Bahçeci, and Özlem Katısöz on November 1, 2021.

OTHER EVENTS

Political Ecology of the Agricultural Transformation in Turkey within the Context of Climate Change

The Initiative organized the conference "Political Ecology of the Agricultural Transformation in Turkey within the Context of Climate Change (*İklim Değişikliği Bağlamında Türkiye'de Tarımın Dönüşümünün Politik Ekolojisi*)" on January 6, 2020, at IPC Karaköy. The conference was followed by a roundtable meeting on January 7, 2020, at IPC Karaköy.

Battling Heatwaves in Hospitals and the Community, Now and in the Future

The Initiative organized a webinar titled "Battling Heatwaves in Hospitals and the Community, Now and in the Future" with Mercator-IPC Visiting Senior Fellow Pierre Gosselin and Climate Change Cluster Coordinator Ümit Şahin on July 27, 2020.

Heat Waves and Preparation of Heat-Health Action Plans in Cities

The Initiative organized an online roundtable meeting titled "Heat Waves and Preparation of Heat-Health Action Plans in Cities" with Mercator-IPC Visiting Senior Fellow Pierre Gosselin on September 22, 2020.

Climate Change and Water Management

The Initiative organized a roundtable meeting titled "Climate Change and Water Management (*İklim Değişikliği ve Su Aktörleri*)" with 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Akgün İlhan on September 29, 2020.



▶ Turkey's Green Transformation Models and Pathways, October 25, 2021

Turkey Climate Economics Workshop – Turkey's Green Transformation: Models and Pathways

The Initiative convened an online workshop titled "Turkey Climate Economics Workshop – Turkey's Green Transformation: Models and Pathways (*Türkiye İklim İktisadı Çalıştayı – Türkiye'nin Yeşil Dönüşümü: Modeller ve Patikalar*)" on October 25, 2021. This workshop was initiated by 2020/21 Mercator IPC Fellow Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı.

Climate Policies After Glasgow? What Happened at COP26?

The 26th Conference of the Parties on Climate Change was held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, between October 31 and November 12, 2021. IPC convened a webinar titled "Climate Policies After Glasgow: What Happened at COP26?" on November 17, 2021, joined by Devin Bahçeci, Mahir Ilgaz, and Semra Cerit and organized by Ümit Şahin.

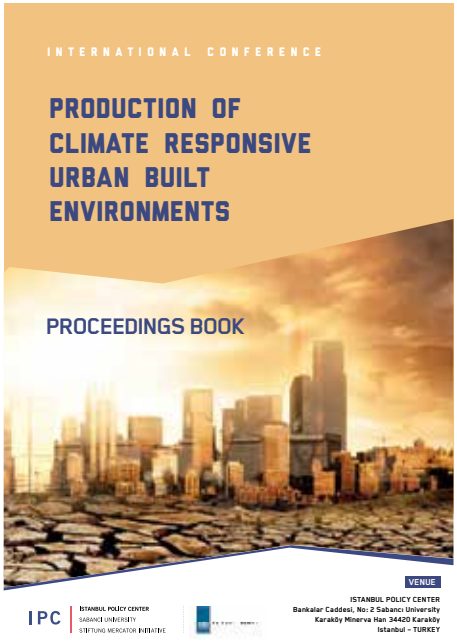
PUBLICATIONS

The Problem of Water Access from the Perspective of COVID-19 and Proposed Solutions

2019/20 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Akgün İlhan's policy analysis "The Problem of Water Access from the Perspective of COVID-19 and Proposed Solutions (*COVID-19 Penceresinden Suya Erişim Meselesi ve Çözüm Önerileri*)" was published in May 2020.

Production of Climate Responsive Urban Built Environments

The proceedings book of the conference "Production of Climate Responsive Urban Built Environments," convened by 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ender Peker on May 22–24, 2019, at IPC Karaköy and the Netherlands Consulate, was published in July 2020.



Assessing the COVID-19 Pandemic and Climate Crisis Together

Climate Change Cluster Coordinator Ümit Şahin and 2019/20 Mercator-IPC Fellow Sinan Erensü's policy brief "Assessing the COVID 19 Pandemic and Climate Crisis Together (*COVID-19 Pandemisini ve İklim Krizini Birlikte Okumak*)" was published in December 2020.

Cities in the Face of Climate Crisis and Earthquake Risks: Integrated Policies for Local Administrations

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ender Peker and Çankaya University Faculty Member Ezgi Orhan's policy brief "Cities in the Face of Climate Crisis and Earthquake Risks: Integrated Policies for Local Administrations (*İklim Krizi ve Deprem Riskleri Karşısında Kentler: Yerel Yönetimler için Bütünleşik Politikalar*)" was published in December 2020.

The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and the Turkish Economy

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı's policy brief "The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and the Turkish Economy" was published in January 2021.

Greenhouse Gas Fragility of the Turkish Economy

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı's policy brief "Greenhouse Gas Fragility of the Turkish Economy (*Türkiye Ekonomisinin Seragazı Kırılganlığı*)" was published in August 2021.

Sustainable and Nutrition-Sensitive Food Systems: The Planetary Boundaries Approach

2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Özge Geyik's analysis "Sustainable and Nutrition-Sensitive Food Systems: The Planetary Boundaries Approach" was published in December 2021.

MEDYASCOPE TV PROGRAM SERIES

NASIL BİR DÜNYA? NASIL BİR TÜRKİYE?

The IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative's Medyascope program, *Nasıl bir Dünya? Nasıl bir Türkiye?* moderated by Pelin Oğuz, was broadcast every Thursday at 17:00. The program featured Mercator-IPC Fellows, IPC Scholars, and experts from diverse fields. Various topics were covered under the program, ranging from democratization to urbanization, climate crisis to international relations, economy to public health, as well as society and culture, through discussions of popular movies and books. The program became a platform where research and expertise met the public to discuss current issues in Turkey and worldwide.

- February 6, 2020, Frank Schimmelfennig & Senem Aydın-Düzgit, "Differentiated Integration and EU-Turkey Relations"
- February 13, 2020, Fuat Keyman, "Nasıl bir Dünya? Nasıl bir Türkiye?"
- February 20, 2020, Ayşe Köse Badur & Fırat Genç, "Türkiye'nin Kentlerinden Kentlerin Türkiye'sine"
- February 27, 2020, Evren Balta & Michael Reynolds, "Turkey, Russia, and the West"
- March 5, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Galip Dalay, "Nasıl bir Dünya? Nasıl bir Türkiye?"
- March 12, 2020, Ümit Şahin, "İklim Krizi"
- March 19, 2020, Fikret Adaman & Sinan Erensü, "Salgın Günlerinde Toplumsal Adalet ve Dayanışma"
- March 30, 2020, Ümit Şahin & Selim Badur, "Koronavirüs Salgını ve İklim Değişikliği"



▲ *Nasıl Bir Dünya Nasıl Bir Türkiye* Program Series

- April 2, 2020, Senem Aydın-Düzgit & Çiğdem Nas, "AB'nin Koronavirüs Salgını ile İmtihanı"
- April 9, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Evren Balta, "Küresel Salgın Döneminde Tedirginlik"
- April 16, 2020, Kamil Yılmaz & Gökçe Uysal, "Koronavirüs Salgını Döneminde Ekonomi ve İşgücü"
- April 23, 2020, Ersin Kalaycıoğlu & Ayşe Köse, "TBMM'nin 100. Yılını Kutluyoruz"
- April 30, 2020, Akgün İlhan & Baran Alp Uncu, "Pandemi Gündeminde Kentte İklim ve Su Krizi"
- May 7, 2020, Çiğdem Bozdağ & Çetin Çelik, "Eğitim, Eşitsizlikler ve Salgın"
- May 14, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Atila Eralp, "Korona Sonrası Dünyada Çok Taraflılık"
- May 21, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Nebi Sümer, "Salgın Döneminde Toplumsal Psikoloji ve Birey Olmak"
- May 28, 2020, Ümit Şahin & Değer Saygın, "Korona Döneminde İklim Değişikliği ve Enerji Dönüşümü"
- June 4, 2020, Selim Badur & Nebi Sümer, "Yeni Normal'de Bizleri Neler Bekliyor?"
- June 11, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Feyzi Baban, "Amerika'dan Çıkarılacak Dersler: Demokrasi, Özgürlük, Eşitsizlik"
- June 18, 2020, Sinan Erensü & Berk Esen, "Amerika'daki İtirazın Türkiye'deki Karşılığı Nedir?"
- June 25, 2020, Senem Aydın-Düzgit & Andrew O'Donohue, "Polarization and the Pandemic: Comparing Turkey and the United States"
- July 2, 2020, Ümit Şahin & Ender Peker, "Sıcak Dalgalarında Kentler ve Sağlık"
- July 9, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Feyzi Baban, "Post-Korona Dünyada Milliyetçilik, Vatanseverlik ve Kozmopolitlik"
- July 16, 2020, Michael Thumann & Evren Balta, "Nationalism and the Global Pandemic"
- July 23, 2020, Fuat Keyman, Bekir Ağırdır & Hayriye Ataş, "Türkiye'de Demokrasi Algısı"
- July 29, 2020, Fuat Keyman, Pelin Oğuz, Senem Aydın-Düzgit & Ümit Şahin, "Nasıl bir Dünya? Nasıl bir Türkiye?"
- September 17, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Ümit Şahin, "Nasıl bir Dünya? Nasıl bir Türkiye?"
- September 24, 2020, Senem Aydın-Düzgit & Evren Balta, "Nasıl bir Dünya? Nasıl bir Türkiye?"
- October 1, 2020, Selim Badur & Nebi Sümer, "Covid-19 Pandemisinde Türkiye ve Dünyada Neredeyiz?"
- October 8, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Galip Dalay, "Doğu Akdeniz'den Kafkasya'ya: Jeopolitiğin Geri Dönüşü"

