



**TEPAV-SAM CONFERENCE**  
***MIDDLE EAST IN A CHANGING CONTEXT***  
**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

11 September 2008 (Thursday)

09.30-10.00-Introductory Speeches

09.30-09.45- Güven Sak, Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV)

09.45-10.00- Ertuğrul Apakan, Undersecretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Turkey

10.00-13.00 First Session- Turkey and the Middle East: A Political Overview

Moderator: Prof. Sema Kalaycıoğlu, Dogus University

10.00-10.30- Prof. Ahmet Davutoğlu, Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Erdoğan / A Political Overview

10.30-11.00- Sir David Logan, Former British Ambassador to Turkey / A Political Overview

11.00-11.30 Amb. Wendy J. Chamberlin, President, Middle East Institute / A Political Overview

11.30-11.50-Soli Özel, Istanbul Bilgi University / A Political Overview

11.50-12.10 Cengiz Candar, Senior Columnist, Referans Daily / A Political Overview

12.10- 13.00 Questions and Answers

13.00-14.00 Break / Lunch

14.30- 17.30 Second Session: Present and Future of the Middle East Peace Process: Challenges and Opportunities

Moderator: Amb. Hüseyin Dirioz, Director General of the Middle East and South Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Republic of Turkey

14.30-15.00- Martin Indyk, Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution / Challenges and Opportunities of the Peace Process

15.00- 15.20- Dr. Samir al-Taqi, Advisor to the Syrian Government, Orient Center for International Studies / Syrian-Israeli Track

15.20-15.40- Dr. Semih al-Abed, Former Minister of Public Work and Housing; Head of the Territory Negotiating Team; Advisor to Palestine Investment Fund /Israeli-Palestinian Track

15.40-16.00-Yossi Alpher, Bitterlemons, Co-editor / Israeli-Palestinian Track

16.00- 16.20- Prof. Bülent Aras, Işık University / Turkey's Role in the Israeli-Palestinian and Israeli-Syrian tracks

16.20- 17.30 Questions & Answers

17.30-18.00-Wrap Up of the first day of meetings

#### 12 September 2008 (Friday)

10.00-12.00 Third Session: Iran and the Gulf

Moderator: Prof. Ömer Kürkçüoğlu, Ankara University

10.00-10.20- Prof. Tayseer Al-Khunaizi, Lecturer, Department of Finance and Economics, King Fahd University / Security Challenges in the Gulf

10.20-10.40- Asst.Prof. Özgür Özdamar, TOBB University of Economics and Technology / Iranian nuclear program and its implications on the region

10.40-12.00 Questions and Answers

12.00-13.00 Break / Lunch

13.15- 18.00 Fourth Session- Iraq and Its Future

Moderator: Ersel Aydınlı, Bilkent University

13.15-13.35 Max Rodenbeck, Middle East Correspondent, the Economist / Iraq and the Broader Region

13.35-13.55 Joost Hiltermann, International Crisis Group / Search For Security / The Kirkuk Issue and Its Repurcussions for Iraq and the Region

13.55-14.45- Questions and Answers

14.45-15.15 Coffee Break

Moderator: Max Rodenbeck, the Economist

15.15-15.35-Ghassan Atiyah- Founder of Iraq Foundation for Development and Democracy / National Reconciliation and Power Sharing in Iraq

15.35-15.55- Safeen M. Dizayee- Director, International Relations, KDP /  
Local Balance of Power in Iraq

15.55-16.15 Erşat Salihi, Iraq-Turcoman Front / Local Balance of Power in Iraq

16.15- 17.00-Questions and Answers

17.00-17.30- Coffee Break

Moderator: Joost Hiltermann, ICG

17.30- 17.50-Hussain Sinjari, President, "Tolerancy International" / Ideas for a  
Strategic Regional Cooperation

17.50- 18.10-Prof. Zeki Fattah, Economic Consultant / Current State of the  
Iraqi Economy /Reconstructing Iraqi Economy

18.10-18.45 Questions and Answers

18.45-19.00- Wrap of the last day of meetings