



**18th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
"THE EUROPEAN UNION, TURKEY, THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE KURDS"**

Brussels, European Parliament
Wednesday 6th of December – 16.00 – 19.30
Thursday 7th of December - 09.00 – 18.00

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- Thursday 7th of December, 08.00 - 08.45

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Wednesday, 6 December 2023, 16.00-17.00

OPENING SESSION, Room SPAAK 05B01

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

Opening Speeches and Greetings

- Ms. Kariane Westrheim, Chair of EUTCC, University of Bergen, Norway
- Ms Evelyn Regner, Vice-Chair of the European Parliament, S&D *tbc*
- Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, former leader of Labour Party, UK *tbc*

Wednesday, 6 December 2023, 17.00-19.30

Panel I – Room SPAAK 05B01

Post-election Turkey

Moderator: Ms. Ayça Çubukçu, London School of Economics and Politics, UK

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Introduction: How & Why Erdogan Won in the May 2023 Elections

- Mr. Michael Gunter, EUTCC Secretary General, Tennessee Technological University, US

Turkey Has Voted: Quo vadis?

- Mr. Irfan Aktan, journalist, Turkey

Turkey After The Elections: Democracy (Im)possible

- Ms. Çiğdem Kilicgün Uçar, MP, former Co-Chair of the Party of Greens and the Left (YSP)

The (Lack of) Opposition in Turkey

- Ms. Aslı Erdoğan, writer, Germany

The European Union and Turkey: At the Crossroads?

- Ms. Andreas Schieder, MEP, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, Austria

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Wednesday, 7 December 2023, 09.00-10.15

Panel II – Room SPAAK 05B01

100 Years of the Treaty of Lausanne: Claim and Reality of a 'Peace'

Moderator: Ms. Nil Mutluer, University of Leipzig, Germany

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The Treaty of Lausanne: History and Political Continuities

- Mr. Hans-Lukas Kieser University of Zurich, Switzerland

Europe and the Kurdish Question: Historical Responsibility and Expectations

- Mr. Amed Dicle, journalist, Belgium

100 Years of the Treaty of Lausanne: European Perspectives for a Reappraisal

- Mr. Nikolaj Villumsen, The Left, Denmark *tbc*

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 7 December 2023, 10.15-11.45

Panel IV – Room SPAAK 05B01

Transition Period in World Politics

Moderator: Ms. Berivan Aymaz, Vice-president of the NRW State Parliament, Germany *tbc*

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Ecocide and Climate Change – Local Responses to Multi-layered Crises in North East Syria

- Ms. Şermin Güven, Free University Berlin, Germany

The New World Order: Contradictions and Truths

- Ms. Nursel Aydoğan, former HDP MP, Germany

Sweden, the NATO and the Kurds: Challenges and Options

- Mr. Joakin Medin, journalist, Sweden *tbc*

The Middle East between Status Quo and Democratic Transition: Obstacles and Perspectives

- Ms. Asya Abdullah, PYD Co-Chair, Syria

Europe and the New World Order: Positions and Perspectives

- Mr. Francois Alfonsi, MEP, Greens/EFA, France *tbc*

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 7 December 2023, 11.45-13.00

Panel IV – Room SPAAK 05B01

Lasting Peace: Raising Voices

Moderator: Ms. Kariane Westrheim, EUTCC Chairperson, University of Bergen, Norway

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Beyond the Island: The Systematics of Isolation

- Ms. Raziye Öztürk, Asrın Law Office, Turkey

The Conditions on the İmralı Prison Island in the context of health

- Ms. Dersim Dağdeviren, KURD-AKAD, EUTCC Board Member, Germany

The Causa İmralı: Open the Gates

- Representative of the Trade Union's International Campaign for the Freedom of Abdullah Öcalan *tbc*
- Ms. Rahsan Aksoy, journalist, Co-Spokesperson of the Campaign Freedom for Öcalan – A Political Solution to the Kurdish Question
- Michela Ciculli, city councillor, Rome, Italy

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 7 December 2023, 15.00-16:30

Panel VI – Room SPAAK 05B01

Living Freedom - Women's Perspectives

Moderator: Ms. Shilan Fuad Hussain, Middlesex University London, UK

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

Feminist Foreign Policy: Contradictions and Options

- Ms. Dastan Jasim, German Institute for Global Area Studies, Germany

Women's Revolution and the Middle East

- Ms. Soheila Shahriari, University of Paris, France

Jin, Jiyan, Azadî: A Call to World Democratic Women's Confederalism

- Ms. Elif Kaya, Kurdish Women's Movement in Europe, Switzerland

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 7 December 2023, 16:30-17:30

Panel III – Room SPAAK 05B01

The European Union and Turkey: Cooperation and Contradictions

Moderator: Mr. Naif Bezwan, University of Vienna, Austria

Interpretation in
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Interview with

- Mr. Nacho Sanchez Amor, MEP, Turkey Rapporteur, Spain

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

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Closing Session – Room SPAAK 05B01

Conclusions, Recommendations and Final Resolution

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