4th International Neighbourhood Symposium on “Exploring the Challenges of Political and Social Change in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South”

Heybeliada, Istanbul

SYMPOSIUM DIRECTORY
2014 International Neighbourhood Symposium
“Exploring the Challenges of Political and Social Change in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South”

Heybeliada, Turkey
24 – 29 June 2014

PROGRAM

Tuesday, 24 June 2014

Travel and arrival at approx. 20:00h

20:30 – 21:30h Welcome Dinner

Wednesday, 25 June 2014

Breakfast

09:00 – 09:30h Session I: What is at Play? Why these two regions? What are the stakes?
- Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul

“Political Change”

09:30 – 11:00h Session II: The Black Sea Region
- Adam Balcer, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw
- Sergei Konoplyov, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA

11:15 – 12:45h Session III: The Middle East
- Stefanos Vallianatos, International Centre for Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies (DIKEMES), Athens
- Gencer Özcan, Istanbul Bilgi University

Lunch / afternoon break
17:00 – 18:30h  Session IV:  The Mediterranean Region
  • Dimitris Xenakis, University of Crete, Rethymnon
  • Ahmet K. Han, Kadir Has University, Istanbul
  • Thanos Dokos, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Athens

18:45 – 20:15h  Session V:  The Caucasus
  • Mitat Çelikpala, Kadir Has University, Istanbul
  • Eka Tkeshelashvili, Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies, Tbilisi

Dinner

21:45 – 22:45  Session VI:  Making Sense of Ukraine
  • Sergei Konoplyov, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA
  • Taras Mykhalniuk, Open Ukraine Foundation, Kiev

Thursday, 26 June 2014

Breakfast

09:00 – 10:30h  Session VII:  Turkey and its Neighbourhoods
  • Mustafa Aydın, Kadir Has University, Istanbul
  • Sinem Açıkmeşe, Kadir Has University, Istanbul

“Social Change”

10:45 – 12:15h  Session VIII:  Managing the Change – An Overview
  • Peter Stania, International Institute for Peace, Vienna (Moderator)
  • Serdar Dinler, Corporate Social Responsibility Association (CSR) of Turkey, Istanbul
  • Nagla Abed, Anna Lindh Foundation, Alexandria

12:30 – 14:00h  Session IX:  Economic Change
  • Nader Habibi, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Group Photo

Lunch / afternoon break

“Democracy and Democratization”

18:15 – 20:15h  Session X:  Debate on Democratization
  • Hans-Georg Fleck, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, Istanbul (Moderator)
  • Nelly Corbel, John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement, The American University of Cairo
  • Taras Mykhailniuk, Open Ukraine Foundation, Kiev
  • Eda Daloglu, Koç University, Istanbul
### Friday, 27 June 2014

**Breakfast**

**Structured Dialogue Workshops**  
(Led by Benjamin Broome, Arizona State University)

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**Dinner**

### Saturday, 28 June 2014

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**Farewell Dinner**

### Sunday, 29 June 2014

*Early morning departure*
ABED, Nagla (Ms.) Coordinator, DAWRAK-Citizens for Dialogue Programme, Anna Lindh Foundation, Alexandria

Ms. Nagla Abed is coordinator of the Exchange and Spaces Project of the DAWRAK-Citizens for Dialogue Programme, Anna Lindh Foundation, which is promoting and encouraging the exchange of knowledge by offering spaces for open dialogue. Before her current venture, Ms. Abed worked as a consultant for Women, Culture and Development Organization in the MENA region. She holds an MA in Political, Social and Cultural Dimensions of the EU from Rijksuniversiteit Groningen and Georg August University in Göttingen.

AÇIKMEŞE, Sinem (Ms.) Associate Professor, Kadir Has University, Istanbul

Sinem Akgül Acikmese joined the Department of International Relations at Kadir Has University in 2011. She worked as an Assistant Professor of International Relations at TOBB-University of Economics and Technology between 2009 and 2011. She studied at the European Institute of London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) for her MSc degree in European Studies. She has managed several international research and exchange projects, including the Black Sea Young Reformers Fellowship supported by the Black Sea Trust and the Robert Bosch Stiftung (2012-2013); and the European Union-FP7 Marie-Curie Action Inter-Continental Exchange of Leadership in Conflict Transformation. Dr. Acikmese has also been the Secretary General of International Relations Council of Turkey since 2010 and is currently serving as the Coordinator of the International Cooperation and Education Office at Kadir Has University.

