



## **Asuman Kübra Baş**

The European Neighbourhood Council (ENC),  
Head of Projects and Research

Asuman Kubra Bas is Head of Projects and Research at the European Neighbourhood Council (ENC). She oversees a number of active EU projects, as well as a group of researchers and coordinators, and she is responsible for key areas of planning, project implementation, research, and management. She has an international relations master's degree and a bachelor's degree in sociology. She has expertise working on a wide range of topics, including EU foreign policy, EU-Türkiye relations, information space and business and human rights.



## Dr. Ayşegül Çoruhlu

### Circadian Lightning and Longevity Expert

Dr. Ayşegül Çoruhlu was graduated from Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine in 1994 and completed her specialization in biochemistry at Şişli Etfal Hospital.

She began her career as a biochemistry specialist at the American Hospital in 2000 and later served as Laboratory Director at İntermed Polyclinic. During this period, she designed preventive check-up programmes and was among the early physicians in Türkiye to apply healthy aging approaches incorporating antioxidant protocols, food sensitivity testing, and personalised hormonal and genetic assessments. She has delivered long-term training programmes for physicians and pharmacists on vitamin and mineral supplementation and is a member of US- and Europe-based professional organisations in the field of healthy aging.

Dr. Çoruhlu is the author of five books on longevity, nutrition, and cellular health, including Alkaline Diet, Full but Hungry, Quantum Nutrition, and Circadian Nutrition. Her work focuses on the intersection of longevity science, nutritional biochemistry, and circadian health. Together with journalist Mirgün Cabas, she co-hosts Longevity Talks, a programme exploring healthy and long life through expert insights and audience questions.



## **Prof. Banu Baybars**

Faculty Member, Faculty of Public Relations and Advertising,  
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Prof. Banu Baybars is a faculty member at Kadir Has University Faculty of Communication. Her expertise includes media and politics, crisis and risk communication, media freedom, polarisation, and digital media. She has conducted extensive academic research on media systems, disinformation, political communication, and public perception at national and international levels.



## **Burak Karagöl**

### **META - Partner Manager, Government and Social Impact**

He has been serving as the Partner Manager responsible for Türkiye and Azerbaijan at Meta since 2019. He is responsible for helping public institutions, non-governmental organizations, and political parties in these countries use Meta platforms effectively. Prior to joining Meta, he accumulated over ten years of public sector experience in Türkiye, beginning his career as an Assistant Planning Specialist at the State Planning Organization and concluding his public service as Head of the Department for International Projects and Programs at the Presidency's Directorate of Strategy and Budget. He holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Boğaziçi University, as well as master's degrees in Public Administration from Harvard University and in Economics from Middle East Technical University.



## Deniz Bayramođlu

### News Anchor, Kanal D -Journalist

Deniz Bayramođlu is a journalist, television producer, and news anchor, born in Malatya in 1975. He began his journalism career in print media in 1995 and worked for several leading newspapers as an economy reporter and editor, conducting interviews with senior business leaders, policymakers, and central bank officials in Türkiye, Europe, and the United States.

He transitioned to television journalism in 2000, holding various on-air and editorial roles at CNN Türk, where he presented and produced several flagship news and current affairs programmes. Since 11 May 2020, he has been the main news anchor of Kanal D Main News.

Bayramođlu has published columns and articles in major Turkish newspapers and co-authored books with Prof. Dr. Uđur Batı and Prof. Dr. Dođan Cücelođlu.



## **Dr. R Erdem Erkul**

Chair, DEİK Digital Technologies Business Council

Founder and Chair of the Board, Cerebrum Tech

Dr. R. Erdem Erkul is a technology entrepreneur and the founder of Cerebrum Tech. As of May 2024, he has been appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of South Korea in Sivas. He is also a member of the Galatasaray Congress and serves as Vice Chair of Galatasaray Technology.

He previously held senior positions at Microsoft Türkiye and across the Middle East and Africa region, and worked as a director and company spokesperson at Samsung between 2014 and 2018. From 2014 to 2017, he served as Vice President of the European Council of Professional Informatics Societies (CEPIS) in Brussels.

Dr. Erkul currently serves on the boards of the Turkish Informatics Foundation (TBV) and Global Entrepreneurship Network Türkiye (GEN Türkiye). He is Chair of the DEİK Digital Technologies Business Council, Coordinator Chair of DEİK Sectoral Business Councils, and a member of DEİK's Executive and Board of Directors. Since August 2023, he has also been a member of the Forbes Technology Council.



