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## Envisioning Peace & Security in a Fragmented World

The 2018 TRT World Forum aims to build off the successes of the inaugural forum held last year in Istanbul. The 2018 Forum aspires to continue engaging the world's leading thinkers and decision makers in order to address the most pressing issues and challenges of our time. This includes a promotion and celebration of the richness and diversity of global voices and a focus on developing alternative strategies to confront the challenges facing our world.

This year's forum will bring together over six hundred distinguished guests and speakers from all over the world, bringing with them a rich assortment of experience, knowledge and expertise.

The 2018 TRT World Forum, entitled "Envisioning Peace & Security in a Fragmented World", will bring together academics, journalists, policy makers and members of civil society to discuss and analyse the issues that have shaped and defined our contemporary world. Over the course of two days, leading experts and decision makers will discuss critical issues and seek to collectively offer actionable strategies and solutions for a world in disarray.



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- Şükrü Hanioglu (*Professor of History at Princeton University*)
- William Hale (*Emeritus Professor of Politics at SOAS*)
- Thomas P.M. Barnett (*American Military-Geostrategist and Chief Analyst at Wikistrat*)

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- Sergey Karaganov (*Former Foreign Policy Advisor to President Vladimir Putin*)
- Haiyan Wang (*Managing Partner of the China-India Institute*)
- David McWilliams (*Economist, Author and Journalist*)
- Mamphela Ramphele (*Former Managing Director of the World Bank*)
- Baghdad Amreyev (*Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States*)

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- Diana Buttu (*Human Rights Lawyer*)
- Sakena Yacoobi (*CEO of the Afghan Institute of Learning*)
- Anita Alban (*Former Minister of Environment of Ecuador*)





# Programme

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**Moderator:** Imran Garda (TRT World Presenter)

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- İbrahim Kalın (Presidential Spokesperson of the Republic of Turkey)
- Mokhtar Lamani (Former Ambassador of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference to the UN)
- Maha Yahya (Director of the Middle East Centre at Carnegie)
- Staffan de Mistura (UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Syria)

## Joint Keynote

### **Exploring a Just Peace in a Fragmented World**

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**Moderator:** Kamali Melbourne (TRT World Presenter)

- Rageh Omaar (ITV News International Affairs Editor)
- Haroon Siddiqui (Editorial Page Editor Emeritus of the Toronto Star)
- David Patrikarakos (Writer and Journalist)
- Dima Khatib (Managing Director of AJ+)
- Riyaad Minty (Acting Director of Digital for TRT World & TRT Arabic)

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- Jérôme Jarre (Social Activist and Humanitarian #LoveArmy)

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- Ali Asghar Soltanieh (Iran's Former Permanent Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency)
- Robert Fox (Defence Editor at the Evening Standard)
- Peter Van Praagh (President of the Halifax International Security Forum)
- Burhanettin Duran (Professor at Ibn Haldun University and General Coordinator of SETA Foundation)
- Ufuk Ulutaş (Chairman of the Center for Strategic Research)

## Session 4

### **Fostering Global Consciousness in Times of Crisis**

**Moderator:** Ghida Fakhry (TRT World Presenter)

**Keynote:** HM Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan

- İbrahim Eren (Director General and Chairman of TRT)
- Francesco Rocca (President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)
- Børge Brende (President of the World Economic Forum)
- Pierre Krähenbühl (Commissioner-General of UNRWA)

## Closing Session

### **In Pursuit of Justice in a Fragmented World**

**Moderator:** Fatih Er (Director of News, Programmes and Visual at TRT World)

- Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (President of the Republic of Turkey)

# ”” Day 1



## **Day 1** **Session 1**

# **A World in or Out of Order? A Hundred Years since WWI**

The world has experienced various transformations in the international system since the end of World War I: the multipolar world of the interwar years, the bipolar world of the Cold War, the unipolar moment of the 1990s and the fragmented world, which we live in today. These fundamental shifts in the international system represent crucial moments in a chain of events that continue to shape many of today's conflicts.

