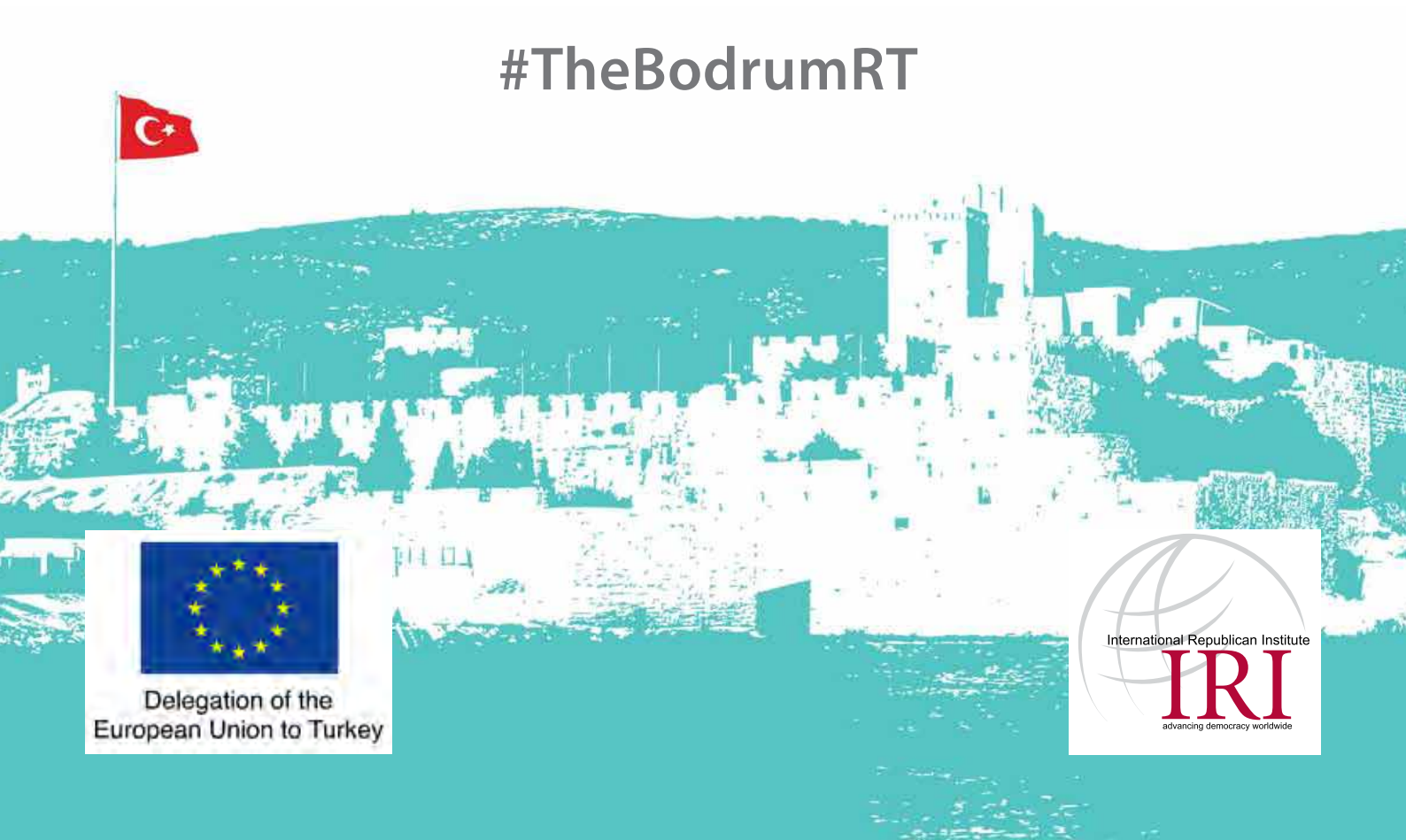




# The 13<sup>th</sup> Bodrum roundtable

6-8 October 2017  
Mandarin Oriental  
Bodrum, Turkey

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## Friday, 6 October 2017

21.00

Welcome dinner at the Assaggio Restaurant, Mandarin Oriental,

**Keynote speech: Mehmet Şimşek,**

Deputy Prime Minister, Turkey

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

## Saturday, 7 October 2017

08.00-09.00

Breakfast

09.15-10.00

**Keynote speech: Selim Yenel,**

Ambassador and Undersecretary, Ministry for EU Affairs, Turkey

**Chair: Sinan Ülgen,** Chairman, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies

10.00-12.30

**What role for the US and Europe in the Middle East?**

**Carl Bildt,** Co-chair, Council, European Council on Foreign Relations

**Kori Schake,** Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

**Yaroslav Trofimov,** Columnist and Senior Correspondent, *The Wall Street Journal*

**Chair: Rima Maktabi,** London Bureau Chief, Al Arabiya News Channel

12.30-14.00

Lunch

14.00-16.30

Free time



16.30-18.30

**Information warfare: The cyber dimension\***

**Paul McCarthy**, Regional Deputy Director, Europe,  
International Republican Institute

**Fabrice Pothier**, Chief Strategy Officer, Rasmussen Global

**Marietje Schaake**, Member, European Parliament

**Chair: Natalie Nougayrède**, Editorial Board Member and  
Columnist, *The Guardian*

20.00

Departure for dinner

20.30-22.30

Dinner at Musto Bistro, Bodrum

22.30-00.30

After dinner drinks (optional)