ADEL, Mostafa (Mr.) [Egypt]

Mostafa Adel is a Project Coordinator for Save The Children International, and also the Lead Fellow of the Lazord Fellowship, which was awarded him by The American University in Cairo. He holds a BS in Petroleum Engineering from Suez Canal University. His interests lie in democratic transitions, social change, civic education and transformational activism. Mr. Adel has been the recipient of many awards and honors and in 2013 alone, was selected to represent Egypt in the Generations for Peace Camp in Jordan, The International Youth Meeting in Morocco, and The International Workshop on Youth Innovative Leadership and Entrepreneurship Development in Finland. In the past he worked in philanthropy and fundraising as a Communications Officer for Sting Consultancy and Events Manager for Orbit-line Company.

AELENEI, Ana (Ms.) Program Officer, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, Bucharest

Ana Aelenei is Program Officer at the Black Sea Trust/ German Marshall Fund Bucharest office. She manages the Confidence Building program and the BST’s activities in Bulgaria and Ukraine, as well as the Marshall Memorial Fellowship programming for the Black Sea. Ana has an MA degree in Security Studies from the University of Bucharest and a Certificate d’Etudes Politiques from the Institute of
Political Science of Lyon. Ana is also a fellow of the Japan Foundation. She is fluent in English, French and Spanish in addition to her native Romanian.

**ANZINGER, Niklas (Mr.)** [Germany]

Niklas Anzinger is a MA candidate in International Relations, specializing in Economics, Finance and Trade, at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in Syracuse, New York. In addition he holds a BA in Philosophy and Economics from the University of Bayreuth in Germany. Niklas studied abroad at Marmara University in Istanbul in 2011 and his research interests are focused on Turkey, its neighborhood and energy policy. In the past he worked as an editorial assistant for *Turkish Policy Quarterly* in Istanbul, and as a research intern at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) in Washington DC, where he will be interning again this summer. Mr. Anzinger has written a wide range of publications and blog articles in both German and English.

**AYDIN, Mustafa (Mr.) Rector and Professor, Kadir Has University, Istanbul**

Mustafa Aydin is the Rector, or President, of Kadir Has University, where he is also a Professor of International Relations. He also serves as the President of the International Relations Council (UIK) of Turkey. Dr. Aydin’s previous positions include Co-coordinator of the International Commission on the Black Sea; Deputy Chairperson of the Caucasus Caspian Commission of Eminent Persons; Alexander S. Onassis fellow at the University of Athens; research fellow at the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris; and Fulbright scholar at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University.

**BALCER, Adam (Mr.) Lecturer, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw**

Adam Balcer is a PhD candidate and Lecturer at the Centre for East European Studies at the University of Warsaw, where he is also Adviser at the Presidential Expert Programme, and until last year was the program director at demosEUROPA Centre for European Strategy. He has held numerous diplomatic and government posts in Poland, serving as an expert to the Department of Central Europe (Balkan section), in the National Security Council of the President of Poland; as an adviser to a member of the European Parliament (the Eastern Partnership); and on the Advisory Group to the Committee of Foreign Relations at the Polish Parliament. Mr. Balcer holds an MA in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Warsaw and he has published numerous articles and reports on the Balkans, Turkey and the CIS countries. He is a co-author of the book *Polska na globalnej szachownicy* (“Poland on the global chessboard”).

**BOSTAN, Seren (Ms.)** [CIES]

Seren Bostan is a recent graduate of the Department of International Relations of Kadir Has University. She recently completed a program on Creating International Events and Campaigns at Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen. Moreover, Seren is a keen theater fan and has been acting since she was 10 years old including for the National Theater of Bursa. Presently, Seren is involved with the Kadir Has University theater community. She joined the CIES team in February 2014.
BROOME, Benjamin (Mr.) Professor, Arizona State University, Phoenix

Benjamin Broome is a Professor at the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, where he conducts research and teaches courses in Intercultural Communication, Group Facilitation, and Conflict Transformation. In 1994 he held the position of senior Fulbright scholar in Cyprus, and he has been involved in peace-building efforts there ever since. Dr. Broome has also worked closely on several projects with the United Nations Office of Project Services, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) in Greece, and Sabancı University in Turkey. Other international projects of his include collaborations with institutions in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Belgium, Mexico, and various Native American tribes. Dr. Broome has authored a book about his peace efforts in Cyprus, entitled *Building Bridges across the Green Line in Cyprus*.