One hundred years after the first major global conflict, the world is in transition towards a new international order - or disorder - characterised by an absence of global leadership, less cooperation and far greater uncertainty. As part of this tumultuous process of change, the international system is experiencing symptoms of this transition, including the failure of international institutions and the emergence of new threats and crises. Questions about the future of the international system are more pertinent now than ever before. This panel will focus on issues we are expected to face in this age of transition and will examine concepts that hold the potential to shape the interests of the main actors involved. Panellists, including strategists from around the world, will discuss their perspectives and visions for the future.

- **100 years on, what have we learnt from the experiences of the 'Great War'?**
- **Can the US continue to lead? Will rising powers seek to provide an alternative?**
- **Does the lack of international cooperation mean history is repeating itself?**
- **How does the Sykes-Picot agreement still haunt today's Middle East?**
- **What are the ways in which we can reform and restructure existing institutions to fit the demands and expectations of the international community?**

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## Session 1

# A World in or out of Order? A Hundred Years since WWI



**Moderator**  
Ghida Fakhry



**Robert Dickson  
Crane**

Dr Robert Dickson Crane is the former advisor to U.S. President Richard Nixon. He began his career in long-range global forecasting and planning in 1962 as a co-founder of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He was appointed to the National Security Council as Deputy Director for Planning, and in 1981, he was appointed US Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. He was Director of the Qatar Foundation's Center for the Study of Islamic Thought and Muslim Societies from 2011-2015.



**Şükrü Hanioglu**

Şükrü Hanioglu is Garrett Professor in Foreign Affairs in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University. He specialises in Ottoman political, diplomatic and intellectual history. His books include *The Young Turks in Opposition* (Oxford, 1995); *Preparation for a Revolution: The Young Turks 1902-1908* (Oxford, 2001); *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (Princeton, 2008); and *Atatürk: an Intellectual Biography* (Princeton, 2011).



**William Hale**

William Hale is an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Political and International Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, and a former Professor with a specialty reference in Turkish politics. He is the author of numerous books and articles on Turkish politics, including *The Political and Economic Development of Modern Turkey* (1981) and *Islamism, Democracy and Liberalism, The Case of the AKP* (co-authored with Ergun Özbudun, 2011).



**Thomas P.M.  
Barnett**

Thomas P.M. Barnett has worked in international security for three decades, first with the Centre for Naval Analyses and then as a professor at the U.S. Naval War College. After 9/11, Barnett served in the Office of Force Transformation in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In 2004, he authored a New York Times-bestselling book, *The Pentagon's New Map*. Dr Barnett has run his own consulting firm since 1998 and holds a PhD in political science from Harvard University.

## **Day 1** **Session 2**

# **The EU and Its Discontents: Is it the End of the European Project?**

The European Union (EU) has been referred to as one of the most successful post-WWII projects, helping maintain peace and prosperity in Europe for over six decades. However, there have been increasing concerns about its future. Its economic problems have led to significant political turmoil among the member states, posing serious challenges and doubts to the cohesion of the union. Moreover, the EU's relations with its neighbours have been strained due to major security crises. The war in Ukraine exacerbated the EU's already unstable relations with Russia and the response of EU member states to the Syrian Crisis and their treatment of refugees shattered the understanding of the fundamental values that the European Union was established on. Xenophobic and Islamophobic movements have emerged all over Europe, causing the discourse within the EU to shift from one of humanitarianism to one of identity, security and threat.

Furthermore, events such as Brexit have played a critical role in questioning the identity, belonging and future prospects of the EU among its members and the candidate countries. Responses to these questions will determine the EU's credibility and faith in its potential to provide continued peace and security. The session will revolve around discussions on European disintegration, possible scenarios, and questions regarding membership of candidate countries such as Turkey.

