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

In August 2010, Fuat Keyman, Professor of International Relations at Sabancı University, took over as the Director of IPC. Under Professor Keyman's leadership, IPC has generated outstanding programs, publications, and events. Following the transition, Democratization and Institutional Reform as well as Conflict Resolution and Mediation were added to IPC's key research areas. In 2011, IPC partnered with Stiftung Mercator to establish one of the most comprehensive cooperations between a Turkish research institution and a German foundation. In 2012, the Istanbul Policy Center–Sabancı University–Stiftung Mercator Initiative was launched.

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.

Since then, the Initiative has produced a wide array of research and outreach activities in EU/German-Turkish relations and climate change. Through this collaboration, both institutions seek to strengthen the academic, political, and social ties between Turkey and Germany, as well as between Turkey and Europe.

Since the beginning of the Initiative, 73 visiting researchers and 23 senior fellows have worked at IPC and Sabancı University. From 2012 to 2018, the Initiative, democratization and institutional reform, and conflict resolution and mediation were IPC's three core research clusters.

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

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

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate the centennial of the Republic of Turkey, we have witnessed many significant global and domestic challenges. In the past two years, we have witnessed persistent wars and conflicts; we have found ourselves grappling with earthquakes, floods, fires, and extreme heat; amid the aftermath of the pandemic, we felt the anticipated economic downturn manifested in unemployment, declining purchasing power, and inflation; we voted in pivotal elections at home and closely watched elections in other countries. Amid this hectic agenda, however, we have observed various positive transformations.

As the IPC team, during the 2022–2023 period, we closely monitored the impacts of multiple crises and provided high-quality, evidence-based, independent assessments and recommendations. With a team of 45 researchers and administrative staff, six research areas, and eight active and up-to-date research programs, we organized 81 events in various formats, such as panels, conferences, talks, workshops, and book launches, both domestically and internationally. Additionally, we published 12 reports, policy briefs, and op-eds shared with key stakeholders worldwide. We continued our webinar series, including "Climate Café," "Istanbul Perspectives," "Pandemic and Society," and "Political Ecology of Food," along with the "Nasıl Bir Dünya, Nasıl Bir Türkiye?" program in partnership with Medyascope. Furthermore, we initiated the "Minerva Talks: Istanbul in History" and "Reading Istanbul through Literature" event series. We hosted book launches for important books in the field. While most of these events took place in person, we made recordings available for open access afterward to ensure access for the increasing number of stakeholders who could not attend events in Istanbul.

In 2022 and 2023, based on our work in six areas, we endeavored to expand our team of valuable researchers and contribute more to our society. We created forums that bring together individuals to analyze common ground for finding solutions to problems and engaging in the exchange of idea supported by academic research. I believe that the strength of IPC lies in the teamwork of the IPC team and our young researchers, their academic rigor and creativity, their initiative to closely monitor trends and changes worldwide, and their efforts to create a friendly office environment. I sincerely thank the IPC team for their perseverance, work, and achievements.

In this 2022–2023 Activity Report, you will find summaries of the programs, projects, events, and publications we conducted in six working areas. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Prof. Fuat Keyman
Director, Istanbul Policy Center



IPC IN NUMBERS (since 2012)

45 researchers and administrative personnel

112 completed and **8** effective and up-to-date research programs

6 research clusters

More than **750** events, such as workshops, conferences, panels, etc.

Nearly **300** publications

Support for more than **21** joint research projects of Sabancı University professors

More than **90** Sabancı University student interns and project assistants at IPC

COOPERATION WITH PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Innovative research and successful public policy programs thrive on strong partnerships built over time, across sectors and borders.

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

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

IPC has cooperated with the following institutions:

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

- German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)
- German-Turkish Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK)
- Global and Local Thought Institution (KUYEREL)
- Grantham Institute on Climate Change and the Environment
- Green Europe Foundation (GEF)
- Green Thought Association
- Greenpeace
- Hacettepe University
- Heinrich Böll Stiftung
- Hrant Dink Foundation
- Human Development Foundation (INGEV)
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU)
- Ifo Institute at the University of Munich
- Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
- The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)
- International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Istanbul Bilgi University
- Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)
- Kadir Has University
- Lokomotif Cooperation
- Marmara University Research Center for International Relations (MURCIR)
- Middle East Technical University (METU)
- Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR)
- National Democratic Institute (NDI)
- National Geographic (NAT GEO)
- The Netherlands Consulate in Turkey
- Newcastle University
- Nilüfer Innovation Center (NLL)
- Nilüfer Youth Assembly
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Öğretmen Ağı - ERG
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)
- Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI)
- Renewables Academy (RENAC)
- Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- Stiftung Mercator
- Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- Syrian Economic Forum (SEF)
- TOBB University of Economics and Technology Department of Political Science and International Relations
- The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats (TEMA)
- Türk Girişim ve İş Dünyası Konfederasyonu (TURKONFED)
- Türk Sanayicileri ve İş İnsanları Derneği (TUSİAD)
- UK British Consulate
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M)
- Université de Genéve (UNIGE)
- University of Cologne (UoC)
- University of Glasgow
- University of Oxford
- World Bank
- World Wildlife Foundation (WWF)
- YERELİZ Association
- Yıldız Technical University (YTU)
- Youth Organizations Forum (Go-For)

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THE IPC-SABANCI UNIVERSITY-STIFTUNG MERACTOR INITIATIVE

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

The Initiative is based on the premise that the acquisition of knowledge and the exchange of people and ideas are preconditions for meeting the challenges of an increasingly globalized world in the 21st century.

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

These areas are:

- EU/German-Turkish relations
- Climate change

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

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 ACTIVITIES UNDER THE MERCATOR-IPC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

10th Anniversary of the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative

The 10th Anniversary Celebration of the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative was held at the Sakıp Sabancı Museum on May 12, 2022.



▲ 10th Anniversary of the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative, May 12, 2022

Welcoming of the 2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellows

The Welcoming of the 2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellows was held at Arcadia Vineyards on October 6, 2022. The event began with welcoming remarks by IPC Director Fuat Keyman and Stiftung Mercator Director Wolfgang Rohe. The event continued with a movie screening that introduced the 2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellows, Betül Türkeri, Cem Dalaman, Christina Velentza, Ebru Voyvoda, Elif Çiğdem Artan, Esra Dilek, Hande Yalnızoğlu Altınay, Meriç Çağlar, and Paul F. Langer.

Mercator-IPC Alumni Retreat 2023

The Initiative hosted the Alumni Event of the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program in Cappadocia on June 2–4, 2023. Over the course of three days, we had a fishbowl discussion session on the second century of Turkey, an excursion in the region, and a coffee talk on the cultural heritage of Cappadocia featuring Aslı Özbay as our guest speaker.



▲ Mercator-IPC Alumni Retreat 2023, June 2-4, 2023

EU/GERMAN-TURKISH RELATIONS

EVENTS

EU's Border Externalization: Implications for Migration from Afghanistan under the Taliban

The Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative and Aston University organized the roundtable discussion "EU's Border Externalization: Implications for Migration from Afghanistan under the Taliban," intiated by 2020/21 Mercator-IPC Fellow Karolina Augustova, on March 17, 2022.

Book Talk: How Did Germany Become a Homeland? 60th Anniversary of the German-Turkish Recruitment Agreement

2018/19 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Özcan Mutlu's book *How did Germany Become a Homeland? 60th Anniversary of Germany-Turkish Recruitment Agreement (Almanya Nasıl Vatan Oldu? Türkiye-Almanya İşgücü Anlaşması'nın 60. Yılı)* was introduced on May 13, 2022, with Fuat Keyman as discussant.

▶ Book Talk: How Did Germany Become a Homeland, 60th Anniversary of the German-Turkish Recruitment Agreement, May 13, 2022



▼ The Future of Europe, EU Institutions, Governance, and Strategies, May 23, 2022



The Future of Europe/EU: Institutions, Governance, and Strategies

The IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative organized a panel discussion titled "The Future of Europe/EU: Institutions, Governance, and Strategies," moderated by Fuat Keyman, featuring 2022 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Andreas Nick and IPC Senior Scholar Meltem Müftüler-Baç as speakers at Sabancı University on May 23, 2022.

The Future of Turkey-EU Relations: Democracy, Rights, and Governance

The IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative, Checks and Balances Network, and Ankara Institute organized a roundtable meeting titled "The Future of Turkey-EU Relations: Democracy, Rights, and Governance" with Andreas Nick and Senem Aydın-Düzgit as speakers at Limak Ambassadore Ankara on June 7, 2022.



▲ The Future of Turkey-EU Relations: Democracy, Rights, and Governance, June 7, 2022

The Future of Europe/EU and Turkey-EU Relations: Institutions, Policies, and Strategies

Istanbul Policy Center held a panel on "The Future of Europe/EU and Turkey-EU Relations: Institutions, Policies, and Strategies" with Andreas Nick, Nilgün Arısan Eralp, and Senem Aydın-Düzgit at TEPAV on June 8, 2022.

European Union-Turkey Relations Roundtable

IPC and the Initiative organized the "European Union-Turkey Relations Roundtable" with German parliamentarians, which took place at IPC on October 6, 2022 with the participation of Fuat Keyman, Anne Duncker, Jannes Tessman, Atila Eralp, Özcan Mutlu, and Ebru Voyvoda.

Book Talk: How Did Germany Become a Homeland? 60th Anniversary of the German-Turkish Recruitment Agreement

IPC and Sabancı University organized a book launch for Özcan Mutlu's book *How did Germany Become a Homeland? 60th Anniversary of the German-Turkish Recruitment Agreement (Almanya Nasıl Vatan Oldu? Türkiye-Almanya İşgücü Anlaşması'nın 60. Yılı)* at Sabancı University on October 10, 2022.

The Perception of State, Security and Nationalism in Turkey

The Initiative and Ankara Institute organized a panel discussion titled "Turkey at the Crossroads: The perception of state, security and naitonalism" with the participation of Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Hatem Ete, Galip Dalay, Ferhat Kentel, and Fuat Keyman in Izmir at BAYETAV on October 17, 2022.

Turkey-Germany/EU Relations on the 61st Anniversary of the Turkey-Germany Labor Recruitment Agreement

The IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative organized the panel "Turkey-Germany/EU Relations on the 61st Anniversary of the Turkey-Germany Labor Recruitment Agreement," which took place at IPC on November 28, 2022. IPC Research and Academic Relations Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit delivered the opening remarks. The event was moderated by IPC Director Fuat Keyman and featured former German president Christian Wulff and 2018/19 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Özcan Mutlu.



▲ Turkey-Germany EU Relations on the 61st Anniversary of the Turkey-Germany Labor Recruitment Agreement, November 28, 2022

Six Years after the Controversial Deal: Toward a More Sustainable EU-Turkey Agreement on Refugee Protection

The Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative organized the roundtable discussion "Six Years after the Controversial Deal: Toward a More Sustainable EU-Turkey Agreement on Refugee Protection," initiated by 2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellow Christina Velentza, with the participation of Alexandros Sarris, Stavros Mirogiannis, and Omar Kadıkoy on April 28, 2023.

Exploring Vulnerability(ies) and Resilience: Learning from Populations on the Move

The Initiative organized the workshop "Exploring Vulnerability(ies) and Resilience: Learning from Populations on the Move," which featured a keynote speech titled "Neither Vulnerability, Nor Resilience: A Critical Approach to Exiles' Experiences" by Didier Fassin, at IPC on May 5–6, 2023.



▼ Reflections on Elections in Turkey amidst Geopolitical Challenges: How to Restart EU-Turkey Relations, June 8, 2023



Reflections on Elections in Turkey amidst Geopolitical Challenges: How to Restart EU- Turkey Relations

The Initiative organized the panel “Reflections on Elections in Turkey amidst Geopolitical Challenges: How to Restart EU-Turkey Relations,” which took place with the participation of Funda Tekin, Fuat Keyman, Alkım Bağ Güllü, Çiğdem Nas, Wolfgang Wessels, and Ümit Şahin, and moderated by Senem Aydın-Düzgit at IPC on June 8, 2023.



▲ Shaping EU-Turkey Relations in the Aftermath of Turkey’s Elections, June 13, 2023

Shaping EU-Turkey Relations in the Aftermath of Turkey’s Elections

The Initiative and TEPAV’s panel “Shaping EU-Turkey Relations in the Aftermath of Turkey’s Elections” took place with the participation of Funda Tekin, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, and Atila Eralp, moderated by Nilgün Arısan Eralp, at TEPAV on June 13, 2023.

EU-Turkey Agreement: A Critical Assessment

The initiative organized a roundtable titled “EU-Turkey Agreement: A Critical Assessment,” initiated by 2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellow Christina Velentza, held on September 22, 2023 at IPC.



▲ EU-Turkey Agreement, A Critical Assessment: September 22, 2023

▼ Thinking about Borders, Race and Labor in Times of Crisis: The European Case, September 29, 2023



Thinking about Borders, Race and Labor in Times of Crisis: The European Case

The Initiative organized the event “Thinking about Border, Race and Labor in Times of Crisis: The European Case,” initiated by 2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Sibel Karadağ, held at IPC on September 29, 2023, with the participation of Itamar Mann, Martina Tazzioli, and Nando Sigona.

Assessment of Recent Developments in the Eastern Mediterranean: Prospects for Cooperation

The roundtable meeting organized by the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative titled "Assessing Recent Developments in the Eastern Mediterranean: Prospects for Cooperation," intiatied by 2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellow Esra Dilek, took place at IPC on October 26, 2023.



▲ Assessing Recent Developments in the Eastern Mediterranean: Prospects for Cooperation, October 26, 2023

Looking to the Future: Türkiye-Germany/EU Relations amid Global Turmoil

The Initiative organized a roundtable titled "Looking to the Future: Türkiye-Germany/EU Relations amid Global Turmoil" on November 7, 2023 in the Bundestag, Berlin, with the participation of IKV Secretary General Çiğdem NAS, TEPAV EU Studies Center Director Nilgün Arısan-Eralp, IPC Director Fuat Keyman, and IPC Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit as well as members of the German Bundestag and policy advisors.