CHERKASHYN, Pavlo (Mr.) [Ukraine]

Mr. Pavlo Cherkashyn is the Co-Founder and Head of the Youth Diplomatic Initiative in the Ukraine, an NGO that organizes events in public diplomacy, foreign policy, international security, and international youth leadership and cooperation. He is currently seeking an MA in International Law from the National Aviation University in Kyiv, from where he also holds a BA in International Law. His interests lie in frozen conflicts, cooperation and security, and the role of multilateral diplomacy in solving conflicts, with a special focus on the Black Sea Region. Mr. Cherkashyn has held various internships with Ukrainian embassies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ukraine, Russia and Georgia. He is fluent in Ukrainian, Russian, English and French.

CORBEL, Nelly (Ms.) Assistant Director, John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement, The American University of Cairo

Nelly Corbel has been providing leadership to a number of programs including the Ma’an Alliance for an Engaged Higher Education, AUC’s Community Based Learning Program (CBL) where she serves as a Board Member, the Lazord Academy for Civic Leadership, where she serves as Vice President. She holds an MA in International Affairs: Civil Society Development and Conflict Resolution from the American University in Paris, a Mastère 2 in Sciences Economiques et Sociales: Sociologie des Conflits - Institut Catholique de Paris, and a BA in International Politics from AUP. She received the Annenberg fellowship, the Newman fellowship for Social Justice, and was the representative of the Dalai Lama Fellowship in Egypt. Ms. Corbel is the lead author of a chapter in an upcoming book highlighting best practices in university civic engagement, globally organized by the Talloires Network and the Kettering Foundation.

ÇELİKPALA, Mitat (Mr.) Dean of the Graduate School of Social Sciences, Kadir Has University, Istanbul

Mitat Çelikpala is an Associate Professor of International Relations and Dean of the Graduate School of Social Sciences at Kadir Has University in Istanbul, where he teaches Graduate and Undergraduate courses on Eurasian Security, Turkish Foreign Policy, and Caucasian Politics. He also lectures on Turkish foreign policy, politics, history, and security at the Turkish War Academy. Dr. Celikpala served
as Academic Adviser to NATO’s Centre of Excellence Defense against Terrorism (DATR) and was a board member of the Turkish Armed Forces Strategic Research Centre. He has published several academic articles and analyses on the above-mentioned subjects and is frequently quoted in the media.

**DALOĞLU, Eda (Ms.) Instructor, Koç University, Istanbul**

Eda Daloğlu is an Instructor and Administrative Coordinator in the History Department of Koç University. Additionally, she is a Ph.D. Candidate in the International Relations Department at Kadir Has University. She received her MSc in European Union Policy Making from the London School of Economics. Ms. Daloğlu has attended various seminars and programs on topics related to the EU, Turkey, and Europe’s interaction with its neighboring regions, and this is currently her research focus.

**DINLER, Serdar (Mr.) President, Corporate Social Responsibility Association of Turkey, Istanbul**

Serdar Dinler is the President of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Association of Turkey, which strives to aid and enable businesses to behave more socially responsible. He is also a member of the Board of CSR Europe. Currently, he is also the Director of the Life Long Learning Center at Kadir Has University in Istanbul, where he is developing education programs in line with the needs of the public and identifying solutions to these challenges in order to produce high quality education models. Mr. Dinler carries vast expertise on NGOs in Turkey, having founded more than 20 NGOs, himself. Previously, he worked at the British Council for 23 years.

**DIZDAROĞLU, Cihan (Mr.) [Turkey]**

Cihan Dizdaroğlu is a PhD Candidate in the Department of International Relations at Kadir Has University, where he been the Assistant to the Rector since 2010. Additionally he holds an MA in International Relations from Ankara University and a BA from Kırıkkale University. Previously he was Research Associate in the Foreign Policy Studies Program of the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (EPRI), a think-tank based in Ankara.