- **Has the European Union recovered from the Eurozone crisis?**
- **How can the European Union cope with the financial and political problems among its member states in the context of East-West and North-South divide?**
- **With Donald Trump as President of the United States, what are the challenges for European countries regarding maintaining the transatlantic security alliance?**
- **What is the impact of rising xenophobic and Islamophobic movements on the continent?**
- **Can Turkey offer anything to help protect the integrity of the EU system?**

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## Session 2

# The EU and Its Discontents: Is it the End of the European Project?



**Moderator**  
David Foster



**Ivo Josipović**

Ivo Josipović served as the President of Croatia from 2010 to 2015, focusing on reconciliation in South East Europe, human rights and the fight against corruption. He is also a university professor and has published several books and papers dealing with international criminal law, criminal procedure and human rights. Josipović has received prestigious domestic and international awards, namely the European Medal of Tolerance from the European Union and Premio Galileo 2000 Award for art.



**Volkan Bozkır**

In July 2018, Volkan Bozkır was elected for the third time as the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. Prior to this, he served as the Minister for EU Affairs and the Chief Negotiator (2014-2016). He has held several positions during his 39-years professional career including Vice Consul of the Consulate General in Stuttgart, First Secretary of the Embassy in Baghdad, Ambassador in Bucharest and Permanent Representative of Turkey to the EU.



**Franco Frattini**

Franco Frattini is an Italian magistrate and President of the Italian Society for International Organisation (SIOI), a non-profit organisation working under the supervision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is currently serving as the Special Advisor to the Serbian Government for EU Integration. He twice served as Italian Foreign Minister (2002-2004 and 2008-2011), and as Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security (2004-2008).



**Štefan Füle**

Štefan Füle is a Member of the Board of CITIC Europe and CEFC, having previously served for years as a diplomat. He has recently served as the EU Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy and as the Czech Government Minister for European Affairs (2009). Prior to this, he served as the first Deputy Defense Minister. He has also served as an Ambassador to the Special Envoy for the OSCE and NATO and as a Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

# Day 1

## Session 3

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# Disrupting the Established Order: Rise of the Global South

In the current international world order, countries use their respective economic power to pursue their geopolitical objectives. Western powers have been the dominant players in this game as they have historically used their economic might to set the rules of international institutions and have forced other countries to follow those rules.

However, in recent decades, the international world order has experienced significant economic shifts. Countries from the Global South have become significant drivers of global economic growth and are expected to collectively out-pace the economic power of the Global North in the coming decades.

Emerging countries – such as Brazil, China, India, and Turkey – are also using their newly gained economic might to shape the rules of the world order. These countries are now more vocal and influential in shaping global institutions like the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, and the United Nations. The international world order can no longer ignore the interests and demands of the rising Global South. This session will analyse the rise of the Global South and its impact on the established liberal world order.

- **What makes a state an “emerging economy?” What factors have led to their economic rise?**
- **What are the demands and interests of the emerging countries?**
- **What strategies have emerging countries used to pursue and achieve their objectives?**
- **Do emerging countries seek to reform the liberal world order? Or do they seek induction into the select club of Western countries?**
- **How have the established powers from the Global North reacted to the rise of the Global South?**
- **What are the ways to mitigate the potential clash between the Global North and the Global South due to their respective diverging geopolitical views?**



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## Session 3

# Disrupting the Established Order: Rise of the Global South



**Moderator**  
**Adnan Nawaz**

### Keynote Speech



### Hamid Karzai

Hamid Karzai served as the first democratically elected President of Afghanistan from 2004-2014 and was elected Chairman of the Interim Administration of Afghanistan at the Bonn Conference in 2001. In the 2004 and 2009 Presidential elections, Karzai won by a majority vote. Mr Karzai holds BA and MA Degrees in Political Science and International Relations from the Himachal Pradesh University, is fluent in several languages including Pashto, Dari, Hindi and French and enjoys reading philosophy.



### Sergey Karaganov

Sergey Karaganov is the Dean of the Faculty of International Economics and Foreign Affairs of the National Research University Higher School of Economics and the Honorary Chairman of the Presidium of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy. From 2014 to 2015, he was a member of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on European Security as a Common Project under the OSCE and in the 1990, he served as a member of the Presidential Council of Russia.