The 100th Anniversary of the Republic of Turkey: An Evaluation of Turkey-Europe Relations and Expectations

The Initiative organized a panel discussion titled "The 100th Anniversary of the Republic of Turkey: An Evaluation of Turkey-Europe Relations and Expectations," with IKV Secretary General Çiğdem Nas, TEPAV EU Studies Center Director Nilgün Arısan-Eralp, IPC Director Fuat Keyman, and IPC Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit as speakers. The panel was held at the Mercator Center Berlin on November 7, 2023 and was moderated by Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program Coordinator Pelin Oğuz.

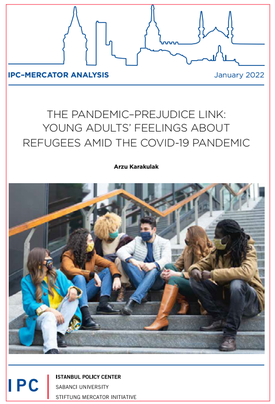
PUBLICATIONS

Democracy, Security, State Perception in Turkey

IPC Senior Scholar Evren Balta and Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Hatem Ete's report *Democracy, Security, State Perception in Turkey (Türkiye'de Demokrasi, Güvenlik, Devlet Algısı)* was published in January 2022.

The Pandemic–Prejudice Link: Young Adults' Feelings about Refugees amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Arzu Karakulak's analysis "The Pandemic–Prejudice Link: Young Adults' Feelings about Refugees amid the COVID-19 Pandemic" was published in February 2022.



Young Adults' Feelings about Refugees amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of Italy

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Arzu Karakulak's analysis "Young Adults' Feelings about Refugees amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of Italy" was published in February 2022.

Young Adults' Feelings about Refugees amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of Germany

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Arzu Karakulak's analysis "Young Adults' Feelings about Refugees amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of Germany" was published in February 2022.



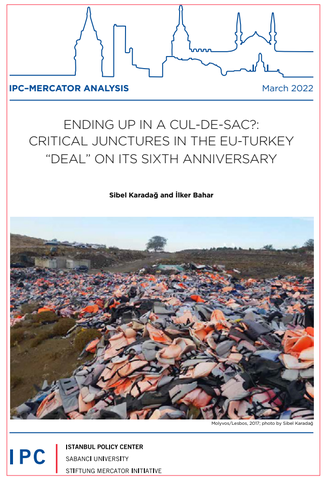


The Impact of the Pandemic on Prejudice Against Refugees

The Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative organized the roundtable discussion "The Impact of the Pandemic on Prejudice Against Refugees *(Pandemi'nin Mültecilere Karşı Önyargı Üzerindeki Etkisi)*," initiated by 2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Arzu Karakulak in March 2022.

Ending Up in a Cul-de-Sac?: Critical Junctures in the EU-Turkey "Deal" on Its Sixth Anniversary

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Sibel Karadağ and IPC Intern İlker Bahar's analysis "Ending Up in a Cul-de-Sac?: Critical Junctures in the EU-Turkey 'Deal' on Its Sixth Anniversary" was published in March 2022.





Turkey-Germany-EU Relations in an Era of Geopolitical Turmoil

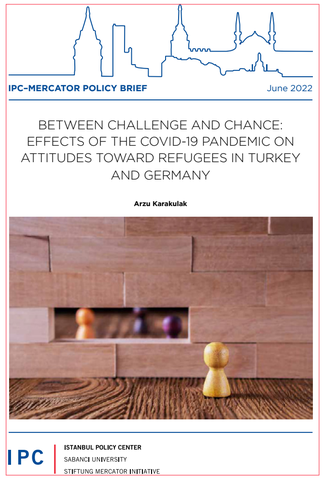
Director of the European Union Studies Centre at the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV) Nilgün Arısan-Eralp, Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator Senem Aydın-Düzgit, 2021/22 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Atila Eralp, Director Fuat Keyman, and Secretary-General of the Economic Development Foundation (IKV) Çiğdem Nas' policy brief "Turkey-Germany-EU Relations in an Era of Geopolitical Turmoil" was published in March 2022.

Perception of Nationalism in Turkey

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Hatem Ete and Independent Sociologist Ferhat Kentel's report titled *Perception of Nationalism in Turkey (Türkiye'de Milliyetçilik Algısı)* was published in June 2022.

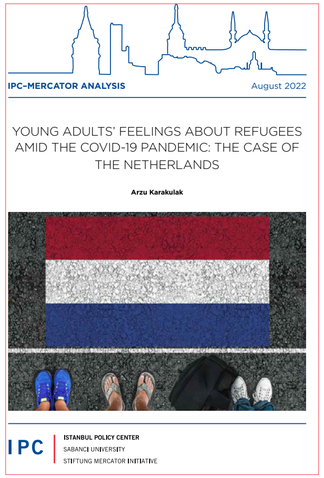
Between Challenge and Chance: Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Attitudes toward Refugees in Turkey and Germany

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Arzu Karakulak's policy brief "Between Challenge and Chance: Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Attitudes toward Refugees in Turkey and Germany" was published in June 2022.



Young Adults' Feelings about Refugees amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of the Netherlands

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Arzu Karakulak's analysis "Young Adults' Feelings about Refugees amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of the Netherlands" was published in August 2022.



Law No. 6284 in Practice after Withdrawing from the Istanbul Convention

2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellow Elif Çiğdem Artan's analysis "Law No. 6284 in Practice after Withdrawing from the Istanbul Convention" was published in April 2023.

Turkey's Foreign Policy in the Eastern Mediterranean: Peacemaking in Cyprus at a Crossroads



2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellow Esra Dilek's analysis "Turkey's Foreign Policy in the Eastern Mediterranean: Peacemaking in Cyprus at a Crossroads" was published in March 2023.

Migration Binds: Turkish and German Leaders Meet Despite Deep Differences on Israel-Hamas War

2023/24 Mercator-IPC Fellow László Szerencsés' The Future of Turkey-EU Relations: Democracy, Rights, and Governance "Migration Binds: Turkey's and Germany's Leaders Meet Despite Deep Differences on the Israel-Hamas War" was published in November 2023.

Instrumentalizing Multilateralism: President Erdoğan Visits Hungary for the Second Time in 2023

2023/24 Mercator-IPC Fellow László Szerencsés' The Future of Turkey-EU Relations: Democracy, Rights, and Governance "Instrumentalizing Multilateralism: President Erdoğan's Second Visit to Hungary in 2023" was published on December 2023.

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EVENTS

A Sustainable and Resilient Food System: Turkey Analysis

The Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative organized the report launch of *A Sustainable and Resilient Food System: Turkey Analysis (Sürdürülebilir ve Dirençli Bir Gıda Sistemi: Türkiye Analizi)*, which was initiated by 2021/22 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Fikret Adaman, on March 28, 2022.

The Political Ecology of Food Book Launch and Discussing Food Politics on the Path to Elections

The IPC-Sabancı University- Stiftung Mercator Initiative and Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Fikret Adaman organized the event "*The Political Ecology of Food* Book Launch and Discussing Food Policies on the Path to Elections" held with the participation of IPC Director Fuat Keyman and Boğaziçi University Faculty Member Zafer Yenal at IPC on April 13, 2023.

▼ Envisioning a Water-Sensitive City: Istanbul and Cologne, April 25, 2023



Envisioning a Water-Sensitive City: Istanbul and Cologne

The Initiative organized the roundtable discussion "Envisioning a Water-Sensitive City: Istanbul and Cologne," initiated by 2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellow Betül Türkeri, with the participation of officials from İSKİ and StEB Köln on April 25, 2023.

Istanbul's Green Spaces Symposium: City and Natural Plants

The Initiative organized the symposium "Istanbul's Green Spaces Symposium: The City and Natural Plants," led by 2021/2022 Mercator-IPC Fellow Anna Zadrożna and co-organized by Cihan Erdönmez, Akgün İlhan, İbrahim Dedeoğlu, and Matthew Gandy, which took place at IPC on September 18–19, 2023. Matthew Gandy's documentary *Natura Urbana* was also screened at the event.



▲ Istanbul's Green Spaces Symposium: City and Natural Plants, September 18-19, 2023

Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Summit—Impressions from COP27

The IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative's panel "2022 Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Summit—Impressions from COP27" took place at IPC on November 23, 2022. The event, moderated by IPC Climate Change Cluster Coordinator Ümit Şahin, featured remarks from SHURA Energy Transition Center Director Alkım Bağ Güllü, COBENEFITS Senior Project Consultant Dursun Baş, and 2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ebru Voyvoda.

Report Launch: Turkey's Decarbonization Roadmap 3

The launch of the report *Turkey's Decarbonization Roadmap 3: Transformation Timeline, Geographical Distribution and Impacts on the Electricity Grid* was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at Mövenpick Hotel, Ankara. The event took place with the participation of Ümit Şahin, Climate Studies Coordinator; Saeed Teimourzadeh, EPRA Energy R&D Director; Tuğba Dinçbaş, Deputy Head of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change; Serhat Metin, Head of Planning and Investment Management Department, TEİAŞ; Bengisu Özenç, Director, SEFIA; and Osman Bülent Tör, General Manager, EPRA Energy.

▼ Report Launch, Turkey's Decarbonization Roadmap 3, November 21, 2023



▼ Tackling Climate Change Under Multi-dimensional Inequalities, November 24-25, 2023



Tackling Climate Change under Multidimensional Inequalities

The meeting "Tackling Climate Change under Multidimensional Inequalities," organized by 2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ebru Voyvoda, took place at IPC on November 24–25, 2023.

2023 Dubai Climate Summit—Impressions from COP28

The Initiative organized the panel "2023 Dubai Climate Summit—Impressions from COP28," moderated by IPC Climate Change Studies Coordinator Ümit Şahin with the participation of IPC Senior Project Advisor Dursun Baş, CAN Europe Turkey Climate and Energy Policy Officer Elif Cansu İlhan, Oil Change International Regional Program Director Mahir Ilgaz, and WWF-Turkey Climate and Energy Program Manager Tanyeli Sabuncu.

▼ 2023 Dubai Climate Summit—Impressions from COP28, December 20, 2023





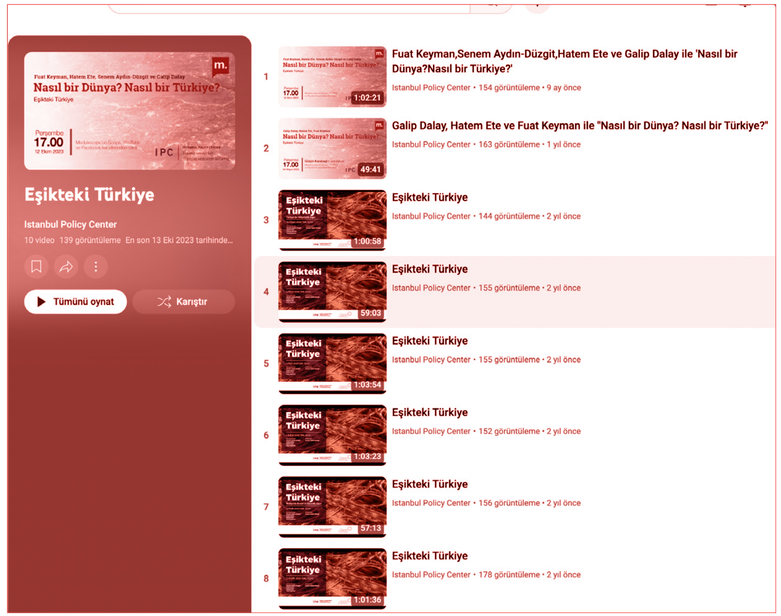
CLIMATE CAFÉ TALKS

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.

- Climate Cafe 18 – "Pricing Carbon as a Tool to Combat the Climate Crisis: The ETS Experience and Lessons for Turkey," Erinç Yeldan, April 19, 2022.
- Climate Cafe 19 – "Climate Cost of Plastic Pollution and Dependence," Sedat Gündoğdu, May 11, 2022.
- Climate Cafe 20 – "The Political Economy of Coal and the Role of Ecological Rights Struggles in Turkey's Exit from Coal," Ceren Ayas, June 1, 2022.
- Climate Cafe Talks 21 – "The Usage and Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies in Combatting Climate Change," Ezgi Ediboğlu Sakowsky, October 26, 2022.
- Climate Cafe Talks 22 – "Winter Tourism in a Changing Climate: Why Is There No Snow in Ski Resorts?," Cenk Demiroğlu, January 18, 2023.
- Climate Cafe Talks 23 – "How to Plan Cities Prepared for Earthquakes and Climate Disasters?," Ender Peker and Ezgi Orhan, April 5, 2023.
- Climate Café Talks 24 – "Effects of Climate Change on Olive Yields in Turkey," Sevil Acar, June 22, 2023.
- Climate Café Talks 25 – "What kind of order to prevent climate change," Serkan Köybaşı, October 7, 2023.



▲ Climate Cafe Talks 22 – "Winter Tourism in a Changing Climate: Why Is There No Snow in Ski Resorts," Cenk Demiroğlu, January 18, 2023



WEBINAR SERIES "TURKEY AT THE CROSSROADS (EŞİKTEKİ TÜRKİYE)"

The Initiative and Ankara Institute Turkey continued the 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 social, political, and economic dynamics with national, regional, and global developments. Over the course of the 2022/23 term, 16 webinars were broadcast with the participation of Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Galip Dalay, Hatem Ete, Ferhat Kentel, Fuat Keyman, and Pelin Oğuz.

PUBLICATIONS

Technology for Combating Climate Change, Proposals for Turkey, Part I: The Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies

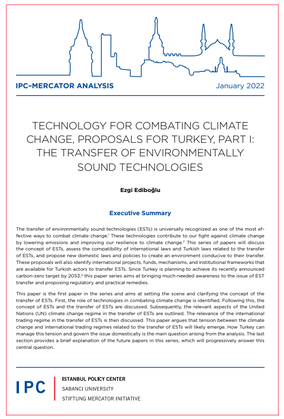
2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ezgi Ediboğlu's analysis "Technology for Combating Climate Change, Proposals for Turkey, Part I: The Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies" was published in January 2022.

Technology for Combatting Climate Change, Proposals for Turkey II: The Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Ezgi Ediboğlu's analysis "Technology for Combating Climate Change, Proposals for Turkey II: The Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies *(İklim Değişikliği ile Mücadelede Teknoloji, Türkiye için Öneriler II: Çevreye Duyarlı Teknolojilerin Transferi)*" was published in May 2022.