**DOKOS, Thanos (Mr.) Director General, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Athens**

Thanos Dokos holds a PhD in International Relations from Cambridge University. He was a NATO research fellow, has held several research posts, including the Hessische Stiftung Friedens und Konfliktforschung and the Center for Science and International Affairs (CSIA) at Harvard University, and has served as the Director for Research, Strategic Studies Division, Hellenic Ministry of National Defense as an Advisor on NATO issues to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has taught at the Universities of Athens and Piraeus, the Hellenic National Defense College, the Diplomatic Academy and the Hellenic National Security School. His research interests include global trends, international security, Greek-Turkish relations & Mediterranean security. Recent publications titles include *The Eastern Mediterranean and the Gulf region in 2020; Energy developments and Greek foreign policy*, which he coauthored with Theodore Tsakiris; *The difficult relationship between accounting and geopolitics*; and *Greece can still be a geopolitical asset for the EU.*
DZHAMANBAEVA, Nellya (Ms.)  
Kyrgyz Republic

Nellya Dzhamanbaeva is a PR professional, working as a Public Relations Officer at CJSC Kyrgyz Investment and Credit Bank in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Capacity Building Foundation in Bishkek, and as journalist for Bishkekchanka Magazine. Nellya holds a degree in Business Administration and Management from the International University Ataturk-Alatoo. She is interested in Russia’s cultural influence in former Soviet countries, and she is fluent in Russian, English and Kyrgyz.

EL JECHTIMI, Ahmed (Mr.)  
Morocco

Ahmed El Jechtimi is an MA candidate in Applied Security Strategy at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom. Additionally he holds an MA in European Interdisciplinary Studies from the College of Europe-Natolin Campus; a BA in Humanities, specializing in Linguistics from Ibn University in Morocco; and a Diploma in Translation from Abdelmalek Essadi University in Tangier. He has held numerous internships in Rabat and worked as a news reporter and editor at Morocco’s News Agency, Agence Maghreb Arabe Presse (MAP). While at the MAP, Ahmed covered major diplomatic and cultural events, and wrote featured articles for both the North African Post and MAP websites. His interests lie in the EU’s neighborhood policy and his working dissertation is focused on the implications of Morocco and Algeria’s regional separatism, and the implications this has both on North African security and on this region’s relations with the EU.

ESSABBAK, Karima (Ms.)  
France

Karima Essabback is the International Relations Manager for the World Forum Lille in France, a cycle of international events that promote sustainability, economic unity and responsible business modeling. She is also a PhD Candidate in Business Administration and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Louvain Catholic University in Belgium. Her research interests lie in CSR, within a multinational context. Karima holds an MA in International Law, Politics and Economy from the High European Studies College in Paris; an MS in Business from Sup de Co. Business School; an MS in Key Account Management from Reims Management School; and a BA in Business Administration and Management from ISAM in Amiens, France. In the past she was a Client Relationship Manager at Mercer Human Resource Consulting. She is fluent in French, English and Spanish.

FAR, Shahrazad (Ms.)  
Palestine

Shahrazad Far is an MA candidate in European Union International Relations and Diplomacy at the College of Europe in Bruges, with a special focus on EU Energy Policy. Additionally she holds an MA in Development and Governance from the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany, and a BA in both Political Science and Mass Communication from the American University in Cairo. She has worked as a research associate at both the European Institute for Research on Mediterranean and Euro-Arab Cooperation in Belgium, and for the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute in Palestine. Ms. Far has received numerous scholarships and honors, including the Madalyn Lamont Literary Award for Emerging Creative Voices in 2007. She is fluent in Arabic, English, French, German and Spanish.
Mahsa Farahzad is a self-employed Attorney-at-Law, running a law office in Tehran, Iran. She received both her PhD and her MA in Public International Law from the University of Tehran and has taught Law and Research Methodology at her alma mater, the University of Payam-e-Noorbeen and the University of Jaame-Elmi-Karbordi. She has been advocating the rights of Iranian women and children for the last decade, cofounding an NGO called Khaneyee Baraye Ayande or “A House for the Future”, which supports socially and financially challenged women of all ages. She hopes that her efforts will fight existing discriminatory laws, and boost academic, cultural, sanitary and vocational training, improving women’s status and ultimately positively affecting social change in Iran. Mahsa has published numerous articles spanning topics such as Women’s Issues, Human and Political Rights, International Environmental Law, and State Creation. She is fluent in English, Persian and Arabic.