### Haiyan Wang

Haiyan Wang is the co-founder and Managing Partner of the China India Institute, a Washington, DC based research and consulting organisation focused on creating global strategies that leverage the transformational rise of China and India. Haiyan is currently ranked at #28 by Thinkers 50 as one of “the world’s most influential management thinkers.” She was previously listed by Thinkers 50 ‘On the Guru Radar’ and short-listed for the 2013 Global Solutions Award and 2011 Global Village Award.



### David McWilliams

David McWilliams is an economist, author and journalist. He is an adjunct Professor of Global Economics at Trinity College Dublin and is ranked 10th most influential economist in the world. He founded the world’s only economic and stand-up comedy festival Kilkenomics. He was an economist at the Irish Central Bank, UBS and the Head of Emerging Markets Research at Banque Nationale de Paris. McWilliams advises the Woodford Funds and Nedbank on global strategy.



### Mamphela Ramphele

Dr Mamphela Ramphele is a renowned academic and is actively engaged in an ongoing project to reimagine and rebuild South Africa. Dr Ramphele is currently a trustee of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and a board member of Women Strong International. She is the founder of the Open Society Foundation for South Africa and the Citizens Movement and is Co-Founder of ReimagineSA. Dr Ramphele is the author of several books and publications on a variety of socio-economic issues in South Africa.



### Baghdad Amreyev

Ambassador Baghdad Amreyev is the Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States. From 1996 to 2017 he served as the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and Iran respectively. In 2014, he was appointed as Advisor to the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan. Amreyev has held various additional positions during his 38-year professional career including the post of Special Envoy of Kazakhstan to the OIC, WTO, IEF.

## **Day 1** **Session 4**

# **The Leadership of Women in a World of Conflict**

Throughout the world, women have historically faced gender-based violence and discrimination due to a variety of factors. They have experienced major obstacles including restrictions in education, the work place and in their own homes. Today, in a world marked by rampant conflict, there is an urgent need for increased female empowerment and leadership. Despite the widespread restrictions imposed upon women from actively participating and engaging in leadership, the value of their contributions are apparent. This session will bring together successful female leaders from different sectors in order to hear their contributions towards achieving a more peaceful and harmonious world, as well as gauge their perspectives on how increased international cooperation can be achieved in the world today.

- **What are the practices that disadvantage women from pursuing leadership roles?**
- **Is patriarchy a source of the conflictual make-up of world politics today?**
- **How can society create an environment that can lead to women's individual and collective empowerment?**
- **How have culture and ideologies been used as an excuse to justify the use of systematic violence against women? Alternatively, how have they been used to empower women?**
- **What is the role of cultural relativism in empowering women?**

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## Session 4

# The Leadership of Women in a World of Conflict



**Moderator**  
Stavroula Logothettis



### Monique Villa

Monique Villa is the CEO of the Thomson Reuters Foundation where she has created high-impact programmes including TrustLaw, a global pro bono service, and Trust Conference, a movement to fight slavery and empower women worldwide. She received the Champions for Change Award in 2015 for her effort in the fight against human trafficking and modern slavery, and was the recipient of ECPAT- USA's inaugural Freedom Award in 2017 in recognition of her leadership in the fight to end child trafficking.



### Diana Buttu

Diana Buttu is a Canadian-Palestinian human rights lawyer. In 2000, Buttu moved to the occupied West Bank where she served as a legal advisor to the Palestinian negotiating team and later to the Palestinian president. She resigned from her post in 2005 and remains a frequent commentator on Middle East politics and human rights. Her op-eds have been published in the New York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, BBC, CNN and Aljazeera among others.



### Sakena Yacoobi

Dr Sakena Yacoobi is the CEO of the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), which she founded in 1995 in response to the lack of education and health care that the Afghan people were facing after decades of war. She is also co-founder and Vice President of Creating Hope International (CHI). In addition, Yacoobi has established private facilities in Afghanistan: 4 schools, a hospital and a radio station. She is an advisor to the Fetzer Institute, and is a member of the US - Afghan Women's Council.