Green Energy & Regional Development I: An Empirical Investigation of Turkish Provinces

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Theocharis Grigoriadis' analysis "Green Energy & Regional Development I: An Empirical Investigation of Turkish Provinces" was published in June 2022.


IPC-MERCATOR ANALYSIS January 2022

TECHNOLOGY FOR COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE, PROPOSALS FOR TURKEY, PART I: THE TRANSFER OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND TECHNOLOGIES

Ezgi Ediboğlu

Executive Summary

The transfer of environmentally sound technologies (ESTs) is universally recognized as one of the most effective ways to combat climate change.[1] These technologies contribute to our fight against climate change by lowering emissions and improving our resilience to climate change.[2] This series of papers will discuss the concept of ESTs, assess the compatibility of international laws and Turkish laws related to the transfer of ESTs, and propose new domestic laws and policies to create an environment conducive to their transfer. These proposals will also identify international projects, funds, mechanisms, and institutional frameworks that are available for Turkish actors to transfer ESTs. Since Turkey is planning to achieve its recently announced carbon-zero target by 2053,[3] this paper series aims at bringing much-needed awareness to the issue of EST transfer and proposing regulatory and practical remedies.

This paper is the first paper in the series and aims at setting the scene and clarifying the concept of the transfer of ESTs and the role of technologies in combating climate change is identified. Following this, the concept of ESTs and the transfer of ESTs are discussed. Subsequently, the relevant aspects of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement on the multilateral trading regime in the transfer of ESTs is then discussed. This paper argues that tension between the climate change and international trading regimes related to the transfer of ESTs will likely emerge. How Turkey can manage this tension and govern the issue domestically is the main question arising from the analysis. The last section provides a brief explanation of the future papers in this series, which will progressively answer this central question.

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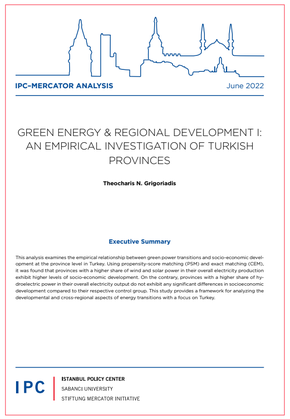
IPC-MERCATOR ANALYSIS June 2022

GREEN ENERGY & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT I: AN EMPIRICAL INVESTIGATION OF TURKISH PROVINCES

Theocharis N. Grigoriadis

Executive Summary

This analysis examines the empirical relationship between green power transitions and socio-economic development at the province level in Turkey. Using propensity-score matching (PSM) and exact matching (CEM), it was found that provinces with a higher share of wind and solar power in their overall electricity production exhibit higher levels of socio-economic development. On the contrary, provinces with a higher share of hydroelectric power in their overall electricity output do not exhibit any significant differences in socioeconomic development compared to their respective control group. This study provides a framework for analyzing the developmental and cross-regional aspects of energy transitions with a focus on Turkey.

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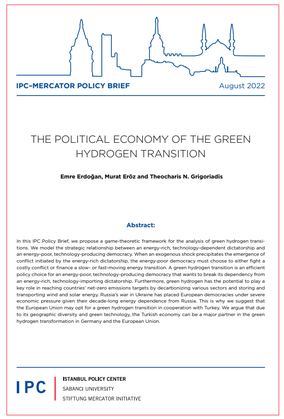
The Political Economy of the Green Hydrogen Transition

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Theocharis Grigoriadis, Enerjisa Üretim Vice President of Operations Emre Erdoğan, and Enerjisa Üretim Asset Management and Sustainability Leader Murat Eröz's policy brief "The Political Economy of the Green Hydrogen Transition" was published in November 2022.


IPC-MERCATOR POLICY BRIEF August 2022

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE GREEN HYDROGEN TRANSITION

Emre Erdoğan, Murat Eröz and Theocharis N. Grigoriadis

Abstract:

In this IPC Policy Brief, we propose a game-theoretic framework for the analysis of green hydrogen transitions. We model the strategic relationship between an energy-rich, technology-dependent dictatorship and an energy-poor, technology-producing democracy. When an exogenous shock precipitates the emergence of conflict initiated by the energy-rich dictatorship, the energy-poor democracy must choose to either fight a costly conflict or finance a slow- or fast-moving energy transition. A green hydrogen transition is an efficient policy choice for an energy-poor, technology-producing democracy that wants to break its dependency from an energy-rich, technology-importing dictatorship. Furthermore, green hydrogen has the potential to play a key role in reaching countries' net-zero emissions targets by decarbonizing various sectors and storing and transporting wind and solar energy. Russia's war in Ukraine has placed European democracies under severe economic pressure given their decade-long energy dependence from Russia. This is why we suggest that the European Union may opt for a green hydrogen transition in cooperation with Turkey. We argue that due to its geographic diversity and green technology, the Turkish economy can be a major partner in the green hydrogen transformation in Germany and the European Union.

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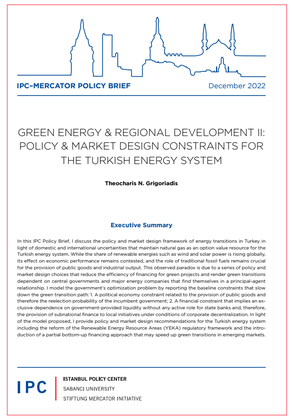
The Energy Crisis and the German Greens' U-Turn

2022/23 Mercator-IPC Fellow Cem Dalaman's opinion piece "The Energy Crisis and the German Greens' U-Turn" was published in November 2022.


IPC-MERCATOR POLICY BRIEF December 2022

GREEN ENERGY & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT II: POLICY & MARKET DESIGN CONSTRAINTS FOR THE TURKISH ENERGY SYSTEM

Theocharis N. Grigoriadis

Executive Summary

In this IPC Policy Brief, I discuss the policy and market design framework of energy transitions in Turkey in light of domestic and international uncertainties that maintain natural gas as an option value resource for the Turkish energy system. While the share of renewable energies such as wind and solar power is rising globally, its effect on economic performance remains contested, and the role of traditional fossil fuels remains crucial for the provision of public goods and industrial output. This observed paradox is due to a series of policy and market design choices that reduce the efficiency of financing for green projects and render green transitions dependent on central governments and major energy companies that find themselves in a principal-agent relationship. I model the government's optimization problem by reporting the baseline constraints that slow down the green transition path.[1] A political economy constraint related to the provision of public goods and therefore the reelection probability of the incumbent government; 2. A financial constraint that implies an exclusive dependence on government-provided liquidity without any active role for state banks and, therefore, the provision of subnational finance to local initiatives under conditions of corporate decentralization. In light of the model proposed, I provide policy and market design recommendations for the Turkish energy system including the reform of the Renewable Energy Resource Areas (YEKA) regulatory framework and the introduction of a partial bottom-up financing approach that may speed up green transitions in emerging markets.

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Green Energy & Regional Development II: Policy and Market Design Constraints for the Turkish Energy System

2021/22 Mercator-IPC Fellow Theocharis Grigoriadis' policy brief "Green Energy & Regional Development II: Policy and Market Design Constraints for the Turkish Energy System" was published in December 2022.


FİKİR YAZISI 15 Kasım 2022

ENERJİ KRİZİ VE ALMAN YEŞİLLER'DEN "U DÖNÜŞÜ"

Cem Dalaman, 2022/23 Mercator-IPM Araştırmacısı

Almanya, bundan kısa bir süre önce sancılı tartışmaların ardından nükleer enerjiden çıkış planından geri adım attı. Enerji konusunda Avrupa Birliği'nin diğer ülkelerine, özellikle de Fransa'ya kıyasla büyük ölçüde yalnız kalan Almanya'da, 15 Nisan 2023'te Emsland, Isar-2 ve Neckarwestheim'daki üç nükleer santralin faaliyetlerini yerli bir politika tercihi olarak sonlandırmasının ardından enerji politikalarının yeniden belirlenmesi zorunda kaldı. Kömürden kaçıştaki Avrupa'da bazı çelişme sözü veren Almanı hükümeti önce bu politikasından geri adım attı ve eli dorumdaki kömür santrallerinin yeniden çalıştırılmasına izin verdi, ikincisinin elektrik üretim kapasitesini iki yıl içerisinde 10 gigawatt'a kadar arttırma kararını açıkladı. Halbuki 2021 seçimleri sonrası iş başına gelen sosyal demokrat SPD, liberal FDP ve Yeşiller'den oluşan üç ortaklı hükümet, kapatılan kömür santrallerinin bir daha açılmaması ve doğalgazdaki daha yüksek karbon emisyonuna neden olan kömürün kullanımını en geç 2030'a kadar sonlandırmayı hedefinde üstlenmişti. Daha da büyük yankı uyandıran ise, Yeşiller'in kurucularından ve uzun yıllar partinin de fiiliyatta lideri konumunda bulunan Joschka Fischer'in Nisan 2022'ye kadar çalıştırılması talimatı oldu. Bundan önceki Angela Merkel hükümeti, 2011 yılında Japonyadaki Fukuşima nükleer felaketinin ardından nükleer enerjiyi tamamen bırakma yönünde karar almış, ülkedeki 6 santralden 3'ü kapatılmıştı. Diğer üçünün ise 31 Aralık 2022'de kapatılması yasal olarak kararlaştırılmıştı. Su anda görev başındaki Olaf Scholz hükümetinin kısa bir süreliğinemde, 'nükleer santrallerde üretim süresinin uzatılması kesinlikle söz konusu olmayacaktır' sözlerini yer almıştı. Almanya'nın elektrik ihtiyacının yüzde 6'sını karşılayan söz konusu santralleri açık kalması kararının siyasetinde çok ses karıştıkların bir mekanizmaya da neden oldu. Şimdiye dek bir kez kullanılan bir sözleşmeyi devreye soken Başbakan Olaf Scholz, bakanlara "Başbakanlık talimatı" göndererek, santrallerin açık tutulmasına karar verdiğini ve diğer bakanların bu kararı uygulayı gerektiğini bildirdi. Hükümet ortağı Yeşiller son üç nükleer santralden kirinin 15 Nisan 2023'e kadar enerji üretimine devam etmesini önermiş, FDP'lse enerji krizi yaşanan bir dönemde nükleer santrallerin kapatılmasının yanlış bir politika olduğunu savunmuştu. Ana hükümete getirilen sonra, bu konuda daha esnek olabileceklerinin ilk işaretlerini veridiler. Rusya'nın Ukrayna'ya saldırısı ile başlayan krizin ardından Yeşiller partinin yeşilleri liderlerinden Robert Habeck'in Ekonomi ve İklim Koruma Bakanlığı'na getirilmesi ve bakanlığınızın görevlerini başbakanlığın yürüyerek, Alman medyasında "U dönüşü" olarak tanımlanan siyasetin yeni bir kapısını açtı. Başbakan Scholz'un atılığı, üç santrali açık tutma kararına Yeşiller'den pek önemli bir tepkinin gelmemesi de bu bağlamda çok dikkat çekeni bir gelişme oldu.

Esasında uzun zamanlar ortalama seçmenin "hippi partisi" olarak görüldüğü Yeşiller'in, popüler kararlara fabrika ayarlarından ve kuruluş hedeflerinden vazgeçmeo sadece enerji konusu ile sınırlı değil. 1980 yılında kurulan Yeşiller, 1983 yılındaki genel seçimlerde yüzde

[1] Bu alanda yer alan analizler ve verilen sonuçlar yalnızca yazara aittir ve IPM'nin resmi görüşünü yansıtmaz.

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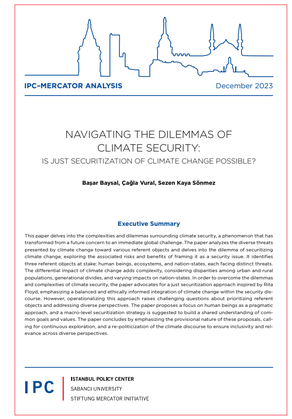
Navigating the Dilemmas of Climate Security: Is Fair Securitization of Climate Change Possible?

2023/24 Mercator-IPC Fellow Başar Baysal, Istanbul Medeniyet University PhD Student Çağla Vural, and Kadir Has University PhD Student Sezen Kaya Sönmez's policy analysis "Navigating the Dilemmas of Climate Security: Is Fair Securitization of Climate Change Possible?" was published in December 2023.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NAVIGATING THE DILEMMAS OF CLIMATE SECURITY:

IS JUST SECURITIZATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE POSSIBLE?

Başar Baysal, Çağla Vural, Sezen Kaya Sönmez

Executive Summary

This paper delves into the complexities and dilemmas surrounding climate security, a phenomenon that has transformed from a future concern to an immediate global challenge. The paper analyzes the diverse threats presented by climate change toward various referent objects and delves into the dilemma of securitizing climate change, exploring the associated risks and benefits of framing it as a security issue. It identifies three referent objects at stake: human beings, ecosystems, and nation-states, each facing distinct threats. The differential impact of climate change adds complexity, considering disparities among urban and rural populations, generational divides, and varying impacts on nation-states. In order to overcome the dilemmas and complexities of climate security, the paper advocates for a just securitization approach inspired by Rita Floyd, emphasizing a balanced and ethically informed integration of climate change within the security discourse. However, operationalizing this approach raises challenging questions about prioritizing referent objects and addressing diverse perspectives. The paper proposes a focus on human beings as a pragmatic approach, and a macro-level securitization strategy is suggested to build a shared understanding of common goals and values. The paper concludes by emphasizing the provisional nature of these proposals, calling for continuous exploration, and a re-politicization of the climate discourse to ensure inclusivity and relevance across diverse perspectives.

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PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE INITIATIVE

MEDYASCOPE: "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 for researchers and experts to discuss current issues in Turkey and worldwide with the public.

