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Session 1



Vision of Türkiye's Century: Türkiye as a System-Building Actor

On the centenary of Türkiye's establishment as a modern Republic, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has launched a new vision aimed at improving the significance of democracy, encouraging societal peace, and promoting economic well-being throughout the nation. In alignment with its new vision, Türkiye is demonstrating notable achievements in building a resilient economy and a powerful defence industry, while maintaining a proactive foreign policy stance that positions Türkiye as a key mediator and facilitator in the international diplomacy arena.

Furthermore, in the midst of a global landscape characterised by complex and multiple crises, Türkiye has adopted the "Century of Türkiye" vision in its approach to foreign policy. This vision aims to foster new forms of multilateralism, thereby contributing to the establishment of an inclusive international system that advances global and regional peace and security. Türkiye's new foreign policy stance reveals a new and ambitious international vision that values institutionalisation, integration, adherence to principles, multilateralism, and cooperation.

Within the framework of past successes, current developments, and future endeavours, this session seeks to shed light on the strategies and pathways Türkiye can pursue to maximise its potential in the 21st century through

proactive diplomacy, as both a mediator and facilitator in international relations.

Discussion Themes

- What are the main contours of the "Century of Türkiye" regarding foreign policy? What role can Türkiye play in fostering regional stability and cooperation? How can Türkiye strengthen its diplomatic relations and build partnerships with neighbouring countries and key regional actors?
- How can Türkiye promote new forms of multilateralism that can effectively advance its national interests and contribute to regional stability?
- How can Türkiye position itself as a system-building actor in a rapidly evolving global landscape?
- What strategies should Türkiye prioritise to make the "Century of Türkiye" vision a reality?

Session 2



The Return of Geopolitics: Rivalries and Re-alignments in the New Century

The geopolitical landscape has recently undergone a significant transformation, ushering in an era characterised by major shifts in global power dynamics. Traditional geopolitical frameworks are being challenged and reshaped by a confluence of factors ranging from the growing US-China rivalry, Russia's War Against Ukraine, and the shifting political dynamics in the Middle East.

The rise of new global players, notably China's ascendancy as a formidable economic and technological force, has introduced novel dimensions of competition and cooperation. Amidst this backdrop, non-traditional security challenges like cybersecurity threats and climate change are transcending geographical boundaries, underscoring the need for fresh modes of collaboration.

This session provides an in-depth analysis of the evolving global geopolitical landscape. Focusing on the dynamics of rivalries and re-alignments, the session examines the trends and challenges changing the 21st-century geopolitical order. The discussion will shed light on the implications of these changes for regional stability and explore opportunities for fostering alliances and cooperation to address the complex global challenges of the new century.

Discussion Themes

- How are the changing dynamics of rivalries and re-alignments shaping the 21st-century geopolitical landscape?
- How can nations effectively navigate the evolving geopolitical landscape characterized by emerging power dynamics? What collaborative strategies should be pursued to ensure regional stability and global cooperation?
- What are the key trends and challenges emerging in the new century's geopolitical order?
- How can nations foster cooperation to address the complex global challenges amidst evolving rivalries and shifting power dynamics?

Session 3



Remaking the Global Economy

In the wake of recent events like ongoing conflicts and novel crises, such as the pandemic, the global supply chain has encountered unprecedented challenges, leading to inflationary pressures and financial uncertainties. Disruptions in the post-COVID era have underscored the need for improved economic governance and heightened resilience in the financial system. These global challenges, including the post-pandemic recession, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and the chip shortage, have compelled supply chains to transform, pushing for diversification of logistical routes to improve resilience.

Thus, new trends have emerged as companies grapple with supply chain complexities. Among them is adopting tech-led solutions for agile and adaptable supply chain management, since embracing innovative technologies not only helps mitigate the impact of disruptions but also fosters a more resilient supply chain ecosystem for the future.

The session will focus on addressing the fundamental issues, solutions, and best practices associated with global supply chains. In addition to shedding light on the path toward a more resilient and dynamic supply chain landscape capable of navigating the complexities of an ever-changing global environment, this session aims to explore the innovative strategies and tech-driven solutions that have emerged in response to these supply chain challenges.

Discussion Themes

- What measures can be implemented in economic governance to mitigate the impact of recent global events on financial uncertainties, inflationary pressures, and overall stability in the global economy?
- How have recent global events, such as the pandemic, ongoing conflicts, and the chip shortage, impacted the global supply chain, and what are the key challenges companies face in managing supply chain complexities amidst these disruptions?
- In the wake of the post-pandemic recession and financial uncertainties, what measures can be taken to improve economic governance and enhance resilience in the financial system to ensure stability in the global economy?
- What role do tech-led solutions play in fostering a more agile and adaptable supply chain management?

Session 4



Dis/United Nations: Working Towards Effective Multilateralism

In an era increasingly defined by unilateral action, the United Nations (UN) has been striving to uphold diplomatic efforts amidst evolving conflicts and their ongoing consequences. This vital role has become more difficult due to myriad global challenges, ranging from climate change to migration crises, exacerbated by the global pandemic and subsequent socio-economic fallout.

