

# The 11<sup>th</sup> Bodrum roundtable

9-11 October 2015  
Kempinski Barbaros Bay,  
Bodrum, Turkey

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## Friday, 9 October 2015

21.00 Welcome dinner at the Kempinski Barbaros Bay,  
Olives restaurant

## Saturday, 10 October 2015

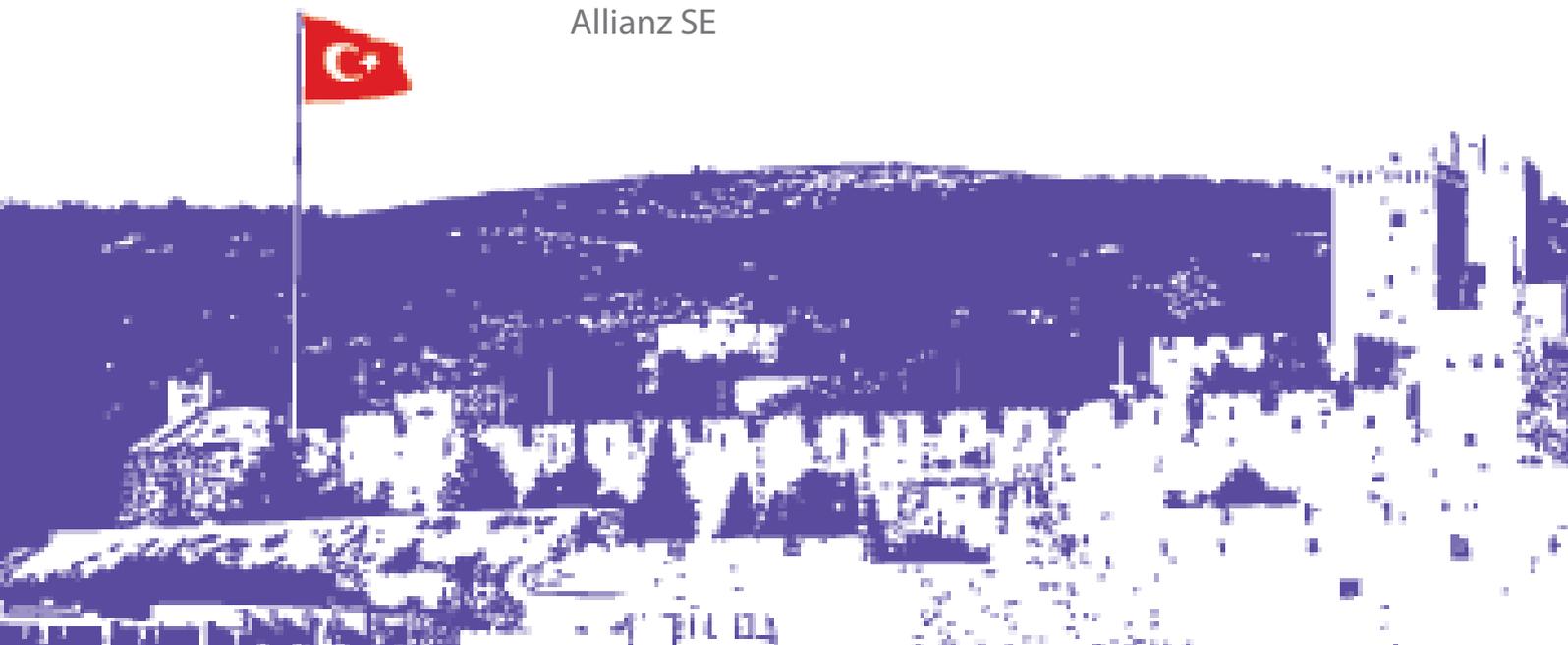
08.00-09.30 Breakfast

09.30-10.30 **Keynote speech: Abdullah Gül**, 11<sup>th</sup> President of Turkey  
Chair: Sinan Ülgen, Chairman, EDAM

10.30-12.00 **Cyber security and privacy**  
Carl Bildt, Former Prime Minister of Sweden and Chair of  
the Global Commission on Internet Governance  
Cornelia Kutterer, Director for Digital Policy, EMEA  
Corporate Affairs, LCA, Microsoft  
Nathalie Nougayrède, Foreign Affairs Columnist and  
Member of Editorial Board, *The Guardian*  
Siddharth Mohandas, Principal Deputy Director,  
Secretary's Policy Planning Staff, US Department of State  
Chair: Sinan Ülgen, Chairman, EDAM

12.00-12.15 Coffee break

12.15-13.45 **TTIP: European and Turkish perspectives**  
Edward Bowles, Regional Head of Corporate and Public  
Affairs, Europe, Standard Chartered Bank  
Cansen Başaran-Symes, President of the Board of  
Directors, TÜSİAD  
Marietje Schaake, Member of the European Parliament  
Daniel Gros, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies  
Chair: Katinka Barysch, Director, Political Relations,  
Allianz SE



13.45-14.45	Lunch
15.00-17.00	<b>The future of Turkey's security partnerships</b> <b>Fabrice Pothier</b> , Director of Policy Planning, NATO <b>Mehmet Fatih Ceylan</b> , Permanent Representative of Turkey to NATO <b>Simon Mordue</b> , Director, Strategy and Turkey, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission <b>Suat Kınıklıođlu</b> , Executive Director, Center for Strategic Communication (STRATİM) <b>Chair: Afşin Yurdakul</b> , International News Anchor, HaberTürk News Channel
17.00-19.30	Free time
19.30	Departure for dinner
20.00-22.30	Dinner at Musto Bistro Neyzen Tefvik Caddesi No: 130, Bodrum
22.30-00.30	After dinner drinks (optional)



Sunday, 11 October 2015

08.00-09.30

Breakfast

09.30-11.00

**Germany, Britain and the future of the EU**

**Klaus Welle**, Secretary General and Member of the European Parliament

**Stefanie Bolzen**, UK and Ireland Correspondent, *Die Welt* and *Welt am Sonntag*

**Liam Fox**, Member of Parliament for North Somerset and Former Secretary of State for Defence, UK

**Charles Grant**, Director, Centre for European Reform

**Chair: Jan Techau**, Director, Carnegie Europe

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-13.00

**European energy security and the future of the 'Southern Corridor'**

**Espen Barth Eide**, Under Secretary General and Special Adviser on Cyprus, United Nations and Head of Geopolitical Affairs, World Economic Forum