## Duygu Yücesoy

### Google - Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager

She has been serving as Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager at Google Türkiye since August 2022, shaping technology policies and legislation. Prior to joining Google, she accumulated over 15 years of public sector experience in Türkiye at the Ministry of Treasury and Finance, where she served in various capacities including Head of Investor Relations Office (Daire Başkanı) and Specialist in European Union Affairs and External Relations. Her responsibilities included maintaining investor engagement with international financial institutions and credit rating agencies, shaping external narratives on macroeconomic policies, coordinating official visits and negotiations with EU institutions. She holds a Master of Arts degree in European Union External Relations from Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS) - University of Kent, where she graduated with distinction as a Jean Monnet Scholar, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Public Administration from Middle East Technical University (ODTÜ).



## **Prof. Hediyeullah Aydeniz**

Faculty Member, Faculty of Communication, Marmara University

Prof. Hediyeullah Aydeniz graduated from Istanbul University Faculty of Communication and completed his MA and PhD in Journalism. His academic interests include media and communication studies, media literacy, sociology of media, digital games, and the social production of knowledge.

He conducted postdoctoral research at the University of Cambridge and is the author of several books on media literacy and media studies. He is the founding editor-in-chief of the Journal of Media Literacy Studies and a member of the Yeşilay Scientific Board. He continues his academic work at Marmara University.



## **Koray Kaplıca**

Founder & Editor-in-Chief, Doğruluk Payı

Koray Kaplıca holds a BA in Political Science from Bilkent University and an MA in International Relations from Koç University. He has pursued academic studies at Lund, Boğaziçi, and Istanbul Universities and is currently completing his PhD at Istanbul University on conspiracy theories, populism, and historical narratives.

He has played a key role in the establishment and development of Doğruluk Payı, Türkiye's first fact-checking platform, serving as Editor-in-Chief since 2020. His work focuses on fact-checking methodologies, misinformation, and digital media ecosystems.



## **Dr. Lale Şıvgın Dünder**

### **Strategic Communication Officer, EU Delegation to Türkiye**

Dr. Lale Şıvgın Dünder graduated from the Communication and Design Department at Bilkent University and earned her master's degree in International Relations from Galatasaray University. Dünder completed the "Leadership in the 21st Century" program at Harvard University and received her Ph.D. from Ankara University's Institute of the History of the Turkish Revolution. Throughout her career, Dünder has held roles as a producer, editor, reporter, presenter, and commentator on various television channels, including serving as a prime news anchor and manager. She also provided communication consultancy for international organizations. From 2010 to 2021, Dünder worked as a faculty member at Başkent University's Faculty of Communication, Department of Radio, Television, and Cinema.

Since 2021, Dünder has been serving as the Strategic Communication Officer at the EU Delegation to Türkiye.



## **Mehmet Atakan Foça**

Founder, Teyit.org

Mehmet Atakan Foça is a graduate of Ankara University Faculty of Political Science. He began his journalism career in 2009 and later specialised in fact-checking after receiving training from organisations including the BBC and Poynter Institute. In 2016, he founded Teyit, Türkiye's leading fact-checking platform. He is an Ashoka Fellow and has received multiple awards for transparency and social impact. His work focuses on social entrepreneurship, digital society, and combating misinformation.



## Ömer Faruk Görçin

Director of Verification Line, Anadolu Agency

Ömer Faruk Görçin completed his primary education at Oruçgazi Primary School and graduated from Galatasaray High School. He pursued his higher education in International Relations at Galatasaray University.