- October 15, 2020, Ümit Şahin & Bengisu Özenç, "İklim Değişikliği ile Mücadelenin Yan Faydaları"
- October 22, 2020, Pankaj Mishra, Fuat Keyman & Yusuf Leblebici, "Anxiety, Anger and Hope: A Critical Look at the Post-Corona World"
- October 29, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Ayşe Köse Badur, "Bir Fikir ve Yönetim Olarak Cumhuriyet"
- December 3, 2020, Fikret Adaman & Ümit Şahin, "Türkiye'de İklim Krizi Algısı ve Olası Çıkışlar"
- December 10, 2020, Senem Aydın-Düzgit & Atila Eralp, "AB Zirvesi'nde Türkiye'yi Neler Bekliyor?"
- December 17, 2020, Fuat Keyman & Galip Dalay, "Biden Döneminde Türkiye-ABD İlişkileri"
- December 24, 2020, Akgün İlhan & Ferdi Akarsu, "Sulak Alanlardan Kentlere Kuraklık"
- December 31, 2020, Fuat Keyman, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Ümit Şahin, Atila Eralp, Fikret Adaman, Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı & Gökçe Uysal "2020'de Ne Yaptık? 2021'den Ne Bekliyoruz?"
- January 7, 2021, Fuat Keyman & Evren Balta, "2021'e Dair Olasılıklar ve Beklentiler"
- January 14, 2021, Selim Badur & Nuriye Ortaylı, "Koronavirüs Salgını ve Aşı Tartışmaları"
- January 21, 2021, Fuat Keyman & Özgür Ünlühisarcıklı, "Biden Döneminde Türkiye-ABD İlişkileri"
- January 28, 2021, Ahmet Atış Aşıcı & Sevil Acar, "Türkiye Avrupa Yeşil Düzenine Nasıl Cevap Verecek?"
- February 4, 2021, Ezgi Orhan & Ender Peker, "Deprem Riski ve İklim Krizi Karşısında Kentler"
- February 11, 2021, Ergün Özbudun & Fuat Keyman, "Yeni Anayasa Gündemi"
- February 18, 2021, Evren Balta & Nebi Sümer, "Pandemide Risk Algısı, Tedirginlik ve Davranışsal Uyum"
- February 25, 2021, İştar Gözaydın & Ayhan Kaya, "Avrupa'da İslamofobi ve İslami Radikalleşme"
- March 4, 2021, Aysen Ataseven, Vural Çakır & Fuat Keyman, "Türkiye'de Sosyal Uyum"
- March 11, 2021, Pınar Demircan & Ümit Şahin, "Fukuşima'nın 10.Yılında: Nükleer Enerji İklim Değişikliğine Çözüm Olabilir mi?"
- March 18, 2021, Ayşe Köse Badur & Fuat Keyman, "Kentlerin Türkiyesi ve Yeni Yerellik"
- March 25, 2021, Çiğdem Nas, Nilgün Arısan-Eralp & Senem Aydın-Düzgit, "Türkiye "Yeşil Dönüşüm'e Uyumda Geç Kalmamalı"
- April 1, 2021, Senem Aydın-Düzgit & Michael Kaeding, "Turkey-EU Relations: The EU Summit and Beyond"
- April 8, 2021, Galip Dalay & Fuat Keyman, "Türkiye'nin Batı İkilemi"
- April 15, 2021, Gökçe Uysal & Menekşe Tokyay, "Pandemide Toplumsal Cinsiyet Eşitliği ve Kırılgan Gruplar"
- April 22, 2021, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Evren Balta & Fuat Keyman, "Ukrayna-Rusya Krizi Bağlamında Türkiye-AB-Rusya İlişkileri"
- April 29, 2021, Devin Bahçeci & Ümit Şahin, "Biden'ın İklim Zirvesi Dünyaya Ne Mesaj Verdi?"
- May 6, 2021, Fikret Adaman & Galip Yalman, "Türkiye'ye ve Dünyaya Sınıfsal Bakmak"

- May 13, 2021, Nebi Sümer & Selim Badur, "Tam Kapanma Döneminde Psikoloji ve Aşı Süreci"
- May 20, 2021, Rıdvan Akın & Fuat Keyman, "19 Mayıs Vesilesiyle Atatürk'ü Anmak"
- May 27, 2021, Akgün İlhan & Ayşe Köse Badur, "Kentlerin Türkiyesi'nde Su Yönetimi"
- June 3, 2021, Güneşin Oya Aydemir & Sinan Erensü, "İkizdere'den Kaz Dağları'na Doğa Mücadelesi"
- June 10, 2021, Bekir Ağırdır & Fuat Keyman, "Türkiye'de Muhalefet Ne Durumda?"
- June 17, 2021, Atila Eralp & Barçın Yinanç, "Zirveler Işığında Türkiye - ABD - AB Üçgeni"
- June 24, 2021, Funda Gacal, Osman Bülent Tör & Ümit Şahin, "Enerji Arzında ve Sağlıkta İklim Kriziyle Mücadelenin Yan Faydaları"
- July 1, 2021, Fikret Adaman, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Evren Balta, Atila Eralp, Fuat Keyman, Nebi Sümer & Ümit Şahin, "İPM'nin Katkılarıyla Sezon Finali"
- September 16, 2021, Fuat Keyman & Ümit Şahin, "Nasıl bir Dünya? Nasıl bir Türkiye?"
- September 23, 2021, Senem Aydın-Düzgit & Mustafa Kutlay, "Dünyada ve Türkiye'de Salgın ve Sonrasının Yönetişimi"
- September 30, 2021, Sinem Adar & Özcan Mutlu, "Almanya Seçimleri ve Sonrası"
- October 7, 2021, Karolína Augustová & Magdalena Kirchner "Afghanistan in Transition: Implications for Turkey"
- October 14, 2021, Feyzi Baban & Evren Balta, "Squid Game ve Düşündürdükleri"
- October 21, 2021, Feyzi Baban, Fuat Keyman, Kemal Vural Tarlan, Mehmet Nuri Gültekin, "Gaziantep'te Kent Mekanını Paylaşmak: Suriyeliler"
- October 28, 2021, Ayşe Köse Badur & Zafer Toprak, "Hâkimiyet-i Milliye'den Cumhuriyet'e"
- November 4, 2021, Ümit Şahin & Devin Bahçeci, "Glasgow'da Neler Yaşanıyor?"
- November 11, 2021, İpek Çalışlar, "Atatürk: Mücadelesi ve Özel Hayatı"
- November 18, 2021, Ayşe Özil & Ayhan Aktar, "'Kulüp' ve Gayrimüslim Azınlıkların Temsili"
- November 25, 2021, Ayşe Köse Badur & Fuat Keyman, "Kentlerin Türkiyesi: Eskişehir"
- December 2, 2021, Karolína Augustová & Senem Aydın-Düzgit, "European Union's Migration Controls in Turkey and Beyond"
- December 9, 2021, Ayşe Betül Çelik & Fuat Keyman, "Helalleşme, Yüzleşme ve Toplumsal Mutabakat"
- December 16, 2021, Arzu Karakulak & Çiğdem Bağcı, "Suriyeliler, Sosyal Psikoloji ve Pandemi"
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CLIMATE CHANGE

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

PROJECTS

COBENEFITS

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) in partnership with the Renewables Academy (RENAC), the Independent Institute for Environmental Issues (UfU), International Energy Transition GmbH (IET) and, in Turkey, Sabancı University–Istanbul Policy Center (IPC).

During the first phase of the project, IPC coordinated 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 training, and policy dialogue sessions on enabling political environments and overcoming barriers to seize co-benefits.

In the project's second phase (2020-2022), new scientific co-benefits assessment reports will be prepared, and online training programs and policy dialogue sessions will be held.

EVENTS

AIR POLLUTION AND HEALTH BURDEN: ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

Istanbul Policy Center co-organized the "Air Pollution and Health Burden: Issues and Solutions" webinar on June 10, 2021.

The event included representatives from prominent organizations, including the Chamber of Environmental Engineers, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), and Clean Air Right Platform.

Moderated by Ümit Şahin, the event featured esteemed speakers, including Ahmet Dursun Kahraman, the Chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Environmental Engineers; Funda Gacal, Senior Advisor for HEAL; Buket Atlı, Coordinator of the Clean Air Right Platform; and Dursun Baş, COBENEFITS Project Coordinator.

▼ Air Pollution and Health Burden Issues and Solutions, June 10, 2021



TRAINING

IPC, the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), and the Renewables Academy (RENAC) organized a training program as part of the COBENEFITS project from January 28 to 29, 2020, in Ankara. The program focused on how renewable energy can bring employment benefits, industrial development, reduced healthcare costs, and increased energy security to Turkey.

IPC, the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), and the Renewables Academy (RENAC) organized an online introductory training program within the COBENEFITS project on November 5, 2020. The program explained the co-benefits concept for new trainees and shared insights from the co-benefits assessments completed in the first phase of the project.

Together with RENAC, IPC held "Co-Benefits of Renewable Energy for Turkey – Employment Opportunities and Impacts in the Power Sector," a virtual training seminar from May 31 to June 2, 2021.

Together with RENAC, IPC held a three-day COBENEFITS virtual training seminar from October 11–13, 2021, in Turkey.

IPC published four reports and briefings as part of the COBENEFITS project.