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**Sunday, 8 October 2017**

**08.00-09.15**

**Breakfast**

**09.30-12.00**

**What next for Turkey and Europe?**

**Christian Berger**, Ambassador and Head of Delegation,  
Delegation of the EU to Turkey

**Mehmet Kemal Bozay**, Ambassador and Deputy  
Undersecretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

**Kati Piri**, Member, European Parliament

**Nathalie Tocci**, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali

**Chair: Aslı Aydıntaşbaş**, Senior Policy Fellow, European  
Council on Foreign Relations

**12.30-15.00**

**Lunch and departures**





## List of participants

<b>Nazife Al</b>	Secretary General, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies
<b>Ömer Aras</b>	Chairman of the Board, QNB Finansbank
<b>Zeynel Abidin Ateş</b>	Programme Officer, International Republican Institute
<b>Aslı Aydıntaşbaş</b>	Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations
<b>Christian Berger</b>	Ambassador and Head of Delegation, Delegation of the EU to Turkey
<b>Carl Bildt</b>	Co-chair, Council, European Council on Foreign Relations
<b>Edward Bowles</b>	Managing Director, Group Public Affairs, Standard Chartered Bank
<b>Mehmet Kemal Bozay</b>	Ambassador and Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey
<b>Anna Maria Corazza Bildt</b>	Member, European Parliament
<b>Alper Coşkun</b>	Ambassador, Director General for International Security Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey
<b>Milica Delevic</b>	Director, Governance and Political Affairs, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
<b>Yeşil Deniz</b>	Research Assistant, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies
<b>Doruk Ergun</b>	Research Fellow, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies
<b>Carlotta Gall</b>	Turkey Bureau Chief, <i>The New York Times</i>
<b>Charles Grant</b>	Director, Centre for European Reform
<b>Kadri Gürsel</b>	Columnist, <i>Cumhuriyet</i>
<b>Ümit Hergüner</b>	Senior Partner, Hergüner Bilgen Özeke Attorney Partnership
<b>Ahmet Kasım Han</b>	Kadir Has University and Board Member, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies
<b>Ümit Kumcuoğlu</b>	Board Member, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies



**Mark Leonard**  
**Rima Maktabi**  
**Paul McCarthy**

Director, European Council on Foreign Relations  
London Bureau Chief, Al Arabiya News Channel  
Regional Deputy Director, Europe, International  
Republican Institute

**Nevşin Mengü**  
**Javier Nino Perez**  
**Natalie Nougayrède**  
**Jordan Orsler**

TV Presenter, CNN Türk  
Head of Turkey Division, European External Action Service  
Editorial Board Member and Columnist, *The Guardian*  
Events Manager, Centre for European Reform  
Chief Economist for Turkey, China and Geopolitics,  
BBVA Research

**Alvaro Ortiz Vidal-Abarca**

**Kati Piri**  
**Fabrice Pothier**  
**Luigi Scazzieri**  
**Marietje Schaaake**  
**Kori Schake**  
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Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University  
General Manager, Istanbul Economics Research  
Economy Co-ordinator, Bloomberg HT  
Senior Resident Representative in Turkey, International  
Monetary Fund

**Mehmet Şimşek**  
**Mehul Srivastava**  
**Vessela Tcherneva**

Deputy Prime Minister, Turkey  
Turkey Correspondent, *Financial Times*  
Director, Wider Europe Programme and Head of Sofia  
Office, European Council on Foreign Relations  
Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali  
Columnist and Senior Correspondent, *The Wall Street  
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**Yaroslav Trofimov**

Chairman, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies  
Director, Carnegie Europe  
UN Resident Co-ordinator and UNDP Resident  
Representative in Turkey, United Nations  
Turkey Country Director, International Republican Institute  
MA Co-ordinator, Istanbul Bilgi University

**Sinan Ülgen**  
**Tomáš Valášek**  
**Irena Vojáčková-Sollorano**

**Ilija Vojnovic**  
**Gülperi Vural**



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Ambassador and Undersecretary, Ministry for EU Affairs,  
Turkey

**Serap Yıldız Yenel**

Advisor to the Undersecretary, Ministry for EU Affairs,  
Turkey

**Alper Hakan Yüksel**  
**Piotr Zalewski**

Head of Wholesale Banking, ING Bank  
Turkey Correspondent, *The Economist*





## Biographies

### Ömer Aras



### Chairman of the Board, QNB Finansbank

Ömer Aras is the chairman of QNB Finansbank, Turkey. He worked as chief executive officer from 1989-1995, and served as the executive board member from 1995-2006. During this period, he also served as the vice chairman of Fiba Holding. In 2010 he became the chairman of Finansbank. Aras also serves as the chairman of Cigna Finans Life and Pension. Prior to his career at Finansbank, Aras worked for Citibank from 1984-1987. Aras received his MBA and PhD from Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management, and spent three years working at the business school faculty of The Ohio State University from 1981-1984.

### Zeynel Abidin Ateş



### Programme Officer, International Republican Institute (IRI)

Zeynel Abidin Ateş studied international finance at Istanbul Bilgi University for two years, then graduated as a political science major. He completed internships at the Competition Authority of Turkey and the Ministry for EU Affairs, Turkey. He started his professional career as an international relations specialist at the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation. He has been Turkey programme officer for the IRI since 2014.





## Aslı Aydıntaşbaş



### Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

Aslı Aydıntaşbaş is a senior policy fellow at ECFR and a commentator on Turkish politics, the Middle East and media freedoms. She writes a current affairs column for *Cumhuriyet* and a global opinions column for *The Washington Post*. Prior to her work for ECFR, Aydıntaşbaş was a columnist for *Milliyet* and hosted a TV show on CNN Türk. She has regularly written for publications including the *International Herald Tribune*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *Politico.com* and *Newsweek/The Daily Beast*. She served as the Washington correspondent and later the Ankara bureau chief for *Sabah* from 2002-2008. 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.

## Christian Berger



### Ambassador and Head of Delegation, Delegation of the EU to Turkey

Christian Berger has been head of the EU delegation to Turkey since November 2016. From 2011-2016 he served as director and deputy managing director for the Middle East and North Africa at the European External Action Service, and from 2008-2011 he was the EU representative and head of delegation in Jerusalem. Prior to this, he was head of the Crisis Response and Peacebuilding Unit in the European Commission's Directorate-General for External Relations (DG RELEX) (2006-2008). From 2005-2006 he served as the EU representative to the Middle East Quartet Special Envoy for Disengagement James Wolfensohn. Berger began working for the Committee of the Regions in 1997, after which he moved to DG RELEX in 1999, and from 2001 worked as the political advisor on Middle Eastern issues. From 1994-1996 he worked as deputy director at the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna, and as secretary of the OSCE Permanent Council. Berger holds degrees in law from the Universities of Vienna and London.