**Matthew Bryza**, Non Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

**Soli Özel**, Professor, Kadir Has University and Columnist, *HaberTürk* Daily Newspaper

**Alexandros Yannis**, Energy Diplomacy Co-ordinator, European External Action Service

**Chair: Rem Korteweg**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform

13.00-15.00

Lunch and departures

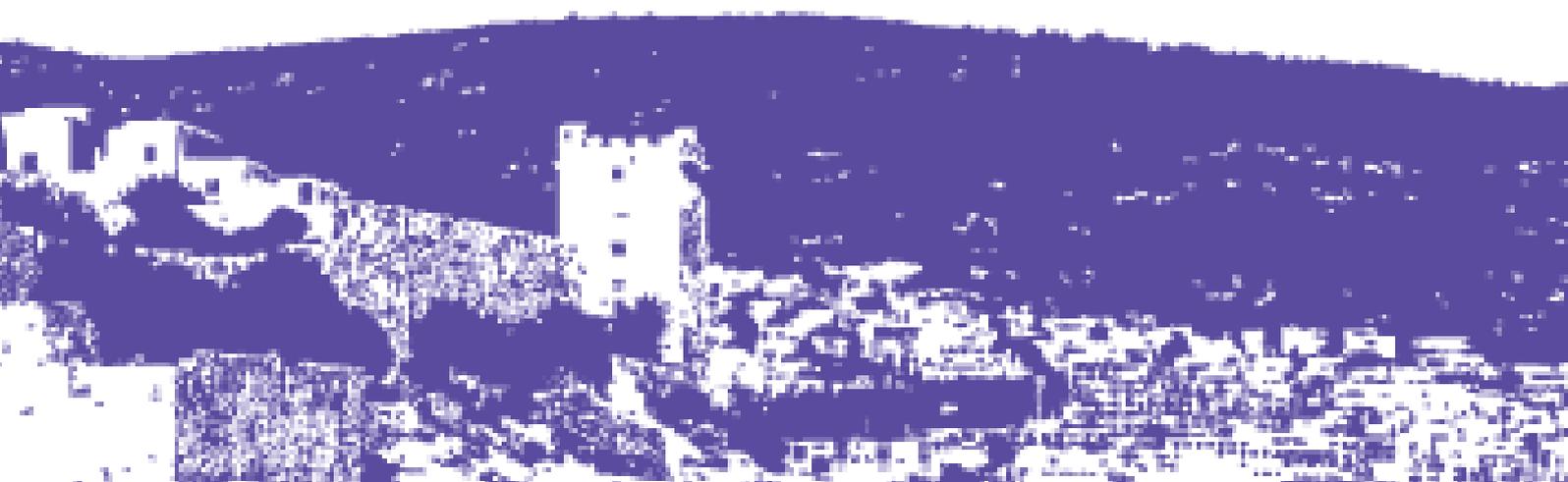
20.00-22.30

Dinner at Gonca Balık Mutlu Sok. No: 15 Torba, Bodrum



## List of participants

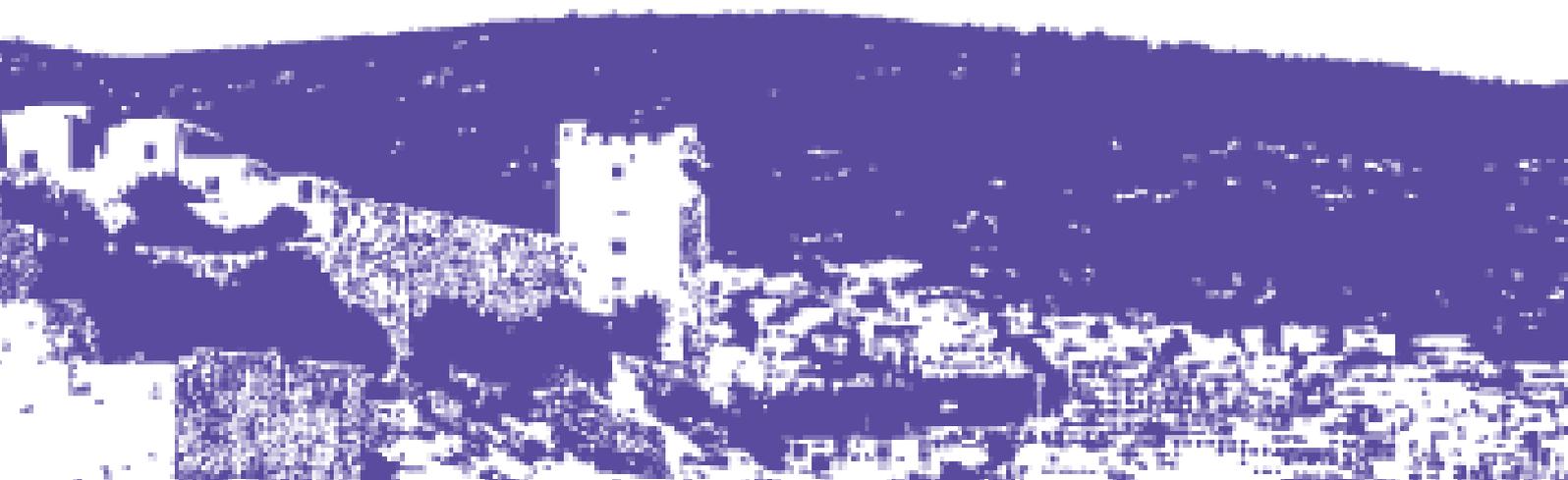
<b>Karabekir Akkoyunlu</b>	Assistant Professor of Modern Turkey, Centre for South East European Studies, University of Graz
<b>Nazife Al</b>	Secretary General, EDAM
<b>Ahmet Atay</b>	Government and Corporate Affairs Director, Microsoft Turkey
<b>Aslı Aydıntaşbaş</b>	Writer and Commentator
<b>Katinka Barysch</b>	Director of Political Relations, Allianz SE
<b>Cansen Başaran-Symes</b>	President of the Board of Directors, TÜSiAD
<b>Arda Batu</b>	General Secretary, Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation and Board Member, EDAM
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<b>Doruk Ergun</b>	Research Fellow, EDAM
<b>Natalie Ferber</b>	Program Officer, Robert Bosch Stiftung
<b>Liam Fox</b>	Member of Parliament for North Somerset and Former Secretary of State for Defence, UK
<b>David Gardner</b>	International Affairs Editor and Associate Editor, <i>Financial Times</i>
<b>Charles Grant</b>	Director, Centre for European Reform



<b>Daniel Gros</b>	Director, Centre for European Policy Studies
<b>Angelina Gros-Tchorbadjiyska</b>	Member of Cabinet of Kristalina Georgieva, Vice President of the European Commission
<b>Abdullah Gül</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> President of Turkey
<b>Zeynep Damla Gürel</b>	Board Member, EDAM
<b>Gönenç Gürkaynak</b>	Founding and Managing Partner, ELİG Attorneys at Law
<b>Hansjörg Haber</b>	Head of Delegation of the European Union to Turkey
<b>Peter Hill</b>	Director of Strategy, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
<b>Suat Kınıklıoğlu</b>	Executive Director, Center for Strategic Communication (STRATİM)
<b>Rem Korteweg</b>	Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform
<b>Pars Kutay</b>	Head of Government and Public Affairs, Genel Energy
<b>Cornelia Kutterer</b>	Director for Digital Policy, EMEA Corporate Affairs, LCA, Microsoft
<b>Jean-David Levitte</b>	Professor, Sciences-Po, Member, Institut de France and Distinguished Fellow, Brookings Institution
<b>Kamal Malhotra</b>	UN Resident Co-ordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Turkey
<b>Siddharth Mohandas</b>	Principal Deputy Director, Secretary's Policy Planning Staff, US Department of State
<b>Simon Mordue</b>	Director, Strategy and Turkey, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission
<b>Samia Nakhoul</b>	Middle East Editor, Reuters
<b>Nathalie Nougayrède</b>	Foreign Affairs Columnist and Member of Editorial Board, <i>The Guardian</i>
<b>Hale Onursal Hatipoğlu</b>	Deputy Secretary General of External Relations, TÜSİAD
<b>Jordan Orsler</b>	Events Co-ordinator, Centre for European Reform
<b>Alvaro Ortiz Vidal-Abarca</b>	Chief Economist for Cross Emerging Markets, BBVA Research
<b>Soli Özel</b>	Professor, Kadir Has University and Columnist, <i>HaberTürk</i> Daily Newspaper



<b>Garo Paylan</b>	Member of Parliament, Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), Turkey
<b>Sasha Polakow-Suransky</b>	Editor, International Opinion, <i>The New York Times</i>
<b>Giles Portman</b>	Head of the East Stratcom Task Force, European External Action Service
<b>Fabrice Pothier</b>	Director of Policy Planning, NATO
<b>Selin Sayek-Böke</b>	Member of Parliament, Republican People's Party (CHP), Turkey
<b>Marietje Schaake</b>	Member of the European Parliament
<b>Can Selçuki</b>	Economist, World Bank
<b>Rauf Engin Soysal</b>	Under Secretary, Ministry for EU Affairs, Turkey
<b>Vessela Tcherneva</b>	Programme Director, European Council on Foreign Relations
<b>Jan Techau</b>	Director, Carnegie Europe
<b>Nathalie Tocci</b>	Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali and Special Advisor to Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative and Vice President of the European Commission
<b>Sinan Ülgen</b>	Chairman, EDAM
<b>Tomáš Valášek</b>	Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to NATO
<b>Joshua Walker</b>	Vice President of Global Programs, APCO Worldwide and Non Resident Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States
<b>Klaus Welle</b>	Secretary General and Member of the European Parliament
<b>Alexandros Yannis</b>	Energy Diplomacy Co-ordinator, European External Action Service
<b>Afşin Yurdakul</b>	International News Anchor, HaberTürk News Channel



## Biographies

### Karabekir Akkoyunlu



#### **Assistant Professor of Modern Turkey, Centre for South East European Studies, University of Graz**

Karabekir Akkoyunlu is assistant professor of modern Turkey at the Centre for South East European Studies, University of Graz, and co-founder of the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST). He completed his PhD in comparative politics at the London School of Economics (LSE) on the transformation of hybrid regimes in Turkey and Iran. He studied Persian at the University of Isfahan and taught courses on Middle East politics and theories of democracy and democratisation at the LSE.

In 2011-12, he was a research associate at the South East European Studies at the University of Oxford (SEESOX). He has published extensively on Turkish politics, society and foreign affairs and has been a frequent contributor to The Huffington Post, *Open Democracy*, *Al-Monitor*, *Oxford Analytica* and CNN International. He holds a BA in history and international relations from Brown University and an MPhil in international relations from the University of Cambridge.

### Ahmet Atay



#### **Government and Corporate Affairs Director, Microsoft Turkey**

Ahmet Atay graduated from the department of business administration at Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara. He worked for the Turkish ministry for European Union affairs for 10 years, responsible for work relating to the harmonisation of Turkish legislation with EU legislation.

Atay worked for Ernst & Young between 2010-13 as the government and European Union advisory services manager in charge of leading government relations with public institutions.

Atay joined Microsoft Turkey in 2013 as the government and corporate affairs director. He develops strategic outreach strategies and campaigns important to the ICT industry. He is a board member of the Turkish-American Business Association (TABA-AmCham) and the Government Relations and Corporate Affairs Management Association (KİYED).



## Aslı Aydıntaşbaş



### Writer and Commentator

Aslı Aydıntaşbaş is an Istanbul-based writer and commentator on Turkish politics, the Middle East, and media freedoms. She used her *Milliyet* column 2009-15 to look deeper into issues and flaws in Turkish democracy, as well as analysing Turkey's foreign policy. She has regularly written on Turkey for publications including, the *International Herald Tribune*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *Politico.com* and *Newsweek/The Daily Beast*. Aydıntaşbaş has also been a regular commentator on television and her TV show *Karşı Gündem* was on CNNTürk during 2013-14. Prior to joining *Milliyet*, she served as a Washington correspondent and later the Ankara bureau chief for *Sabah*, one of Turkey's leading newspapers. She covered the Clinton Administration, the United Nations, the Bush administration, and the Iraq War in 1997-04 as a Washington and New York correspondent for NTV and *Radikal*. Aydıntaşbaş is a graduate of Bates College, where she was the recipient of the Maung Maung Gyi award for excellence in international relations, and holds a MA in journalism and Middle East studies from New York University.

## Katinka Barysch



### Director of Political Relations, Allianz SE

Katinka Barysch is a well-known analyst and commentator on economic and political developments in Europe. At Allianz, she works in the economic and trend research teams and helps to position the company in wider European policy debates. From 2001-13, Barysch was first chief economist then deputy director of the Centre for European Reform. She has also worked as an analyst and editor for The Economist Intelligence Unit and as an advisor to several European governments, the European Commission, the House of Lords and various multinational companies and financial institutions. She is a World Economic Forum young global leader, deputy chair of the Global Agenda Council on Europe, a David Rockefeller fellow of the Trilateral Commission and strategic advisor to the chairman of the Munich Security Conference.



## Cansen Başaran-Symes



### President of the Board of Directors ,TÜSİAD

Cansen Başaran-Symes is chairwoman of the board of directors of Allianz Sigorta A.Ş. and Allianz Hayat ve Emeklilik A.Ş. Previously Başaran-Symes was territory senior partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Turkey, 1998-13. Having joined PwC in 1981 she became partner in 1990. She has assumed various leadership roles and has served in offices in Copenhagen, London and Istanbul. She was a member of the board of PwC Central and Eastern Europe and PwC Eurofirm. Prior to being elected president of the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD) Başaran-Symes served on the board of directors as vice president, treasurer and chair of the Company Affairs Committee. She is also a member of the board of directors of Endeavour Turkey. In 2000, she was recognised among 'global leaders of tomorrow' at the World Economic Forum and was awarded the distinction of 'Most successful businesswoman of the year' by *Dünya* Newspaper. In 2006 on International Women's Day, the Lions Clubs International recognised her as one of the most successful businesswomen in modern Turkey. In 2014, she received the honour award at the EDUPlus management summit. Başaran-Symes is a graduate of the faculty of business administration, Istanbul University.

## Arda Batu



### General Secretary, Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation and Board Member, EDAM

Arda Batu's career began in 2004 at Yeditepe University's political science and international relations department where he served as a research assistant. He transitioned to the corporate sector when he joined HB Consultancy Group in 2007 whilst continuing his affiliation with the university as a research assistant and lecturer. His keen interests in government relations and strategic communications led him to Istanbul based regional corporate communications firm, StratejiCo. He joined the Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation in June 2014 where he manages, promotes and advances the confederation's strategic interests by engaging public and private sector authorities. Batu serves on the executive board of Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM), and the editorial board of Turkish Policy Quarterly, a journal on international affairs.



## Carl Bildt



### **Former Prime Minister of Sweden and Chair of the Global Commission on Internet Governance**

Carl Bildt has served as both prime minister, 1991-94, and foreign minister, 2006-14, of Sweden. During the first period his government initiated major liberal economic reforms, as well as negotiated and signed Sweden's membership agreement with the European Union. Bildt has served in international functions with the EU and UN, primarily related to the conflicts in the Balkans. He was co-chairman of the Dayton Peace Talks on Bosnia and became the first high representative in the country.