While the UN has been recognized as a central conduit for these endeavours, it has frequently faced criticism for its inability to effectively enforce international norms. Critiques revolve around the question of whether the current form of the UN can truly foster international cooperation and collaboration in the face of mounting global complexities.

Moreover, the spread of geopolitical tensions and regional conflicts, amplified by rising new global powers and technological disruptions, present substantial challenges to international peace and security. This necessitates the reinstatement and strengthening of multilateral mechanisms and platforms to effectively address these international challenges.

This session will focus on assessing the utility and potential of multilateralism when confronting these layered challenges, alongside assessing the opportunities

and stumbling blocks for fortifying international cooperation. Additionally, it will explore how the United Nations can be reformed in ways to enhance its effectiveness, transparency, and democratic principles, and address the

role it should play in regional events such as the Israel-Palestine and Russia-Ukraine conflicts.

Discussion Themes

- What are potential UN reforms that could garner widespread and what should such reforms include?
- What role should the United Nations play in regional events such as Israel-Palestine and Russia-Ukraine conflicts?
- What is the significance of multilateral institutions in overcoming complex geopolitical tensions and promoting a more stable and prosperous global order?
- How can the UN's enhanced democracy, effectiveness and transparency help resolve conflicts and promote peace?

Session 5



The Critical Nexus of Food, Water and Energy Security

As the world witnesses ongoing climate-induced geopolitical shifts, population movements caused by global problems, and a host of dynamic challenges, the urgency of addressing the intricate interplay between food, water, and energy security has reached a paramount level. These foundational pillars of human wellbeing are profoundly interconnected, playing a pivotal role in shaping a sustainable future for our planet. Simultaneously, this critical interconnection gives rise to global ramifications, notably climate migration and supply chain crises, intricately woven within this complex matrix.

Recognising the paramount significance of these resources, this session intends to meticulously delve into the intricate nexus of food, water, and energy security. The session will not only underscore the critical importance of this issue but also explore potential actions and solutions that could set the course for a more secure and prosperous future for all. It will examine the possibility of a future where skilful management of these interlinked resources defies geopolitical strains, ultimately nurturing the prosperity of nations amidst an ever-evolving global landscape.

Discussion Themes

- How can nations effectively collaborate to address the intricate interplay between food, water, and energy security, especially in the face of climate-induced geopolitical shifts and population movements?
- How can we use technology to manage resources, tackle climate migration, and address supply chain disruptions?
- Considering the complex interconnection between food, water, and energy security, how can policy frameworks be designed to promote equitable access and distribution of these essential resources, ensuring the wellbeing of diverse populations, and fostering global cooperation?
- How can we create a booming global support mechanism to ensure food, water, and energy security in developing countries and conflict zones?

Session 6



All-Knowing AI: Creative Potential or Disruptive Evil?

The extensive use of AI has sparked both fascination and concern, as it raises questions about its creative potential and potential for constructive and destructive consequences across various sectors such as politics, media, healthcare, entertainment, culture, and the economy. The capacity of artificial intelligence in particular raises concerns as it raises the potential to replace or dominate the human race in information dissemination. This could significantly impact the labour market and lead to negative repercussions for employees.

On the other hand, it is clear that AI capabilities are leading to revolutionary innovations, reshaping industries and opening up new opportunities for human progress. Embracing AI-driven technologies holds the promise of improving human lives, optimising decision-making and unlocking untapped knowledge.

The session will address the dual nature of AI, evoking both fascination and concern. Speakers will discuss the possible creative potential of AI in different sectors, the ways it can revolutionise industries and the horizons it can open for human progress.

Discussion Themes

- How can we use the creative potential of AI to revolutionise various sectors and drive human progress, while mitigating its potentially disruptive consequences?
- How can AI-driven technologies be used to improve decision-making, and unlock untapped knowledge, while ensuring justice, transparency and accountability?
- What measures should be taken to develop robust AI governance frameworks that prioritise ethical development and deployment, avoiding exacerbating societal divides?
- How can we ethically integrate AI into the realm of media and journalism to enhance information dissemination and public engagement while avoiding misinformation and biases?

Session 7



Empowering Humanity: Addressing Social Crises and Inequalities

Deep within our shared humanity is the belief in a more just world that forms the foundation of our values of compassion, empathy, and understanding. Throughout history, human beings have confronted inequality, discrimination, and disparities. Struggles for civil rights, and socio-economic fairness have emphasised the role of these values in encouraging inclusivity and justice. These values are not ideals; they are the driving forces that should connect us to develop awareness and social responsibility.