## Carl Bildt



### Co-chair, Council, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

Carl Bildt has served as both prime minister (1991-1994) and foreign minister (2006-2014) of Sweden. During the first period, his government initiated major liberal economic reforms, and also negotiated and signed Sweden's membership agreement with the EU. Bildt has served in international functions with the EU and the UN, primarily related to the conflicts in the Balkans.

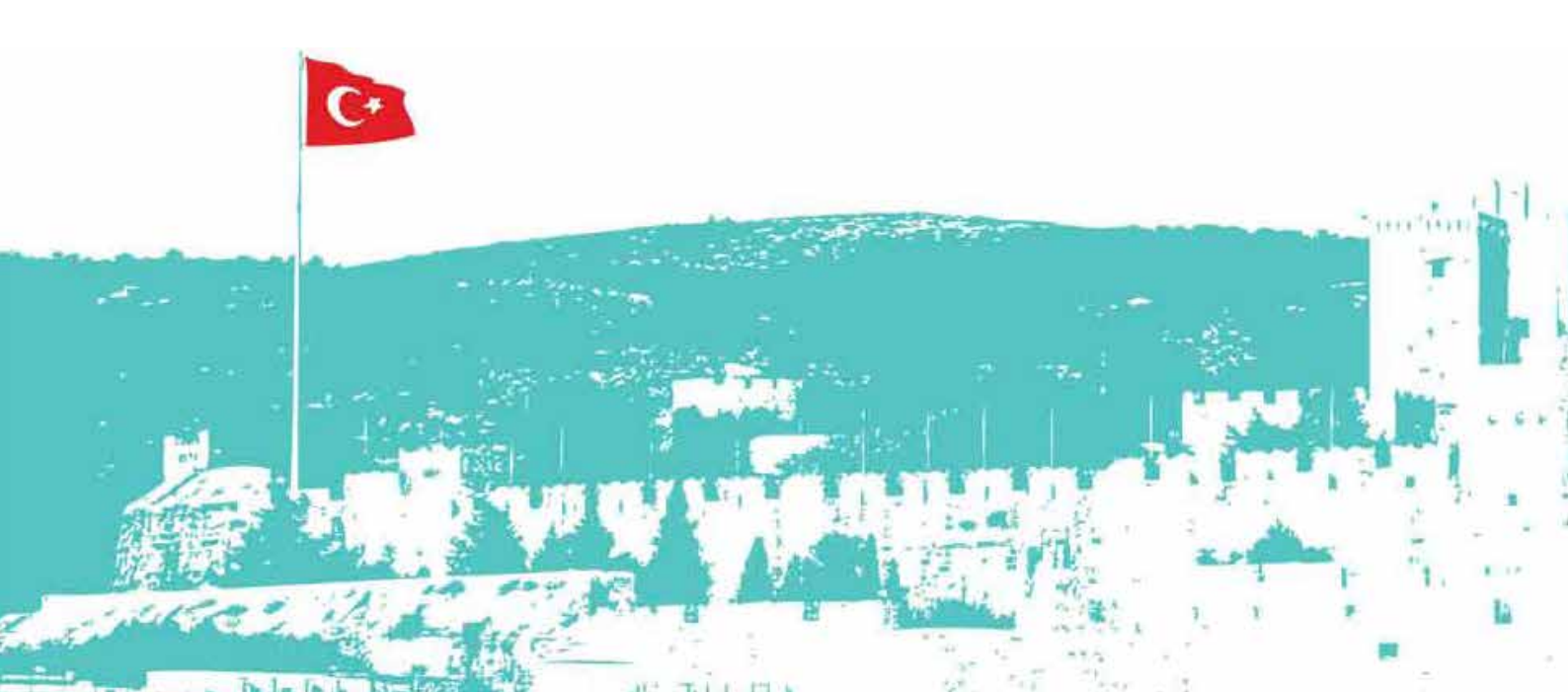
He was co-chairman of the Dayton Peace Talks on Bosnia and became the first high representative in the country. Later, he was the special envoy of UN secretary-general Kofi Annan to the region. Returning as foreign minister of Sweden in 2006, he came to be seen as one of the most prominent and vocal European foreign ministers of the period. He was one of the initiators of the EU's Eastern Partnership, and also pushed the EU to become more involved in the Middle East.

## Edward Bowles



### Managing Director, Group Public Affairs, Standard Chartered Bank

Edward Bowles is managing director of group public affairs at Standard Chartered Bank, a position he has held since October 2016. His responsibilities include regulation, trade policy and political affairs as they impact the bank at group level. Bowles has held a number of different roles since he joined the bank in 2007, including corporate affairs, brand and marketing, and compliance. Bowles is a member of the European Commission's advisory group on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, the Bar Council's Brexit Working Group and the board of Hacked Off. Prior to joining Standard Chartered, Bowles was a civil servant, serving as private secretary to the permanent secretary, and private secretary to two ministers and the head of human rights, all at what is now the Ministry of Justice, UK. Prior to his time in Whitehall, Bowles was a practising barrister, employed in the Crown Prosecution Service; during this time he was also elected to the Bar Council. Bowles holds an MBA from Imperial College London and was called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 1993.





## Mehmet Kemal Bozay



### Ambassador and Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Turkey

Mehmet Kemal Bozay is the deputy undersecretary for European affairs at the MFA, Turkey. Prior to this role, Bozay worked for multiple Turkish embassies around the world. From 1991-1993, he was the attaché and third secretary in Iran, moving to Slovenia as the second and third secretary until 1996, and then assuming the role of second secretary in Bosnia until 1997.

Following this, Bozay worked for the chief of the cabinet of the minister of foreign affairs, until 1999 when he moved to New York to assume the role of first secretary and counsellor at the Permanent mission of Turkey to the UN. From 2005-2009, he was the first counsellor to the Turkish embassy in Israel, and in 2012 he became the Turkish ambassador to Serbia, a role he held for four years.

Bozay is a graduate of the Middle East Technical University's faculty of economics and administrative sciences.