Later, he was the special envoy of UN secretary general Kofi Annan to the region.

Returning as foreign minister of Sweden in 2006, he came to be seen as one of the most prominent and vocal of European foreign ministers during those years. He was one of the initiators of the EU's Eastern Partnership, and also pushed the EU forward on issues of the Middle East.

## Ferhat Boratav



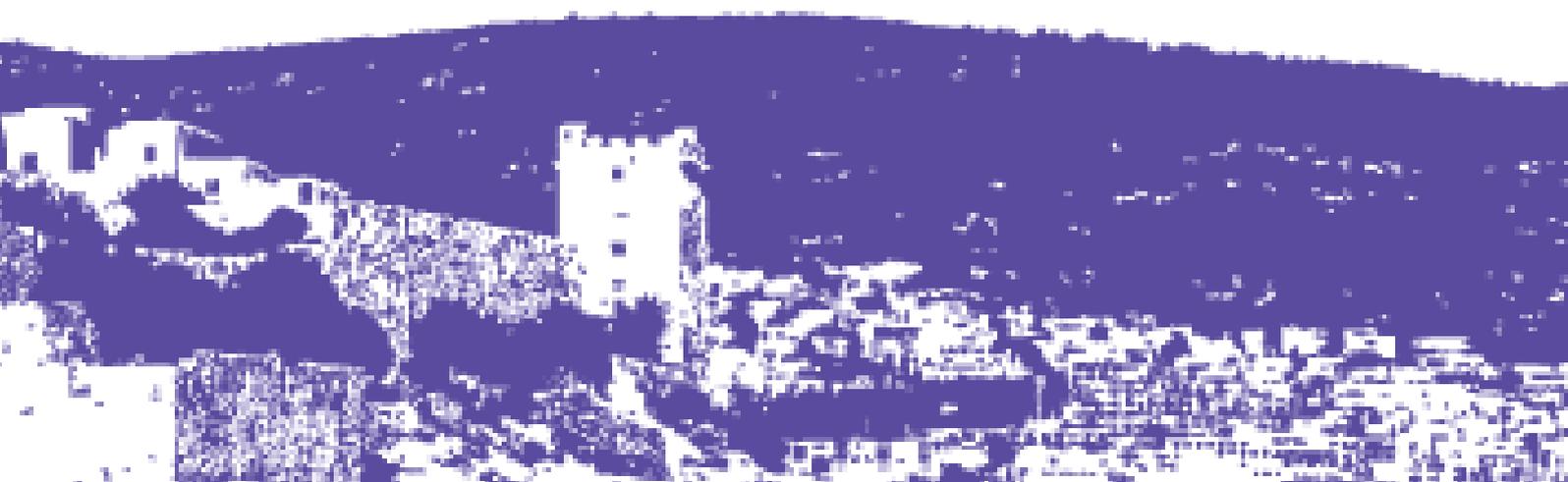
### **Editor in Chief, CNN Türk**

Ferhat Boratav is the editor in chief of CNN Türk. He started his career in media at *Nokta* magazine. He then became a producer, reporter and radio news reporter at BCC Turkish Broadcast Services.

Upon his return to Turkey, he briefly worked at a Turkish TV production company. Before assuming his position at CNN Türk, he was an administrator for ATV News.

Boratav has a BA in History from Bogazici University, Istanbul.

He completed his MA on 'Turkish migrant workers' at the University of Grenoble, France.



## Stefanie Bolzen



### **UK and Ireland Correspondent, *Die Welt* and *Welt am Sonntag***

Stefanie Bolzen is the UK and Ireland correspondent for *Die Welt* and *Welt am Sonntag*.

From 2009-12 she was their Europe correspondent in Brussels covering EU and NATO affairs. Until 2008 she was a foreign news reporter and editor for *Die Welt* in Berlin covering issues including Eastern Europe and energy policy.

Bolzen trained at Axel Springer Journalist School having studied modern history at the Universities of Cologne and Seville.

## Edward Bowles



### **Regional Head of Corporate and Public Affairs, Europe, Standard Chartered Bank**

Edward Bowles is the regional head of corporate and public affairs, Europe, at Standard Chartered Bank, where he has held a number of roles since 2007. Bowles is also a member of the European Commission's advisory group on TTIP. Prior to this, he was a UK civil servant at the Ministry of Justice, where he served as private secretary to the permanent secretary and to two ministers, and as head of human rights policy. He also spent eight years in the UK Crown Prosecution Service as a barrister, and was a member of the General Council of the Bar for seven years. His academic background is in law and business administration.



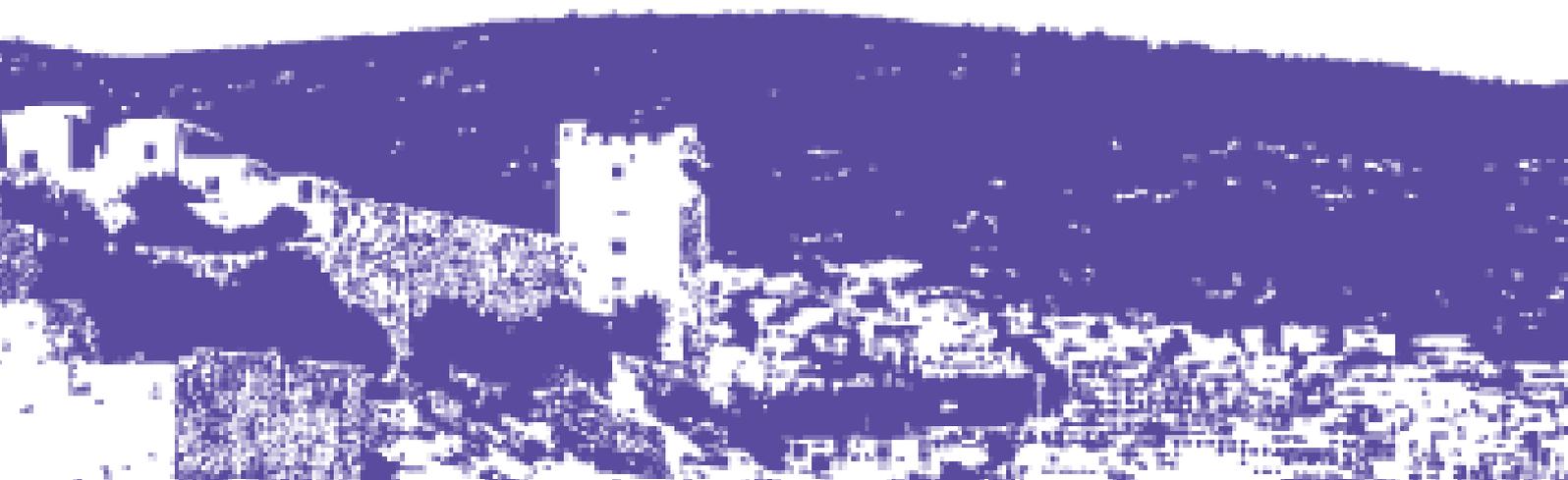
## Matthew Bryza



### **Non Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council**

Matthew Bryza is a non resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States, a member of the international advisory board of the International Center for Defence and Security in Tallinn, Estonia, and a board member of the Jamestown Foundation in Washington DC.

He resides in Istanbul, Turkey, where he is CEO of Lamor Turkey, a joint venture with Finland's Lamor, a global leader in oil spill response. Bryza also serves on Lamor's global board, as well as the boards of companies involved in both upstream and downstream energy. In addition, he is a founding partner of a cyber security company based in Istanbul. Bryza served for 23 years as a US diplomat. His final assignment was as ambassador to Azerbaijan from February 2011 to January 2012. Earlier, he was a deputy assistant secretary of state and director for European and European affairs on the National Security Council staff at the White House, covering Eurasian energy security, the South Caucasus, Central Asia, Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus. He also served as the US mediator of the Nagorno-Karabakh, Abkhazia, South Ossetia, and Cyprus conflicts, and as a political officer at the US embassies in Moscow, 1995-97, and Warsaw, 1989-91.



## Scott Carpenter



### **Director of Free Expression, Google Ideas**

Scott Carpenter is the director of free expression at Google Ideas, where he drives implementation of the team's overall strategy to make online repressive censorship irrelevant. Prior to joining Google, Carpenter founded and directed Project Fikra as the Keston family fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, where he remains an adjunct fellow.

Carpenter served as deputy assistant secretary of state in the bureau of Near East affairs where he helped conceive and implement the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) before being named co-ordinator for the Broader Middle East and North Africa initiative (BMENA). His other roles in government include director of governance for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq from April 2003 to July 2004, and deputy assistant secretary in the bureau of human rights and democracy. Earlier in his career, Carpenter worked for the International Republican Institute where he founded and co-directed its European program from Bratislava, Slovakia, and on Capitol Hill.

He received his MA from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

## Mehmet Fatih Ceylan



### **Permanent Representative of Turkey to NATO**

Before his current position, Ceylan served as the deputy under secretary for bilateral political affairs.

He was director general for bilateral political affairs for Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia between 2009-10, and ambassador to Sudan from 2006-09.

He served as deputy director general at NATO department from 2004-06, head of NATO department from 2002-04, and as deputy permanent representative for the WEU and EU in charge of security and defence matters from 2000-02. Ceylan was the first secretary of the NATO military affairs department from 1988-90 and the first secretary and counsellor at the Turkish permanent mission to NATO from 1990-95. He graduated from Robert College in Istanbul, earned his BA in political science from Ankara University and received his master's degree in international relations from Rutgers University, New Jersey.



## Anna Maria Corazza Bildt



### Member of the European Parliament

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt is a member of the European Parliament. An Italian national, she was elected in June 2009 and again in May 2014 by the Swedish people for the centre right Moderate Party. She is highly involved in democracy, peace and security in Europe. In the European Parliament she has been a driving force in ensuring that the best interests of children are respected in all decisions. Corazza Bildt belongs to the European People's Party group (EPP). In the European Parliament she is first vice chair of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (IMCO) and deputy co-ordinator for her political group in the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee (FEMM). She is a member of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee (PAC) as well as a substitute of the Civil Liberties, Home Affairs and Migration Committee (LIBE) and the EU Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). She is also chair of the intergroup on Children's Rights and a member of the Friends of Turkey Group in the European Parliament.

## Espen Barth Eide



### Under Secretary General and Special Adviser on Cyprus, United Nations and Head of Geopolitical Affairs, World Economic Forum

Espen Barth Eide is managing director and member of the managing board at the World Economic Forum in Geneva, where he is head of geopolitical affairs. He is also an under secretary general of the United Nations and the secretary general's special adviser on Cyprus.

