



türkiye ekonomi politikaları araştırma vakfı

## QUESTION OF KIRKUK AND THE BAGHDAD SECURITY PLAN

### Keynote Speaker

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*TEPAV will be hosting a round-table meeting with the Deputy Program Director for the Middle East and North Africa at the International Crisis Group, Dr. Joost Hiltermann, as the keynote speaker.*

*Dr. Hiltermann will mainly talk about the upcoming ICG Report on Kirkuk but also on the Bush administration's Baghdad security plan. We would be pleased if you could join our meeting to be held at the*

### ***TEPAV New Building***

***(behind the TOBB University of Economics and Technology-Söğütözü Cad.No:43 Söğütözü-ANKARA)  
on April 17, 2007 at 5pm- 7pm.***

### Meeting Agenda

- **Planned Referendum in Kirkuk at the end of 2007.**
- **Reaction of the central government and the regional actors to this referendum**
- **Status and future of the city and governorate of Kirkuk**
- **Evaluation of the Baghdad Security Plan**
- **Effects of the domestic politics within the USA on the Bush administration's "surge" strategy**

Joost Hiltermann is the Deputy Program Director for the Middle East and North Africa at the International Crisis Group. He manages a team of analysts based in Amman, Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Dubai and Jerusalem conducting research in the countries of the Middle East and North Africa and writing policy-focused reports on the factors that increase the risk of and drive armed conflict. The crisis in Iraq and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are Crisis Group's two priorities in the region, but research is conducted as well in Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf. Dr. Hiltermann was the executive director of the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch during 1994-2002 and Director of the Iraq Documents Project at the same institution during 1992-1994. He was an analyst at the Ramallah-based human rights organisation Al-Haq during 1985-1988 and its research director during 1988-1990. He has a PhD in Sociology from the University of California in Santa Cruz.