

AHEAD OF IRAQI PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

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 be talking about the possible outcomes of the upcoming provincial elections in Iraq. We would be pleased if you could join our meeting to be held at the

3rd Floor Meeting Room

of the

TEPAV Building

*(behind the TOBB University of Economics and Technology-Söğütözü Cad.No:43 Söğütözü-ANKARA)
on January 28, 2009 at 4.00pm-6.00pm.*

Meeting Agenda

- **What is the significance of the upcoming provincial elections to be held on January 31, 2009? Why are these elections important?**
- **Does this mean redrawing of the country's political map?**
- **What will happen to the three Northern provinces and to the ethnically mixed province of Kirkuk?**
- **What are the repercussions on Turkey?**

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.