### Anita Alban

Anita Alban is a lawyer and the former Ecuadorian Minister of State for the Environment. In 2008 she was named Executive Director for the newly created Ecuadorian Agency for International Cooperation (AGECI) and in 2010 she was appointed as Ecuador's Ambassador to the United Kingdom. She has consistently been involved in various charity and community development projects and since 2016, she has managed an environmental fund that is responsible for financing environmental projects in the region.

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## **Day 2** **Session 1**

# **Regional Players and the Shifting Security Equation in the Middle East**

The uprisings in the Middle East and the accompanying instability and, in some cases, armed conflict, which began in 2011 have brought on crises that the international community seemed ill-prepared for. From 2011 onwards, it would appear as though much of the international community was unable to grasp the monumental changes, crucial shifts and ensuing rivalries present in regional dynamics. From the evermore complex dynamics of the war in Syria to the unfolding humanitarian disaster in Yemen, the refugee crisis and the ongoing Palestinian issues, the region continues to be faced with a serpentine-like security equation. The recent 'Gulf Crisis' has added to the uncertainty and instability left in the wake of the so-called 'Arab Spring', as has the presence of unpredictable U.S. policies towards the region, and seemingly unforeseen developments such as the unofficial, yet widely acknowledged rapprochement between some Arab states and Israel. In light of these and other regional developments such as the defeat of daesh as a territorial threat, and the changing dynamics of the Syrian conflict, this session will explore the emerging security dynamic and potential future developments in the region. Special attention will be paid to the prospective of intra-regional dialogue and whether or not this approach holds the potential to advance effective change.

- **What do we mean when we reference a 'changing Middle East?' How does the discourse of instability affect perspectives of and policies towards the region?**
- **How do global events and geopolitics influence events in the region?**
- **Where is the region heading, and how can intra-regional efforts towards establishing peace and stability be capitalized on in a sustainable way?**
- **How can communication between regional powers and institutions be strengthened and improved?**
- **What are the near-term prospects for reconstruction in Syria? How will regional dynamics affect the reconstruction effort? Who will have the legitimacy and political capital to carry out the reconstruction process?**

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## Session 1

# Regional Players and the Shifting Security Equation in the Middle East



**Moderator**  
Imran Garda

### Keynote Speech



#### Fouad Siniora

Fouad Abdel Basset Siniora is a former Prime Minister of Lebanon (2005-2009) and former Member of the Lebanese Parliament and head of the al-Mustakbal Parliamentary Block (2009-2018). He served as the Finance Minister of Lebanon from 1992 to 1998 and again from November 2000 to November 2004. He is also a former business leader having served as the Chairman-General Manager of the Groupe Méditerranée. At the present, Mr. Siniora is still active on the political scene in Lebanon and the wider Arab World.



#### İbrahim Kalın

İbrahim Kalın served as Assistant Undersecretary of State and Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister of Turkey before taking up his current post. He is the founding-director of the Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA) serving as its director from 2005 to 2009. His academic work focuses on the Islamic intellectual tradition and its relevance for the contemporary world. Dr Kalın has published widely on Islamic philosophy, Islam and the West and Turkish foreign policy.



#### Mokhtar Lamani

Mokhtar Lamani is a Senior Fellow at the University of Ottawa and the former Head of the Office of the UN-League of Arab States, Joint Special Representative for Syria in Damascus (2012-2014). Prior to this, Lamani served as Ambassador of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation to the United Nations (1998-2004). His distinguished career in international diplomacy includes a number of positions within the General Secretariat of the Arab League, including Deputy Permanent Observer to the UN.