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- April 20, 2023, Ersin Kalaycıoğlu & Zeynep Gülru Göker, “Grand National Assembly of Turkey and the Representation of Women”
- April 27, 2023, Emre Erdoğan & İsmail Metin, “Young People’s Well-Being in the Run-up to the Election”
- May 11, 2023, Fikret Adaman, Hayriye Ataş, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Alkım Bağ, Fuat Keyman & Hakan Yavuzyılmaz, “Analysis of Party Promises on the Eve of 2023 Elections: Foreign Policy, Climate Change and Energy Policies, Checks and Balances”
- May 18, 2023, Fuat Keyman & Hatem Efe, “After the First Round of Elections”
- May 25, 2023, Gülin Çavuş & Onur Varol, “The Importance of Accurate Information and Verification during Election Period”
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- June 22, 2023, Sibel Karadağ & Deniz Sert, “Afghans Living in Turkey: The Unspoken”
- July 13, 2023, Hakan Yavuzyılmaz & Emre Erdoğan, “Democracy Workshops and the Picture of Turkey”
- October 5, 2023, Fuat Keyman & Ümit Şahin, “Climate crisis, state(s) and policies”
- October 19, 2023, Esin Paça Cengiz & Ayhan Aktar, “The Club,’ Coexistence, the Other”
- October 26, 2023, Fuat Keyman & Banu Turnaoğlu, “Turkey in the 100th Year of the Republic”
- November 2, 2023, Galip Dalay & Soli Özel, “The Israel-Hamas War in All Aspects”
- November 9, 2023, Fuat Keyman & Ayşe Köse Badur, “Commemorating Atatürk on the 100th Anniversary of the Republic”
- November 23, 2023, Bengisu Özenç & Ümit Şahin, “Decarbonization Roadmap”
- November 30, 2023, Özlem Katısöz & Semra Cerit Mazlum, “COP28: A Turning Point in the Fight Against Climate Change?”
- December 7, 2023, Ayhan Kaya & Samim Akgönül, “The Rising Far Right and Populism in Europe”
- December 14, 2023, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Galip Dalay, Hatem Ete & Fuat Keyman, “Turkey on the Threshold”
- December 21, 2023, Ümit Şahin & Mahir Ilgaz, “After COP28: What Decisions Were Taken at the Summit?”
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The climate change program has been one of IPC's main research priorities since 2013. IPC's Climate Change Program publishes policy papers and reports on energy transition, green economy, mitigation and adaptation policies, and the economic impacts of climate change.

IPC's Climate Change Program acts as a key platform to bring together stakeholders involved in climate action by providing opportunities for collaboration and dialogue with experts, academics, the public, civil society, and the private sector to increase the impact of actions on climate change. IPC represents Turkey in the Climate Transparency Network.

The Climate Change Program's primary research focus includes promoting low-carbon development, spearheading decarbonization initiatives with a special emphasis on the steel industry, and contributing to the energy transition agenda by advocating for the phasing out of coal. It also promotes a just transition to ensure that no one is left behind in the transition to a sustainable future. Through strategic partnerships with institutions such as Istanbul University – Cerrahpaşa, Boğaziçi University, and the National Institute of Public Health of Quebec (INSPQ), IPC has made significant contributions to understanding the health impacts of climate change.

EVENTS

50th Anniversary of the Stockholm Conference: Half a Century of International Environmental Policies

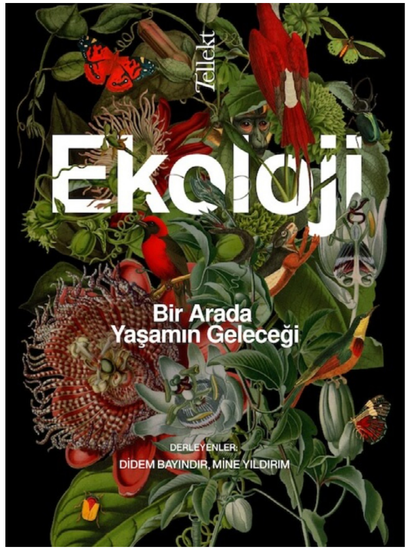
IPC organized the webinar "50th Anniversary of the Stockholm Conference: Half a Century of International Environmental Policies" held on June 8, 2022 with the participation of Zeynep Arat, Atila Uras, Seda Yurtcanlı Duymaz, and Semra Cerit Mazlum and moderated by Ümit Şahin.

Sustainable Agriculture Matrix International Consortium Meeting

IPC hosted the International Consortium Meeting of the Sustainable Agriculture Matrix project, in partnership with Toros Tarım and Tekfen Tarım and with the support of Belmont Forum, October 20–21, 2022 with the participation of Levent Öztürk, Ümit Şahin, Duygu Avcı, and Xin Zhang.

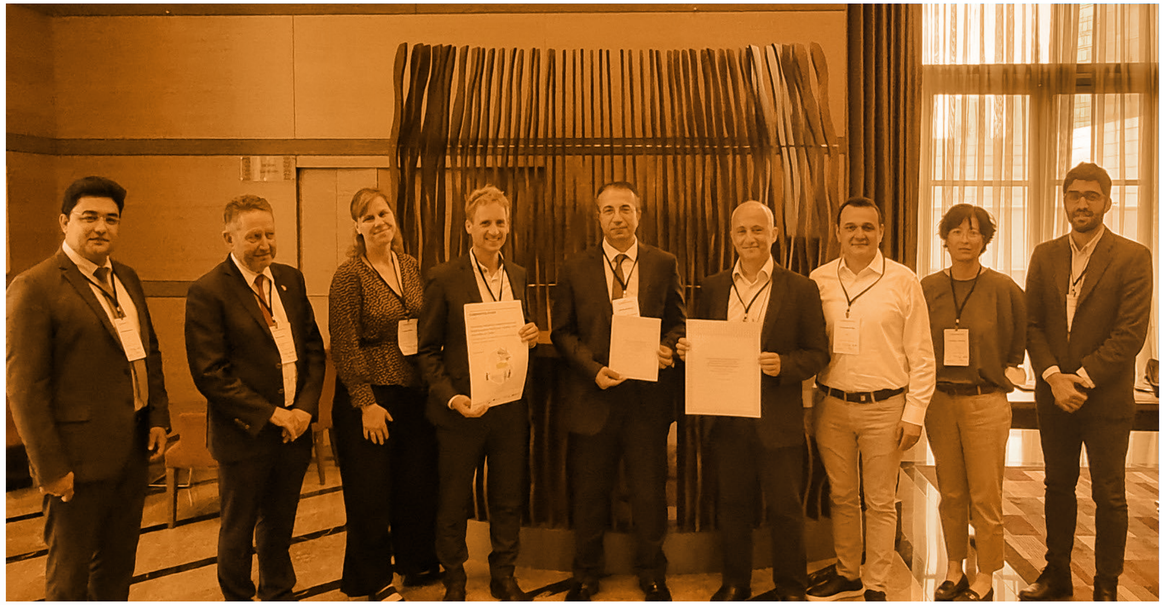
Book Introduction: Ecology: The Future of Living Together

The book launch for *Ecology: The Future of Living Together* was held at IPC on March 22, 2023 with the participation of Ümit Şahin, Didem Bayındır, and Mine Yıldırım.



COBENEFITS PROJECT

▼ Mobilizing the Social and Economic Co-benefits of Climate Action and Renewable Energy, June 23, 2022



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, Sabanci 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 trainings, and policy dialogue sessions on enabling political environments and overcoming barriers to seize co-benefits.

The project was completed between 2018 and 2022.

Webinar: “Increasing Industry Competitiveness through Renewable Energy in Turkey and Protection from Fossil Fuel Price Fluctuations—Updated Results”

The webinar “Increasing the Competitiveness of Industry with Renewable Energy in Turkey and Protection from Fossil Fuel Price Fluctuations—Updated Results” prepared within the scope of the international COBENEFITS Project, was held on September 28, 2022 with the participation of Prof. Dr. Ebru Voyvoda, Professor at METU Department of Economics, and EPRA R&D Director Dr. Saeed Teimourzadeh and moderated by Dr. Ümit Şahin, IPC Climate Studies Coordinator.

COBENEFITS Project Closing Event

The closing event of the “Mobilizing the Social and Economic Co-benefits of Climate Action and Renewable Energy” project was held in Ankara on June 23, 2022 with the participation of more than 50 representatives from public, private sector, academia, and non-governmental organizations.

Increasing the Competitiveness of Industry with Renewable Energy in Turkey and Protection from Fossil Fuel Price Fluctuations

This report analyses how increasing the share of renewable energy sources in electricity generation in Turkey has affected industrial electricity prices in the past and how it may affect them in the future. These effects are measured for both wholesale and retail electricity prices. In addition, positive socio-economic impacts are also measured in terms of job creation, GDP growth, and disinflation.

Increasing Industrial Competitiveness and Protection from Fossil Fuel Price Fluctuations through Renewable Energy in Turkey—Updated August 2022

The executive summary of the report *Increasing the Competitiveness of Industry with Renewable Energy in Turkey and Protection from Fossil Fuel Price Fluctuations*, prepared in English within the scope of the international COBENEFITS Project, has been re-published considering August 2022 data.



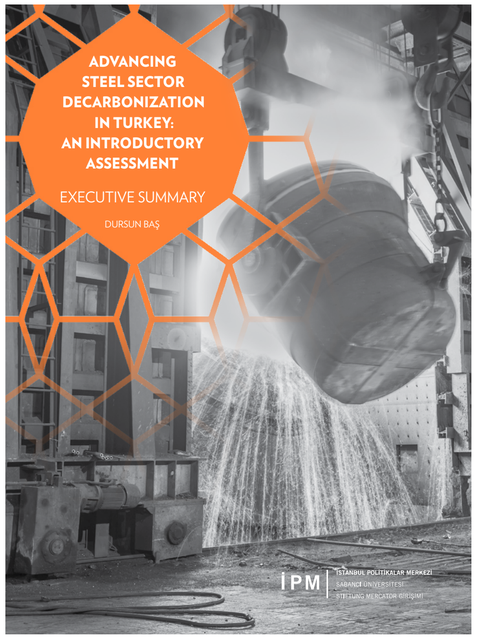
Increasing Industrial Competitiveness and Hedging against Fossil Price Volatility with Renewables in Turkey: Assessing the Co-Benefits of Decarbonizing Turkey's Power Sector—Updated August 2022

The executive summary of the report *Increasing Industrial Competitiveness and Hedging against Fossil Price Volatility with Renewables in Turkey: Assessing the Co-Benefits of Decarbonising Turkey's Power Sector,* prepared in English within the scope of the international COBENEFITS Project, has been re-published taking into account August 2022 data.

DECARBONIZATION OF TURKISH STEEL SECTOR

Decarbonization of the Turkish Steel Sector: Current State

The report *Decarbonization of the Turkish Steel Sector: Current State* was published in June 2023. The report provides basic information and indicators for relevant stakeholders on the decarbonization of steel production. In this context, it aims to present the current situation of the steel sector in detail with a steel production-consumption value chain approach (from the extraction of raw materials to the sale of final steel products) in order to inform the studies to be carried out for the decarbonization of industrial production.



RIGHT TO THE FUTURE

The Right to the Future Program was launched in 2019 by Sabancı University-Istanbul Policy Center and Lund University-Raoul Wallenberg Institute in order to ensure a rights-based discussion of climate action, to support the work carried out for this purpose, and to strengthen the discourse on human and natural rights in climate action.

The aims of the program include supporting academic research on rights-based climate action, producing publications, developing the capacity of academia and civil society on the subject through events such as conferences and workshops, and developing a rights-based perspective in the process of climate policy-making through implementation projects and cooperation with local governments and public institutions.

Policy Note Launch-From Resilient Communities to Responsible Authorities: A Rights-Based Approach to Climate-Based Extreme Weather Events

The launch of the policy brief "From Resilient Communities to Responsible Authorities: A Rights-Based Approach to Climate-Based Extreme Weather Events" took place at IPC on May 31, 2022.

RAISING AMBITION

The Raising Ambition Project is an initiative aimed at guiding major emerging economies in developing effective decarbonization strategies. The project has been ongoing with the Climate Policy Lab of TUFTS University since September 2023. Climate Policy Lab has already had success with the PGA methodology in China and India. The work for China was published in *Nature Communications* and for India, *CPL Policy Brief.*

Following China and India, Turkey and IPC have joined the project, along with five other emerging economies: Mexico, Brazil, Indonesia, South Africa, and Vietnam. Additionally, CPL has been engaging with the governments of Ethiopia and Colombia as potential regional role models.



By employing the Policy Gap Analysis (PGA) methodology, the project evaluates the efficacy of current policies and explores innovative approaches for deep decarbonization. This collaborative endeavor brings together local and international stakeholders in a six-step process:

- Create a detailed, open access climate policy inventory (economy-wide, sector-by-sector, ministry-by-ministry).
- Survey in-country and international experts and officials to determine which policies are, or could be, most important to achieve near-term emissions reductions.
- Gather country-specific data to customize the Energy Policy Simulator system dynamics model and use this model to showcase the different outcomes of existing policies with potential new policy scenarios. The aim is to simultaneously stimulate economic growth and job creation while transitioning to a low-carbon economy. This effort is conducted in close partnership with Energy Innovation and one or more local partners, facilitating further research and engaging with governments to enhance policy effectiveness.
- Inform governments and in-country partners about the results, get their input, and iteratively run new scenarios.
- Assist governments with designing more ambitious NDCs and mid-century deep decarbonization strategies.
- Conduct capacity building and training on the policy gap analysis, the modeling, and the insights for both government officials as well as in-country experts.

An inventory of Turkey's climate adaptation and mitigation policies is being developed, with preparations starting in 2023. The other step of the project, a survey to measure the impact of Turkey's climate adaptation and mitigation policies with experts, is being prepared.

DECARBONIZATION PATHWAYS FOR TURKEY

The Decarbonisation Pathways for Turkey project aims to provide a blueprint for the long-term decarbonization of the Turkish economy, particularly in the energy sector. The project started in 2020 in partnership with the European Climate Foundation. The relevant decarbonization pathway aims to contribute to global emission reduction efforts according to the 1.5–2°C global carbon budget set out in the Paris Agreement, based on the principles of equity and adaptation.

Turkey's Decarbonization Pathway: Sectoral Cost-Benefit Analysis (2020–2030)

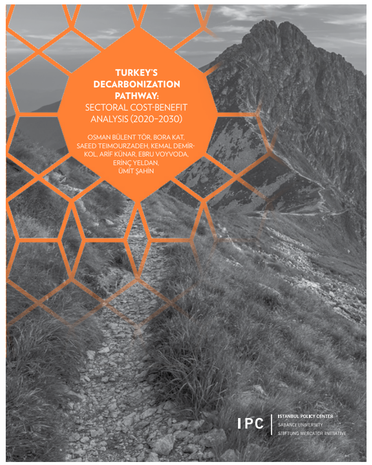
Istanbul Policy Center's report *Decarbonization Pathway for Turkey: Sectoral Cost-Benefit Analysis (2020-2030)* was published in November 2022.