FLECK, Hans-Georg (Mr.) Resident Representative, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Istanbul

Hans-Georg Fleck was born in 1953 in Trier, Germany. He studied Medieval, Modern and Eastern European History, Political Science and Scandinavian Languages at the Universities of Bonn, Würzburg and Cologne. He holds a PhD from Cologne University, where he presented his dissertation on German Trade Union History. Beginning in 1991, he worked as Project Director for the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for the Freedom in Poland, and then in the West Balkan and Israel/Palestinian areas. Since July 2012, he has been the Head of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Istanbul.

GABER, Yevgeniya (Ms.) [Ukraine]

Yevgeniya Gaber is a PhD candidate in Political Science and an Assistant Professor in the International Relations Department at Odessa National Mechnikov University, where from she also holds an MA in International Relations. She has participated in numerous international education programs and conferences, and was the recipient of the Black Sea Young Reformers Fellowship. Yevgeniya is interested in recent transformations of the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean Region. She has published and co-authored numerous works, including “Turkish–American Relations in the Post-Cold War Era: Reconsidering the Power Balance Equation” in the book entitled Change and Adaptation in Turkish Foreign Policy, and “Black Sea Regional Security after 9/11” in a book entitled Blue Black Sea: New Dimensions of History, Security, Strategy, Energy and Economy. She is fluent in Ukrainian, Russian, English and Turkish.

GATSIAS, Athanasios (Mr.) [Greece]

Athanasios Gatsias is a PhD candidate in Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University. He holds an MA by the same title from Sabanci University and additionally a BA in Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies from the University of Macedonia. In the past, Mr. Gatsias served as Co-Director of the Benjamin Franklin Summer Institute, sponsored by the United States Department of State. His interests lie in conflict resolution and prevention, the global dynamics of conflict, and intercultural and inter-religious dialogue. Throughout his academic career Mr. Gatsias has taken part in numerous conferences and seminars, held several research and teaching assistantships and been awarded scholarships and
honors including the *Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research’s Dissertation Research Fellowship*. He is fluent in Greek, English and Russian.

**GIOUMOURTAS, Rudy (Mr.)**

[Turkey]

Rudy Giomourtas is a PR and Marketing Professional and currently the Project Assistant for CSR Turkey. He is also currently an MA candidate in International Affairs at Kadir Has University from where he additionally holds a dual BA in both Public Relations & Publicity and Advertising. He has professional experience in lead generation, project management, next generation marketing, social marketing and branding as well. Before his current position he was a Project Manager of New Markets for ABC Group, a tourism company based in Istanbul, and is credited with that company’s entrance into the Greek market. During his time at Kadir Has he participated in the Erasmus program, studying abroad in Warsaw, while also founding a University-sponsored newspaper called *CIBALI Postasi*, where he worked as a reporter. His interests lie in European Studies, and the EU’s contributions to the NGO sector. Rudy is fluent in Greek, English, Turkish and Arabic.

**GRAMADA, Angela (Ms.)**

[Romania]

Angela Gramada is the Coordinator of the Foreign Policy Programme of the Center for Eastern European and Asiatic Studies (CEEAS), where she is also a Researcher and Teaching Assistant. While at CEEAS she has written numerous policy briefs and papers and assisted in several research projects. Her interests lie in policy options of the former Soviet states, frozen conflicts, institution building and the European integration perspective. She holds a PhD in Political Science and an MA in International Relations and European Integration from the National School of Political and Administrative Studies in Bucharest. In addition she holds a BA in International Economic Relations from the International Relations Institute *Perspectiva* in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. In the past she was the Executive Director of the Association for European Training and Information, an NGO in the Republic of Moldova. She is fluent in Romanian, Russian and English.