## Anna Maria Corazza Bildt



### Member, European Parliament

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt is a member of the European Parliament. She was elected by the Swedish people in June 2009 and again in May 2014 for the centre right Moderate Party. Corazza Bildt belongs to the European People's Party group, and is first vice chair of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee and deputy co-ordinator for her political group in the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee. She is also a member of the Civil Liberties, Home Affairs and Migration Committee, the Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee and the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee.

In addition, Corazza Bildt chairs the Intergroup on Children's Rights and is a member of the Friends of Turkey group. Her main areas of interest include the digital single market, consumer issues, migration, equality, and peace and security in Europe.



## Alper Coşkun



### Ambassador, Director General for International Security Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Turkey

Alper Coşkun has been director general for international security affairs at the MFA, Turkey, since September 2016. Before that, he was the ambassador of Turkey to Azerbaijan from 2012-2016. From 2010-2012, he served as the deputy director general in charge of security and intelligence at the MFA. He previously served as the deputy permanent representative at the Turkish delegation to NATO, as the head of the Department for NATO and Euro-Atlantic Military and Security Affairs at the MFA, and as counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the UN. He was the faculty adviser and senior Turkish national representative at the NATO Defense College, and has also been placed at the Turkish embassies in Moscow and Athens. Coşkun obtained his BA in international relations from Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, and also holds an MA in government and politics from St John's University in New York.

## Milica Delevic



### Director, Governance and Political Affairs, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Milica Delevic is the director for governance and political affairs at the EBRD. Prior to joining the bank in 2013, Delevic was director of the Serbian government's European Integration Office, foreign minister, and chair of the Serbian parliament's Committee for European Integration. She has served as a board member of Open Society Foundation Serbia and is a member of the Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group. Delevic also lectured on foreign policy and European integration at the University of Belgrade and the Central European University, and was deputy director of the Diplomatic Academy of the Serbia and Montenegro Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Delevic holds a BA from the University of Belgrade, an MA from the Central European University and a PhD from the University of Kent. During her studies, she was selected by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office as a chevening scholar.





## Carlotta Gall



### Turkey Bureau Chief, *The New York Times*

Carlotta Gall is a senior reporter with *The New York Times*. Currently Turkey bureau chief, she has previously reported from North Africa, Afghanistan, the Balkans, Russia and the former Soviet Union. She is author of 'The Wrong Enemy: America in Afghanistan, 2001-2014' and co-author of 'Chechnya: A Small Victorious War'.

## Charles Grant



### Director, Centre for European Reform (CER)

Charles Grant is director of the 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 Brexit.

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 *Guardian*, the *Financial Times* and the *International New York Times* amongst others.

He was a director and trustee of the British Council from 2002-2008, and is a member of the international advisory boards of the Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies, 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.



## Kadri Gürsel



### Columnist, *Cumhuriyet*

Kadri Gürsel is a columnist for [almonitor.com](http://almonitor.com) and the Turkish daily *Cumhuriyet*, where he also serves as editorial adviser. He has been in journalism since 1986. His main areas of interest are Turkish foreign policy, international affairs, press freedom and Turkey's Kurdish question, as well as Turkey's evolving political Islam and its national and regional impacts.

Gürsel joined *Milliyet* publishing group in 1997 as the vice editor-in-chief of the newly launched weekly news magazine, *Artı-Haber*.

In 1999 he became editor of *Milliyet's* foreign news desk, a role he held for nine years. He then worked as a columnist for eight years until he was fired in July 2015 for a tweet criticising President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's Syria policy.

Prior to working at *Milliyet*, Gürsel worked for the Agence France-Presse (AFP) as Istanbul based correspondent from 1993-1997. Whilst working for the AFP, he was kidnapped in the south-east of Turkey by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). He narrated his misadventures and first-hand observations at the hands of the PKK, which endured 26 days in the mountainous south-east, in his book 'Dağdakiler' (those of the mountains) published in 1996.

Gürsel is an executive board member of the Vienna based press freedom organisation, the International Press Institute (IPI), and the chairman of IPI's Turkish National Committee. He portrayed the evolution of authoritarianism in the Justice and Development Party's Turkey in his recent book 'Turquie, Année Zéro' published in France in February 2016.



## Ümit Hergüner



### Senior Partner, Hergüner Bilgen Özeke Attorney Partnership

Ümit Hergüner is the senior partner at Hergüner Bilgen Özeke Attorney Partnership, which he founded in 1989. The firm is among the leading independent, full-service law firms in Turkey, and represents major foreign and domestic financial institutions, corporations, public institutions and private individuals. Hergüner is on the advisory board of the International Relations and European Union Center at the Union of Turkish Bar Associations (TBB), and has served as the American Bar Association and TBB representative to the International Bar Association's Working Group on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. He is a board member of the International Law Institute in Washington, DC, and the former president of its Istanbul chapter. He is a former president and current board member of the Corporate Governance Association of Turkey, and a member of the Turkish Industry and Business Association. Hergüner holds undergraduate and master's degrees from Istanbul University School of Law, as well as an LLM degree from American University Washington College of Law and the University of Virginia School of Law.





## Ahmet Kasım Han



### Kadir Has University and Board Member, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM)

Ahmet Kasım Han is a faculty member of the Department of International Relations at Kadir Has University. He also serves as a member of the board of EDAM. He is an adjunct faculty member of the National Defense University's Atatürk Institute of Strategic Studies, and has served as the academic advisor to Armed Forces Higher Command and Control College for Joint Operations. He is an expert for the German Marshall Fund of the United States' 'On Turkey' series. He has been a visiting fellow at the Centre for Syrian Studies at the University of St Andrews and at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern African Studies at Tel Aviv University. He was awarded a Young Leaders of Europe Scholarship from the US Department of State and was a NATO/Transatlantic Opinion Leaders to Afghanistan observer in Afghanistan in 2005 and 2011. In 2013, Han testified before the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on the future of Eastern Mediterranean hydrocarbon resources and NATO security. He is widely consulted by Turkish and international news outlets and appeared as the presenter's friend for CNN International's special coverage of the Turkish referendum in April 2017. His research interests focus on strategic and security studies, the theory of international relations, foreign policy analysis and the transformation of the international system, with a particular focus on the Middle East and South East Asia.

