



türkiye ekonomi politikaları araştırma vakfı

## **NEW CRISIS GROUP REPORT: IRAQ AND THE KURDS- TROUBLE ALONG THE TRIGGER LINE**

**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 upcoming ICG Report titled "Iraq and the Kurds- Trouble Along the Trigger Line." We would be pleased if you could join our meeting to be held at the*

***3<sup>d</sup> Floor Meeting Room***

*of the*

***TEPAV Building***

*(behind the TOBB University of Economics and Technology-Söğütözü Cad.No:43 Söğütözü-ANKARA)  
on July 8, 2009 at 4.00pm-6.00pm.*

### **Meeting Agenda**

- **The Maliki-Barzani spat over federalism**
- **The deepening Kirkuk imbroglio**
- **Flashpoints in the disputed territories**
- **The combustible oil and gas question**
- **Turkey's relations with Baghdad and Erbil**

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.