Eide is a member of the boards of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva and the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs in Oslo, as well as a senior adviser to the Centre for Strategic and International Affairs (CSIS) in Washington. He served for 10 years in the Norwegian Government, most recently as foreign minister (until October 2013), but has also served as defence minister and, before becoming a cabinet minister, as deputy minister of both foreign affairs and defence in two governments. Educated as a political scientist, from 1993-00 and 2002-05, he was a senior researcher and research director at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, where his primary focus was international security, conflict resolution and peacekeeping.



## Natalie Ferber



### **Program Officer, Robert Bosch Stiftung**

Natalie Ferber has been working at the Robert Bosch Stiftung since January 2011. She is program officer for 'International relations Europe and its neighbours' for German-Turkish relations and South East Europe.

Prior to joining the Robert Bosch Stiftung, she was a teacher at the Center for Area Studies at the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg and worked as an intern at the German Federal Enterprise for International Co-operation (GIZ) on the project supporting administrative reform and decentralisation in Cambodia. Ferber studied political science at the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg and European political sociology at Höögskolan Dalarna in Sweden.

## Liam Fox



### **Member of Parliament for North Somerset and Former Secretary of State for Defence, UK**

Liam Fox studied medicine at the University of Glasgow, and after graduating joined the Royal College of General Practitioners. He worked as a civilian army medical officer, before moving to Buckinghamshire and Somerset to work as a GP. Fox was elected as the member of parliament for Woodspring in 1992.

In 1993, he was appointed parliamentary private secretary to Michael Howard, then home secretary. In 1994, he became an assistant government whip, being promoted to the position of senior government whip the following year. He was a minister at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 1996-97. In June 1997, Fox was appointed opposition front bench spokesman on constitutional affairs. From 1999-03, he served as shadow secretary of state for health before being appointed co-chairman of the Conservative Party in 2003. Subsequently, from May 2005 to December 2005, he served as shadow foreign secretary, and then as shadow secretary of state for defence from 2005-10. Following the 2010 election, he became secretary of state for defence from May 2010 to October 2011.



## David Gardner



### **International Affairs Editor and Associate Editor, *Financial Times***

David Gardner is international affairs editor and associate editor at the *Financial Times*, which he joined in 1978, and has worked mainly as a foreign correspondent and writer on international affairs, reporting from more than 50 countries.

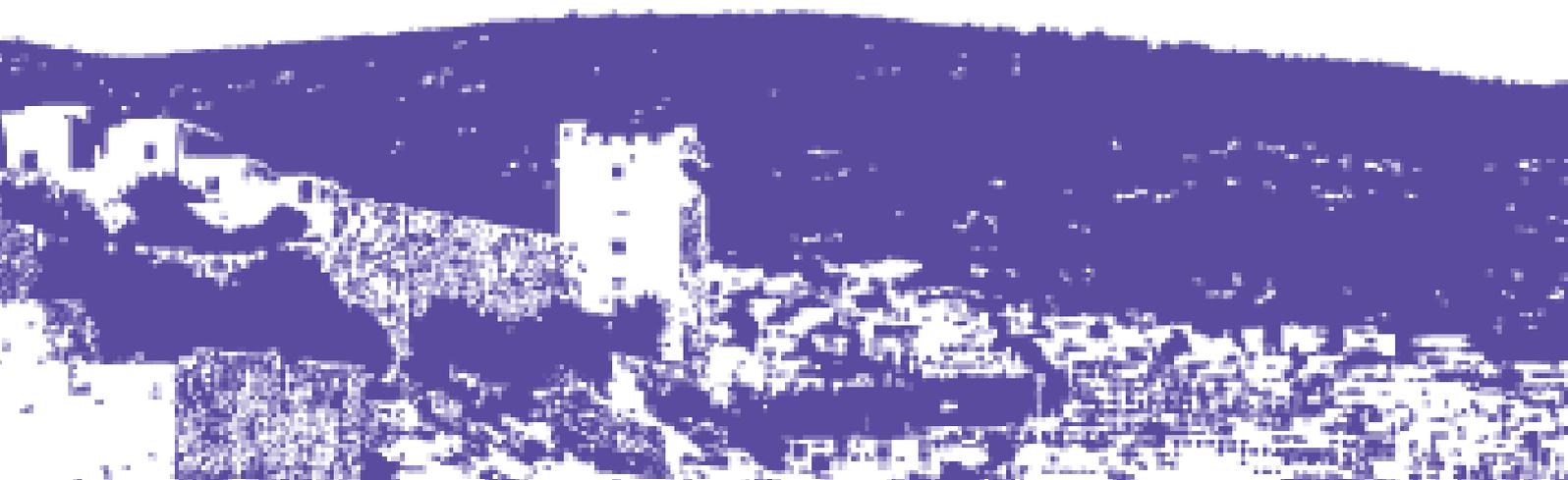
His assignments have included, Spain correspondent, Mexico and Central America correspondent, European Union correspondent, Middle East editor and South Asia bureau chief.

Gardner was the *Financial Times's* chief leader writer from 2006-10.

In 2003 he won the David Watt political journalism prize for his writing on the Arab world. He is the author of 'Last Chance: The Middle East in the Balance' (2009, IB Tauris), which was long-listed for the 2010 George Orwell book prize.

He was made a senior associate member of St Antony's College, University of Oxford, in 2008. Gardner has been a speaker at think-tanks and universities in Europe, the Middle East and the US.

He is president of the Institute for Integrated Transitions (IFIT), an independent global NGO based in Barcelona, devoted to supporting domestically-led transitions in countries emerging from conflict or dictatorship.



## Charles Grant



### Director, Centre for European Reform

Charles Grant is director of the Centre for European Reform (CER) which he helped to set up in 1996. He works on, among other subjects, EU foreign and defence policy, Russia, China, the euro and global governance.

He previously worked for *Euromoney* and *The Economist* in London and Brussels, and his biography of Commission President Jacques Delors 'Delors: Inside the House that Jacques Built' was published by Nicolas Brealey in 1994.

He is the author of many CER publications and is a regular contributor to the *Financial Times* and the *International New York Times* amongst others. He was a director and trustee of the British Council from 2002-08, and is a member of the international advisory boards of EDAM, the Moscow School of Civic Education and Terra Nova. He is a member of the council of the Ditchley Foundation, and chairman of the foundation's programme committee.

In 2004 he became a chevalier of France's Ordre Nationale du Mérite, and in 2013 a Companion of St Michael and St George (CMG) "for services to European and wider international policy-making".

## Daniel Gros



### Director, Centre for European Policy Studies

Daniel Gros has been the director of the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) since 2000. Among other current activities, he serves as advisor to the European Parliament and is a member of the advisory scientific committee of the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) and the Euro 50 Group of eminent economists. He has held past positions at the IMF and the European Commission, and served as advisor to several governments, including the UK and the US at the highest level. He is editor of *Economie Internationale* and *International Finance*.

Gros holds a PhD in economics from the University of Chicago and is the author of several books and numerous articles in scientific journals. His main areas of expertise are the European monetary union, macroeconomic policy, the economics of transition to a market economy, public finance, banking and financial markets.

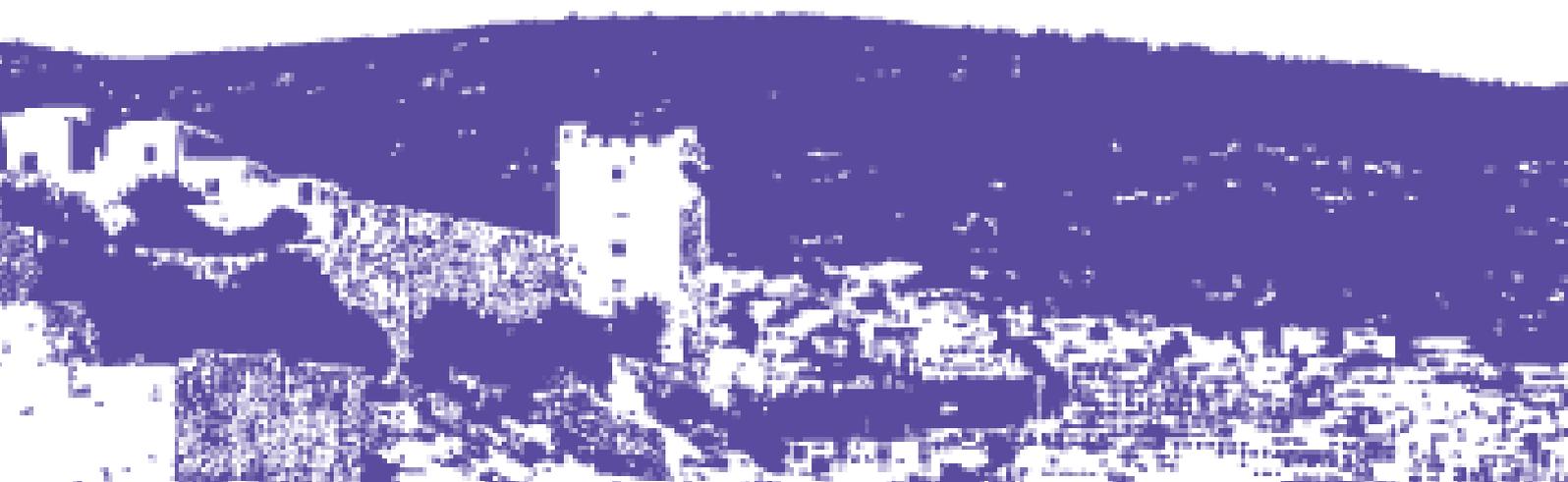


**Angelina Gros-Tchorbadjiyska** Member of Cabinet of Kristalina Georgieva, Vice President of the European Commission



Angelina Gros-Tchorbadjiyska has been a member of the cabinet of Kristalina Georgieva, vice president for budget and human resources, since November 2014. Prior to this she worked on institutional and budgetary matters in the legal service of the European Parliament. Before joining the European civil service, Gros-Tchorbadjiyska was a researcher on the new eastern borders of the EU and the enlargement of Schengen at the institute for European law at KU Leuven, Belgium, and an associate research fellow at the European Institute in Sofia, Bulgaria, where previously she held the position of the program director.

Gros-Tchorbadjiyska holds a first class law degree with a specialisation in international law and international relations from the University of Sofia, an LLM in European law and a PhD in law from KU Leuven, Belgium.



## Abdullah Gül



### 11<sup>th</sup> President of Turkey

Abdullah Gül became prime minister and formed the 58<sup>th</sup> government on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2002. He served as deputy prime minister and foreign minister in the 59<sup>th</sup> government from 2003-07. Gül was elected as the 11<sup>th</sup> president of the republic of Turkey on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2007. He served in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (TBMM) as a member of the plan and budget committee from 1991-95. He was a member of the Turkish delegation at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) from 1991 to 2001, working in the PACE Committees on Culture, Statutes, Politics and Economic

Development. Gül also served as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the TBMM from 1995 to 2001. He was spokesperson and minister of state in the 54<sup>th</sup> government, which was formed in 1996.