## Ümit Kumcuoğlu



### Board Member, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM)

Ümit Kumcuoğlu is the chief executive officer of Kare Investments, and recently joined the board of EDAM. Previously, he was the director of investments for Kiraca Group and an investment banker with Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan in New York, London and Istanbul. He holds two BSc degrees in electrical engineering and economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an MA in human rights law from Istanbul Bilgi University, where he is a candidate for a PhD in political science. He writes regularly in the fields of economics, finance, politics and political philosophy.





## Mark Leonard



Director, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)  
Mark Leonard is director of the ECFR. He moderates a weekly podcast entitled 'The World in 30 Minutes', in which he discusses current affairs with renowned experts from all over the world. Honoured as a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, he was chairman of their Global Agenda Council on Geo-economics. He is a prolific writer and regular commentator on global issues such as the future of Europe, China's internal politics, and the practice of diplomacy and business in a networked world. His essays appear regularly in publications including the *Financial Times*, *The New York Times*, *Le Monde*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *El País*, *Foreign Policy*, the *New Statesman* and *The Economist*. In addition, Leonard is the author of two best selling books, 'Why Europe will run the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' and 'What does China think?', and editor of 'China 3.0' and 'Connectivity Wars'.

## Rima Maktabi



London Bureau Chief, Al Arabiya News Channel  
Rima Maktabi is a communications professional with over 15 years' experience in television. She became a senior anchor and senior roving reporter for Al Arabiya News Channel in October 2012, and has covered Syria extensively since, focusing on the political, military and humanitarian aspects of the conflict. She has also covered the frontline battle with ISIS in Iraq. Maktabi has interviewed top leaders and decision makers in the Arab world throughout her career. She won the Mohammed Bin Rashed Al Maktoum award for her coverage of the July War in 2006 and was nominated by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader in 2010. Formerly, Maktabi worked with CNN as an anchor and reporter covering major news stories across the Middle East, including the Arab Spring revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt and Bahrain. She was also the host of CNN's renowned show 'Inside the Middle East'. From 2005-2010, Maktabi worked for Al Arabiya News Channel as a reporter and senior anchor where she hosted a daily prime time news show, the '8 o'clock news'. Maktabi started her career in 1996 at Lebanese Future TV, where she spent 10 years covering and anchoring the news, and hosted a youth political show in 2005. She has a BA in communication arts and an MA in international affairs from the Lebanese American University in Beirut.



## Paul McCarthy



## Regional Deputy Director, Europe, International Republican Institute (IRI)

Paul McCarthy joined the IRI in 2004 as a member of the Middle East and North Africa division. He became regional deputy director of the Europe division in January 2015, where he oversees a diverse portfolio of regional and country specific programmes, including a public opinion research programme in Turkey, and working to strengthen IRI's transatlantic relations with European partners. McCarthy is focused on analysing the impact of both Russian soft power meddling and the migration crisis on European politics, and on developing programmes which seek to counter violent extremism. As programme director in Jordan, he developed an innovative local governance and municipal polling programme that has become a model for the IRI. McCarthy also served as programme director in Iraq, where he managed a programme building the capacity of Iraqi national and local governmental institutions, political parties and civil society organisations. Before joining the IRI, McCarthy oversaw the National Endowment for Democracy's extensive assistance programmes to pro-democratic forces in the Balkans during a critical period in the region's turbulent history.

## Nevşin Mengü



## TV Presenter, CNN Türk

Nevşin Mengü is a TV presenter for CNN Türk. She started her career in journalism in 2004 after studying political science. Since then, she has worked as a correspondent, producer and presenter, and was based in Iran from 2009-2010. Upon her return to Turkey, she spent time working for *Hürriyet* newspaper before becoming a presenter on the '6 o'clock news' on CNN Türk. She has been in this role for five years.





## Javier Nino Perez



### Head of Turkey Division, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Javier Nino Perez has worked for the EEAS for the past 23 years, on issues related to international trade negotiations, development aid, conflict prevention and crisis management and foreign affairs. He has served in a number of countries in Europe, the Americas and Africa, and headed the EU representations in Cuba and Haiti as charge d'affaires and ambassador respectively. He is currently head of the Turkey division at the EEAS. The role of his team is to handle general EU policy and strategic co-operation with Turkey, by co-ordinating foreign and security policy and developing concrete co-operation on shared regional and international priorities. Nino Perez graduated from the University of Valladolid with a law degree. He has a master's in European law from the Free University of Brussels and a master's in European studies from the College of Europe, Bruges.

## Natalie Nougayrède



### Editorial Board Member and Columnist, *The Guardian*

Natalie Nougayrède joined *The Guardian* in October 2014. She was previously the editor of *Le Monde* from 2013-2014, its diplomatic correspondent from 2005-2013, 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 *Libération* 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 Putin's Russia for the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation in Paris, and on Anna Politkovskaya. She currently focuses on Europe, its political developments and its security challenges. She is a graduate of l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg, and of the Paris Centre for Journalism. She is on the board of the Centre Primo Levi, a non-governmental organisation which helps refugees who have been victims of torture.



## Alvaro Ortiz Vidal-Abarca



### Chief Economist for Turkey, China and Geopolitics, BBVA Research

Alvaro Ortiz Vidal-Abarca is the chief economist for China, Turkey and geopolitics at BBVA Research, where he is also responsible for big data implementation in economic, social, political and geo-political issues. He previously worked as the chief economist for Europe, Asia and Middle East at Cemex, as deputy director of economic analysis at Repsol YPF and as head of Latin America in the economic research department of Banco Santander. Ortiz Vidal-Abarca holds a PhD in economics from the Autonomous University of Madrid and an advanced diploma in international economics and policy research from the Kiel Institute for World Economics. He has published in several academic journals such as *Economia*, *OPEC Energy Review*, *The Service Studies Journal* and the Bank of Spain's Working Papers, and has regularly contributed to newspapers such as *El País*, *Expansión*, *El Espectador* and *El Economista*.