OTHER PROJECTS

INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE GLOBAL ERA: FROM THE DISCOVERY OF VACCINES TO THE CONCEPT OF "ONE HEALTH"

Istanbul Policy Center organized the conference titled "Infectious Diseases in the Global Era: From the Discovery of Vaccines to the Concept of 'One Health' (*Küreselleşme Döneminde Enfeksiyon Hastalıkları: Aşıların Keşfinden 'Tek Sağlık' Kavramına*)" with the participation of Selim Badur on March 3, 2020, at IPC Karaköy. The conference was moderated by IPC Director Fuat Keyman.



DECARBONIZATION PATHWAY FOR TURKEY: NET ZERO IN 2050

The main findings of the "Decarbonization Pathway for Turkey: Net Zero in 2050 (*Türkiye'nin Karbonsuzlaşma Yol Haritası: 2050'de Net Sıfır*)" report, which discusses how to monitor the path to decarbonize the Turkish economy by 2050 in order to keep global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius in accordance with the Paris Agreement, were presented to the public by the team of researchers and authors on October 2021.

COP26 – DECARBONIZATION PATHWAY FOR TURKEY: NET ZERO IN 2050

The main findings of the report "Decarbonization Pathway for Turkey: Net Zero in 2050" were shared by Climate Change Studies Coordinator Ümit Şahin on November 4, 2021, at COP26 in Glasgow.

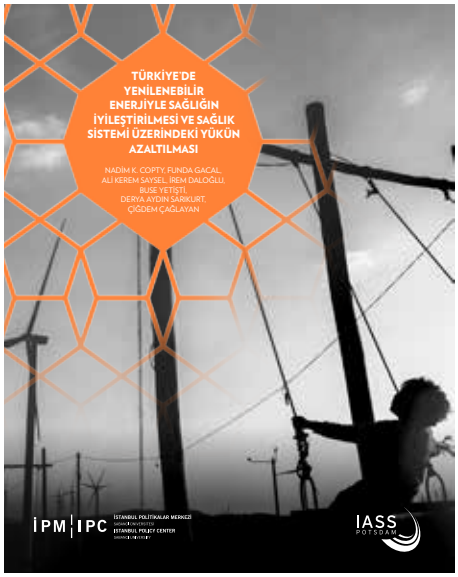
PUBLICATIONS

SECURING TURKEY'S ENERGY SUPPLY SECURITY AND BALANCING THE CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT THROUGH RENEWABLE ENERGY

EPRA Deputy Director Saeed Teimourzadeh, Özyeğin University Faculty Member Göktürk Poyrazoğlu, and EPRA CEO Osman Bülent Tör's report "Securing Turkey's Energy Supply Security and Balancing the Current Account Deficit through Renewable Energy (*Türkiye'de Yenilenebilir Enerjiyle Enerji Arzının Güvence Altına Alınması ve Cari Açığın Dengelenmesi*)" was published in June 2021.

IMPROVING PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND UNBURDENING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THROUGH RENEWABLE ENERGY IN TURKEY

Boğaziçi University Faculty Member Nadim K. Copty, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) Senior Consultant Funda Gacal, Boğaziçi University Faculty Member Ali Kerem Saysel, Boğaziçi University Faculty



Member İrem Daloğlu, Boğaziçi University Faculty Member Buse Yetişti, Boğaziçi University Faculty Member Derya Aydın Sarıkurt, and Kocaeli University Faculty Member Çiğdem Çağlayan's report "Improving People's Health and Unburdening the Healthcare System through Renewable Energy in Turkey (*Türkiye'de Yenilenebilir Enerjiyle Sağlığın İyileştirilmesi ve Sağlık Sistemi Üzerindeki Yükün Azaltılması*)" was published in June 2021.

MAKING THE PARIS AGREEMENT A SUCCESS FOR THE PLANET AND THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY: UNLOCKING THE CO-BENEFITS OF DECARBONIZING TURKEY'S POWER SECTOR

The COBENEFITS Policy Report "Making the Paris Agreement a Success for the Planet and the People of Turkey: Unlocking the Co-Benefits of Decarbonizing Turkey's Power Sector (*Paris Anlaşması'nı Dünyada ve Türkiye'de Bir Başarı Hikayesine Dönüştürmek: Türkiye Elektrik Sistemini Karbonsuzlaştırmanın Yan Faydaları*)" was published in August 2021.

FROM GLOBALIZATION TO CLIMATE CRISIS: THE STATE OF AFFAIRS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Director of Scientific Affairs & Public Health-GSK-Vaccine Selim Badur's analysis "From Globalization to Climate Crisis: The State of Affairs of Infectious Diseases (*Küreselleşmeden İklim Krizine: Enfeksiyon Hastalıklarında Gelinen Nokta*)" was published in May 2020.

MAKING THE PARIS AGREEMENT A SUCCESS FOR THE PLANET AND THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY

The COP26 Briefing "Making the Paris Agreement a Success for the Planet and the People of Turkey – Reducing Electricity Prices and Increasing Economic Competitiveness with Renewable Energy" was published in November 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – DECARBONIZATION PATHWAY FOR TURKEY: NET ZERO IN 2050

The executive summary of the report titled "Decarbonization Pathway for Turkey: Net Zero in 2050" was published in November 2021.

DEMOCRATIZATION AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Under IPC's Democratization and Institutional Reform Cluster, the Checks and Balances Network (CBN) aims to strengthen the system of checks and balances in Turkey, which is indispensable for 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 for Turkey's democratization, by conducting monitoring, policymaking, 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 CBN is composed of the general assembly, which determines the strategy of the network and includes all corporate members; reform groups (RG), which operate in the seven priority areas of the CBN; and local coordinators (PC), who voluntarily carry out CBN studies in nine hubs in central CBN provinces. The general assembly has three committees: the coordination committee (CC), which includes representatives from the reform groups and the local coordinators; the monitoring committee, which is the CBN's internal monitoring mechanism (IEG); and the communication group (CG), which includes both professional employees and members selected by the reform groups and is responsible for managing the CBN's public affairs and communication strategy.

WHAT DID WE DO IN 2020–2021?

- CBN brought together 2,700 people for trainings, meetings, expert talks, and reform groups.
- Five statements, five policy papers, 11 analysis reports, and 25 informational notes were published.
- The "1 Democracy Desk" meeting was held with 61 participants from academia, politics, media, professional organizations, civil society, and the public. Reform proposals were passed on to decision makers and relevant institutions.

- Within the scope of active citizenship training, the CBN designed the Checks and Balances Game as an instruction method that reflects its pluralistic and innovative approach. Seven in-person workshops were held in Batman, Bingöl, Kahramanmaraş, Kars, and Adana. Later, the Checks and Balances Game was moved to an online system. More than 2,000 people participated in the game.
- Ten Checks and Balances workshops were attended by 244 people from 38 cities, facilitated by volunteers who had received training to host active citizenship-focused workshops.
- Legislative monitoring, participation, and evaluation training was organized to help civil society organizations participate more effectively in legislative processes. Forty-five people from 18 provinces of Turkey and 12 fields of study attended the training.
- A program aimed at gender mainstreaming was launched. Representatives of 30 institutions attended the workshop organized as part of this program.
- To mark CBN's 10th anniversary, live broadcasts, social media activities, and a reception for our 68 stakeholders highlighted the network's accomplishments.
- Orientation programs have begun for our new members. A total of 15 new members participated in this program, preparing them to take part in CBN studies.

SELECTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES – 2020

JANUARY 2020

Trainings and Workshops

5 Checks and Balances Workshops in 3 provinces

CBN organized two meetings each in Ankara and Adana and one in Kahramanmaraş.

Networking Actors

Constitutional Survey

The Constitutional Reform Group organized a survey to collect the ideas and assess the needs of members and stakeholders to inform the group's mission.

FEBRUARY 2020

Trainings – Workshops

3 Checks and Balances Workshops in 2 provinces

CBN organized two meetings in Batman and one in Bingöl.

Workshops and Meetings

CBN Gender Equality Mainstreaming Program and Action Plan Workshop

CBN continued its efforts to develop a corporate culture that prioritizes gender equality in Turkey. To this end, CBN organized a workshop with 30 people from 22 institutions in Ankara on February 28, 2020.

MARCH 2020

Trainings – Workshops

5 Checks and Balances Workshops in 4 provinces

CBN organized five meetings in Ankara, Kahramanmaraş, Kars, and Adana.

Field Visits

Field visit to Kars

CBN representatives and members visited the Kars site from February 28 to March 3, 2020. This being its first visit to Kars, CBN aimed to better understand the city's social, economic, and political situation as well as holding meetings to include Kars in the "Imagine Cities" program.

Workshops and Meetings

"Imagine Cities" Advisory Board Meeting

The Advisory Board Meeting of the project "Imagine Cities," which focuses on citizens' and local administrations' dreams for their cities, met on March 11, 2020, in the Karaköy office of Istanbul Policy Center.

APRIL 2020

Campaigns

The 100th Anniversary of the Turkish Grand National Assembly Campaign

CBN organized broadcasts on the role of the legislature, past and present, in Turkish democracy to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Turkish Grand National Assembly. These online broadcasts examined the history of the assembly with a focus on checks and balances. In the first broadcast, constitutional lawyer Prof. Dr. Serap Yazıcı and political scientist Prof. Dr. Ahmet Demirel discussed the history of legislation in Turkey. IPC Director Fuat Keyman and Associate Professor at TOBB University Dr. Fahri Bakırcı discussed what is needed to achieve a strong and effective assembly today.

Online Broadcasts

Checks and Balances Talks – Pandemic and Democracy Series

CBN began its online Checks and Balances Sessions with Prof. Dr. Tanju Tosun, Prof. Dr. Alev Özkazanç, and Assoc. Dr. Ulaş Bayraktar, who discussed the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on democracy.