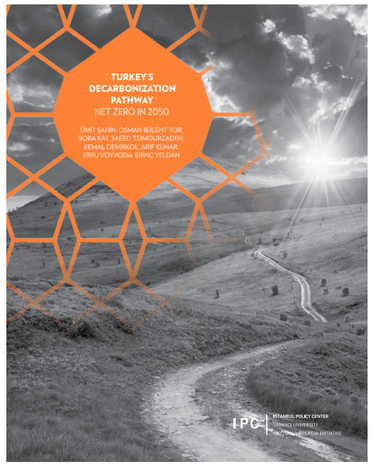
Turkey's Decarbonization Pathway: Net Zero by 2050

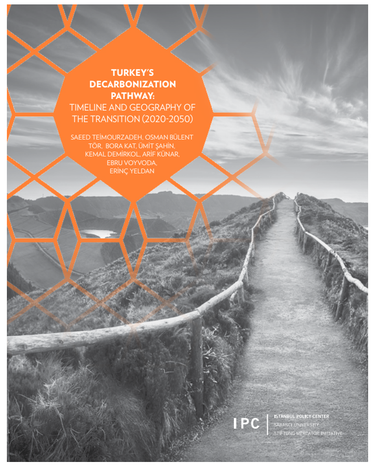
The report *Turkey's Decarbonisation Pathway: Net Zero by 2050*, which sets out how Turkey should undergo a transformation to decarbonize its economy by 2050 in order to keep the global temperature increase below 1.5 degrees in line with the Paris Agreement and whose main results were announced in November 2021 with the Executive Summary, was published in full in November 2022.

Turkey's Decarbonization Pathway: Timeline and Geography of Transformation (2020–2050)

The report *Turkey's Decarbonisation Roadmap: Transformation Timeline, Geographical Distribution and Impacts on the Electricity Grid*, written by Saaed Teiomurzadeh, EPRA; Osman Bülent Tür, EPRA; Bora Kat, METU; Ümit Şahin, IPC; Kemal Demirkol, GTE Carbon; Arif Künar, VENESCO; Ebru Voyvoda, METU and Erinç Yeldan, Kadir Has University, was published in November 2023.







PROMOTING JUST TRANSTION IN TURKIYE PROJECT

As part of the EU Climate Dialogues Programme (EUCD) funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by Sabancı University, Istanbul Policy Center in Turkey, the Promoting Just Transition in Turkey Project began in October 2023 and lasted for nine months.

The aim of the project is to increase the level of knowledge on the subject by producing analytical information that will contribute to the planning of the long-term net-zero emissions target in line with the Paris Agreement, specifically decarbonization of the energy sector (renewable energy investments, reduction in the share of fossil fuels, especially coal-fired power plants, and the exit from the system, etc.), taking into account economic and social considerations, and to improve participation in energy transformation planning by creating dialogue among relevant actors.

Project activities include research on the current situation regarding the just transition, stakeholder interviews at national and local scales, case study reports in selected regions (Muğla and Çanakkale), study visits, and workshops.

The EU Climate Dialogues Programme (EUCD—Support to EU Bilateral Relations with Strategic Partners on Climate-related Policies and Investments FPI/2021/EA-RP/0004) funded by the European Union (EU) was implemented in 21 partner countries, including Turkey. The EUCD programme aims to facilitate the exchange of ideas on climate policy options in partner countries involved in the project, advance bilateral relations, contribute to trade, investment, and innovation, and contribute to public awareness of the challenges and opportunities related to the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

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

ACTIVITIES

DEMOCRACY WORKSHOPS

The Checks and Balances Network organized "Democracy Workshops" across Turkey as part of its "Our Eyes on Democracy" campaign for the 2023 General Elections. The workshops, where participants expressed together what kind of Turkey they want to live in and presented their demands and solution proposals through imaginary political parties and election manifestos they prepared, aimed to strengthen the idea of active citizenship. Over 400 people were reached through 33 Democracy Workshops organized in 15 cities.

FIELD VISITS

Izmir

Institutions Interviewed: Izmir Bar Association, Karabağlar City Council, Izmir City Council, Konak City Council, ÇYDD Ödemiş Branch, Kemalpaşa Municipality, Izmir City Council Youth Assembly, Izmir City Right Center

Date: March 9–11, 2022

Diyarbakır

Institutions Interviewed: Diyarbakır Bar Association, DEVA Party Diyarbakır Provincial Presidency, Diyarbakır Chamber of Commerce and Industry, TMMOB Diyarbakır Branch, CHP Diyarbakır Provincial Presidency, Press and Law Truth Research Association, HDP Diyarbakır Provincial Presidency, Tahir Elçi Human Rights Foundation and İYİ Party Diyarbakır Provincial Presidency

Date: March 16–18, 2022



▲ Field Visit, March 9–11, 2022, Izmir



▲ Field Visit, March 30–April 1, 2022, Ordu



▲ Field Visit, November 1–3, 2022, Eskişehir

Ordu

Institutions Interviewed: Ordu Metropolitan Municipality Department of Social Services and Mukhtar Affairs, Ordu Governorship, Ordu Bar Association, Ordu İYİ Party Provincial Presidency, Ordu September 19 Journalists Association and Ordu Commodity Exchange

Date: March 30–April 1, 2022

Mersin

Institutions Interviewed: Deva Party Mersin Provincial Presidency, CHP Mersin Provincial Presidency, Mersin City Council, Tarsus City Council, Mersin Chamber of Commerce and Industry, HDP Mersin Provincial Presidency, Mersin Bar Association Women's Rights Center, Mersin Economy Platform and TİP Provincial Presidency

Date: April 20–22, 2022

Eskişehir

Institutions Interviewed: Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality Youth Center, Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality Social Service Department and General Secretariat, Life Memory Freedom, Eskişehir City Council, Eskişehir Environmental Protection and Development Association, Odunpazarı City Council, Eskişehir EU Association, Odunpazarı Municipality, Sakin Okul Association and Toy Youth Association

Date: November 1–3, 2022

Gaziantep

Institutions Interviewed: Prof. Dr. Mehmet Nuri Gültekin from Gaziantep University, Gaziantep City Council, Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants, Gaziantep Development Foundation, Kamer Foundation and Kırkayak Center for Migration and Cultural Studies

Date: December 1–2, 2022

3D Youth Festival– October 27–29, 2023, Eskişehir

On October 27, CBN organized the panel "The Centennial Journey of Democracy in Turkey," moderated by Hakan Yavuzyılmaz; the Local Democracy Workshop, with the participation of Nilüfer Demiroğlu and Mert Demir; and the Checks and Balances Game.

On October 28, CBN organized "The Global Adventure of Democracy" panel, moderated by Hakan Yavuzyılmaz with the participation of IPC Director Prof. Dr. Fuat Keyman, and the Local Democracy Workshop, with the participation of Nilüfer Demiroğlu and Mert Demir.

On October 29, CBN organized the panel "Climate and Environmental Problems from Local to Global," moderated by Nilüfer Demiroğlu and with the participation of Dr. Ümit Şahin.



▲ 3D Youth Festival, October 27–29, 2023, Eskişehir

PANELS AND OTHER WORKSHOPS

Panel/Workshop	Participants	Content	Place	Date
Launch of the Final Report of the Workshop on Basic Criteria for a Parliamentary System with Checks and Balances	Prof. Dr. Tanju Tosun, Prof. Dr. Ömer Faruk Gençkaya, Prof. Dr. Muhittin Acar, Doç. Dr. Ali Ersoy Kontacı	Launch of the Final Report of the Workshop on Basic Criteria for a Parliamentary System with Checks and Balances	Online	February 17, 2022
Solidarity Meetings: Humanitarian Aid and Disaster/ Women's Rights/Children's Rights/Disabled Rights/ Health/Education/Ecology, Environment, Animal Rights/Youth/LGBTI+ Rights/Urbanization	72 civil society organizations; 93 representatives, experts, and academics in total came together	Meetings in 10 different thematic topics	Online	February 23, 2023–March 17, 2023
Press Launch of the "Our Eyes on Democracy" Campaign	Held in Ankara with the participation of 15 members of the press from different media outlets	Press Launch of the "Our Eyes on Democracy" Campaign	Ankara	April 4, 2023
"Ballot Box Security in Turkey: Risks and Concrete Recommendations for Safe Ballot Boxes" Roundtable Meeting	Journalist Seçil Türkkan, Şenol Köksal from Election Security Platform, Elçin Özge Şimşek Çağlayan from Ankara Bar Association and Muratcan Işıldak from the Young Thought Institute	With the participation of many civil society organizations, a roundtable titled "Ballot Box Security in Turkey: Risks and Concrete Recommendations for Safe Ballot Boxes"	Ankara	May 8, 2023



▲ Press Launch of the "Our Eyes on Democracy" Campaign, April 4, 2023, Ankara



▲ "Ballot Box Security in Turkey: Risks and Concrete Recommendations for Safe Ballot Boxes" Roundtable Meeting, May 8, 2023, Ankara

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Democracy Workshops Final Report Launch	Prof. Dr. Emre Erdoğan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Berk Esen, Journalist Ceren Bayar, Marmara Group Foundation EU and Human Rights Platform President Müjgan Suver and Prof. Dr. Tanju Tosun	Democracy Workshops Final Report Launch	Ankara	June 16, 2023
Disaster Resilient Cities and Civil Society Workshop	Prof. Dr. Candan Gökçeoğlu, Assoc. Dr. Murad Tiryakioğlu, and representatives of civil society organizations	The importance and contributions of civil society in the context of disaster resilient cities	Ankara	October 20, 2023
3rd Ordinary General Assembly of the CBN	CBN Members	3rd Ordinary General Assembly of the CBN with elections to determine the new structure of actors	Ankara	October 21, 2023



▲ Democracy Workshops Final Report Launch, June 16, 2023, Ankara



▲ 3rd Ordinary General Assembly of the CBN, October 21, 2023, Ankara

TRAININGS

Gender Equality Trainer Training – March 25–27, 2022, Ankara

Within the scope of the Gender Equality Mainstreaming Program, a three-day "Gender Equality Trainer Training" was held from March 25–27, 2022 with the participation of 12 CBN members. This training aimed to inform the members of the GE working group and the members who will be Gender Equality Mainstreaming Representatives from the CBN reform groups about the prejudices and stereotypes that pose a risk of deepening gender inequalities. The training was designed so that participants would have the ability to recognize gender stereotypes and manage negative situations that may arise from these stereotypes.



▲ Gender Equality Trainer Training, March 25–27, 2022, Ankara

Legislative Participation and Monitoring Training (mecliste.org) – April 2–4, 2022, Ankara

Organized three times a year, 27 civil society representatives from seven regions of Turkey, different provinces, and different age groups attended the "Participation and Monitoring in Legislation Training." In the first module of the training, expert trainers made presentations on the structure of the parliament, the legislative and oversight functions of the parliament, the advocacy cycle, participation in legislation, fake news, and data verification. On the second day of the training, a panel on civil society and law-making processes was organized with the participation of leading lobbyists and advocates from civil society organizations. On the last day of the training, a visit to the Turkish Grand National Assembly was organized. In the group work module of the training, participants prepared their advocacy campaigns and presented their projects to a jury of experts.

Online Legislative Participation and Monitoring Training (mecliste.org) – June 11–13, 2022, Ankara

Fifteen civil society representatives from seven regions of Turkey, different provinces, and different age groups participated in the Participation and Monitoring in Legislation Training organized three times a year. In the first training module, expert trainers gave presentations on the structure of the parliament, the legislative and oversight functions of the parliament, the advocacy cycle, participation in legislation, fake news, and data verification. On the second day of the training, a panel on civil society and law-making processes was organized with the participation of leading lobbyists and advocates from civil society organizations. In the group work module of the training, participants prepared their advocacy campaigns and presented their projects to a jury of experts.



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Local Governments Reform Group Gender Equality Training – June 16, 2022, Ankara

Trainers who participated in the Gender Equality Trainer Training and became Gender Equality Representatives of the reform groups provided gender equality training to the Local Governments Reform Group.

Executive Reform Group Gender Equality Training – June 17, 2022, Ankara

Trainers who participated in the Gender Equality Trainer Training and became Gender Equality Representatives of the reform groups provided gender equality training to the Executive Reform Group.

Constitutional and Legislative Reform Group Gender Equality Training – Ankara

Trainers who participated in the Gender Equality Trainer Training and became Gender Equality Representatives of the reform groups provided gender equality training to the Constitutional and Legislative Reform Group.

Checks and Balances Youth Network Program 1 – June 27, 2022, Istanbul

The content of the Youth Network Program, designed for young people aged 18–25, was prepared in collaboration with Impact Hub. Through the projects that were produced by the participants during the program, participants internalized the social entrepreneurship process and an opportunity was created for the participating young people to realize their project ideas with the support of the program. The Youth Network Program was held in Istanbul with the participation of 24 young people aged 18–25 from 17 different provinces of Turkey.

Legislative Participation and Monitoring Training (mecliste.org) – November 12–14, 2022, Ankara

Twenty-one civil society representatives from seven regions of Turkey, different provinces, and different age groups participated in the Participation and Monitoring in Legislation Training organized three times a year. In the first module of the training, expert trainers made presentations on the structure of the parliament, the legislative and oversight functions of the parliament, the advocacy cycle, participation in legislation, fake news, and data verification. On the second day of the training, a panel on civil society and law-making processes was organized with the participation of leading lobbyists and advocates from civil society organizations. On the last day of the training, a visit to the Turkish Grand National Assembly was organized. In the group work module of the training, participants prepared their advocacy campaigns and presented their projects to a jury of experts.

Democracy Workshops Facilitator Training – December 16–18, 2022, Ankara

Democracy Workshops Facilitator Training took place in Ankara with 24 participants.



▲ Checks and Balances Youth Network Program 1, June 27, 2022, Istanbul



▲ Democracy Workshops Facilitator Training, December 16–18, 2022, Ankara

Legislative Participation and Monitoring Training (mecliste.org) – April 8-10 2023, Ankara

Organized three times a year, 26 civil society representatives from seven regions of Turkey, different provinces, and different age groups participated in the Participation and Monitoring in Legislation Training. In the first module of the training, expert trainers made presentations on the structure of the parliament, the legislative and oversight functions of the parliament, the advocacy cycle, participation in legislation, fake news, and data verification. On the second day of the training, a panel on civil society and law-making processes was organized with the participation of leading lobbyists and advocates from civil society organizations. On the last day of the training, a visit to the Turkish Grand National Assembly was organized. In the group work module of the training, participants prepared their advocacy campaigns and presented their projects to a jury of experts.