## Kati Piri



### Member, European Parliament (EP)

Kati Piri is a member of the EP, where she focuses on foreign affairs, human rights, justice and home affairs, and civil liberties. She is the standing rapporteur on Turkey, drafting the EP's annual progress report on Turkey's accession process. Piri is also a member of the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee and the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. Previously, she worked as programme manager for the South Caucasus at the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy, and as political advisor for the Socialists and Democrats Group in Brussels.





## Fabrice Pothier



### Chief Strategy Officer, Rasmussen Global

Fabrice Pothier is the chief strategy officer and director of the Ukraine Initiative at Rasmussen Global. He is also a senior visiting fellow at the Atlantic Council and non-resident senior consulting fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

At Rasmussen Global, Pothier leads a broad campaign in Europe and the US to keep Ukraine on the international agenda. Pothier served as head of policy planning for two successive NATO secretary-generals, Anders Fog Rasmussen and Jens Stoltenberg, for whom he developed some of the alliance's most consequential initiatives and shaped the priorities of four major summits. He also advised them during major crises such as Libya and Ukraine. Before his time at NATO, Pothier founded Carnegie Europe, part of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and was the co-founder of the International Council on Security and Development.

Pothier studied philosophy and history and holds master's degrees in politics and communications.

## Luigi Scazzieri



### Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform (CER)

Luigi Scazzieri is a research fellow at the CER. He works on European foreign and security policy, focusing on policy towards the Middle East, Russia and transatlantic relations.

He was previously a Clara Marina O'Donnell fellow at the CER. He has conducted research at the Centre for European Policy Studies, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Scazzieri is completing a PhD in European studies at King's College London. He holds an MA from the University of Cambridge, an MSc from the London School of Economics and Political Science and an MA from King's College London.



## Marietje Schaake



### Member, European Parliament (EP)

Marietje Schaake has served as a member of the EP for the Dutch Democratic Party (D66) with the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) since 2009. She is a member of the Committee on International Trade and is the spokesperson for ALDE on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. Schaake also serves on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Human Rights. She is the founder of the European Parliament Intergroup on the Digital Agenda for Europe. Furthermore, Schaake is the vice president of the Delegation for Relations with the US and serves on the Delegation for Relations with Iran and Delegation for Relations with the Arab Peninsula. She is a member of the Global Commission on Internet Governance and a Young Global Leader with the World Economic Forum.

## Kori Schake



### Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Kori Schake is a distinguished research fellow at the Hoover Institution. She is the editor, with Jim Mattis, of the book 'Warriors and Citizens: American Views of Our Military'. She teaches 'Thinking About War' at Stanford University, is a contributing editor at *The Atlantic* and writes for *War on the Rocks* and *Foreign Policy*. Her history of the Anglo-American hegemonic transition is forthcoming from Harvard University Press. She has served in various policy roles including at the White House for the National Security Council, at the Department of Defense for the Office of the Secretary and Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Department of State for the Policy Planning Staff. During the 2008 American presidential election, she was senior policy advisor on the McCain-Palin campaign. She has been profiled in publications ranging from national news to popular culture, including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Politico* and *Vogue*.



## Can Selçuki



### General Manager, Istanbul Economics Research

Can Selçuki is the general manager of Istanbul Economics Research, a market research and online big data analytics company. Before this, Selçuki was an economist at the World Bank's Ankara office for four years, working with both the public and private partners in private sector development. His work at the World Bank focused on regional development, competition and innovation policies. Prior to this, Selçuki spent three years as an economics researcher at the Brussels based think-tank, the Centre for European Policy Studies. He is the author of papers and reports on trade competitiveness, regional development and innovation policy in Turkey. Selçuki holds a BSc degree in industrial engineering from Bilkent University and a MSc degree in economics from Bocconi University.

## Gökhan Şen



### Economy Co-ordinator, Bloomberg HT

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## Srikant Seshadri



### Senior Resident Representative in Turkey, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Srikant Seshadri has been the IMF's senior resident representative in Turkey since August 2014. He has extensive experience covering economic, financial and policy issues across a broad range of advanced and emerging economies. Before this he was acting chief of advanced economies in the Strategy, Policy, and Review Department of the IMF, where his principal responsibilities included monitoring G7 and other advanced economies, as well as co-ordinating multilateral policy issues for the G20. He has also served in various other capacities at the IMF, including in the Research Department, International Capital Markets Department and External Relations Department. Prior to joining the IMF, he worked in the private sector as a sovereign risk analyst. He holds a PhD in economics from Boston College, and a BA in economics, and a BSc in chemistry from Washington State University.



## Mehmet Şimşek



### Deputy Prime Minister, Turkey

Mehmet Şimşek has served as deputy prime minister of Turkey since November 2015, where he is responsible for the management of macroeconomic policies. He previously served as the minister of finance from 2009-2015, for which he was one of the longest serving ministers in this role, and as the minister of economy, from 2007-2009. He was elected to the Turkish parliament in 2007, 2011 and 2015 representing the Justice and Development Party (AK Party). Şimşek formulated the fiscal policy which helped Turkey recover strongly from the global financial crisis. He has also undertaken far reaching reforms, such as founding the tax audit board, simplifying tax regulations, enhancing taxpayers' rights and reducing the shadow economy. Before entering politics, he worked for Merrill Lynch in London for seven years as an economist and strategist, and later as head of fixed income strategy and macroeconomic research for the emerging Europe, Middle East and Africa region. From 1998-2000, he was a senior economist and bank analyst at Deutsche-Bender Securities in Istanbul. Earlier in his career, he also worked on Wall Street for UBS Securities in New York and as a senior economist at the US embassy in Ankara. Şimşek is a member of the Global Economic Symposium advisory board. He holds a BSc in economics from Ankara University, where he worked as a research assistant in the University's International Economics and Economic Development Department. He also holds an MPhil in finance and investments from the University of Exeter.