Networking Events

Pandemic and Network Events

CBN coordinated meetings with Province Coordinators, the Communication Group, Checks and Balances instructors, and the Legislation Reform Group to discuss how work will be conducted during the pandemic.

MAY 2020

Campaigns

Demand for Democracy Report

The results of CBN's report titled "Turkey's Demand for Democracy: Democracy Request of Community, Perception of Balance Inspection Mechanisms and Awareness Measurement," which analyzes citizens' perceptions of democracy and the extent of democratic socialization, were announced in an online press conference held on May 22, 2020, and attended by journalists, columnists, and international guests. Dr. Meltem Ersoy presented the findings, with additional comments from General Director of KONDA Research Bekir Ağırdır and IPC Director Fuat Keyman.

▼ Demand for Democracy Report, May 9, 2020



The 100th Anniversary of the Turkish Grand National Assembly Campaign

CBN continued to discuss the past, present, and the future of the Turkish Grand National Assembly on the 100th anniversary of its establishment. The head of women's policies for DEVA Party Prof. Dr. Arzu Kılıçar, CHP Deputy Bartın Aysu Bankoğlu, HDP Deputy Ankara Filiz Kerestecioğlu, and former minister and parliamentarian İmren Aykut joined the CBN broadcast "Legislation and Representation of Women."

Online Broadcasts

Checks and Balances Sessions – Pandemic and Democracy Series

Prof. Dr. Alev Özkazanç joined CBN to assess the effects of the pandemic on the relationship between the state and citizens and on gender dynamics. Dr. Ulaş Bayraktar joined to discuss the role of checks and balances in the struggle for authority between central and local administrations in Turkey, highlighting ways to facilitate social solidarity during an epidemic.

JUNE 2020

Campaigns

The Demand for Democracy Report and Regional Meetings

The report "Turkey's Demand for Democracy – Democracy Request of Community, Perception of Balance Inspection Mechanisms and Awareness Measurement" was shared in regional meetings with CBN members and stakeholders from Adana, Hatay, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, and Mersin.

Online Broadcasts

"The Demand for Democracy and Justice" Broadcast

CBN discussed the results of the "Demand for Democracy in Turkey" report from a legal perspective with Prof. Dr. Osman Can, faculty member at Marmara University and former Rapporteur of the Constitutional Court.

Networking Events

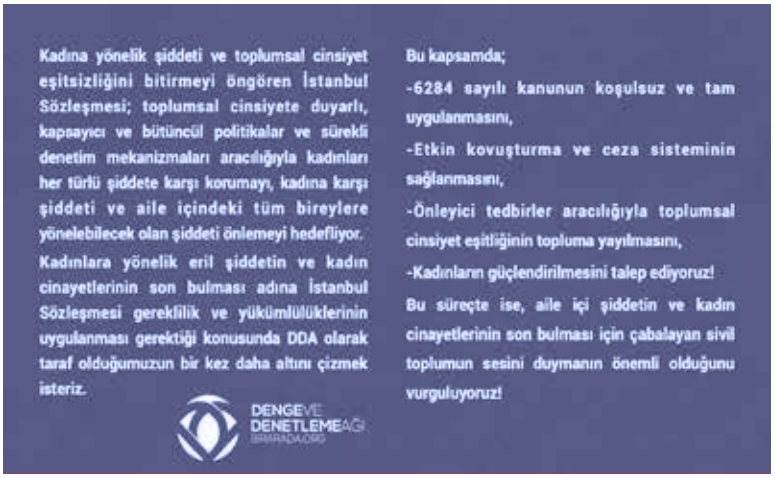
CBN convened the Judicial Reform Group, Local Government Reform Group, Media Reform Group, and Civil Society Reform Group to begin strategic plannning.

JULY 2020

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

Judiciary: Our Policy Document for an Effective, Independent, and Impartial Defense of a Well-functioning Checks and Balances System

Proposed regulation on changes to the structure of bar associations and the Türkiye Bar Associations Union became a highly discussed topic in July. While discussions continued in the Assembly, CBN published a policy paper assessing what the regulation would mean for checks and balances.



▲ Gender Equality We are a party to the Istanbul Agreement

Gender Equality: We are a party to the Istanbul Convention!

CBN published a statement in support of the Istanbul Convention, which aims to end gender-based violence and femicide.

Media: Freedom of Expression, Press, and Communication is a Constitutional Right!

New regulations on social media, which were enacted in the parliament on the last day of the legislative year, was a highly salient topic in July. After the proposed regulation was submitted to the Grand National Assembly, CBN published a statement calling for a liberal, participatory approach to communication technologies, rather than a prohibitive one.

▶ Historical Heritage Research Report on Checks and Balances Debates in Anatolian Political History



Civil Society and Media: Our need is the extension, not limitation, of liberties

A series of developments in July increased concern about the narrowing of freedoms of expression, press, and association and the decline of judicial independence. CBN called on all political actors and the public to abandon practices that would limit the scope of freedoms of press, expression, communication, and association and reduce trust in the judiciary. The statement emphasized the need to expand freedoms, not limit them.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

Campaigns

Historical Heritage: Research Report on Checks and Balances Debates in Anatolian Political History

The Historical Heritage project, an extensive study that began three years ago, involved a search for historical precursors of the modern concept of checks and balances in Anatolia, which has hosted many civilizations and witnessed many firsts in human history.

Within the scope of the study, a book titled *Checks and Balances Discussions in Anatolia*, which includes contributions from scientists and historians, was published.

Online Broadcasts

Online Seminar (webinar)

In the first installment of CBN's webinar series, IPC Director Fuat Keyman, Prof. Dr. Huricihan İslamoğlu, and Dr. Evrim Binbaş discussed the history of absolute power in Anatolia and across Asia. The second webinar in the series focused on social structures and power mechanisms from prehistoric Anatolia to the Hittites, based on archeological findings. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Özdoğan, Prof. Dr. Aygül Süel, and Doç. Dr. Meltem Doğan Alpaslan discussed the emergence of cities, bureaucracy, and states from this historical perspective.

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

Civil Society Needs to be Actively Involved in Processes, Not Targeted

CBN issued a statement about politicians' and other decision makers' targeting of professional non-governmental organizations.

NOVEMBER 2020

Campaigns

"Imagine Cities"

The "Imagine Cities" study, which aims to help citizens think and express opinions about the cities in which they live, began in an online format due to the pandemic. Using the website birsehirhayali.birarada.org, hundreds of participants from dozens of cities created fictional online newspapers envisioning the future of their cities in 2030.

Training and Workshops

Online Workshops – Training for Trainers

As part of the "Imagine Cities" program, CBN conducted a training session for volunteer facilitators of Digital Imagination Workshops.

▼ Digital Imagination Workshops



DECEMBER 2020

Campaigns

"Imagine Cities" – Regional Meetings

The first phase of the "Imagine Cities" study was completed. Approximately 147 participants from 15 cities gathered in regional meetings to share their experiences and discuss strategies to transform their hopes for their cities into urban policies.

Online Broadcasts

Historical Heritage (Webinar)



As part of the study "Social Change and Restriction of Power in the Ottoman Empire: Checks and Balances Discussions in Anatolian History," CBN hosted a webinar titled "Social Change and Restriction of Power in the Ottoman State." Moderated by Onur Kalkan, the discussion featured Prof. Dr. Baki Tezcan and Doç. Dr. Ali Yaycıoğlu speaking about social and political changes in the Ottoman Empire.

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

The Presidential System as We Enter 2021: The Judiciary

CBN published a report after the April 16, 2017, referendum approving the introduction of a presidential system. The report focused on changes to the judiciary and the legal system.

SELECTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES – 2021

JANUARY 2021

Online Broadcasts/Monthly Broadcasts

CBN Talks: The Presidential System and the Judiciary

In the first live broadcast of 2021, CBN focused on the implications of the presidential system for the judiciary. The broadcast featured Assoc. Dr Didem Yılmaz from the Faculty of Law of Bahçeşehir University and Assoc Dr. Demirhan Burak Çelik from the Faculty of Law of Galatasaray University.



▼ CBN Talks The Presidential System and Parliament, January 2021

CBN Talks: Political Parties and Parliament in the Presidential System

In this talk, CBN focused on legislation related to the presidential system. Dr. Şebnem Yardımcı Geyikçi from Hacettepe University discussed the relationship between the legislature and executive power.

CBN Talks: The Presidential System and Parliament

In the CBN broadcast "The Presidential System and Parliament," journalist Nergis Demirkaya and academic Tanju Tosun discussed the presidential system.



▲ CBN Talks 1921 Constitution in its 100th year, January 2021

CBN Talks: 1921 Constitution in its 100th year

Marking the 100th anniversary of the 1921 Constitution, constitutional lawyer Prof. Dr. Ergun Özbudun and IPC Director Fuat Keyman discussed how the process of implementing this constitution differed from that of later constitutions in the Republican era.

CBN Talks: Regulatory and Supervisory Agencies

CBN discussed Turkey's regulatory and supervisory agencies and their role in a functioning system of checks and balances with Dr. Berk Esen from Sabancı University.

Campaigns

"Imagine Cities"

From January to March 2021, CBN held 14 Digital Imagination Workshops with the help of our volunteer trainers. CBN completed a report on citizens' dreams for their cities in 2030, drawing from contributions to the "Imagine Cities" website, Digital Imagination Workshops, and regional panels.

FEBRUARY 2021

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

Regulatory and Supervisory Agencies in Turkey and Checks and Balances Report

CBN published a report titled "Regulatory and Supervisory Agencies in Turkey and Checks and Balances," which evaluates the level of independence of regulatory and supervisory agencies from the executive in Turkey.

Workshops and Meetings

Mersin Regional Panel

At the Mersin Panel, which consisted of 13 local government representatives, decision-makers, and opinion leaders, participants conveyed their expectations regarding the Mersin they want to live in by 2030.