In our tightly interconnected world, humanitarian crises such as conflicts, displacement, and environmental emergencies have become alarmingly recurring. These crises demand transformative actions that tackle both their immediate consequences and the underlying issues. Nations with resources and global influence can play a vital role in pursuing equitable solutions by strategic use of their capacities and showcasing solidarity to deal with these crises and inequality. However, despite numerous promises and expressions of compassion, developed countries are failing to 'walk the talk', hindering the resolution of global challenges.

This session invites participants to engage in discussions about inequality and the pursuit of a more just world. As inequality prevails, this session aims to champion the challenging but crucial conversation on potential solutions to address the ongoing social crises that persist on a global scale.

Discussion Themes

- How can societies harness the power of compassion, empathy, and understanding to effectively address deep-rooted social injustices and create a more inclusive and just world?
- In what ways can nations with resources and global influence play a pivotal role in bridging global gaps, allocating aid, and advocating for systemic changes to tackle pressing humanitarian challenges on a global scale?
- What innovative strategies can be implemented to reshape the landscape of humanitarian responses?
- In the pursuit of a more just world, how can it ensure that the principles of compassion, empathy, and understanding are not only espoused but also consistently acted upon by nations and international organisations, particularly in times of crises?

Session 8



Public Broadcasting in the Digital Era: Challenges and Opportunities

During the phase of rapid technological advancements and the ever-increasing digitalisation, public broadcasters encounter a new set of challenges. The evolving media landscape has profoundly impacted audience behaviour, strained funding sources, intensified competition from tech giants, and necessitated flexible operational approaches. Simultaneously, the pervasive nature of digitalisation has spurred discussions about the potential consequences of AI gradually eroding human agency in media and journalism, thereby raising concerns about its impact on the job market. Amidst these complex dynamics, public broadcasters also grapple with the escalating issue of disinformation. The emergence of the international video-on-demand (VOD) platforms, digital channels, cyber insecurity, cybercrime, and digital inequality has also triggered the severity of the disinformation problem.

However, embracing digitalisation not only presents challenges but also offers unprecedented opportunities for public broadcasters. Some public broadcasters are harnessing digital tools to deliver high-quality and cost-effective content while remaining committed to catering to the needs of the public. Especially the public broadcasters who have adapted the digitalization processes through their video-on-demand services, digital channels, and social media outlets to produce alternatives to the established practices of digital media platforms. As they evolve into indispensable sources of information, public broadcasters play a crucial role in countering disinformation, effectively becoming the “social infrastructures of information.”

This session delves into the ways in which public broadcasters navigate the digital impact, transforming their approach to content production and consumption within the broader media ecosystem. It explores how these challenges lead to new advancements and create opportunities for public broadcasters to maintain their critical role in addressing disinformation effectively.

Discussion Themes

- How can public broadcasters effectively adapt to the challenges posed by rapid technological advancements and digitalization? What strategies and operational models can they employ to remain relevant and responsive to shifting audience behaviours and the rise of digital platforms?
- In an era marked by disinformation, what role do public broadcasters play as “social infrastructures of information”?
- With the emergence of international VOD platforms, digital channels, and cyber-related challenges, how can public broadcasters redefine their strategic identities to thrive in the digital era?
- What are the potential implications of AI replacing human agency in the field of media and journalism, and how can society navigate this transition while ensuring accurate information dissemination, ethical reporting, and the preservation of diverse perspectives? How will AI affect the job market in the media sector?

Session 9



Israel's War in Gaza: Humanitarian Crisis and Prospects for Peace?

Recent escalations in Gaza have had major ramifications across the global stage, eliciting widespread concern. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's call for the evacuation of Gazans to the south, amidst the looming threat of a "complete siege," has further heightened regional anxieties. Simultaneously, Palestinian officials have criticised international support for Israel, especially from the Western world, stating that such support has given the green light for war crimes. Israel's deliberate strikes on civilian targets, coupled with its plans for an imminent ground assault, underscores the urgency of the situation.

This protracted conflict has severe consequences, including large-scale displacements, a significant casualty toll, and the emergence of a dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza—an issue underscored by the United Nations. Despite calls for accountability and Türkiye's proposal of a guarantor status in a conflict resolution process, the prospects of a ceasefire appear increasingly elusive.

The panel will delve into the Israel-Palestine conflict, focusing on recent developments and international responses. Discussion points include an overview of recent developments, global responses and statements, the deepening humanitarian crisis, proposals for resolution, the role of regional players, international legal implications, and the path forward. The panel aims

to facilitate an informed and diverse discussion about the ongoing crisis and potential solutions.

Discussion Themes

- Considering the conflict in Gaza as a timely and tragic reminder, how do we address the recurring challenge of the apparent inadequacy of international institutions when dealing with crises on a global scale?
- How can international support for Israel, particularly from Western nations, be balanced to encourage peace rather than further conflict in Israel/Palestine?
- How can the international community work towards ensuring the protection and humanitarian assistance of civilians in conflict zones like Gaza, given the limitations of international institutions?
- Considering the potential proposal for a guarantor system, what practical steps can be taken to ensure a fair and sustainable resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict that takes into account the concerns of all parties involved?



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