He pioneered the reformist movement in the Virtue Party and ran for chairmanship in 2000. He was among the founders of the Justice and Development Party in 2001 and became the first prime minister in 2002. He also served as a member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in both 2001 and 2002. Gül was awarded with the Pro Merito medal and the title of 'permanent honorary member' in 2002 for his 10 years of valuable work in the PACE.

Gül was presented with the 2010 Statesman of the Year Award from Chatham House by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



## Zeynep Damla Gürel



### **Board Member, EDAM**

Zeynep Damla Gürel was senior advisor to Turkish president Abdullah Gül on EU affairs from 2007-14.

Previously she was a member of parliament, elected in November 2002 as a member of the Grand National Assembly representing the opposition party, the Republican People's Party. In her capacity as a member of parliament, Gürel worked on a number of committees, including NATO PA, where she was elected as a reporter of the NATO PA Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group after two years. She was also a member of the Turkish-USA caucus and the Turkish Democracy Committee, which was a bipartisan parliamentary committee examining initiatives that would strengthen the parliament, specifically building constituency relations, increasing parliamentary research capacities and strengthening parliamentary committees. Prior to her experience as a member of parliament she worked as a member of the ARI Movement and helped to restructure the youth branch of the organisation, known as 'Young ARI'. She is now a board member of EDAM.

## Gönenç Gürkaynak



### **Founding and Managing Partner, ELİG Attorneys at Law**

Gönenç Gürkaynak is a founding partner and the managing partner of ELİG Attorneys at Law, a leading law firm of 60 lawyers based in Istanbul, Turkey.

Gürkaynak graduated from Ankara University, faculty of law in 1997, and was called to the Istanbul Bar in 1998. Gürkaynak received his LLM degree from Harvard Law School, and is qualified to practice in Istanbul, New York, Brussels and England and Wales (currently a non practising solicitor).

Before founding ELİG Attorneys at Law in 2005, he worked as an attorney at the Istanbul, New York and Brussels offices of a global law firm for more than eight years. Gürkaynak heads the regulatory and compliance department of ELİG Attorneys at Law.

He also holds teaching positions at undergraduate and graduate levels at two universities, and gives lectures in other universities in Turkey. He has had more than 100 international and local articles published in English and in Turkish.



## Hansjörg Haber



### **Head of Delegation of the European Union to Turkey**

Hansjörg Haber has been head of the EU delegation in Ankara since September 2015. He studied as an economist at Munich University. As a German diplomat he served as ambassador in Beirut from 2007-08 and in Cairo from 2014-15.

He worked for the EU as head of the EUMM civilian observer mission in Georgia after the Georgian-Russian war from 2008-11 and as EU Civilian operations commander in the European External Action Service from 2011-14. Other former postings include the Soviet Union, Russia, Turkey, France and the Philippines.

## Peter Hill



### **Director of Strategy, Foreign and Commonwealth Office**

Peter Hill joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1998 after a brief period as an academic at the University of Oxford. Before taking up his current role as director of strategy in the FCO, he worked in the Home Office where he was responsible for counter-terrorism and security powers and policy. Prior to that he worked on the independent Chilcott Inquiry into the Iraq conflict and for three years in the cabinet of the European trade commissioner, where he was responsible for trade negotiations with South Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific regions and EU economic issues. He has also worked on a range of security and multilateral issues in the FCO and overseas.



## Suat Kınıkliođlu



### **Executive Director, Center for Strategic Communication (STRATİM)**

Suat Kınıkliođlu is a politician and columnist, and is executive director of the Ankara-based Center for Strategic Communication (STRATİM). Kınıkliođlu served in the Turkish parliament from 2007-11 representing the Central Anatolian province of Çankırı.

While in parliament Kınıkliođlu was chairman of the Turkey- US interparliamentary friendship group and deputy chairman of the Justice and Development Party (AKP).

In 2014 Kınıkliođlu managed the election campaign of the Republican People's Party Ankara mayoral candidate Mansur Yavaş. In 2014-15 Kınıkliođlu was a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington DC and the Institute of Politics of the University of Chicago.

He writes a weekly column for *Radikal Daily* and *Today's Zaman*. Prior to his political career Kınıkliođlu was executive director of the German Marshall Fund of the US's Ankara office and served in the Turkish Air Force.

## Rem Korteweg



### **Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform**

Rem Korteweg covers European foreign and security policy, the geopolitics of energy and natural resources, transatlantic relations and how Europe pursues its interests amid the rise of non-Western powers. In 2012, he had a placement within the ministry of foreign affairs of the Netherlands as strategic policy advisor.

Before joining CER, Korteweg worked at The Hague Center for Strategic Studies (HCSS), where he wrote on the future of the transatlantic alliance, Western defence policy, economic diplomacy and state fragility. In 2006-07 he was a Fulbright scholar at the Johns Hopkins-SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations in Washington DC. He has published in a variety of newspapers and academic journals, and is the author of 'The superpower, the bridge-builder and the hesitant ally: How defence transformation divided NATO 1991-2008', 2011. Korteweg has a PhD in international relations from Leiden University, an MA in the history of international relations from Utrecht University and a BA in social sciences from University College Utrecht. He is a committee member of the Netherlands' Advisory Council on International Affairs (AIV), which advises the Dutch government and parliament on foreign policy questions.



## Pars Kutay



**Head of Government and Public Affairs, Genel Energy** Pars Kutay joined Genel Energy in December 2010.

He is responsible for developing, co-ordinating and implementing policies on government and public affairs as regards countries where the company operates.

Kutay was a partner at AB Consultancy and Investment Services from 1995-10. Between 1984-95 he served in

Turkey's undersecretariat of treasury and foreign trade.

He is a graduate of law from Ankara University and holds degrees in international finance and environmental law.

## Cornelia Kutterer



**Director for Digital Policy, EMEA Corporate Affairs, LCA, Microsoft**

Cornelia Kutterer leads Microsoft's digital policy strategy for Europe, Middle East and Africa with a focus on the digital economy, the EU's single market, connectivity and cloud adoption. Prior to this role, she represented Microsoft in privacy and security matters at EU institutional level.

Kutterer was head of the legal department and senior legal advisor at BEUC, the European consumer organisation, driving the policy agenda for consumers' digital life with a focus on intellectual property, data protection and e-commerce. She has also gained experience in a top 10 law firm in the fields of competition law and regulatory affairs and in a German trade organisation focusing on the freedom of services. She started her professional career in the European Parliament as a political advisor to a MEP in 1997.

Kutterer is a qualified German lawyer, and holds a master's degree in information technology and telecommunication laws.



## Jean-David Levitte



### **Professor, Sciences-Po, Member, Institut de France and Distinguished Fellow, Brookings Institution**

Jean-David Levitte is member of the Institut de France, a professor at Sciences-Po in Paris and a distinguished fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Levitte has had an outstanding career in the French foreign service, serving on the staff of three French presidents and holding key senior positions in the French foreign service.

From 2007-12, Levitte was the senior diplomatic adviser and sherpa of President Nicolas Sarkozy. He served as ambassador to the United States, from 2003-07, during the difficult period of the war in Iraq. From 2000-02 he was the French ambassador to the United Nations.

## Kamal Malhotra



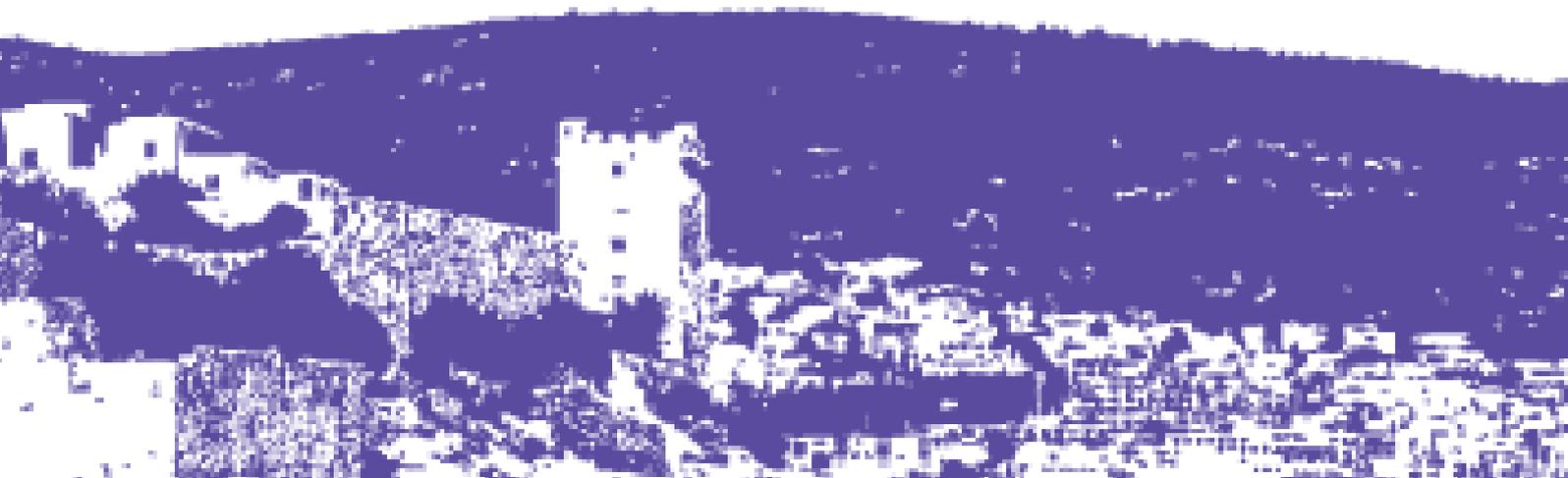
### **UN Resident Co-ordinator and UN Development Programme Resident Representative in Turkey**

Kamal Malhotra has been the UN resident co-ordinator and UN Development Programme (UNDP) resident representative in Turkey since April 2013.

Prior to this appointment, October 2008-March 2013, Malhotra was the UN resident co-ordinator for Malaysia, UNDP resident representative for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam and UNFPA representative for Malaysia. From 1999-08 he worked in the UNDP's bureau for development policy, New York, as senior adviser on inclusive globalisation, civil society empowerment adviser and senior civil society adviser.

Before joining the UNDP, Malhotra was co-founder and co-director of Focus on the Global South, 1995-99, a global policy research organisation located at the Chulalongkorn University Social Research Institute in Thailand.

Malhotra holds an MA in international affairs from Columbia University, New York, with a specialisation in economic and political development, a master's in business administration from the Indian Institute of Management, India, with a specialisation in finance and economics, and a BA in economics (with honours), from the University of Delhi, India. Malhotra is widely published with over 75 journal and other articles on the multilateral system and development co-operation.