**HABIBI, Nader (Mr.) Faculty Member, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA**

Since 2007, Nader Habibi has been a faculty member of the Department of Economics at Brandeis University’s Crown Center for Middle East Studies, where he holds the title of Henry J. Leir Professor of the Economics of the Middle East. Previously, he served for three years as the Director of Economic Analysis and Forecasting for the Middle East region at IHS-Global Insight. While there he supervised the economic and political risk analysis for all of the Middle East and North Africa, while contributing to relevant consulting projects. Before first joining Global Insight in 1999, Dr. Habibi taught in several universities in Iran and Turkey. He also worked as a visiting fellow in the Rice International Studies Center at Yale University during 1997-99. He holds a Ph.D. in economics and a graduate degree in systems engineering from Michigan State University. He is currently working on a research project on problems of over-education (excess supply of college graduates and youth unemployment) in the Middle East.
Ahmet K. Han teaches International Relations at Kadir Has University, Istanbul. He is also an adjunct faculty member with Turkish Armed Forces War College Institute of Strategic Studies and a member of the board of EDAM, a leading Turkish think-tank. He has been a visiting scholar at the University of St. Andrews’ Center for Syrian Studies in Scotland in 2011 and at Tel Aviv University’s Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies in 2014. Prof. Han was awarded a “Young Leaders of Europe” scholarship on U.S. Foreign policy by the US Department of State in 2003, and he has been an observer by NATO on ISAF operations in Afghanistan, twice in 2005 and 2010. He holds a PhD in International Relations from Istanbul University. He has studied International Negotiations at Harvard University, and Finance at Koc University, and he holds an MA on Middle East and Central Asian Studies and a BA in Economics and International Relations from Istanbul University. His publications deal with issues of Turkish foreign policy, US foreign policy, Turkish – American relations, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the Middle East, with special emphasis on Israel, Iraq, Iran and Syria, and the systemic changes and future of the international system.

HISARLIOGLU, Fulya (Ms.)

Fulya Hısarlıoğlu is a PhD candidate of Political Science and Public Administration at Bilkent University in Ankara from where she also holds a BS in International Relations. Her interests lie in comparative politics, Europeanization, Turkish foreign policy and democratization. She has received numerous scholarships and honors, and written several works, including an article entitled “The ‘Greater Middle East’ as a ‘Modern’ Geopolitical Imagination in American Foreign Policy” which was published in Geopolitics. She is currently writing her dissertation on the Cyprus conflict and the process of resolution, and the Europeanization of Turkish foreign policy. Fulya is fluent in Turkish and English.

HIJAZI, Neveen (Ms.)

Neveen Hijazi currently works for The Palestinian Child's Home Club -Youth Development Resources Center in Hebron, Palestine. She holds an MA in International Development from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, South Korea and a BA in English from Bethlehem University in Palestine. In the past she worked as a Community Outreach Coordinator for ANERA; a Gender Program Coordinator for the United Nations Population Fund; and a Youth Program and Grant Coordinator for the Youth Development Resource Center of Palestine. Her interests lie in themes of global politics and social change, with a special focus on Palestinian youth and sustainable development. Neveen speaks Arabic, English, Hebrew and Korean.

IBRAHIM, Aziza (Ms.)

Aziza Ibrahim is a PhD Candidate of Forestry and Environmental Policy at the Albert-Ludwig University in Freiburg, Germany. Additionally she holds both an MS and a BS in Tourism Studies from Suez Canal University in Egypt, where she served both as an Assistant Lecturer and an Instructor. Her interests lie in the transformations brought about by the Arab Spring, and democratization and nation building with a special focus on Egypt. Her working thesis focuses on the politics and conflicts surrounding the ecosystems of the protected marine areas along the Egyptian Red Sea. She is fluent in German, Italian and English.
IKMHAES, Tasneem (Ms.)  [Jordan]

Tasneem Ikhmaes is a Program Officer at the Arab World Center for Democratic Development and through her work she hopes to empower young leaders in her society. She holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of Zarqa in Jordan and she is very active in civil society organizations in Jordan. She has been a member of the All Jordan Youth Commission; a trainer on Reproductive Health for the Rafah Team; and a field trainer for the Directorate of Education. She has also worked as a language instructor, teaching both Arabic and English.

JIRANKOVA, Adela (Ms.)  [Czech Republic]

Adela Jirankova is a PhD Candidate in International Relations and European Studies at the Metropolitan University in Prague, where she received an MA in the same field of study. Concurrently to her PHD candidacy, Ms. Jirankova is also seeking a third MA in International Security Studies at Charles University in Prague. She holds a MA in Peace Studies from the University of Bradford, and BAs in both History from Masaryk University in Brno, and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen. Her areas of interest include democratization and civil society’s role in regime transformation, with a specific focus on the Middle East and North Africa. Adela has published “Non-Democratic Regimes as the Cause of the Revolutions in North Africa”, a chapter in a book entitled The Arab Revolutions: Democratic Challenges, Political Islam and Geopolitical Impacts, and will also be contributing to the Political Science Revue later in the year with an article entitled “Non-Democratic Regimes in North Africa and their Transformation”. She is fluent in Czech, English, German and Arabic.