Digital Imagination Workshops

In February, CBN held six Digital Imagination Workshops in Izmir, Ankara, Mersin, Kayseri, and Van.

MARCH 2021

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

We Demand the Revaluation of the Withdrawal of the Istanbul Convention!

CBN published a statement outlining the negative effects of Turkey's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention and demanding that leaders reconsider the decision.

Workshops and Meetings

Çamlıbel Region Panel

On March 9, 2021, in cooperation with the Mersin City Council, CBN held the Çamlıbel Region Panel as part of the "Imagine Cities" project. The panel, which consisted of nine local government representatives, decision makers, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and opinion leaders, conveyed participants' expectations regarding the Çamlıbel they would like to live in by 2030.

JUNE 2021

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

Checks and Balances Evaluation Report: Recommendations for the Transition to a Strengthened Parliamentary System

The report titled "Recommendations for the Transition to a Strengthened Parliamentary System," which evaluates proposals for a strengthened parliamentary system in Turkey using CBN's checks and balances criteria, was published.

JULY 2021

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

Evaluation of the Fourth Judicial Package Based on Checks and Balances Criteria

A policy paper titled "Evaluation of the Fourth Judicial Package Based on Checks and Balances Criteria" was published in July. The paper evaluated the extent to which the judicial package addresses problems in the field of law in Turkey and offered concrete solutions of its own.

Networking Events

Coordination Team

On July 16, 2021, ten coordination group members and the CBN office team met to evaluate CBN monitoring committee and legislative representative elections, as well as to discuss the new term election.

AUGUST 2021

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

"Imagine Cities" Report

A final report on the "Imagine Cities" project was published by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ulaş Bayraktar.

Workshops and Meetings

Bünyan Youth Development Association Introductory Meeting

CBN held an in-person introductory meeting with its Ankara office team and two representatives from the Bünyan Youth Development Association. The groups exchanged information about each institution's work and the Bünyan Youth and Development Association expressed interest in becoming a member of CBN.

"Imagine Cities" Advisory Board Meeting

The final report on the "Imagine Cities" study was presented to and evaluated by the CBN office team and Advisory Board members. Advisory Board members discussed the second phase of the study.

Online Broadcasts

CBN Talks: "Imagine Cities" Project

Ulaş Bayraktar discussed the report he authored as part of the Imagine Cities project, which began in 2020 with the aim of collecting citizens' dreams about the cities in which they live.

CBN Talks: Metropolitan Law – Wrongful Distribution of Powers

In this broadcast, Prof. Dr. Savaş Zafer Şahin discussed local reflections on local laws and evaluated the effect of laws and the wrongful distribution of authority in the fight against forest fires.

CBN Talks: Civil Society during Disasters

In this broadcast, Ali Ercan Özgür, Co-Founder of İhtiyaç Haritası (Needs Map), discussed the critical role of civil society during and after the wildfires in Turkey in the summer of 2021, drawing attention to the importance of crisis communication in disaster situations.

CBN Talks: Common Misconceptions about Immigrants

In this broadcast, Prof. Dr. Başak Yavcan discussed popular misconceptions about immigrants, Turkish society's view of immigrants, and the importance of social cohesion.



▶ CBN Talks Common Misconceptions about Immigrants, August 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

Performance Evaluation Report of the Fourth Legislative Year Assembly (mecliste.org)

CBN issued an evaluation of the 4th Legislative Year of the 27th Term of the Turkish Grand National Assembly. The evaluation included content analysis of laws that received significant attention among the public, as well as expert comments and summary evaluations of questions, commissions, and draft laws from the legislative year.

Networking Events

Reform Groups Planned the New Era

The Legislative Reform Group, Constitution Reform Group, Civil Society Reform Group, Media Reform Group, Local Administrations Reform Group, and Communication Group held meetings to plan for the new term.

Online Broadcasts

CBN Talks: Freedom of Speech and Social Media Censorship

Prof. Dr. Yaman Akdeniz joined CBN to discuss the 2020 "EngelliWeb" Report published by the Freedom of Expression Association (İÖD). The discussion concluded that sanctions applied to social media platforms harm freedom of expression and the sharing of information about social issues.

CBN Talks: Strengthening Active Citizenship

Change.org Turkey General Director and Good4Trust.org founder Dr. Uygar Özesmi discussed active citizenship, civil society, and ways to improve campaign methods.

OCTOBER 2021

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

Approval of the Paris Climate Agreement and Its Reflections on the Parliament (mecliste.org)

Upon the approval of the Paris Climate Agreement in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, CBN examined the General Assembly votes and the content of the agreement.

Networking Events

Coordination Team Meeting

Prior to CBN's 10th Anniversary Reception, the office team and nine coordination group members discussed the upcoming agenda. The Executive and Legislative Reform Groups and the Communication Group also held planning meetings.

CBN is 10 Years Old

A reception was held to celebrate CBN's 10th Anniversary. Sixty-eight people attended, including members and stakeholders. Attendees learned about the upcoming studies and projects.

Online Broadcasts

CBN Talks: CBN is 10 Years Old

In this broadcast, the CBN General Coordinator and CBN Network Representatives evaluated the network's activities over the last ten years and discussed the contribution of a healthy checks and balances system to Turkish democracy.

CBN Talks: What is "Checks and Balances"?

In this talk, Prof. Dr. Fuat Keyman discussed the functioning of checks and balances in Turkey, drawing attention to the importance of control mechanisms and a balanced distribution of power.



▶ CBN Talks Turkey's Potential to Hold Free and Fair Elections, November 2021

CBN Talks: The Impact of the Paris Climate Agreement on Turkey

CBN discussed the consequences of the Paris Climate Agreement for Turkey with Nuran Talu, President of the Global Balance Association. Talu considered the policies Turkey can implement to comply with the Paris Agreement.

Trainings – Workshops

Participation and Monitoring Training in the Legislature

Through mecliste.org, CBN organized the first "Participation and Monitoring in the Legislature" training, which aims to facilitate the active participation of citizens and civil society in law-making processes and in the monitoring and evaluation of laws' effects. Forty-five people from 18 provinces of Turkey participated in these online training sessions.

NOVEMBER 2021

Statements, Policy Papers, and Reports

Concrete Recommendations for Democratic Elections

In this analytical report, CBN evaluated the criteria for free and fair elections in Turkey and developed concrete recommendations for addressing regulations that adversely affect election integrity.

Online Broadcasts

CBN Talks: Turkey's Potential to Hold Free and Fair Elections

In this broadcast, Tanju Tosun discussed the CBN report "Concrete Recommendations for Democratic Elections," focusing on the timing of elections, possible changes to the electoral system, and the prospects of holding fair and free elections in Turkey.

CBN Talks: Unsustainable Growth and High Inflation

In this broadcast, Prof. Dr. Kamil Yılmaz discussed inflation and political economy in Turkey. Yılmaz evaluated developments in the Turkish economy in the context of checks and balances.

Trainings – Workshops

Participation and Monitoring Training in the Legislature

Through mecliste.org, CBN organized the second training of the "Participation and Monitoring in the Legislature" program, which aims to facilitate the active participation of citizens and civil society in law-making processes and in the monitoring and evaluation of laws' effects. Forty-five people from 18 provinces of Turkey and 12 fields of study participated in the online training.

DECEMBER 2021

Statements, Policy Papers and Reports

Central Budget Law and 2022 Central Government Budget Evaluation Report (mecliste.org)

This report, "Central Budget Law and 2022 Central Government Budget Evaluation," reflects mecliste.org's commitment to the principle of a transparent and participatory legislative process. The aim of the report was to convey information about Turkey's central budget to people from all segments of society using accessible language.

Commission Discussions on the 2022 Budget Law in Numbers (mecliste.org)

CBN published informational reports with graphics depicting the amount of time deputies spent in the commission phase of the budget process, the number of reports and institutions discussed in the 2022 Budget Bill, and which commission negotiations were completed.

Online Broadcasts

CBN Talks: Step-by-Step Inclusivity, Step-by-Step Equality

In this talk, Prof. Dr. Itır Erhart discussed the issues of inclusion, equality, and gender in the context of active citizenship.

CBN Talks: How Will 2022 Public Fiscal Policies Be Shaped?

Prof. Dr. Binhan Elif Yılmaz discussed the future of Turkey's fiscal policy during a period of large economic fluctuations and ongoing budget negotiations. Yılmaz drew attention to the need for economic growth that balances labor, innovation, and capital accumulation.

Visits by Decision-Makers

In December, CBN held meetings with the executives of the Democracy and Progress Party (DEVA), the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), the Democrat Party (DP), and the Felicity Party (SP). During these meetings, the opposition parties shared their proposals for a strengthened parliamentary system and their positions regarding our checks and balances criteria. A second meeting was planned to share the results of a workshop to be held by CBN.

PUBLICATIONS 2020–2021

STATEMENTS

- Our need is not the restriction of liberties but their extension.
- We repeat: "Freedom of Expression, Press and Communication are Constitutional Rights!"
- As CBN, we are part of the Istanbul Convention!
- Civil Society Needs to be Actively Involved in Processes, Not Targeted.
- We demand that the decision to withdraw from the Istanbul Convention should be reversed!