## Siddharth Mohandas



### Principal Deputy Director, Secretary's Policy Planning Staff, US Department of State

Siddharth Mohandas is principal deputy director of the policy planning staff. Prior to coming to the staff, he served at the department of defence as special assistant to the under secretary of defence for policy, in which role he advised the under secretary on a broad range of national security and defence policy issues. He also served in the office of Asian and Pacific security affairs and the office of strategy, plans and forces at the Pentagon. Previously, he served at the state department as special advisor to the assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs.

Prior to entering government, he was an editor at *Foreign Affairs* magazine. He has held research fellowships at the Brookings Institution, the Center for a New American Security, and the Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard University. He has written for multiple publications, including *Newsweek*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and *The American Prospect*.

He holds a PhD in government from Harvard University, an MPhil in international relations from the University of Cambridge, and an AB summa cum laude from Harvard College.



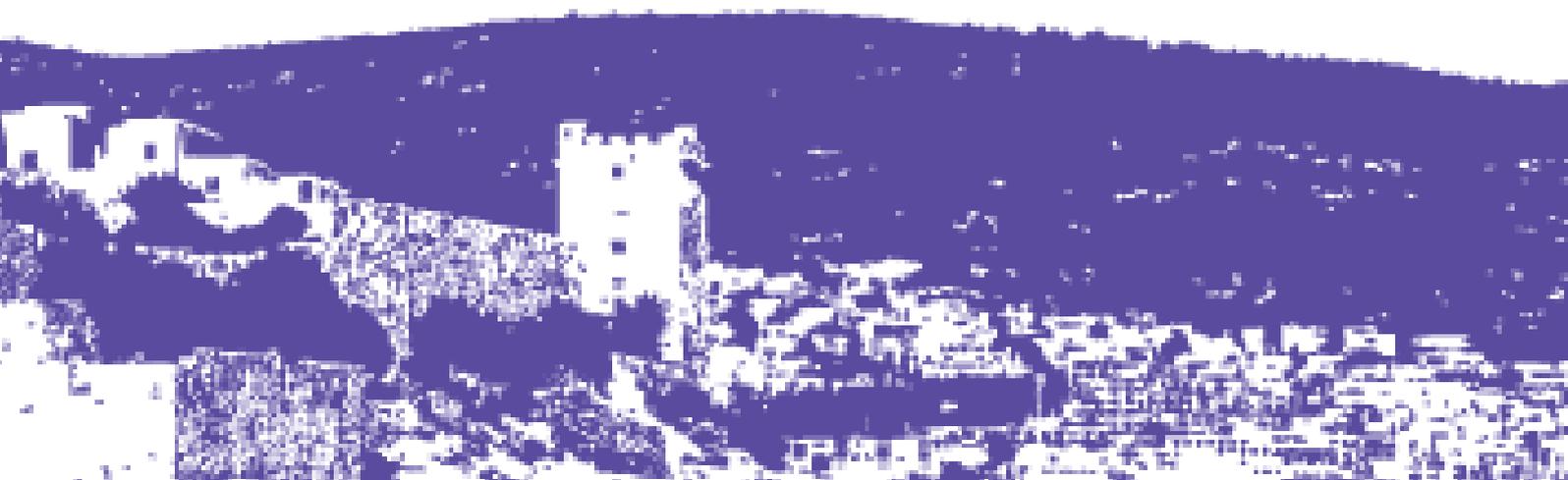
## Simon Mordue



### **Director, Strategy and Turkey, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission**

Since September 2014, Simon Mordue has been the director for strategy and Turkey in the Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, covering issues such as the overall strategy for enlargement policy and the European neighborhood policy, policy planning, inter-institutional relations and communication, thematic support, monitoring and evaluation, financial instruments and negotiations with Turkey.

In the Barroso II Commission, Mordue was head of cabinet for Štefan Füle, European commissioner for enlargement and neighbourhood policy. In the Barroso I Commission, Mordue was deputy head of cabinet to vice president Verheugen covering a broad range of areas in the vice president's team including responsibility for driving forward the better regulation agenda and the relations of the vice president with the European Parliament and Council. This latter role involved overseeing, complex inter-institutional negotiations on issues such as REACH, the single market for goods package and the defence package. He had also been part of commissioner Verheugen's team for the last part of the Prodi commission where he oversaw preparations for the new financial perspectives and also dealt with relations with the European Parliament.



## Samia Nakhoul



### Middle East Editor, Reuters

Samia Nakhoul began her career reporting on the civil war in her native Lebanon in the 1980s and covered the Gulf War of 1990-91, the Egyptian Islamist insurgency against Hosni Mubarak in the 1990s, the first Palestinian-Israeli peace talks, the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon in 2000 and the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003. She also led the coverage of popular Arab uprisings, the toppling of four Arab presidents, the Syrian civil war and the fall of Mosul to Islamic State. As Gulf bureau chief she reported from Baghdad throughout the US-led invasion of Iraq, during which she was severely wounded when an American tank shell hit the headquarters of the international press, and had to undergo brain surgery.

Nakhoul won Reuters scoop of the year for breaking the news that Muammar Gaddafi was captured with his son and then later killed. Her report on the secret plan to take Tripoli was recognised as a finalist in the Pultizers that year.

From Cairo, she accompanied Yasser Arafat on his return to Gaza in 1994 after 42 years in exile. Her report from Egypt in 1992 on an Islamist state within a state in the giant Cairo slum of Imbaba won international acclaim.

Nakhoul was awarded the Chevalier dans l'Ordre National du Mérite for her venerable career covering the Middle East. She was given a Courage in Journalism Award from the International Women's Media Foundation, and the International Council for Press and Broadcasting's Peace Through Media award. In 2015 she was the recipient of the Reuters Baron award which recognises an individual exemplifying Reuters tradition of integrity, journalistic excellence, personal courage and expertise.

Nakhoul has a degree in international affairs from Beirut University College.



## Nathalie Nougayrède



### Foreign Affairs Columnist and Member of Editorial Board, *The Guardian*

Nathalie Nougayrède is a foreign affairs columnist and a member of editorial board of *The Guardian*, which she joined in October 2014. She was previously the editor of *Le Monde* from 2013-14. She was *Le Monde*'s diplomatic correspondent from 2005-13 and before that, its Moscow bureau chief. She has covered European affairs, international security issues, and post-Soviet transitions since the 1990s, including conflicts in the Balkans and in the Caucasus, for *Liberation*, and then *Le Monde*. She was awarded the Albert Londres journalism prize in 2005 for her coverage of the Chechnya war. She has contributed to books on human rights, Putin's Russia for Amnesty International and for the CERJ research center in Paris. She currently focuses on Europe, its political developments and its security challenges. She is a graduate of l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Strasbourg and of the Paris Centre for Journalism. She is on the advisory committee of the Centre Primo Levi in Paris, which helps refugees who have been victims of torture.

## Hale Onursal Hatipoğlu



### Deputy Secretary General of External Relations, TÜSİAD

Hale Onursal Hatipoğlu is the deputy secretary general in charge of external relations at the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD). Her working areas are Turkey-EU relations, issues related to customs union, business development strategies with the aim of increasing Turkey's trade and investment relations, and communication/public relations/public affairs projects to enhance EU citizens' knowledge on Turkey. She is B20 sherpa of TÜSİAD in the B20 Coalition, the structure created by independent and voluntary business organisations of G20 countries. Following an agreement between the World Bank Group and TÜSİAD in September 2004, she also works as private sector liaison officer to the World Bank Group in Turkey to facilitate Turkish companies' access to World Bank Group business opportunities, services and knowledge. Onursal Hatipoğlu received her BA in international relations and MA in EU politics from Marmara University and the College of Europe respectively.



## Alvaro Ortiz Vidal-Abarca



**Chief Economist for Cross Emerging Markets, BBVA Research**  
Alvaro Ortiz Vidal-Abarca is chief economist for cross emerging markets at BBVA Research. He is responsible for the analysis of the cross-country projects such as the country risk analysis, geopolitics and the Eagles project which focuses on the long run potential of the emerging markets.

He previously worked as chief economist for Europe, Asia and the Middle East at Cemex, deputy director of economic analysis at Repsol YPF and head of Latin America at the economic research department of Banco Santander.

## Soli Özel



**Professor, Kadir Has University and Columnist, *HaberTürk* Daily Newspaper**

Soli Özel holds a BA in economics from Bennington College and a MA in international relations from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Özel is currently a full time professor at Kadir Has University. He is also a columnist at *HaberTürk* daily newspaper, and an advisor to TÜSIAD.

He has guest lectured at Georgetown, Harvard, Tufts and other US universities, taught at UC Santa Cruz, SAIS, University of Washington, Hebrew University and held fellowships at Oxford, the EU Institute of Strategic Studies, and is now a Miller family fellow at the Belfer Center of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In spring 2013 he was a Keyman fellow at Northwestern University. He is on the board of directors of International Alert and a member of the council of the European Council on Foreign Relations.



## Gar0 Paylan



### **Member of Parliament, Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), Turkey**

Gar0 Paylan is a member of the Turkish government from the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) representing Istanbul's third district. He is among the founders of HDP and has been serving in its central committee as well as in the party congress since 2013. Prior to becoming a member of the Turkish parliament in June 2015, Paylan served on the board of Armenian schools in Istanbul, with a particular focus on bilingual education and minority education reform.

Paylan is also a member of 'Friends of Hrant Dink', a group dedicated to raising awareness on the Armenian issue and seeking proper justice for the 2007 assassination of Armenian journalist Hrant Dink. Paylan is a graduate of Istanbul University.

## Sasha Polakow-Suransky



### **Editor, International Opinion, *The New York Times***

Sasha Polakow-Suransky is currently an op-ed editor at *The New York Times*, responsible for assigning articles on foreign policy and international affairs.

He has also worked as a senior editor at *Foreign Affairs* magazine and as a writer for *The American Prospect* where he covered American politics and the post 9/11 backlash against Muslim and immigrant populations in the US and Europe. His articles have also appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *Foreign Policy*, *The International Herald Tribune*, *Newsweek*, and *The New Republic*.

In December 2015 he will take up an Open Society Foundations fellowship and begin research for a book on the backlash against immigration in Europe, South Africa and Australia and the long term threat it poses to liberal democratic governance.



## Giles Portman



### **Head of the East Stratcom Task Force, European External Action Service**

Giles Portman has worked on EU-Turkey relations for the last 12 years as chair of the EU enlargement working group that negotiated the opening of Turkey's EU accession negotiations in 2005, as deputy head of mission at the British Embassy in Ankara and as advisor, then head of division for Turkey at the European External Action Service (EEAS). Portman has also served on diplomatic postings to the UN in New York and Prague. Before his diplomatic career he worked on the privatisation of British Rail.

He has a BA and an MA from the University of Oxford.