KALAN, Fatma Elif (Ms.)  [Turkey]

Fatma Elif Kalan is a Consultant to UNICEF Turkey and is also a Freelance Trainer on Conflict Resolution, Negotiation and Mediation. Until this year she was a Project Administrator at Empowerment of Youth for e-Transformation of Turkey Project at the UNDP and also supported the International Youth Leadership Academy Project at the Habitat Center for Development and Governance in Istanbul. She holds an MS in Political Sociology from the London School of Economics; an MA in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from Sabanci University; and a BA in Political Science and International Relations from Marmara University in Istanbul. Her research interests lie in political and social change with a youth and child focus. She has received numerous awards and honors including a Fellowship with the US State Department’s Professional Fellows Program. She is fluent in both Turkish and English.

KALANTZI, Foteini (Ms.)  [Greece]

Foteini Kalantzis is a PhD Candidate in International Relations at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki. Additionally she holds an MA in International Political Economy from the University of Warwick; a BA in International and European Relations from the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Athens, Greece; and a BS in Economics from the University of La Verne in California (Athens Campus). Ms. Kalantzis’s research is focused on the EU’s migration policy towards the Euro-Mediterranean region. Professionally, she has worked in the media, finance and IT sectors around Europe, and this has afforded her experience in communications, PR, marketing and conference organization. She is fluent in English, German and Greek.
KALDANI, Natia (Ms.)  [Georgia]

Natia Kaldani is a Program Coordinator at the USAID Good Governance Program in Tbilisi, where she works to improve the central government’s transparency, accountability and responsiveness. In the past she worked as a Research Assistant for the Georgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Department of Security Policy. She holds an MA in Diplomacy and International Politics from Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and a BA in Humanities, with a focus in English language and literature from Grigol Robakidze University in Tbilisi. Natia is interested in domestic development, democratization and issues surrounding identity, pluralism, cultural diversity, secularism, religion. She is fluent in Georgian, English and Russian.

KAYA, Rüya (Ms.)  [CIES]

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Founded in 1997 as a private non-profit institution, Kadir Has University (KHAS) is one of the leading mid-size universities in Turkey. In the first year, the university began with an enrollment of just four students, in contrast to the more than 5,000 strong student body today. With an exceptional academic staff and a wide range of educational opportunities, as well as high levels of cooperation, interaction, and research capabilities coupled with strong international connections and a dedication to development, Kadir Has University has become a highly respected academic institution.

KHAS is located on the shores of the Golden Horn on the historical peninsula of Istanbul, which was once the capital city of the Byzantine Empire and the Ottoman Empire. KHAS is a city university with an award-winning campus. The historical Tekel Cibali building, which was initially built as a state tobacco depot and cigarette factory in 1884, was later restored and outfitted as the central campus of the university with the latest in infrastructure. The restored building was awarded the prestigious Europa Nostra Award, which is given to only the best restoration projects.

While the campus is itself a hub of education and research, its historical museum and exhibition halls provide easy access to the cultural activities that Istanbul offers. The university, which has five faculties, namely Engineering and Natural Sciences; Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences; Communication; Law; and Art and Design, in addition to its three vocational schools, is dedicated to becoming a leader in university education in Turkey and neighboring areas. The university’s five faculties are home to 25 departments, while the vocational schools have a total of 15 departments. As a non-profit institution, the university focuses on quality rather than quantity and offers a wide range of scholarships for students in all departments.

Kadir Has University continues to provide education for students even after graduation from undergraduate programs. The university offers 23 masters and 8 doctoral degree programs in its graduate schools of social sciences and engineering. The Graduate School of Social Sciences was launched in 2001 with two masters programs. It currently offers nineteen programs, five of which are doctoral and fourteen are masters programs in different areas of the social sciences. The Graduate School of Science and Engineering has nine masters and three PhD programs. MS programs, offered with thesis and non-thesis tracks, are also offered so that students have an option for either a future in academics or a technical field.

The Department of International Relations and the Department of Political Science and Public Administration were established under these institutional principles and have been among the centers of academic activities in the university. While these departments offers undergraduate and graduate education, close collaboration with research centers such as the Center for International and European
Studies and the Middle East and Africa Research Center provides wide research options for both students and professionals.