POLICY PAPERS

- Crime of Insulting Restricting Freedom of Expression Should Be Removed from the Penal Code
- Concrete Recommendations for Restoring Trust in the Judiciary
- Recommendations for Changes in Bar Associations in Terms of a Healthy Checks and Balances Mechanism
- Evaluation of the Fourth Judicial Reform Package based on Checks and Balances Criteria
- Concrete Recommendations for Democratic Elections

REPORTS

- Needs and Demands for Democratic and Participatory Local Governments as Strong Checks and Balances Actors
- Round Table Meeting for Democracy, Looking at Judicial Reform Strategy from a Checks and Balances Perspective
- Demand for Democracy in Turkey Report
- Debates on Checks and Balances in Anatolian Political History: Restriction of Power, Administrative Traditions, and State-Society Relations in Hittite, Byzantine, and Ottoman States
- Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary in the Presidential System as We Enter 2021
- Report on Regulatory and Supervisory Agencies, and Checks and Balances in Turkey
- Checks and Balances Evaluation Report of Recommendations for Transition to a Strengthened Parliamentary System
- "Imagine Cities" Report
- Concrete Recommendations for Democratic Elections
- Performance Evaluation Report of the 4th Legislative Year
- Central Budget Law and 2022 Central Government Budget Evaluation Report

EVALUATIONS AND INFORMATION BRIEFS

- Proposal on Product Safety in the Context of Harmonization with the European Union
- Execution Regulation that Gives 90,000 People the Chance to Get Out of Prison
- Legal Proposal on the Prevention of Violence in Healthcare
- Legal Proposal on Regulation about Universities
- Proposal on the Ministry of Youth, Delivered by Ömer Faruk Gergerlioğlu
- Proposal on Municipal Measures, Delivered by Akif Hamzaçebi
- Legislative Proposal on Bazaars and Neighborhood Guards
- Omnibus Bill on Regulations about the Economy
- Proposal on Security Investigation and Archival Research
- Legislative Proposal Aiming to Invalidate the Yassıada Trials and to Eliminate the Grievances Caused
- Legislative Proposal on Multiple Bar Associations
- Debates on the Strengthened Parliamentary System in the Assembly
- 2022 – Budget Negotiations and Budget Marathon
- The Tourism Incentive Law dated July 28 and the Authorization for Construction in Forests
- How to Convene the General Assembly in Adjournment
- Omnibus Laws and Affected Act Numbers in the 4th Legislative Year
- The Law on Amending the Income Tax Law and Other Laws
- 'Strip Search' Removed from Legislation
- Human Rights Investigation Commission in Numbers
- Does the Animal Protection Law Meet Expectations?
- Approval of the 'Paris Climate Agreement' and Reflections on the Parliament
- 5th Judicial Package Evaluation
- Commission Discussions on the 2022 Budget Law in Numbers
- Evaluation of Omnibus Proposal on Removal of TRT Share
- Evaluation of Omnibus Bill Proposal against Stocking

SHURA ENERGY TRANSITION CENTER

As an innovative energy transition platform, SHURA Energy Transition Center aims to contribute to the decarbonization of the energy sector. Founded in partnership with the European Climate Foundation (ECF), Agora Energiewende, and IPC, SHURA aims to support Turkey's transition to a low-carbon energy system by conducting data-driven, impartial, and independent analysis.



The center began its operation with a launch meeting on May 9, 2018, bringing together the business world, public representatives, and universities.

BETWEEN 2020 AND 2021, SHURA PUBLISHED:

100 presentations, keynote speeches, panels, workshops,

and webinars at national and international events with national and international stakeholders

28 reports, preliminary reports, and meeting papers

16 issues of SHURASTAT

Evaluation of current issues regarding the energy transition with more than 2,000 news, interviews, articles, and comments in both visual and online media outlets.

SELECT WORKS/ PUBLICATIONS

OPTIMUM ELECTRICITY GENERATION CAPACITY MIX FOR TURKEY TOWARDS 2030

July 2020

Today's policy decisions will shape Turkey's energy transition over the next decade. To achieve the most efficient results, deciding where investments in the electricity system should be directed and which policy instruments should be used to reach this goal is important. Considering different inputs and constraints, this study aims to determine the optimum electricity generation capacity development under various configurations of electricity generation cost, carbon cost, domestic resource utilization support, and electricity demand for the period between 2020 and 2030. The study's outputs include key indicators, such as resource-based installed capacity development, resource-based generation development, market clearing prices, carbon emission intensity in electricity generation, imported fuel costs, and the total investment needed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: THE MOST ECONOMIC SOLUTION FOR TURKEY'S POWER SYSTEM: ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND BUSINESS MODELS

October 2020

Improving energy efficiency can be done at relatively low cost as a first step in the transition to a low-carbon energy system. The study assesses the technical and economic potential of energy efficiency in Turkey through 2030, building on the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2017–2023 to identify the business, policy, and financing models required to realize this potential and to analyze the commercialization potential of these models with calculations of the costs and benefits for both the private and public sectors.

GRID AND MARKET INTEGRATION OF RENEWABLE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY GENERATION

May 2021

With distributed energy sources, such as rooftop solar systems, behind-the-meter storage, and flexible loads offered by electric vehicles, the electricity system is evolving toward a decentralized structure in which consumers play a more active role and electricity is generated close to consumption points. This report assesses the contribution of distributed energy resources, particularly distributed generation, to Turkey's energy transition. It presents potential challenges in grid and market integration with the increase in distributed generation—and offers solutions. The report also highlights key issues related to the development of distributed generation for policymakers, distribution companies, transmission system operators, generating consumers, and other energy sector players.

SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE POWER SYSTEM TRANSITION IN TURKEY

July 2021

This report explains the socioeconomic impacts of the transition to low-carbon energy, consistent with Turkey's 2030 vision, and evaluates both the advantages of a secure energy system and the potential problems that need to be managed. The study seeks to answer some of the major questions confronting the Turkish economy: How will value-adds change if renewable energy replaces fossil fuels? How will this change affect the manufacturing industry? Where will new job opportunities emerge, and where will jobs disappear? How will wages and income distribution be affected? What is the economic benefit of improvements in human health and environmental quality? The policy recommendations of the study focus on how Turkey can benefit from opportunities in the energy transition.

IMPROVEMENTS TO TURKEY'S ORGANIZED WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKETS TO ACCELERATE RENEWABLE ENERGY INTEGRATION

September 2021

The current energy transition is not only driving a transformation in electricity production, distribution, and consumption, but it is also bringing fundamental changes and multifaceted benefits to markets and grid functioning. Renewable energy plays a key role in this transition as technology advances and costs fall. Changes to the electricity system and markets could accelerate this transition, integrating more solar and wind energy into the system. Improvements in electricity market design and regulation can increase system flexibility and cost-effectiveness. Taking advantage of this potential could ensure the efficient functioning of the entire energy market and the efficient use of resources.

END-USER ELECTRICITY PRICING TO ACCELERATE TURKEY'S ENERGY TRANSITION

November 2021

The study examines end-user electricity pricing options to accelerate the energy transition in Turkey. The report scrutinizes time-based pricing options to mobilize implicit demand response for end-users. The report provides short-, medium-, and long-term pricing recommendations and implementation plans to enable consumers to act on price signals that reflect electricity system costs.

TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDY OF TURKEY'S PRODUCTION AND EXPORT POTENTIAL FOR GREEN HYDROGEN

December 2021

As countries look ahead to their net-zero targets for 2050, green hydrogen is a promising solution for decarbonizing the energy system. It is necessary to consider the renewable energy sources that can be used in green hydrogen production, their potential uses, and the associated costs in order to identify the role of green hydrogen in Turkey's energy transition and integrate this resource into national plans. The SHURA report presents the outcome of this assessment.

EVENTS

MAY 18, 2021 – SHURA EVENT/REPORT LAUNCH

SHURA's report titled "Renewable Distributed Energy Generation Grid and Market Integration" evaluates the opportunities that the integration of Turkey's solar and other distributed energy resources offers the energy transition and identifies priority areas for short-, medium-, and long-term planning. The outputs of the report were announced in a webinar and online panel.

▼ Socioeconomic Impacts of Electricity System Transition in Turkey, June 30, 2021





MAY 27, 2021 – SHURA EVENT/REPORT LAUNCH

By 2030, Turkey can make its electricity system strong, reliable, and resilient with a 30% share of wind and solar power in electricity generation. SHURA's report titled "Sector Coupling for Grid Integration of Wind and Solar" looks at the system benefits of mobilizing demand response, which will play an important role in accelerating this transition. The results of the report were presented at an online event organized with the participation of industry experts.

JUNE 30, 2021 – SHURA EVENT/REPORT LAUNCH

SHURA published a report titled "Socioeconomic Impacts of Electricity System Transition in Turkey." The report, which is the most comprehensive study in this field in Turkey, assessed the socioeconomic dimensions of the transition of the electricity system, discussed the benefits of a more secure energy system, and made policy recommendations to manage the impacts of the transition. The online event featured speakers from Turkey and abroad.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – SHURA EVENT/REPORT LAUNCH

SHURA announced the findings of its report, "Improvements in Turkey's Organized Wholesale Electricity Markets to Accelerate Renewable Energy Integration," at an online launch event. Following the introduction of the report, industry experts participated in a panel titled "Past, Present and Future of the Turkish Electricity Market."

OCTOBER 13, 2020 – SHURA EVENT/REPORT LAUNCH

SHURA Energy Transition Center announced its new report examining Turkey's energy efficiency potential through 2030 at an online event on October 13, 2020. The report "The Most Economic Solution for Turkey's Power System: Energy Efficiency and Business Models" describes technologies and solutions in the energy efficiency field and provides recommendations for investments that will benefit Turkey.

▼ Turkey Energy Summit, November 23, 2021





NOVEMBER 23, 2021 - SHURA EVENT / REPORT LAUNCH

In a special session at the Turkey Energy Summit, which took place at the Regnum Carya Hotel Antalya, SHURA presented its work on how end-user electricity pricing can accelerate the energy transition in Turkey.