Online Legislative Participation and Monitoring Training (mecliste.org) – July 8–10, 2023, Ankara

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Checks and Balances Youth Network Program 2 – July 2023, Kocaeli

The second Balances and Checks Youth Network Program was held in Narköy, Kocaeli. In the five-day program organized with 20 participants aged 18–25 from different provinces of Turkey, trainings were held on Sustainable Development Goals, Rights-Based Approaches, Theory of Change, Social Impact Management, Problem Analysis, Campaigning, and Project Cycle.



▲ Checks and Balances Youth Network Program, July 2, 2023, Kocaeli

Legislative Participation and Monitoring Training (mecliste.org) – November 25–27, 2023, Ankara

Organized three times a year, the Participation and Monitoring in Legislation Training was attended by 22 civil society representatives from seven regions of Turkey, different provinces, and different age groups. In the first module of the training, expert trainers made presentations on the structure of the parliament, the legislative and oversight functions of the parliament, the advocacy cycle, participation in legislation, fake news, and data verification. On the second day of the training, a panel on civil society and law-making processes was organized with the participation of leading lobbyists and advocates from civil society organizations. On the last day of the training, a visit to the Turkish Grand National Assembly was organized. In the group work module of the training, participants prepared their advocacy campaigns and presented their projects to a jury of experts.

PUBLICATIONS

CHECKS AND BALANCES NETWORK PUBLICATIONS

The Checks and Balances Network has produced many publications over the last two years, including policy documents, analysis reports, and evaluation notes as well as disseminated calls for papers.

- Democracy Meetings: Basic Criteria for a Parliamentary System with Checks and Balances CBN Consensus Report, February 2022.
- Our Concrete Recommendations on Eliminating Gender Inequalities CBN Statement, March 8, 2022.
- Possible Effects of the New Regulation on Elections on Fairness in Representation and Democratic Elections in Turkey and Concrete Suggestions CBN Policy Report, March 18, 2022.
- Comparative Overview of Social Media Regulations in the World and Concrete Suggestions for Turkey CBN Analysis Report, May 16, 2022.
- Risks of the Disinformation Bill and Our Concrete Recommendations CBN Policy Report, June 7, 2022.
- 6th Judicial Package Evaluation and Concrete Suggestions CBN Policy Report, June 24, 2022.
- We Demand the Annulment of the Termination Decision on the Istanbul Convention! CBN Statement, July 5, 2022.
- Checks and Balances are Necessary to Prevent Loss of Life Due to Lack of Precautions! CBN Statement, October 19, 2022.
- Reading the Economy through Democracy: Can There Be Prosperity Without a System of Checks and Balances? CBN Analysis Report, November 23, 2022.
- Presidential Candidacy Debate: What Do the Law and the Constitution Say? CBN Assessment Note, January 5, 2023.
- Election Law Enforcement Debate: What Do the Laws and the Constitution Say? CBN Assessment Note, February 2, 2023.
- A System of Checks and Balances is Essential for Proper Intervention and Preventive Measures! CBN Statement, February 10, 2023.
- We Ask the Authorities for the Precautions Not Taken in the Earthquake and Problems in Response! CBN Assessment Note, February 20, 2023.
- For a Turkey Worthy of the Dignity of Citizenship CBN Assessment Note, February 20, 2023.
- What Turns Natural Phenomena into Disasters? CBN Assessment Note, February 22, 2023.
- Impact Starts with Asking Questions: What Does an Active Citizen Do? CBN Assessment Note, February 25, 2023.
- The Effect of Checks and Balances on Vulnerability to Earthquakes: Examples from Turkey, Chile and Japan CBN Analysis Report, March 7, 2023.
- We Remind You of Our Concrete Proposals to Eliminate Gender Inequalities CBN Statement, March 8, 2023.
- The Problem of Intra-Party Democracy in the Candidate Determination Processes in Turkey and Concrete Suggestions CBN Analysis Report, April 10, 2023.
- What Changes Happened in the Electoral System? CBN Assessment Note, April 12, 2023.
- Why Is Active Citizenship Crucial in the Process of Elections? CBN Assessment Note, April 13, 2023.
- What Was Promised? What Happened? 2018 Election Declarations on the System of Checks and Balances in Turkey CBN Analysis Report, April 14, 2023.
- What Are Free and Fair Elections? Why Are They Important? CBN Assessment Note, April 19, 2023.
- Ballot Box Security in Turkey: Risks and Concrete Recommendations for Secure Ballot Boxes CBN Policy Report, April 2023.
- What Kind of Media for Free and Fair Elections? CBN Assessment Note, April 22, 2023.
- A Call to Political Parties and Candidates: Polarizing Discourses Are an Obstacle to Democratic Politics CBN Statement, April 25, 2023.
- Why Electoral Authorities Matter? CBN Assessment Note, April 29, 2023.
- CIVIL SOCIETY IN DISASTER / Solidarity Meetings: Problems, Experiences and Solutions CBN Consensus Report, May 4, 2023.
- What Do Political Parties Promise in Their Election Manifestos? Checks and Balances in Election Declarations CBN Analysis Report, May 12, 2023.
- Our Call to the Public for a Fair, Transparent and High Participation Election in the Second Round CBN Statement, May 22, 2023.
- What Is the System of Checks and Balances? CBN Informational Note, May 25, 2023.
- Civil Society Asks the New Government and Parliament CBN Statement, June 5, 2023.
- Democracy Workshops Final Report CBN Analysis Report, June 16, 2023.

MECLISTE.ORG PUBLICATIONS

The mecliste.org platform, which closely follows legislative activities, published many articles on legislative activities in this period. In addition to 20 evaluation notes, 29 informational notes, and 11 parliament in archives publications, the following publications were produced in this period.

- Nazım Hikmet Surprise at the Turkish Grand National Assembly mecliste.org Expert Opinion, January 4, 2022.
- Teaching Profession Law Proposal Submitted to the Turkish Grand National Assembly Through the Lens of mecliste.org, January 6, 2022.
- Reflections of Heteredox Politics on Parliament through the Lens of mecliste.org, January 7, 2022.
- How Many Times Has the CHP Knocked on the Constitutional Court's Door? mecliste.org Lens, January 11, 2022.
- The 'Metaverse' Expansion of Classical Politics through the Lens of mecliste.org, January 19, 2022.
- Turkey Wealth Fund Discussed in Parliament through the Lens of mecliste.org, February 1, 2022.
- Two Separate Law Proposals from the AK Party mecliste.org Information Note, February 26, 2022.
- Nuclear Regulation Law Proposal and Its Reflections on Parliament mecliste.org Expert Opinion, March 4, 2022.
- Amendment to the Law on the Protection of Consumers through the Lens of mecliste.org, March 10, 2022
- Bergen Would Have Seen Had She Lived: Steps to Combat Violence in National and International Legislation mecliste.org Expert Opinion, March 22, 2022.
- Violence Against Women Continues Despite Laws Increasing Penalties mecliste.org Expert Opinion, April 15, 2022.
- Disinformation Law on the Way through the Lens of mecliste.org, May 11, 2022.
- Legislative Negotiations on Pilot Decisions through the Lens of mecliste.org, May 27, 2022.
- Reactions from Professional Journalism Organizations: Disinformation Law Proposal through the Lens of mecliste.org, June 2, 2022.
- Amendment to the Disinformation Bill through the Lens of mecliste.org, June 15, 2022.
- 27th Term of the 5th Legislative Year Performance Evaluation Report, mecliste.org Analysis Report, August 10, 2022.
- Parliament and the Climate toward Elections mecliste.org Expert Opinion, September 19, 2022.
- Plan and Budget Commission Monitoring Report mecliste.org Analysis Report, October 12, 2022.
- 808 Years of Struggle for the Right to Budget: 2023 Central Government Budget Marathon mecliste.org Expert Opinion, October 26, 2022.
- What Is Happening in Uludag? What Is Said in the Commission and Civil Society mecliste.org Expert Opinion, December 23, 2022.
- Building Inspection System in Turkey: How Does It Work? mecliste.org Expert Opinion, March 1, 2023.
- Competence of Parliamentary Research on Earthquakes mecliste.org Analysis Report, March 13, 2023.
- 27th Legislative Period Performance Evaluation Report, mecliste.org Analysis Report, May 10, 2023.
- Parliament's Arrested Deputy Can Atalay's File through the Lens of mecliste.org, November 1, 2023.

NEWSLETTERS

DDA Monthly Bulletins, in which political and social developments on the Turkish agenda are discussed through the lens of checks and balances and important statements are compiled, were published. During the 2023 General Elections, the bulletins were published weekly under the title “Election Special Bulletin”; 23 bulletins were published in total.

Bulletins from January 2022 until December 2023

Nine mecliste.org bulletins were published, covering the legislative, oversight, and representation functions of the parliament as well as the parliament’s agenda.

Bulletins from February 2022 until January 2023

PODCASTS

- Word of the Civil Society Podcast – Young Thought Institute – What Is Volunteering? – January 14, 2022
- Word of the Civil Society Podcast – Buldan Education and Solidarity Foundation – What Is Social Responsibility? – February 16, 2022
- Z Report of the Week Podcast – 12th Episode (March 14–18) – March 19, 2022
- Z Report of the Month Podcast – 5th Episode (March) – April 5, 2022
- Z Report of the Month Podcast – 6th Episode (April) – April 28, 2022
- Word of the Civil Society Podcast – Ordu Women’s Empowerment Association – What Is Seasonal Agricultural Migration? – May 12, 2022
- Z Report of the Month Podcast – 7th Episode (May) – June 2, 2022
- Word of the Civil Society Podcast – Alevi Thought Center Association – The Role of Civil Society in General Elections – October 17, 2022
- Z Report of the Month Podcast – (October) – November 9, 2022
- Word of the Civil Society Podcast – We Need to Talk Association: November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – November 25, 2022
- Checks and Balances Podcast – Reading the Economy through Democracy – November 29, 2022
- mecliste.org is at Açık Radyo (Open Radio) – Golden Hours Program Earthquake Special – March 22, 2023

DDA TALKS

Topic	Participants	Date
How to Ensure Merit in the Public Sector: What Do Global Experiences Say?	Prof. Dr. Ömer Faruk Gençkaya	January 12, 2022
Deep Poverty and Solidarity Networks	Hacer Foggo	January 26, 2022
Rule of Law, Anti-Corruption and Active Citizenship	Dr. Diğdem Soyaltın Colella	February 23, 2022
March 8 Special broadcast	Canan Güllü	March 8, 2022
Electoral regulation and the potential for democratic elections in Turkey	Dr. Berk Esen / Dr. Hakan Yavuzyılmaz	March 23, 2022
Climate Crisis and Its Impacts	Prof. Dr. Azime Tezer /Eren Çağdaş Bilgiç	April 13, 2022
Social Media Regulation	Doç. Dr. Erkan Saka /Dr. Hakan Yavuzyılmaz	May 18, 2022
Polarization in Turkey	Prof. Dr. Evren Balta	January 24, 2023
Active Citizenship during the Election Period	Uygar Özesmi/ Dr. Hakan Yavuzyılmaz	April 14, 2023

SHURA ENERGY TRANSITION CENTER

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SHURA Energy Transition Center contributes to the decarbonization of Turkey's energy sector via an innovative energy transition platform.

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

On May 9, 2018, SHURA Energy Transition Center was officially launched in Istanbul. The event was attended by representatives from the industry, public sector, civil society, and universities.

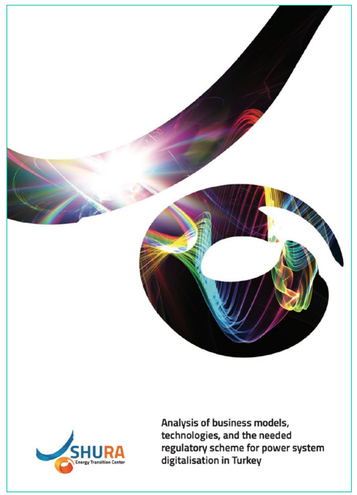
Between 2022 and 2023, SHURA:

- Published 9 reports and 12 issues of SHURASTAT,
- Organized 9 report launch events, and participated in 86 external events, including presentations, keynote speeches, panels, workshops, and webinars at the national and international levels,
- Held 76 interviews with sectoral and national media including dailies, magazines, TV and radio channels, and online outlets.

SELECT WORKS / PUBLICATIONS

Analysis of Business Models, Technologies, and the Needed Regulatory Scheme for Power System Digitalization in Turkey, March 2022

Widespread use of digital technologies such as robotic process automation, augmented reality, the internet of things, artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data, and blockchain in the energy sector has led to a transformation in the internal activities of certain enterprises while increasing value creation potential and opening up new business opportunities. Innovative business models that focus on digital technologies are seen as a solution to take advantage of the opportunities that arise with the energy transformation and to cope with possible difficulties. The steps that can be taken in the realization of digital business models in the Turkish energy sector are evaluated in this report, which examines the current market structure, legislation, socio-cultural situation, financial conditions, technological infrastructure, network planning, and urban development.



Integration of Renewable Energy into the Turkish Electricity System, April 2022

The Turkish power system has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past two decades. Initially, these reforms resulted in significant investments in conventional fossil fuels. However, the rapid development of renewable energy resources has since been at the forefront of Turkey's diversification of its power generation mix. The past decade has witnessed the miraculous rise of wind and solar power generation. While new investments must be made in solar, wind, and other low-carbon technologies, an additional focus on the evolution and role of transmission networks is paramount. This study assesses the potential impacts of Turkey's transmission grid network that could arise due to an accelerated transformation of the power system that is focused predominately on variable renewable energies. It models the evolution of the Turkish power grid, investigates potential operational challenges, and puts a particular focus on the system integration of variable renewables.