## Mehul Srivastava



### Turkey Correspondent, *Financial Times*

Mehul Srivastava is the Turkey correspondent for the *Financial Times*. He was previously reporter-at-large for Bloomberg News, the India correspondent for *BusinessWeek*, a radio correspondent for American Public Media's 'Marketplace', writer-at-large for the Indian start-up newspaper *Mint*, a labour safety reporter for *The Sacramento Bee* and an investigative reporter for the *Dayton Daily News*. He has reported from over a dozen countries, focusing on government corruption and political upheaval, and their impact on people's lives. His work has been recognised by the Overseas Press Club of America, the Society of Business Editors and Writers, the Gerald Loeb Awards and the Society of Publishers of Asia. He was the Sopa Journalist of the Year in 2013 for his work on India's nutrition paradox and the role societal neglect and corruption played in starving India's poor. He studied journalism at Washington and Lee University.

## Vessela Tcherneva



### Director, Wider Europe Programme and Head of Sofia Office, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

Vessela Tcherneva is the Wider Europe Programme director and head of the Sofia office for the ECFR. She is the co-founder of Sofia Platform, a venue for dialogue between members of non-governmental organisations, the media and politics, from Europe, the Middle East and the US. From 2010-2013 she was the spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria, and a member of the political cabinet of Foreign Minister Nickolay Mladenov. She has been the head of ECFR's Bulgarian office since 2008, as well as programme director for foreign policy studies at the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia. Between 2004-2006 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* since its launch in 2005.





## Nathalie Tocci



### Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Nathalie Tocci is director of the IAI and honorary professor at the University of Tübingen. She is also special adviser to the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini, on behalf of whom she wrote the EU Global Strategy, and is now working on its implementation, notably in the field of security and defence. Previously she held research positions at the Centre for European Policy Studies, the Transatlantic Academy and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. Her research interests include European foreign policy, conflict resolution, the Middle East and the Mediterranean. She is the author and editor of multiple publications including 'Framing the EU's Global Strategy' and 'The EU, Promoting Regional Integration, and Conflict Resolution', and is the 2008 winner of the Anna Lindh award for the study of European foreign policy.

## Yaroslav Trofimov



### Columnist and Senior Correspondent, *The Wall Street Journal*

Yaroslav Trofimov is the Middle East columnist and senior correspondent at *The Wall Street Journal*. He has served at the journal since 1999 in a variety of positions, including as the Afghanistan-Pakistan bureau chief and senior international affairs writer. He was among the finalists of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting for his work on Turkey. Trofimov is the author of two books, 'Faith at War' and 'Siege of Mecca', and holds a degree from New York University.



## Sinan Ülgen



### Chairman, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM)

Sinan Ülgen graduated from the University of Virginia in 1987 with a double major in computer sciences and economics. He undertook graduate studies at the College of Europe in Bruges, where he received a masters degree in European economic integration in 1990. He then joined the Turkish foreign service as a career diplomat. In 1992, he was posted to the Turkish Permanent EU Delegation of Turkey to the EU where he became part of the team that negotiated the Turkey-EU customs union.

Ülgen is the founder and managing partner of Istanbul Economics. He is also the chairman of EDAM and a visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe. 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, Atlantic Council, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Brookings and the World Economic Forum, as well as by 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 Defense College in Rome and a member of the international policy experts group setup by NATO secretary general Anders Fogh Rasmussen.



## Tomáš Valášek



### Director, Carnegie Europe

Tomáš Valášek is the director of Carnegie Europe, where his research focuses on security and defence, transatlantic relations, and Europe's Eastern neighborhood.

Previously, Valášek served as the permanent representative of Slovakia to NATO for nearly four years. Before that, he was president of the Central European Policy Institute from 2012-2013, director of foreign policy and defence at the Centre for European Reform from 2007-2012, and founder and director of the Brussels office of the World Security Institute from 2002-2006. In 2006-2007, he served as acting political director and head of the security and defence policy division at the Ministry of Defence, Slovakia.

Valášek is the author of numerous articles in newspapers and journals including the *International Herald Tribune*, *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Financial Times*. He has advised the Slovak defence and foreign ministers, the UK House of Lords, and the Group of Experts on the new NATO Strategic Concept.

## Irena Vojáčková-Sollorano



### UN Resident Co-ordinator & United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in Turkey, United Nations

Irena Vojáčková-Sollorano is the UN resident co-ordinator and UNDP resident representative to Turkey. Previously, she was the UN resident co-ordinator and UNDP resident representative to Serbia, she led the UN country team's response to the historic floods in 2014, together with UNDP, and to the refugee/migrant crisis in 2015-2016, together with the UN Refugee Agency.

Vojáčková-Sollorano spent 28 years working for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Asia and Europe, where she gained global expertise in migration and development, labour migration, refugee resettlement, border management, smuggling, integration, trafficking and emergency response. Her last appointment with the IOM was as director of the Department for Migration Management. She holds an MA in history, geography and international law from the University of Vienna, a BA in history and political science from the University of Heidelberg, a diploma from the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna and a diploma from the Asian Institute of Management in Manila.





## Ilija Vojnovic



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Ilija Vojnovic is the IRI resident country director in Turkey. He is in charge of drafting and overseeing the IRI assistance programmes for enhancing political competition and promoting policy-oriented politics. Prior to his assignment in Turkey, Vojnovic worked on support to political parties and government institutions in Serbia in the areas of good governance and policy development. Prior to his arrival to IRI, Vojnovic worked as a reporter for the national TV station in Serbia, B92.

## Gülperi Vural



## MA Co-ordinator, Istanbul Bilgi University

Since 2007, Gülperi Vural has been administrative co-ordinator at Istanbul Bilgi University's European Institute. From 1972-2004 she was an administrator, and later head of unit, at the European Commission.

Vural graduated in political and diplomatic science from the Free University of Brussels. She then gained an MA in European law from the Complutense University of Madrid.



## Volkan Vural



### Advisor to President, Doğan Holding

Volkan Vural is a career diplomat who served as Turkish ambassador to Iran, the Soviet Union, Germany, the UN and Spain. He also served as deputy undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey, chief advisor to the prime minister of Turkey and founding secretary-general of the Secretariat General for EU Affairs (which later became the Ministry of EU Affairs). After retirement, Vural joined Doğan Holding as advisor to the group's president.