JOINT EVENTS

MARCH 23, 2021 – SHURA-BILKENT JOINT EVENT/ REPORT LAUNCH

SHURA Energy Transition Center and Bilkent Energy Policy Research Center presented the "Priority Areas for a National Hydrogen Strategy for Turkey" report in a live broadcast on Bilkent Energy Policy Research Center's Youtube account. Sector experts discussed next steps in this field in Turkey and offered suggestions using examples from around the world. Participants' opinions were gathered in an online survey.

MAY 6, 2021 – SHURA-BILKENT JOINT EVENT

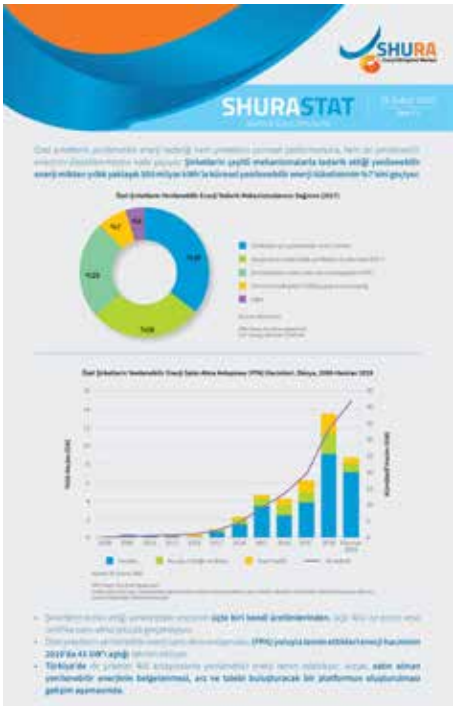
SHURA Energy Transition Center organized a "Hydrogen Workshop" as part of the project "Techno-Economic Study of Turkey's Production and Export Potential For Green Hydrogen," carried out with the support of Bilkent Energy Policy Research Center. The project aims to assess the development potential of the Turkish hydrogen market, identify suitable areas for hydrogen production, and examine the export potential of hydrogen and its derivatives in Turkey in the near and medium terms. The online workshop presented the project's preliminary results, gathered feedback from stakeholders, and solicited ideas for the recommendations section of the report.

DECEMBER 7, 2021 – SHURA, BILKENT, AND DENA JOINT EVENT/REPORT LAUNCH

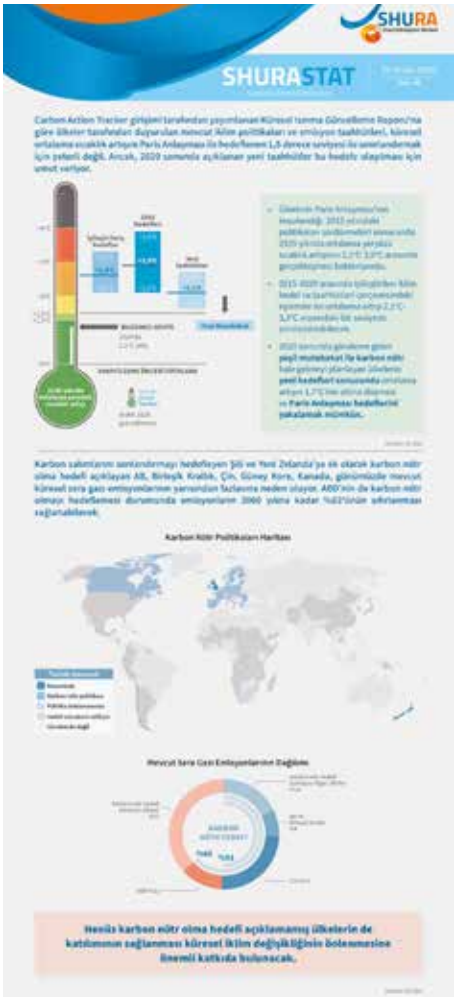
SHURA Energy Transition Center presented the results of the "Techno-Economic Study of Turkey's Production and Export Potential For Green Hydrogen" project, prepared with the support of Bilkent Energy Policy Research Center and with contributions from the German Energy Agency (DENA), on December 7, 2021.

SHURASTAT

SHURASTAT is a monthly publication that aims to draw attention to issues related to the energy transition using figures and data from nationally and internationally recognized sources. It aims to build readers' curiosity through research and discussion, with short commentary and comparisons between Turkey and countries worldwide.



The 16 issues of SHURASTAT published in 2020–2021 cover the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, the economic and social impact of policies to limit global temperature rise, renewable energy auctions, green hydrogen, electrification targets, and the role of digitalization in Turkey's energy transition, among other topics. SHURASTAT has also explored the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the energy transition, the share of support for clean energy after the pandemic, global targets for renewable energy and energy efficiency to combat climate change, and the development of distributed solar energy worldwide.





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 in Turkey's cities throughout the process of globalization.

IPC's work under the Urbanization and Local Governance cluster began in 2015. We live in what the United Nations calls a new "urban age," making urbanization studies a critical area of research. IPC focuses on Anatolian cities, including Izmir, Konya, Eskişehir, Diyarbakır, Adana, Mersin, and others. These cities underwent an economic, social, and urban transformation coinciding with various processes of globalization after 1980 and have since increased their focus on local governance. Some also experience immigration or socio-economic inequality. Cities have become the center of social life, making this urbanization process different than those in the past. In this context, IPC's urban studies cluster aims to conduct in-depth research assessing the political, economic, and societal effects of globalization on Anatolian cities on a comparative basis, giving every city a chance to tell its own story.

IPC has collaborated with TURKONFED and other non-governmental organizations to closely examine Anatolian cities with different historical backgrounds in relation to their surrounding regions. The first report to come from this work, titled "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 followed up with a second study, which produced a new report focusing on four cities. The report, "City-Region: New Dynamics in Local Government," was shared with scholars, local governments, and decision-makers working in this field in May 2019. Also in 2017, a study titled "Analysis of the Effects of the Events in Sur on the City's Economy" investigated the impact of conflict on urban life and the urban economy.

In 2018, IPC's "Sustainable Urban Policies: Quality of Life in Terms of City-Regions in Turkey" project was granted support under the "Living Environment and Intramural Affairs" subtheme of the TUBITAK 1003 Program of Supporting the R&D Projects for Priority Areas. The project aimed to evaluate objects and material qualities, intramural relationships, and the process of change across nine city-regions: Bursa, Eskisehir, Izmir, Adana and Mersin, Gaziantep, Diyarbakir, Konya, Kayseri, and Samsun. Izmir and Konya were the two city-regions examined in the most depth. The project developed comparative and sustainable political proposals for achieving higher living standards in Turkey and shared them with central/local administrative branches and local actors. This project used both quantitative and qualitative research methods. The original scope of the project was to evaluate the quality of urban life in Turkey a) at both the macro (nine city-regions) and micro (two urban areas) levels; b) in the context of the objective and material qualities of the city-region, intramural relationships, and the effects of both dimensions on subjective quality of life; c) through addressing the issue of urban life from a multidisciplinary perspective (political science, international relations, sociology, economics, architecture, city-regional planning, social work, civil engineering); and d) to establish a set of quality of life criteria using basic concepts such as inclusiveness, diversity, livability, and durability. The three-year project began in 2020 in collaboration with Hacettepe University. Given the interdisciplinary nature of the project, researchers from different cities contribute as well. Sabancı University leads the project team and includes political scientists, architects, city-regional planners, and sociology researchers.

The goal is to put forward policy proposals for the development of sustainable urban policies, taking into account the material qualities of cities, intra-locality relations, and subjective quality of life. From 2020 to 2021, the project team continued its work despite being located in different cities and experiencing the adverse conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the Urbanization and Local Governance cluster, IPC also conducts "Istanbul Perspectives," a panel series that examines urbanization and cultural change in the largest metropolis in Turkey—and one of the largest in the world. IPC initiated this monthly event series in October 2018, and in 2019 and 2020, it continued to conduct interviews with researchers investigating the transformation of Istanbul's urban space.

Through urbanization and local governance studies, IPC aims to contribute to the academic literature and to aid local governance actors by sharing scientific research and proposals with decision-makers, central and local governments, and other local actors.

EVENTS

ACTHUMAN III – STRONG COOPERATIVES FOR SOCIAL SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

IPC and İnsani Gelişme Vakfı (İNGEV) organized an advisory board meeting and a workshop titled "ActHuman III – Strong Cooperatism for Social Solidarity Economy" on August 26, 2020.

ACTHUMAN III – STRONG COOPERATIVES FOR SOCIAL SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

IPC and İnsani Gelişme Vakfı (İNGEV) organized a second workshop titled "ActHuman III - Sosyal Dayanışma Ekonomisi için Güçlü Kooperatifçilik" on October 15, 2020.

ACTHUMAN IV INITIATIVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP – INTEGRATION WITH CLIMATE POLICIES: FROM EMPLOYMENT TO PRODUCTION

IPC and İNGEV organized the ActHuman IV Initiative Advisory Board Meeting and Workshop, titled "Integration with Climate Policies: From Employment to Production (*İstihdamdan Üretime İklim Politikalarına Entegrasyon*)" on July 1, 2021.

HDI/SDG INITIATIVE FOR SHARING BEST PRACTICES

IPC and INGEV launched the HDI/SDG Initiative for Sharing Best Practices (*İGE/SKA Büyükşehirler Deneyim Paylaşım Platformu*) on July 8–9, 2021. The platform aims to find a medium through which municipalities can implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations.

ACTHUMAN IV INITIATIVE'S 2ND WORKSHOP – INTEGRATION TO CLIMATE POLICIES: FROM EMPLOYMENT TO PRODUCTION

IPC and İNGEV organized the ActHuman IV Initiative's 2nd Workshop, titled "Integration to Climate Policies: From Employment to Production (*İstihdamdan Üretime İklim Politikalarına Entegrasyon*)," on September 22, 2021.