On September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 he was appointed head of the East Stratcom Task Force in the EEAS, responsible for communicating and promoting EU policies in the EU's eastern neighbourhood, strengthening the media environment and media independence, and improving the EU's capacity to anticipate and respond to disinformation.

## Fabrice Pothier



### **Director of Policy Planning, NATO**

Fabrice Pothier is head of policy planning in the office of the secretary general. He provides strategic advice and develops new policy initiatives for the NATO secretary general, collaborating across NATO international and military senior staff, as well as with the broader expert community, including think-tanks, academic institutions and non-governmental organisations.

Prior to his NATO appointment, Pothier was founding director of Carnegie Europe, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace's pan-European foreign policy centre based in Brussels. Under his leadership, Carnegie Europe became one of Europe's leading think-tanks on foreign policy and strategic issues by bringing together global and regional perspectives, creating a regional research platform with leading senior analysts and engaging with senior European policy-makers and commentators.

Previously, Pothier was head of policy analysis and co-founder of the International Council on Security and Development (ICOS), which was initiated by the Network of European Foundations. He was international research manager at the London-based strategic consultancy Europe Japan Centre, owned by Japanese energy group Osaka Gas.



## Marietje Schaake



### Member of the European Parliament

Marietje Schaake has served as a member of the European Parliament for the Dutch Democratic Party (D66) with the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) political group since 2009. Schaake is the ALDE co-ordinator of the international trade committee, and is the spokesperson for the ALDE Group on TTIP. Schaake also serves on the committee on foreign affairs, where she focuses on strengthening Europe as a global player. She works on the EU's neighbourhood policy, notably Turkey, Iran and North Africa and the broader Middle East. In the subcommittee on human rights she speaks on human rights and co-ordinates the monthly human rights resolutions for ALDE. Her work has sought to include digital freedoms in EU foreign policy. Furthermore, she is a vice president of the delegation for relations with the US and a substitute member on the delegation with Iran.

In addition to her parliamentary work, Schaake is, amongst others, a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, a commissioner on the global commission on internet governance and a World Economic Forum young global leader in the class of 2014. She serves as vice president of the supervisory board of Free Press Unlimited.

## Can Selçuki

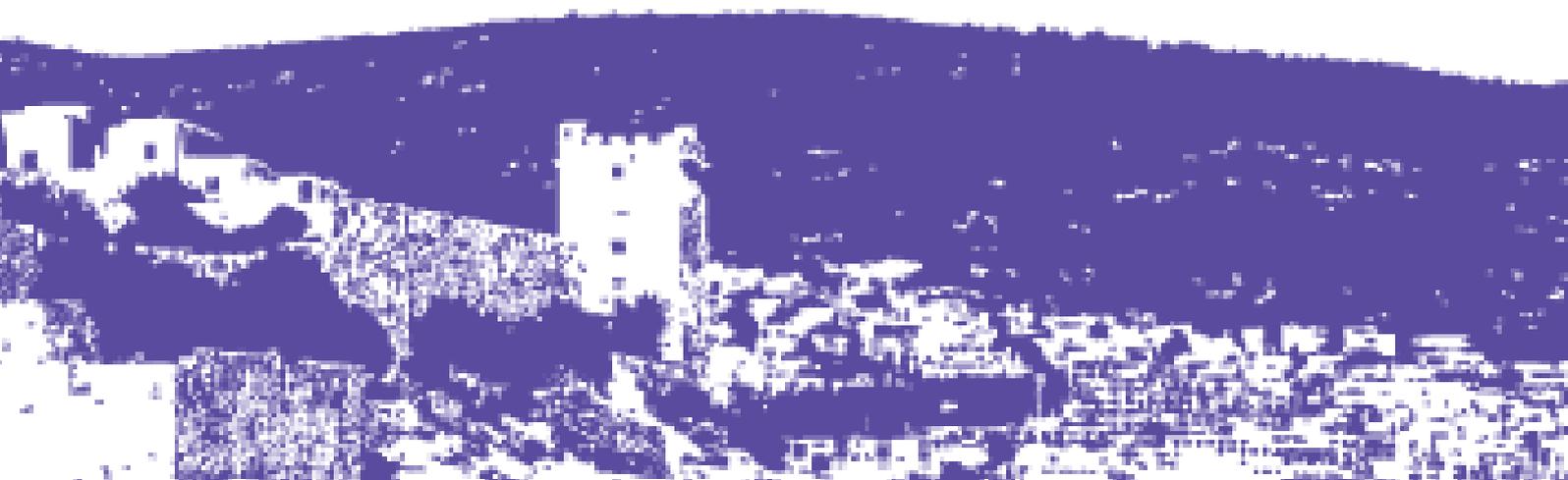


### Economist, World Bank

Can Selçuki is an economist in the World Bank Ankara office working in the trade and competitiveness global practice.

Prior to working at the World Bank, Selçuki worked as a researcher at the Brussels based think-tank the Centre for European Policy Studies. He got his BA degree at the Bilkent University, Ankara, from the department of industrial engineering and a MSc in economics and social sciences at Universita Bocconi in Milan, Italy.

His work entails private sector development with a focus on regional development, competition, innovation and industrial policy.



## Rauf Engin Soysal



### **Under Secretary, Ministry for EU Affairs, Turkey**

Rauf Engin Soysal studied at Marmara University's faculty of economic and administrative sciences and graduated from the department of international relations in 1982.

He holds two MA degrees from the College of Europe and French National School of Government (ENA).

Having worked at Marmara University as a research assistant for a short period, he joined the ministry of foreign affairs in 1983. Soysal worked in capacity of the chief of cabinet to the minister, 1997-99, special advisor to the minister, 2000-02, and deputy under secretary for the Middle East and South Asia, 2009-10.

Having served at the Turkish Embassy in Washington DC as the minister counsellor and deputy chief of mission between 2003-07, Soysal was appointed to Islamabad as ambassador from 2007-09. Soysal served as special envoy of the UN secretary general for assistance to Pakistan between 2010-11 and was appointed as the permanent representative of the Republic of Turkey to the Council of Europe in October 2011. On July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, Soysal returned to Ankara and became the acting undersecretary of the ministry for EU affairs. In July 2014, he was appointed as the under secretary of the ministry for EU affairs.

## Vessela Tcherneva



### **Programme Director, European Council on Foreign Relations**

Vessela Tcherneva is the European Council on Foreign Relations' (ECFR) programme director and head of ECFR's Sofia office.

She is the co-founder of Sofia Platform, a venue for dialogue between members of NGOs, the media, and politics from Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. From 2010-13 she was the spokesperson for the Bulgarian ministry of foreign affairs and a member of the political cabinet of Foreign Minister Nickolay Mladenov. She has been the head of the Bulgarian office of ECFR since 2008, as well as programme director for foreign policy studies at the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia. Between 2004-06 she was secretary of the International Commission on the Balkans, chaired by former Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato. She has been a supervising editor for *Foreign Policy Bulgaria* magazine since its launch in 2005.



## Jan Techau



### **Director, Carnegie Europe**

Jan Techau is the director of Carnegie Europe, the European think-tank of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Techau works on EU integration and foreign policy, transatlantic affairs, and German foreign and security policy.

Before joining Carnegie in March 2011, Techau served in the NATO Defense College's research division from February 2010 until February 2011. He was director of the Alfred von Oppenheim Center for European Policy Studies at the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin between 2006-10, and from 2001-06 he served at the German ministry of defence's press and information department. Techau is an associate scholar at the Center for European Policy Analysis and an associate fellow at both the German Council on Foreign Relations and the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies. He is a regular contributor to German and international news media and writes a weekly column for Judy Dempsey's Strategic Europe blog.

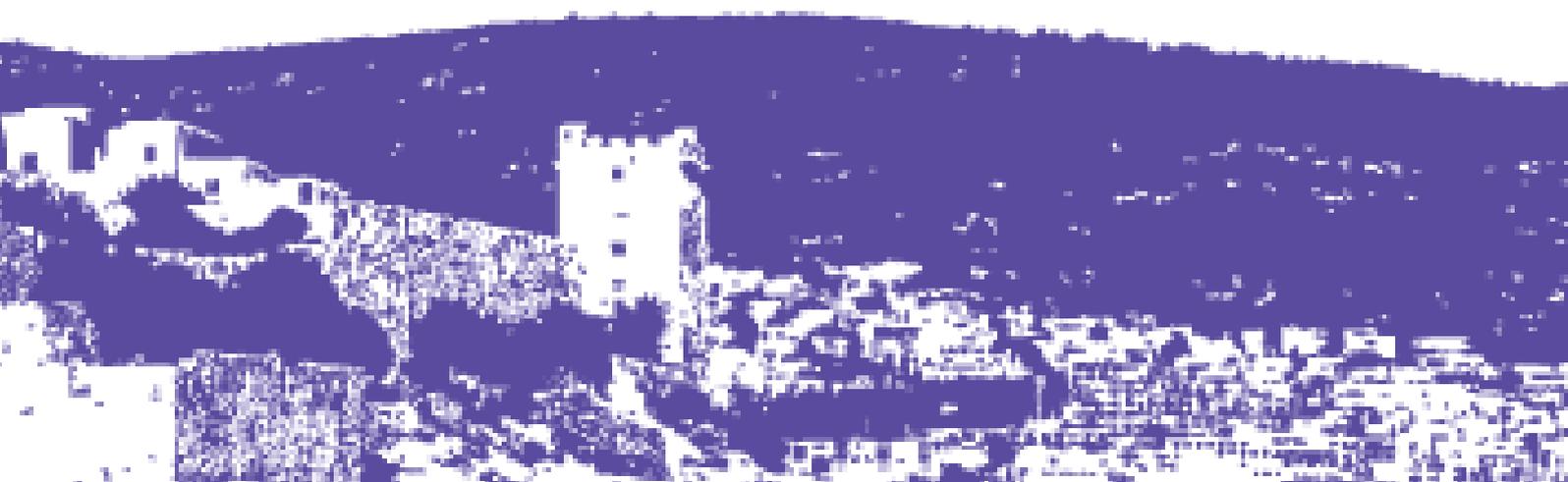
## Nathalie Tocci



### **Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali and Special Advisor to Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative and Vice President of the European Commission**

Nathalie Tocci is deputy director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali and advisor on international strategies to the Italian minister of foreign affairs.

She is also editor of *The International Spectator*. She held previous research posts at the Transatlantic Academy, Washington, the European University Institute, Florence, and the Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels.



## Sinan Ülgen



### Chairman, EDAM

Sinan Ülgen graduated in 1987 from the University of Virginia with a double major in computer sciences and economics. He undertook graduate studies at the College of Europe in Brugge, Belgium, where he received, in 1990, a masters degree in European economic integration. He then joined the Turkish foreign service as a career diplomat.