## Lars Wahlund



### Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden, Ankara

Lars Wahlund is the Swedish ambassador to Turkey. From 2010-2013, he was Sweden's ambassador to Macedonia, which also covered Albania and Kosovo. Prior to that, he worked for different departments within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden, including the EU department, of which he was deputy head, the department for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and the former European security policy department. For many years, Wahlund was responsible for policy towards the Western Balkans region and was a key advisor to the government. He has also served at the embassies in Bonn and Maputo as deputy chief of mission at the Swedish delegation to NATO. Wahlund holds a law degree from Uppsala University and the University of Minnesota.



## Fredrik Wesslau



### Director, Wider Europe Programme, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

Fredrik Wesslau is director of the Wider Europe Programme and senior policy fellow at the ECFR. He has spent the past decade working for the EU, the Organisation of Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the UN on conflicts and crisis management in the Balkans, South Caucasus and Africa. He served as political adviser to the EU special representative for the South Caucasus from 2008-2011. Prior to this, he spent several years in Kosovo where he worked for the OSCE and the UN, including as special adviser to the UN special representative of the secretary-general. Most recently, Wesslau worked as the country representative for a counter-piracy mission operating off the Horn of Africa, and as political adviser to the EU special representative for Sudan and South Sudan. Wesslau is the author of 'The Political Adviser's Handbook' and has previously worked as a journalist, writing mainly for the *International Herald Tribune*. He has masters' degrees from Columbia University and Sciences Po, and a bachelor's degree in international relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

## Selim Yenel



### Ambassador and Undersecretary, Ministry for EU Affairs (MFA), Turkey

Selim Yenel entered the MFA, Turkey, in 1979. His first posting was to the Turkish delegation to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris from 1981-1984. From there he moved to the embassy of Turkey in Kabul, where he stayed from 1984-1986. After returning to the MFA, he was posted to the Turkish delegation to the UN in New York from 1988-1992, then from 1994-1999 to the Turkish delegation to the EU in Brussels. He returned to Ankara in 1999, and dealt with EU matters up to the opening of accession negotiations in 2005. Subsequently in December 2005 he became ambassador to Vienna, until 2009 when he returned to Ankara as deputy undersecretary for bilateral political affairs and public diplomacy. From 2011-2017 he was ambassador and permanent delegate of Turkey to the EU. Upon his return to Ankara he became undersecretary at the Ministry for EU Affairs, Turkey.





## Serap Yıldız Yenel



### Advisor to the Undersecretary, Ministry for EU Affairs, Turkey

Serap Yıldız Yenel graduated from the faculty of political science at Ankara University in 1991, and completed a master's degree in the European Communities, economics and finance at the University's Institute of Social Sciences in 1993. In 1995 she entered the Undersecretariat for Customs at the Prime Ministry of Turkey, and worked there as an EU expert at the directorate-general for the EU and external relations until 2000. In 1998 she received the Jean Monnet Scholarship and gained a master's degree in European studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She has been working in the Ministry for EU Affairs since its creation in 2000 (then the Secretariat General for EU Affairs), in the agriculture and fisheries, political affairs, single market and competition directorates. Currently, she is the advisor to the undersecretary.

## Alper Hakan Yüksel



### Head of Wholesale Banking, ING Bank

Alper Hakan Yüksel has been head of ING's wholesale banking in Turkey since October 2015. He started his career as relationship manager at Interbank, and then Citibank Turkey. In 2000, he became head of corporate banking in Bulgaria, where he set up Citibank's Bulgarian business which ran until 2002. In 2002 he returned to Turkey as senior transactor for corporate finance and capital markets. In 2004 he assumed the role of head of corporate banking, financial institutions, public sector and non-presence countries for Citibank Turkey, and since 2006 he has also been a board member. In 2008, he moved to Barclays Bank Dubai as head of corporate banking and financial institutions for Gulf countries. In 2011, he again returned to Turkey as head of corporate banking and project finance in Arkbank, where he worked for 4 years before joining ING Bank Turkey. Yüksel holds a BSc in industrial engineering from Middle East Technical University and an MBA from Işık University.



## Piotr Zalewski



### Turkey Correspondent, *The Economist*

Piotr Zalewski has been Turkey correspondent for *The Economist* since 2015, having previously written for *TIME*, the *Financial Times* and *Foreign Affairs*. He holds a BA degree in history from Columbia University, as well as MA degrees in ethnology from the Jagiellonian University, in European studies from the University of Exeter, and in European politics and administration from the College of Europe. He worked as an EU adviser to the bureau of the legislative council of Poland in 2003, as a programme co-ordinator at the Centre for International Relations from 2004-2005, and as a press officer at the European Parliament from 2005-2008.



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Nazife Al is secretary general of EDAM. She co-ordinates the organisation of conferences and manages the administrative tasks of EDAM's projects. She received her MSc in international relations from Middle East Technical University, with a thesis focusing on Russian intervention in the Syrian civil war, and received her BSc in international relations from Istanbul Bilgi University. She is also an alumni of the German Council on Foreign Relations' EU-Middle East Forum and the Robert Bosch Stiftung's 'likeminds' programme.

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Yeşil Deniz joined EDAM as a research assistant in January 2016. She received her BSc in sociology from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). With almost two years of work experience accumulated in the realms of corruption and internationally-funded development projects, Deniz returned back to the LSE in October 2014 where she completed her MSc in development management, examining the political and economic causes of development and non-development. Her areas of research include EU-Turkey relations, democratisation, identity and gender.





## Doruk Ergun



### Research Fellow, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM)

Doruk Ergun is a research fellow at EDAM, where he works on foreign policy and security issues. In his research at EDAM, he has mainly covered Turkish foreign policy and security, the Syrian civil war, ISIS, radicalisation and counter-radicalisation, Russia, NATO and transatlantic affairs, nuclear security, nuclear energy and cyber security issues. Ergun was a research assistant at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly before assuming his position at EDAM. He received his MA in international affairs with a focus on international security studies from the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University in 2011, and his BA in social and political sciences from Sabancı University in 2009.

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Jordan Orsler joined the CER as events manager in March 2013.

She is responsible for the co-ordination of CER events both nationally and internationally.

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