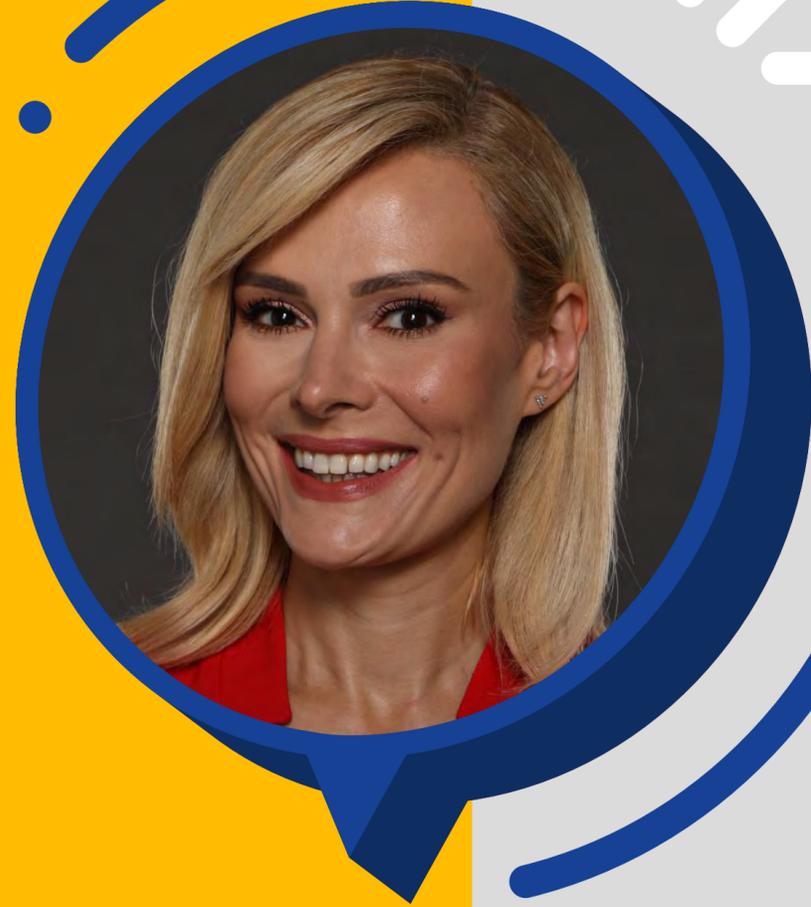
In 2013, Görçin began his journalism career at Sabah Daily in the field of foreign news. After nearly seven years of reporting and editorial roles, Görçin left in 2019 to work as a freelance journalist. During this period, he contributed articles and produced content for various international platforms, including CNN and Middle East Eye. In 2020 and 2021, Görçin worked as a foreign news and politics editor for the main news program of Atv. Since February 2022, Görçin has been part of Anadolu Agency, where he established the Verification Line (Teyit Hattı) and currently serves as its director.



## **Dr. Sarphan Uzunoğlu**

Faculty of Communication, İzmir University of Economics

Dr. Sarphan Uzunoğlu is a faculty member at the Department of New Media and Communication at İzmir University of Economics and the founding director of NewsLab Türkiye. His research focuses on the viability, institutional resilience, and editorial autonomy of media industries under conditions of digitalization, platform dominance, and political pressure. He conducts his academic research on the political economy of media, labor in media, and digital cultures from a comparative perspective encompassing Türkiye, the Middle East, and Europe. He teaches courses on journalism, media management, digital journalism, data and AI-driven media studies, and media ethics at undergraduate and graduate levels.



## Seda Öğretir

### Anchorwoman, NTV

Seda Öğretir, a graduate of Ankara University's Faculty of Communication, Department of Radio, Television and Cinema, has worked in television news and programming since 2001 in roles including reporter, editor, presenter and moderator. She currently anchors the main news bulletin and Zincirleme Reaksiyon on NTV. She holds a permanent-press card, teaches in courses and at universities, writes children's books, and runs various school activities with children. Her books include "Kefi's Adventures – Flying Fish Kefi," "Kefi's Adventures – Kefi in Pursuit of History," "Kefi's Adventures – Kefi and the New Friend," "Alya's World – The Mysterious Wall," "Sponge City," "The Hollow," "Children of the Timeless City" (co-authored with Almıla Aydın and Nilay Yılmaz) — listed on the 2026 IBBY Honour List.



## **Prof. Gilman Senem Gençtürk Hızal**

Dean, Faculty of Communication, Başkent University

Prof. Gençtürk Hızal graduated from Ankara University Faculty of Communication and completed her MA and PhD in Public Relations and Publicity at the same institution. She has been an academic at Başkent University since 1999 and currently serves as Dean of the Faculty of Communication.

Her academic interests include public relations, advertising, and communication history. She has authored and edited several books and published widely in national and international journals. She led the "Digital Media Literacy Focusing on Disinformation Online Certificate Programme," funded by the Delegation of the European Union to Türkiye, which attracted the participation of over 500 students from 35 different universities in 28 cities. She is a member of multiple academic and professional advisory boards and currently serves as Chair of the Executive Board of the Council of Communication Faculty Deans for the 2025–2026 term.



## Yunus Çaęlar

### Director, Doğrula.org

Yunus Çaęlar, a journalism graduate, began his career in 2010 as a reporter at İhlas News Agency. In 2015, Çaęlar continued as a reporter for Yenyüzyıl Daily, eventually managing the economic news department of another newspaper for four years. Beyond traditional journalism, Çaęlar partnered with various companies and startups to provide social media and digital publishing solutions.

Since February 2021, Yunus Çaęlar has been serving as the founder and director of Doğrula.org, an organization focused on fact-checking and combating misinformation.