In 1992, he was posted to the Turkish permanent delegation to the European Union in Brussels where he became part of the team that negotiated the Turkey-EU customs union.

Ülgen is the founder and managing partner of Istanbul Economics. The consultancy specialises in market entry strategies for international companies, political and economic risk analysis related to Turkey and regulatory affairs.

Ülgen is also the chairman of the Istanbul based think-tank, Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM) and a visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe in Brussels. His research and opinion pieces have been widely published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Center for European Policy Studies, Centre for European Reform, the Atlantic Council, The German Marshall Fund, Brookings and the World Economic Forum as well as newspapers such as *Le Figaro*, *Financial Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *European Voice*, *Project Syndicate* and the *International New York Times*.

He is also the co-author of a book on Turkey-EU relations with Kemal Derviş and a frequent commentator on Turkish affairs in the international press. Ülgen is an academic advisory board member of the NATO Defence College in Rome and a member of the international policy experts group setup by the NATO secretary general Anders Fogh Rasmussen.



## Tomáš Valášek



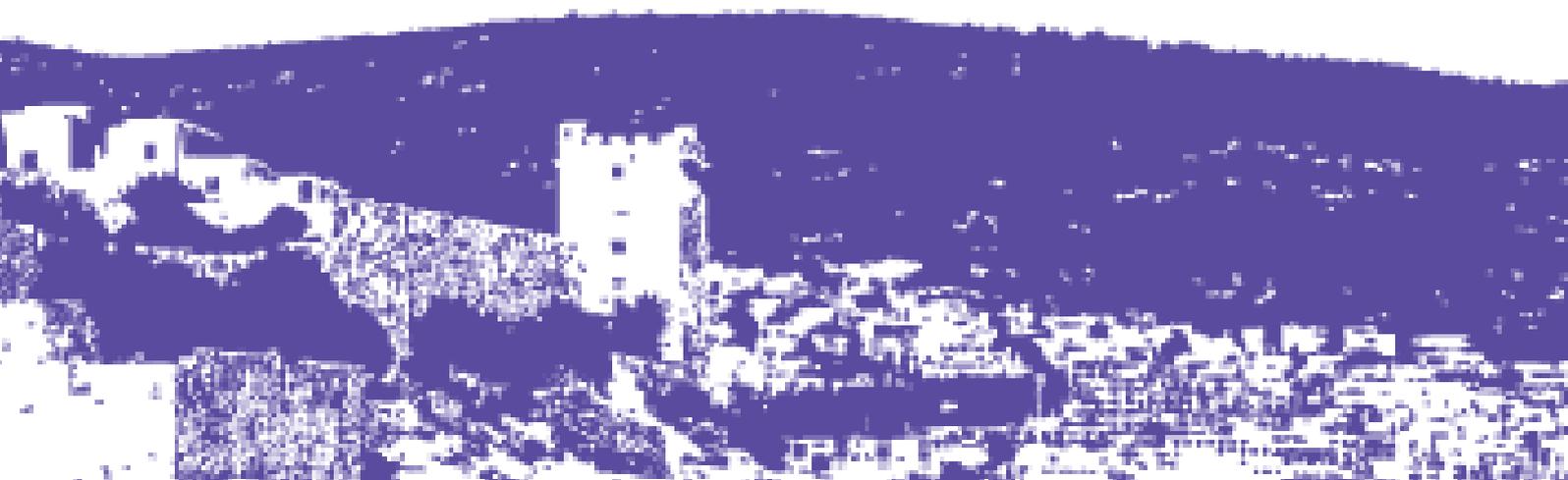
### Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to NATO

Tomáš Valášek has been permanent representative of the Slovak Republic to NATO since 2013. Previously he worked as president of the Central European Policy Institute, an independent regional think-tank in Bratislava, Slovakia. From 2006-12 he worked as director of foreign policy and defence at the Centre for European Reform in London. He has written extensively on European defence capabilities; budgets and collaboration; on transatlantic relations; common European foreign and security policy; and on defence industrial issues.

He served as policy director and head of the security and defence policy division at the Slovak ministry of defence. Before joining the ministry, Valášek founded and directed the Brussels office of the World Security Institute, a Washington based think-tank, from 2002-06. From 1996-02 he worked as senior European analyst in CDI's Washington office.

Valášek is the author of numerous articles appearing in newspapers and journals including *The International Herald Tribune*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and the *Financial Times*.

He advised the Slovak defence and foreign ministers, the UK House of Lords, and the group of experts on the new NATO Strategic Concept. He is an honorary citizen of the state of Georgia, USA. Valášek holds an MA in international affairs from George Washington University in Washington, and a BA in journalism from the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia.



## Joshua Walker



### **Vice President of Global Programs, APCO Worldwide and Non Resident Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States**

Joshua Walker is vice president of global programs, APCO Worldwide in the office of the CEO and non resident transatlantic fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the US in Washington, specialising in foreign policy, international affairs and public-private partnerships. Walker served at the US department of state in secretary Kerry's office of the chief economist in 2013, and prior to this appointment, in 2012, he served in secretary Clinton's global partnership initiative as the senior advisor on the Middle East and North Africa.

Prior to the state department, Walker was a transatlantic fellow at the GMF responsible for the Turkey program and Japan portfolio of the Asia team.

He has worked for the US embassy Ankara, Turkey desk at the state department, and the joint chiefs of staff at the Pentagon.

Walker earned his PhD in politics and public policy with a specialisation in international relations and security studies at Princeton University. He holds an MA degree in international relations from Yale University and a BA degree from the University of Richmond.

## Klaus Welle



### **Secretary General and Member of the European Parliament**

Klaus Welle has been the secretary general of the European Parliament since 2009.

His former positions in the European Parliament include, head of the cabinet of the president from 2007-09, director general for internal policies, 2004-07, secretary general of the EPP-ED Group, 1999-03, secretary general of the European People's Party (EPP) and the European Union of Christian Democrats, 1994-99. Prior to this he was head of the European and foreign policy department, CDU central office, Bonn from 1991-94.



## Alexandros Yannis



### **Energy Diplomacy Co-ordinator, European External Action Service**

Alexandros Yannis is currently the energy diplomacy co-ordinator of the European External Action Service (EEAS) of the European Union. He has been a member of the cabinet of Catherine Ashton, the former high representative of the Union for foreign affairs and security policy and vice president of the European Commission, and has also worked in the Council of the European Union for Javier Solana, former high representative for the common foreign and security policy. He has extensive high-level professional experience in international negotiations, multilateral diplomacy, conflict prevention and energy geopolitics as well as with EU enlargement and neighbourhood policies. He has lived and worked in Brussels, Athens, Geneva, New York, Boston, Kosovo and Nairobi. He has also been an associate professor at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston and visiting scholar at the School of International and Public Affairs of Columbia University in New York. He holds a PhD from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva and he is a research associate at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP). He has lectured and published widely, particularly on European Union foreign policy.

## Afşin Yurdakul



### **International News Anchor, HaberTürk News Channel**

Afşin Yurdakul is international news anchor at HaberTürk News Channel in Istanbul, Turkey. She has written about Turkish foreign policy and Middle Eastern politics for *Foreign Policy*, *The New Republic*, and *Newsweek* among others. Yurdakul is a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Europe, and holds a MA from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York.





## Organisational team

**Jordan Orsler**



### **Events Co-ordinator, Centre for European Reform**

Jordan Orsler joined the CER in March 2013, as an administrative assistant, and became the eventsco-ordinator in January 2014. She is PA to the director Charles Grant and assists in the co-ordination of travel and diary management for researchers. She has a degree in German and European Studies from the University of Sussex, and spent an Erasmus year studying at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg.

**Nazife Al**



### **Secretary General, EDAM**

Nazife Al is secretary general of EDAM. She co-ordinates organisation of conferences and manages administrative tasks of projects carried out by EDAM. She graduated from Istanbul Bilgi University, international relations department in 2010 and completed graduate courses at Middle East Technical University international relations department. She is also alumni of EU-Middle East Forum, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP).

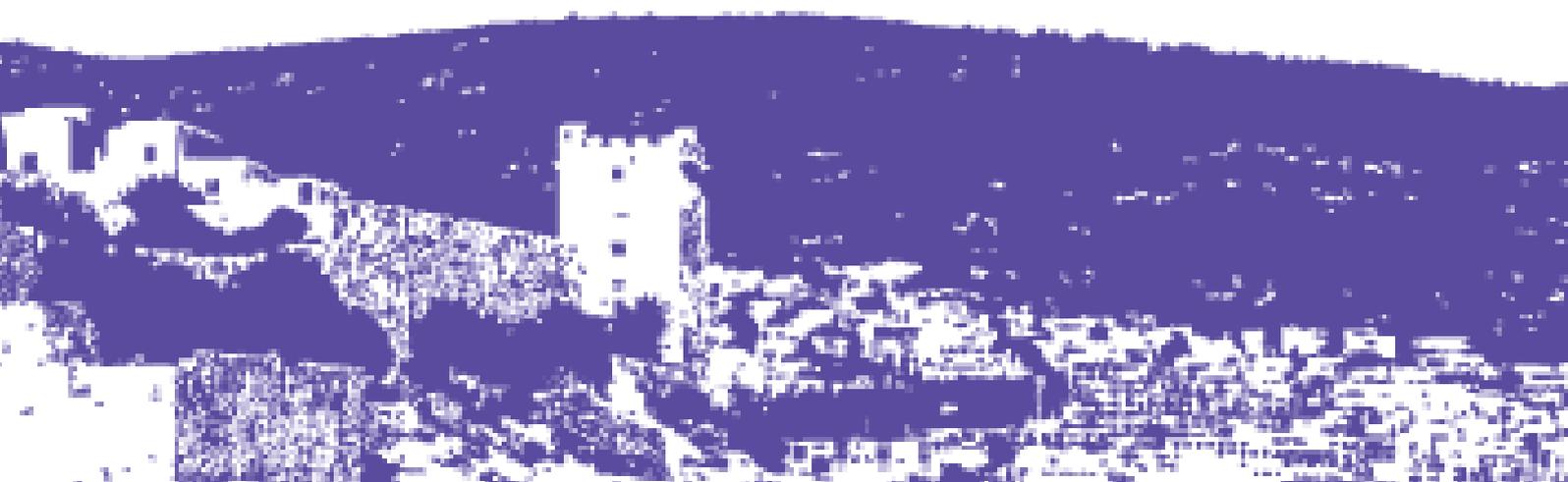
**Doruk Ergun**



### **Research Fellow, EDAM**

Doruk Ergun is a research fellow at EDAM, where he works on Turkish foreign policy and security issues.

He was a research assistant at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly before assuming his position at EDAM in 2012. He received his MA on international affairs with a focus on international security studies from The Elliott School of International Affairs of the George Washington University in 2011 and his BA on social and political sciences from Sabanci University in 2009.



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