Financing the Energy Transition in Turkey within the Context of the Green New Deal, June 2022

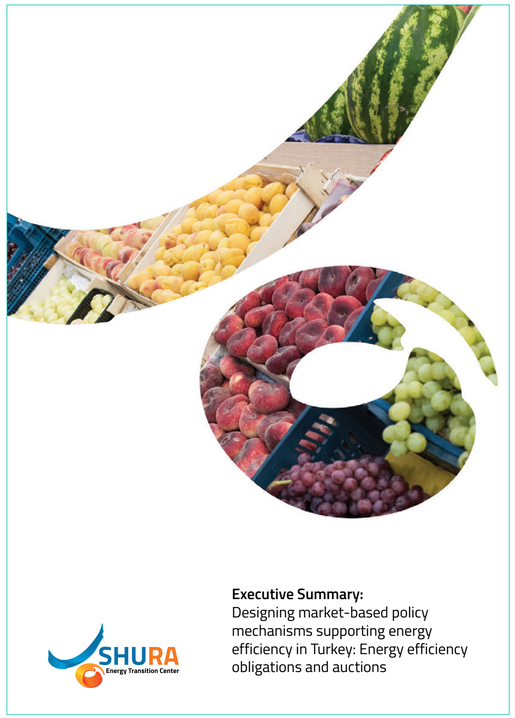
Encompassing the energy and the digital transition, the Green New Deal is seen as a way to overcome the "productivity decline" problem facing world economies. The resulting increase in investment needs to bring forth a search for increasing and diversifying financing both in Turkey and in the world. In order to make the necessary investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, electrification, and new technologies for the net-zero carbon target, Turkey needs both a comprehensive green transition plan and green finance strategy integrated with such a plan. This report identifies major policy and action areas for this purpose and presents recommendations on financing mechanisms for different consumer groups.

Just Transition: Central Axis of the Energy Transition, September 2022

This report explains the concept and principles of just transition and presents a framework for achieving such a transition in light of international experiences and Turkey's current status.

Designing Market-Based Policy Mechanisms Supporting Energy Efficiency in Turkey: Energy Efficiency Obligations and Auctions, September 2022

The main purpose of this study is to develop policy recommendations for infrastructure, design, and implementation of the energy efficiency obligation system and auctions, which are thought to make a significant contribution to Turkey's energy transformation and will be an integral part of Turkey's energy efficiency policies.



Policy Options for the Implementation of Flexibility in the Turkish Electricity System, December 2022

With the cost reductions seen in wind and solar energies, it is expected that the majority of the capacity to be introduced in Turkey in the coming years will come from these sources. One of the most important factors for achieving this increase and integrating renewable energy sources with increased variable generation into the system is to increase the flexibility of the existing electricity system. In addition to technological options such as battery energy storage technologies, pumped-storage hydropower plants, and improvements to transmission and distribution systems to increase the flexibility of the electricity system, market-based options such as enabling demand-side participation and regulations that will enhance the effectiveness of renewable energy sources in the electricity market are also available. The main objective of this report is to identify policy options and implementations that can increase the flexibility of the Turkish electricity system and to create recommendations for the short, medium, and long terms.



Net Zero 2053: A Roadmap for the Turkish Electricity Sector, February 2023

As part of its commitment to achieve net-zero carbon emissions, Turkey has made important progress in setting up new institutional frameworks to combat climate change, which need to be followed by an economy-wide transformation across all sectors and policy areas. Focusing on the role of the electricity sector in the transition to a totally decarbonized Turkish energy system, this study assesses the evolution of energy demand across all sectors while considering energy efficiency improvements, additional demand from end-use electrification, and green hydrogen required to achieve net-zero carbon emissions. This study focuses on the role of the electricity sector in a fully decarbonized energy system by 2053. Within this context, the technical and economic feasibility of Turkey's energy transition is also evaluated. While assessing the possible pathways to reach a net-zero carbon economy and a decarbonized Turkish electricity sector by 2053, the report discusses development of the main pillars of energy transition: i.e., renewable energy, energy efficiency, and electrification.



▲ Net Zero 2053 A Roadmap for the Turkish Electricity Sector, February 2023

Strengthening the Electrical System for Natural Hazards, March 2023

After the earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş caused significant loss of life and property in 11 provinces in Turkey, the importance of how the electricity system is structured has once again become evident. This report investigates the impacts of natural disasters on the electricity system, how the electricity system can be strengthened, what can be done in terms of pre- and post-disaster preparation, and examines concrete step recommendations that need to be taken to strengthen the Turkish electricity system against disasters.







The Impact of Renewable Energy Resources on the Electricity Market—2022 Analysis, May 2023

Covering the year 2022, when the effects of the energy crisis stemming from the pandemic and geopolitical issues were strongly felt, this report examines two scenarios in Turkey's electricity installed capacity mix, with more wind and solar energy and situations where these technologies were present in the electricity system like never before. The analysis includes the costs and carbon emissions in the electricity market under these scenarios.

Turkey Energy Transition Outlook 2022, May 2023

The reports published in 2022 and 2023, covering the years 2021 and 2022, respectively, evaluate Turkey's energy transition under the headings of renewable energy, energy efficiency, electrification, and new technologies and establishes a vision for the future.

Electrification of Turkey's Residential and Industrial Process Heat, August 2023

While important steps have been taken towards decarbonization with the use of renewable energy in electricity production in Turkey, energy-intensive end-user sectors such as industry, housing, and transportation are still heavily dependent on fossil fuels. Thanks to the efficiency provided in end-user sectors and the substitution of fossil fuels used with zero-emission electricity, it is possible to reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by energy consumption. This report examines the electrification potential of the housing and industrial sectors, the cost-benefit analysis of electrification, and the necessary policies.

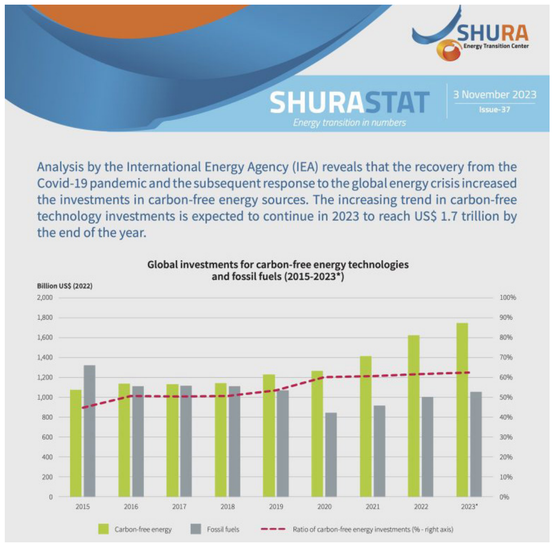


Offshore Wind Energy Tenders: Global Trends and Recommendations for Turkey, October 2023

This report, prepared in collaboration with SHURA Energy Transition Center and the Turkish Wind Energy Association (TWEA), aims to contribute to the design of an effective tender system for the offshore wind energy YEKA mechanism in Turkey. The study examines international best practices and provides recommendations on all issues related to YEKA mechanism competitions, from a comprehensive analysis and the measurements required for a realistic bid to the technical and financial competence of applicants.

Net Zero 2053: Energy Sector Policies, November 2023

In order for the energy transition to be successful, a holistic approach including policies, regulations, technological breakthroughs, and changes in consumption habits is needed. Public policies in that regard are an important tool due to their influence on all of these factors. Globally applied climate change mitigation policies encompass a wide array of options, including carbon pricing, incentives for renewable energy, support for energy efficiency measures and standards, policies to increase electrification, regulations in the electricity system, and flexibility-enhancing practices. Formulating the right combination from this broad spectrum of policies is essential to expedite the energy transition and decarbonization processes more swiftly and cost-effectively. In this context, the main purpose of this study is to outline feasible economy-wide policy recommendations that could pave the way to achieve Turkey's 2053 net-zero emissions goal, considering the currently applied energy policies in Turkey as well as global best practices.



SHURASTAT

Published on a regular basis by SHURA, SHURASTAT aims to draw attention to issues related to the energy transition with figures and data selected from nationally and internationally recognized sources. SHURASTAT allows for comparisons between Turkey and the world, providing brief comments and information in order to arouse curiosity and motivate its readers for further research and discussion. In 2022 and 2023, 12 issues of SHURASTAT, from Issue 26 to 37, were published.

OTHER EVENTS

"Analysis of Business Models, Technologies, and the Needed Regulatory Scheme for Power System Digitalization in Turkey" Webinar

The report *Analysis of Business Models, Technologies, and the Needed Regulatory Scheme for Power System Digitalization in Turkey* was announced at the SHURA Exclusive Session organized as part of the Digital Energy Forum 2022 on March 25, 2022, which included a panel session.

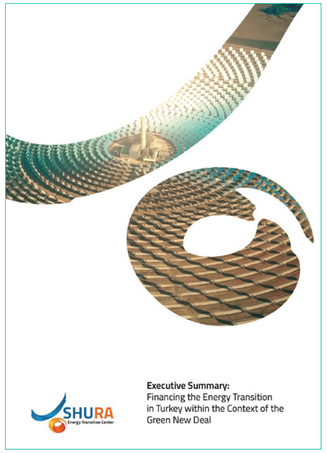
"Integration of Renewable Energy into the Turkish Electricity System" Webinar

The report *Integration of Renewable Energy into the Turkish Electricity System* was launched on April 28, 2022, via a webinar, including a panel session.

▼ Analysis of Business Models, Technologies, and the Needed Regulatory Scheme for Power System Digitalization in Turkey Webinar, March 2022



"Financing Energy Transition in Türkiye within the Context of the Green New Deal" Report Launch



The report *Financing Energy Transition in Türkiye within the Context of the Green New Deal* was launched at a hybrid event held in Istanbul on June 28, 2022.

Designing Market-Based Policy Mechanisms Supporting Energy Efficiency in Turkey: Energy Efficiency Obligations and Auctions

The report *Designing Market-Based Policy Mechanisms Supporting Energy Efficiency in Turkey: Energy Efficiency Obligations and Auctions* was launched at an online event held on September 15, 2022.

"Financing Energy Transition in Turkey within the Context of the Green New Deal" Webinar

During the webinar held on November 1, 2022, "Policy Note 1: Integrated Energy Management Financing Approach; End-User Focused Financing Solution Proposals" and "Policy Note 4: Financing Model Proposals for Distributed Energy Resources and New Technology Investments" were introduced. The presentation was followed by a panel.



▲ Financing Energy Transition in Turkey within the Context of the Green New Deal Webinar, November 1, 2022

“Policy Options for the Implementation of Flexibility in the Turkish Electricity System” Report Presentation

The report *Policy Options for the Implementation of Flexibility in the Turkish Electricity System* was presented at an online launch event, which included a panel session titled “Priority Areas for Increasing the Turkish Electricity System’s Flexibility” with the participation of industry experts, on December 28, 2022.

Net-Zero 2053: A Roadmap for the Turkish Electricity Sector

The on-site event was held in Istanbul on February 2, 2023, and was simultaneously broadcasted through Zoom. A panel titled “The Future Toward Net-Zero Emissions in Turkey: Opportunities and Challenges” was held following the presentation of the report’s findings.

Turkey Energy Transition Outlook 2022 Report

The report *Turkey Energy Transition Outlook 2022* was announced at a launch event held on May 2, 2023.



▲ Electrification of Turkey’s Residential and Industrial Process Heat” Launch Event, August 16, 2023

“Electrification of Turkey’s Residential and Industrial Process Heat” Launch Event

An online launch event and a panel was held on August 16, 2023 including a report presentation and a panel session with the participation of representatives of sector associations.

Award Granted to SHURA by TTGV!

SHURA was honored with the Mehmet Şuhubi Pioneer Civil Initiative Award by the Technology Development Foundation of Turkey (TTGV). The award, which recognizes individuals and organizations engaged in pioneering work in climate technologies, was presented to the SHURA Energy Transition Center for its research and contributions in the fields of energy economics and policies. The award was presented to SHURA Director Alkım Bağ Güllü by TTGV Board Member Mustafa İlker Özdem at the ceremony held in Ankara on October 26, 2023.



▲ Award Granted to SHURA by TTGV, October 26, 2023

URBANIZATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

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

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

Under this cluster, IPC has collaborated with many non-governmental organizations, especially with TURKONFED, to closely examine Anatolian cities with different historical backgrounds within the context of the city-region, publishing multiple reports. In this context, our first report, *City-Region: New Dynamics in Local Development – From Turkey's Cities to Cities' Turkey*, was published in April 2017. This report, which covers 12 cities, was deepened in a second study, and a new report was prepared focusing on four cities.

City-Region: New Dynamics in Local Government Report was shared with academicians, local governments, and decision makers working in this field in May 2019. In 2017, the study "Analysis of the Effects of the Events in Sur on the City's Economy" investigated the impacts of conflict processes on urban life and the urban economy.

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

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

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

EVENTS

Istanbul Perspectives

IPC has relaunched the "Istanbul Perspectives (İstanbul Perspektifleri)" series initiated by Asuman Suner.

- February 24, 2022, SU Altunizade Digital Campus, Asuman Suner and artist Gülsün Karamustafa, "From Inside and Outside"
- March 31, 2022, SU Altunizade Digital Campus, Asuman Suner and academic Begüm Özden Fırat, "Beyoğlu: Public Space, Social Movements"
- April 28, 2022, SU Altunizade Digital Campus, Asuman Suner and architect and musician (Bulutsuzluk Özlemi) Nejat Yavaşoğulları, "Music, Crisis, Resistance"
- May 26, 2022, SU Altunizade Digital Campus, Asuman Suner and academician, writer, and previous director of the IKSV Festival Dikmen Gürün, "Theatre in Istanbul: Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow"

ActHuman V – "Precaria and Social Security" Workshop

IPC and INGEV's workshop on "Precaria: Social Security for Sustainable Development," part of the ActHuman V project, took place on June 9, 2022.

ActHuman V – "Precarity and Social Security" Report Launch

IPC and INGEV's report launch of *Precarity and Social Security,* part of the ActHuman V project, took place on October 12, 2022.









Minerva Talks

Various facets of Istanbul are explored monthly in “Minerva Talks,” as part of a collaboration with IPC and Tarih Vakfı, with the moderation of Ayşe Köse Badur and Ayşe Özil.