At Kadir Has University we strongly believe in the importance of scientific and technical research and dissemination of knowledge, in addition to education, so that we can become an internationally competitive institution. To facilitate the realization of this vision, KHAS is making all efforts to increase its research potential and activities. With the launch of a strategy report in 2006, a historical decision was taken to shift the university’s orientation from teaching to research. Since then, over 110 projects of which 62 are funded by sources other than KHAS, have been logged in our current research portfolio.

We believe that the dissemination of the results of research is just as important as the research itself. For this reason, scholarly data, findings, methods, processes of research, and ideas resulting from research and events organized by academic units and research centers at KHAS are regularly shared with members of the general public for the benefit of the country and beyond. In this regard, it should be pointed out that among universities in Turkey, the faculty members at KHAS are the most frequently consulted by domestic and foreign media, as indicated in the University Entrepreneurship and Innovation Index List, which was announced for the first time in 2012 by Turkey’s Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. KHAS was ranked 6th among foundation universities in the categories of “Cooperation and Interaction” and “Scientific and Technological Research Capability”.

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The Center for International and European Studies at Kadir Has University was established in 2004 as the Center for European Union Studies to study Turkey’s European Union accession process. Since September 2010, the CIES has undergone a major transformation by widening its focus in order to pursue applied, policy-oriented research and to promote debate on the most pressing geostrategic issues of the region.

The Center’s areas of research and interaction include EU institutions and policies (such as enlargement, neighbourhood policies and CFSP/CSDP), cross-cutting horizontal issues such as regional cooperation, global governance, and security, inter alia with a geographical focus on the Black Sea Region (including the Caucasus), the Mediterranean, Southeastern Europe, Turkish-Greek relations, and transatlantic relations.

The CIES has organized numerous international conferences and outreach activities with selected speakers on a wide range of issues and has partnered with a number of like-minded organizations in Turkey and abroad. In 2011 it started to publish The Neighbourhood Policy Paper series, a series meant to provide the policy, research and professional communities with expert input on many of the important issues and challenges facing, in particular, the Eastern neighborhood of the European Union today as they are written by relevant experts. Most of these papers are also translated into Russian in an attempt to enlarge the scope of the dialogue and input on neighborhood-related issues. The key priority is to maintain the focus of the policy debate on the Black Sea Region and the wider region including its interaction with the Mediterranean South. In addition, the CIES publishes the CIES Policy Briefs, short and informative expert analyses and commentary on some of the contemporary and pressing international relations challenges. Moreover, the CIES included the CIES Commentary Series to its publications list in 2013. This series offer op-ed style insights in the personal level, about the issues of interest to the CIES research focus areas.

With the support of Kadir Has University, CIES has laid the foundations for a sustainable research institution. It hopes to continue its mission of being a viable policy-oriented research center by promoting sustainable activities; promoting synergies among partners; cooperating with national and international institutions; and by continuing its outreach through policy-oriented publications, seminars, conferences, training symposia, and other activities.
The International Neighbourhood Symposium aims to promote further understanding and cooperation in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South and beyond by providing a forum for study, dialogue and networking in a multicultural and interdisciplinary environment. Young professionals and graduate students primarily from the countries of the Eastern Neighbourhood, the Mediterranean South, EU member states, and the United States are the main target group of the Symposium.

The International Neighbourhood Symposium project has been conceived in order to help overcome obstacles of communication and to ultimately advance transnational cooperation through ongoing dialogue. The International Neighbourhood Symposium project aims to be a forum generating ideas that contribute to the policy making community’s attempts to address the region’s multitude of challenges.

The CIES organized its first International Neighbourhood Symposium in June 2011 which focused on “Understanding the Common Neighbourhood - The Black Sea Region in Focus.” This Symposium included 33 participants from 18 countries with 20 speakers and 7 observers from the Black Sea Region, Europe and the United States.

The 2nd International Neighborhood Symposium was organized in June 2012 with a focus on “Security and Democracy in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South in the Wake of the Arab Awakening”. This Symposium included 41 participants, 24 speakers and 2 observers from the Eastern Neighbourhood, the Mediterranean South, Europe and the United States.

The CIES successfully held the 3rd International Neighbourhood Symposium in June 2013 on “The Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South – Tackling the Issues of Security, Democracy and Business”. Some 39 participants from 25 countries had the opportunity to explore both global and regional issues during a four-day intensive course of interactive sessions focusing on security, democratization, energy, trade and civil society led by prominent experts on the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Southern Mediterranean regions.