ACT HUMAN IV REPORT LAUNCH – FROM EMPLOYMENT TO PRODUCTION: INTEGRATION TO THE CLIMATE POLICIES

IPC and İNGEV organized the launch of the Act Human IV report "From Employment to Production: Integration to the Climate Policies (İstihdamdan Üretime İklim Politikalarına Entegrasyon)" on December 23, 2021.

ISTANBUL PERSPECTIVES SERIES

ISTANBUL PERSPECTIVES 13 : "DÜN BUGÜN İSTANBUL"

IPC and Asuman Suner initiated the "Istanbul Perspectives (*İstanbul Perspektifleri*)" series. The first meeting of this term was convened in cooperation with the Sakıp Sabancı Museum (SSM) with the participation of Sabancı University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Faculty Member Murat Germen and "Dün Bugün İstanbul" exhibition artists Didem Erbaş, Eren Sulamacı, Eser Epözdemir, Yaşar Adanalı (Mekanda Adalet Derneği), and Örsan Karakuş (Mekanda Adalet Derneği) on November 25, 2021. The event began with welcoming remarks from Fuat Keyman and was moderated by Asuman Suner.

ISTANBUL PERSPECTIVES 14: "THE LIFE OF ENTERTAINMENT TRANSFORMED BY AN EPIDEMIC"

The second meeting of this term featured journalist-writer Erdir Zat and was held at the SU Altunizade Digital Campus on December 30, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

The Tale of Eight Cities: New Localism and New Middle Classes in Turkey, 2020 (published with Metis Kitap)

Kentlerin Türkiyesi: İmkânlar, Sınırlar ve Çatışmalar, 2021 (published with İletişim Yayınları)

IPC and İNGEV's Act Human IV report, "From Employment to Production: Integration to the Climate Policies (İstihdamdan Üretime İklim Politikalarına Entegrasyon)," published in December 2021

CONFLICT RESOLUTION, MEDIATION AND LIVING TOGETHER

The Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Living Together (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 facilitate 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

CONFLICT RESOLUTION, SYRIA, AND IDLIB IN THE POST-CORONA WORLD

Istanbul Policy Center organized the webinar "Conflict Resolution, Syria, and Idlib in the Post-Corona World (*Post-Korona Dünyada Çatışma Çözümü, Suriye ve İdlib*)," which featured Senior Scholar Bülent Aras, Director Fuat Keyman, Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and Şaban Kardaş from TOBB University of Economics and Technology on May 27, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

THE DAY AFTER COVID-19: CAPACITY, GOVERNANCE, AND ORDER

Senior Scholar Bülent Aras and Johns Hopkins University Foreign Policy Institute Fellow Emirhan Yorulmazlar's policy brief "The Day after COVID-19: Capacity, Governance, and Order" was published in July 2020.

COVID-19 AND CIVIL CONFLICT: THE CASES OF SYRIA, LIBYA, AND YEMEN

Senior Scholar Bülent Aras and IPC Intern Devin Patrick Brown's policy brief "COVID-19 and Civil Conflict: The Cases of Syria, Libya, and Yemen" was published in August 2020.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

EVENTS

TURKEY, RUSSIA, AND THE WEST: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES, CURRENT DYNAMICS, AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Istanbul Policy Center and the Economic Development Foundation organized the conference "Turkey, Russia, and the West: Historical Perspectives, Current Dynamics, and Future Prospects" on February 21, 2020, at IPC Karaköy.

WEBINAR SERIES: "SALGIN VE TOPLUM"

From April 2020 to the end of 2021, Istanbul Policy Center's webinar series "Salgın ve Toplum" was broadcast every Monday at 15:00. The series focuses on working together to find solutions to problems related to the pandemic and exchanging ideas based on academic research.



- April 13, 2020, Evren Balta, Fuat Keyman, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and Ümit Şahin, "Salgın ve Toplum"
- April 20, 2020, Çağlar Keyder, Fuat Keyman, Galip Dalay, and Senem Aydın-Düzgit, "Küreselleşme ve Dünya Düzeni: Devlet, Ekonomi Kimlik"
- April 27, 2020, Emre Erdoğan, Evren Balta, Fuat Keyman, and Nebi Sümer, "Pandemi Döneminde Toplumsal Psikoloji ve Birey Olmak"
- May 4, 2020, Atila Eralp, Çiğdem Nas, Nilgün Arısan Eralp, and Senem Aydın-Düzgit, "Korona Sonrası Avrupa: Kriz Yönetimi, Dayanışma ve Entegrasyon"
- May 11, 2020, Çağlar Keyder, Feyzi Baban, Fuat Keyman, and Pınar Uyan Semerci, "Korona Sonrası Sosyal Adalet: Mülteciler, Mevsimlik İşçiler ve İşsizler"
- May 28, 2020, Akgün İlhan, Barış Karapınar, Değer Saygın, and Ümit Şahin, "Salgın Döneminde İklim, Enerji, Gıda ve Su"
- June 1, 2020, Fuat Keyman, Işık Özel, Mustafa Kutlay, and Senem Aydın-Düzgit, "Pandeminin Ekonomi Politiği"
- June 8, 2020, Adil Sarıbay, Emre Erdoğan, Evren Balta, and Nebi Sümer, "Normalleşme Sürecinde Toplumsal Psikoloji ve Birey Olmak"
- June 15, 2020, Ayşe Kadıoğlu, Çağlar Keyder, Fuat Keyman, and Şebnem Gümüşçü, "Post-Korona Dünya Düzeni: Adalet, Eşitlik ve Temel Özgürlükler"

- June 22, 2020, Alper Kaliber, Evren Balta, Fuat Keyman, and Yusuf Leblebici, "Dijitalleşen Post-Korona Dünyada Potansiyeller ve Riskler"
- June 29, 2020, Galip Dalay, Fuat Keyman, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and Soli Özel, "İdlib'den Libya'ya: Batı-Avrasya Sarkacında Türk Dış Politikası"
- July 6, 2020, Levent Kurmaz, Ömer Madra, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and Ümit Şahin, "Sıcak Dalgaları ve Kutuplaşan Dünyada İklim Hareketinin Geleceği"
- July 13, 2020, Fikret Adaman, Hilal Elver, Ümit Şahin, and Zafer Yenal, "Pandemi Döneminde İklim Değişikliği ve Gıda Güvencesi"
- July 20, 2020, Fuat Keyman, Mert Fırat, Neptün Soyer, and Vural Çakır, "Sivil Toplum, Kooperatifler, Yeni Yerellik"
- October 7, 2020, Fuat Keyman, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Çiğdem Nas, Atila Eralp, and Nilgün Arısan, "AB Liderler Zirvesi ve Türkiye"
- October 13, 2020, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Kamil Yılmaz, and Selim Badur, "Salgınla Mücadelede Küresel Durum: Siyasi Yönetişim, Ekonomi ve Sağlık Politikaları"
- October 27, 2020, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Fuat Keyman, Berk Esen, and Banu Turnaoğlu, "Cumhuriyet, Batılılaşma ve Ulus Devlet"
- November 3, 2020, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Şebnem Gümüşçü, Ayşe Kadıoğlu, and Fuat Keyman, "Amerikan Seçimleri"
- November 10, 2020, Fuat Keyman and Zafer Toprak, "Atatürk - Kurucu Felsefenin Evrimi"
- November 17, 2020, Ayşe Köse Badur, Çağlar Keyder, Fuat Keyman, and Zafer Yenal, "Yeni Yerellik: Tarım, Çatışma Çözümü ve Kentler"
- November 24, 2020, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Caner Bakır, Ümit Akçay, and Refet Gürkaynak, "Ekonomi, Merkez Bankası ve İyi Yönetişim"
- December 1, 2020, Erdoğan Özmen, Nebi Sümer, Fuat Keyman, and Evren Balta, "Psikoloji Kıyıya Vurunca"
- December 8, 2020, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Atila Eralp, Nilgün Arısan, and İlhan Uzgel, "AB Konseyi Zirvesi Öncesi Türkiye-AB ve Türkiye-NATO İlişkileri"
- December 15, 2020, Feyzi Baban, Ayhan Kaya, Fuat Keyman, and Senem Aydın-Düzgit, "Irkçılık Niye Bitmiyor?"
- December 22, 2020, Sinan Erensü, Hande Paker, Gökşen Şahin, and Ümit Şahin, "Paris Anlaşması'nın 5. Yılında COVID-19 Pandemisi ve İklim Krizi"
- December 26, 2020, Işıl Arıcan, Selim Badur, Yağız Üresin, and Fuat Keyman, "COVID-19 ve Aşılar: Beklentiler ve Gerçekler"
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TURKEY, RUSSIA, AND THE WEST: REASSESSING THE COLLABORATION, CONFLICT, AND MUTUAL DEPENDENCE FROM 1945 TO TODAY

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ASSESSING EU FOREIGN, SECURITY, AND DEFENCE POLICY CO-OPERATION WITH ITS NEIGHBOURS

Istanbul Policy Center, Centre for European Reform, and Norwegian Institute of International Affairs organized a webinar, "Assessing EU Foreign, Security, and Defence Policy Co-Operation with Its Neighbours," featuring Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Daria Gaidai, Faruk Kaymakcı, Sanja Kovac, Marko Makovec, and Eivind Vad Petersson, on December 16, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

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THE COVID-19 SOLIDARITY TEST

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GOVERNANCE, STATE, AND DEMOCRACY IN A POST-CORONA WORLD

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TURKEY-U.S. RELATIONS IN THE CHANGING TRANSATLANTIC CONTEXT

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