- Minerva Talks – Istanbul in History: What Kind of History for Istanbul? Edhem Eldem, September 29, 2022
- Minerva Talks 1 – Istanbul in History: Mimar Sinan’s Istanbul – Shaping the City in the 16th Century, Uğur Tanyeli, October 2022
- Minerva Talks 2 – Istanbul in History: The Medical Panorama of Istanbul, Fatih Artvinli, November 3, 2022
- Minerva Talks 3 – Istanbul in History: Galata Dock Inns: City, Trade, and Society, Sadettin Fidan, December 15, 2022
- Minerva Talks 4 – Istanbul in History: Galata in the 1920s: Streets, Workplaces, Houses, Murat Güvenç, January 19, 2023
- Minerva Talks 5 – Istanbul in History: Kasımpaşa in the Mid-Nineteenth Century – Migration, Labor, and Neighborhoods, Akın Sefer, April 6, 2023
- Minerva Talks 6 – Istanbul in History: Writing the History of Galata while Demolishing its Walls, Mehmet Kentel, April 27, 2023
- Minerva Talks 7 – Istanbul in History: The Political Geography of Istanbul from the Empire to the Republic, Erol Ülker, May 24, 2023
- Minerva Talks 7 – Istanbul in History: In Memory of Zafer Toprak: Istanbul and Politics in the First Century of the Republic, Mehmet Ö. Alkan and Fuat Keyman, October 5, 2023
- Minerva Talks 8 – Istanbul in History: Society, Space and Entertainment in Istanbul in the Early Republican Period, Nilay Özlü Karaca and Seda Kula, November 30, 2023
- Minerva Talks 9 – Istanbul in History: Marginality and Space in Istanbul at the beginning of the 19th Century, Işıl Çokuğraş December 28, 2023



▲ Good Governance in Metropolitan Municipalities and Civil Society, January 9, 2023

Good Governance in Metropolitan Municipalities and Civil Society

IPC, Argüden Governance Academy, Istanbul City Council, and Checks and Balances Network organized a panel titled “Good Governance in Metropolitan Municipalities and Civil Society” with the participation of Fuat Keyman, Yılmaz Argüden, İnan İzci, Merve Ateş, Bekir Ağırdır, Tülin Hadi, and Hayriye Ataş at IPC on January 9, 2023.



Reading Istanbul with Literature

In this monthly talk series, we discuss how Istanbul is construed as a city in text through the works of authors of different periods, with the moderation of Seval Şahin.











- Reading Istanbul with Literature 1: Teodor Kasap’s Istanbul: The Ottoman Capital in the 1870s through Humor Newspapers, Stefo Benlisoy, January 16, 2023
- Reading Istanbul with Literature 2: From Sky Road to Dead End Streets, A City in the Shadow of Disaster: Zaven Biberyan’s Istanbul, Alara Çakmakçı, February 27, 2023
- Reading Istanbul with Literature 3: Looking at 19th Century “Mysterious” Istanbul Novels from Karamanlica, Şehnaz Şişmanoğlu Şimşek, March 20, 2023
- Reading Istanbul with Literature 4: Bilge Karasu’s Beyoğlu Narratives – Spatiality as a Record of the Past, Ülker Gökberk, April 17, 2023
- Reading Istanbul with Literature 5: Transcending Space – Fatma Aliye, Temasha, and Women Who Walk the Streets in Istanbul, Başak Deniz Özdoğan, September 18, 2023
- Reading Istanbul with Literature 6: Uniting in Istanbul: Gülten Akın’s Clenched Fist, Hasan Turgut, October 16, 2023
- Reading Istanbul with Literature 7: Turning Istanbul Upside Down: Different Views of a City from Peyami Safa to Server Bedi, Seda Yücekurt Ünlü, November 27, 2023
- Reading Istanbul with Literature 8: Where Pleasure and Misery Meet: Emine Semiye’s Istanbul, Dr. Tuğba Sivri, December 18, 2023

TÜBİTAK 1003, Sustainable Urban Policies: City-Regions in Turkey in terms of Quality of Life Project Final Workshop, June 6, 2023

Supported by the Priority Areas R&D Projects Support Program and managed by Sabancı University and implemented by Hacettepe University, Sustainable Urban Policies: City-Regions in Turkey in terms of Quality of Life project closing meeting was hosted by Hacettepe University in Ankara on June 6, 2023.

Workshop on the Cities, September 14, 2023

"Workshop on the Cities" was organized in collaboration with Sabancı University Gender Studies and Women's Studies Center of Excellence on September 14, 2023 at Sabancı University Altunizade campus. The program included three sessions titled "The Structure of Today's Cities," "Cities, Inequality and Differences" and "Studying Cities: Collaborations, Projects, Publications."



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PUBLICATIONS

Overcoming Global Problems through Local Cooperation: The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality – Research Paper III: Urban Coalitions and Mechanisms of Cooperation: The Case of Istanbul and Berlin

IPC, CATS Network, IKV, and TEPAV's report *Overcoming Global Problems through Local Cooperation: The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality – Research Paper III: Urban Coalitions and Mechanisms of Cooperation: The Case of Istanbul and Berlin* was published in November 2022.



Presentation of the "Overcoming Global Problems through Local Cooperation: The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality" Reports



IPC, IKV, TEPAV, and the CATS network presented the reports from their joint project, *Overcoming Global Problems through Local Cooperation: The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality.* Senem Aydın-Düzgit moderated the event with the participation of Ayşe Köse Badur, Asmin Kavas, and Çiğdem Nas at IPC on December 5, 2022.

Overcoming Global Problems through Local Cooperation: The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality – Climate Change Adaptation and Its Impact on Vulnerable Groups: Berlin Municipality Case Study



IPC, CATS Network, IKV and TEPAV's report *Overcoming Global Problems through Local Cooperation: The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality - Climate Change Adaptation and Its Impact on Vulnerable Groups: Berlin Municipality Case Study* was published.

Overcoming Global Problems through Local Cooperation: The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality – The Effect of Climate Change on Vulnerable Groups – The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB)



IPC, CATS Network, IKV, and TEPAV's report *Overcoming Global Problems through Local Cooperation: The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality – The Effects of Climate Change on Vulnerable Groups: The Case of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IBB)* was published in July 2022.

Smart Urbanization and Youth Policies in Turkey

Zeynep Gülru Göker, Cenk Özbay, and Umur Yedikardeş's policy brief "Smart Urbanization and Youth Policies in Turkey" was published in September 2023.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Webinar Series: "Pandemic and Society" (Salgın ve Toplum)

Istanbul Policy Center's webinar series "Pandemic and Society" is broadcast every Monday at 15:00. This webinar series focuses on finding solutions together for the problems during the pandemic process, analyzing possible common ground, and exchanging ideas based on academic research.

- January 11, 2022, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Evren Balta, Galip Dalay, and Fuat Keyman, "Ukraine-Russia Crisis and Turkish Foreign Policy *(Ukrayna-Rusya Krizi ve Türk Dış Politikası)*"
- January 25, 2022, Nilgün Arısan-Eralp, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Atila Eralp, Çiğdem Nas, and Güven Sak, "The New Government in Germany, Turkey and the EU *(Almanya'da Yeni Hükümet, Türkiye ve AB)*"



- February 8, 2022, Fatih Ceylan, Tacan İldem, and Fuat Keyman, "NATO and the Ukraine Crisis *(Nato ve Ukrayna Krizi)*"
- March 8, 2022, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Çiğdem Nas, Bengisu Özenç, and Güven Sak, "War-Climate-Life: Turkey Must Quit Coal" *(Savaş-İklim-Yaşam: Türkiye Kömürden Çıkmalı)*"



- March 22, 2022, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Atila Eralp, Fuat Keyman, and Çiğdem Nas, "Turkey-Germany-EU Relations in an Era of Geopolitical Turmoil *(Jeopolitik Çalkantı Döneminde Türkiye-Almanya-AB İlişkileri)*"
- April 26, 2022, Murat Germen and Fuat Keyman, "Global Warning - Global Warming *(Küresel İkaz - Küresel Isınma)*"

Greece and Turkey: Views of Each Other II

IPC and ELIAMEP organized an online discussion, "Greece and Turkey: Views of Each Other II," on March 15, 2022.

Book Talk: Ecology – The Future of Coexistence

IPC organized a book talk titled "Ecology: The Future of Coexistence" with the participation of Ümit Şahin, Didem Bayındır, and Mine Yıldırım at IPC on March 22, 2023.

Tackling Uncertainty: Turkish-EU Foreign Policy Cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa

Istanbul Policy Center and Istituto Affari Internazionali organized the webinar "Tackling Uncertainty: Turkish-EU Foreign Policy Cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa" with the participation of Senem Aydın-Düzgit on April 27, 2022.

Overcoming Pernicious Polarization and Protecting Democracy

IPC convened a discussion on “Overcoming Pernicious Polarization and Protecting Democracy” at IPC Karaköy with the participation of Jennifer McCoy and opening remarks by Fuat Keyman on May 16, 2022.

Greece and Turkey: Views of Each Other – Wave III: Unpacking the Results of the Third Opinion Poll on the Bilateral Relations between Greece and Turkey

IPC, ELIAMEP, and diaNEOsis organized a conference titled “Greece and Turkey: Views of Each Other – Wave III: Unpacking the results of the third opinion poll on the bilateral relations between Greece and Turkey” with the participation of Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Evren Balta, and Ahmet Evin on June 21, 2022.

ENGAGE H2020 Workshop

Sabancı University and ENGAGE organized the ENGAGE H2020 Workshop with the participation of Meltem Müftüler-Baç and Senem Aydın-Düzgit at IPC on September 8–9, 2022.

The Global Rise of Modular Emergency Regimes: Turkey and Beyond

IPC held the panel “The Global Rise of Modular Emergency Regimes: Turkey and Beyond,” which was moderated by Senem Aydın-Düzgit, with the participation of Fuat Keyman, Alper Kaliber, İlhan Uzgel, and Başak Alpan at IPC Karaköy on October 14, 2022.

Book Launch: Pandemic, Climate, Society—What Kind of a World Will We Live In?

The book launch for *Pandemic, Climate, Society—What Kind of a World Will We Live In?* was held at IPC Karaköy on October 14, 2022 with the participation of Fuat Keyman, Ayşe Köse Badur, Selim Badur, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Ümit Şahin, and Nebi Sümer.

▼ Book Launch: Pandemic, Climate, Society—What Kind of a World Will We Live In, October 14, 2022



▼ Book Talk: Post-Post-Kemalism: New Searches in Turkey Studies, November 1, 2022



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IPC organized a book talk on the book *Post-Post-Kemalism: New Searches in Turkey Studies (Post-Post-Kemalizm: Türkiye Çalışmalarında Yeni Arayışlar)* with Fuat Keyman, İlker Aytürk, and Berk Esen, moderated by Senem Aydın-Düzgit, at IPC on November 1, 2022.

Book Talk: Before the West: The Rise and Fall of Eastern World Orders

IPC organized a book talk on the book *Before the West: The Rise and Fall of Eastern World Orders* with Ayşe Zarakol, with Fuat Keyman and Senem Aydın-Düzgit as discussants, at IPC on December 13, 2022.

Analysis of Party Promises on the Eve of the 2023 Elections: Foreign Policy, Food Policies, Climate Change and Energy Policies, Checks and Balances

IPC organized the event "Analysis of Party Promises on the Eve of 2023 Elections: Foreign Policy, Food Policies, Climate Change and Energy Policies, Checks and Balances," which took place at IPC on May 11, 2023 and featured Fikret Adaman, Hayriye Ataş, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Alkım Bağ, Fuat Keyman, Ümit Şahin, and Hakan Yavuzyılmaz as participants.



▲ Analysis of Party Promises on the Eve of the 2023 Elections, Foreign Policy, Food Policies, Climate Change and Energy Policies, Checks and Balances, May 11, 2023

Book Talk: Democracy and Authoritarianism—Islamist Governments in Turkey, Egypt and Tunisia

IPC organized a book talk on the book *Democracy or Authoritarianism—Islamist Governments in Turkey, Egypt, and Tunisia,* with the participation of Şebnem Gümüşçü and Fuat Keyman and moderated by Senem Aydın-Düzgit at IPC on May 23, 2023.



▲ Book Talk: Democracy and Authoritarianism-Islamist Governments in Turkey, Egypt and Tunisia, May 23, 2023

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Fikret Adaman, Hayriye Ataş, Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Alkım Bağ, Fuat Keyman, Ümit Şahin, and Hakan Yavuzyılmaz's report *Analysis of Party Promises on the Eve of 2023 Elections: Foreign Policy, Food Policies, Climate Change and Energy Policies, Checks and Balances* was published in May 2023.

Empty Institutions in Global Governance

The conference "Empty Institutions in Global Governance" took place with the participation of Radoslav Dimitrov, moderated by Ümit Şahin, at IPC on June 14, 2023.

Education and the Crisis of Democracy: Lessons from John Dewey's 1924 Visit to Turkey

IPC and Sabancı University organized the event "Education and the Crisis of Democracy: Lessons to be Learned from John Dewey's 1924 Visit to Turkey," which took place at IPC on July 21, 2023 with the participation of Larry Jackson from Columbia University.

▼ Book Launch: A Companion to Modern Turkey's Centennial: Political, Sociological, Economic and Institutional Transformations since 1923, October 27, 2023



Book Launch: A Companion to Modern Turkey's Centennial: Political, Sociological, Economic and Institutional Transformations since 1923

The book launch for the book *A Companion to Modern Turkey's Centennial: Political, Sociological, Economic and Institutional Transformations since 1923* took place on October 27, 2023, at IPC.

▼ Book Launch: Arctic in International Relations, November 9, 2023





▲ Report Launch: Perception of Religiosity in Turkey, November 3, 2023

Report Launch: Perception of Religiosity in Turkey

The launch of the report *Perception of Religiosity in Turkey* written by Ankara Institute Director Hatem Ete and Ankara Institute Researcher Abdullah Yargı within the scope of the "Turkey on the Threshold" series, which continues in partnership with the Initiative and Ankara Institute, was held at IPC on November 3, 2023 with the participation of IPC Director Fuat Keyman and moderated by Pelin Oğuz, Program Coordinator of the Mercator-IPC Research Fellowship.

Book Launch: Arctic in International Relations

The launch of the book *Arctic in International Relations,* written by Eda Ayaydın, lecturer at the University of London Institute, Paris, was held at IPC on Thursday, November 9, 2023, with the participation of Lassi Heininen, University of Lapland; Trym Eiterjord, University of British Columbia & The Arctic Institute; and IPC Director Fuat Keyman.

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