#### Staffan de Mistura

Staffan de Mistura is the Special Envoy for Syria of the United Nations Secretary-General. Prior to this, he served as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Iraq (2007-2009) and Afghanistan (2010-2011), as well as Deputy Italian Foreign Minister. During a career of over four decades with United Nations agencies, he has served in numerous conflict zones directing complex relief operations in Sudan, Ethiopia, Albania, Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Bosnia and Somalia.



#### Maha Yahya

Maha Yahya is the Director of the Middle East Centre, Carnegie. Prior to joining Carnegie, Yahya worked on Participatory Development and Social Justice at UN-ESCWA and with various international organisations on socio-economic development and post conflict policies in Lebanon, Pakistan, Oman, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Iran. She is a member on several advisory boards including the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, Refugees Deeply and The Arab Forum for Alternatives.

# Day 2

## Joint Keynote

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# Exploring a Just Peace in a Fragmented World

Perhaps more than ever in the course of modern history, recurrent calls for justice continue to emanate from the streets of the world's conflict-ridden cities to international platforms such as the UN. In the light of the apathy of the current international order vis-à-vis some of the protracted conflicts, there is a growing sense of injustice felt by many around the world.

Today, we are witnessing a critical juncture in the international system, with debates taking place regarding a possible end to the liberal international order. Transatlantic relations are facing the most difficult challenges and there is increasing talk of unilateralism, trade wars, and protectionism. Populism and the rise of the far-right have endangered the spirit that previously brought nations together in pursuit of the common good. Both the EU and Turkey stand squarely in the centre of these crises and transformations. As such, it is imperative to discuss how regional cooperation can transform the future towards peace and offer solutions to the crises of today.

- **Why have international institutions failed to deliver sustainable justice, peace and equality?**
- **How can the international community mobilise to bring reform to these institutions and tackle their entrenched flaws and inequalities?**
- **How can the international system address the ever-growing gap between the global South and global North in terms of wealth and prosperity?**
- **How can the EU deal with the rise of the far-right and growing xenophobia in many European states?**
- **How can a close cooperation between Turkey and the EU offer resolutions to protracted conflicts and the refugee issue?**



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## Joint Keynote

# Exploring a Just Peace in a Fragmented World



**Moderator**  
David Foster



### Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu

Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu is the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey and the first to be appointed to the position under Presidential System. He previously served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the 62nd, 64th and 65th governments of the Republic of Turkey. He is a founding member of the Justice and Development Party (AK Party) and former Vice Chairman of the AK Party in charge of Foreign Affairs. Çavuşoğlu also served as Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator of the Republic of Turkey.



### Stef Blok

Stef Blok is the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. From 1998 to 2012, Mr. Blok served as a member of the House of Representatives for the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) and the VVD's parliamentary party leader (2010-2012). He has also served as Minister for Housing and the Central Government Sector and Minister of Security and Justice. On 7 March 2018 Mr. Blok was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in the third Rutte government.

## **Day 2** **Session 2**

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# **A Crisis of Connectivity: New Media and Trust Formation**

With increased digital transformation comes increased complexity and ambiguity. Users of new media technologies are now able to actively monitor and be a part of international events, aggregate and filter news and add their viewpoints to any given story's narrative. As the world increasingly embraces digitization, communication via digital platforms is increasingly raising questions regarding the nature of 'truth'. Digital platforms such as Facebook and Google are becoming the new gatekeepers of information which flows through these platforms without being filtered by professional journalists. In the commercialised environment of new media, people have come to rely on like-minded networks, increasing confirmation bias and facilitating the creation of alternative 'truths'.

This session will highlight the challenges associated with global digital connectivity, the issue of trust in online platforms as well as provide insights for media outlets and stakeholders to improve their relationships with the audience. The panel will discuss how to overcome barriers in realising an efficient digital transformation.

- **How do traditional media outlets adapt to the new media environment?**
- **How are social media platforms utilised to ensure trust towards traditional media outlets?**
- **Can virtual platforms be neutral?**
- **How does corporate market power in online platforms contribute to the crisis of fake news?**
- **Can fake news be the element preventing a meaningful engagement to online debates?**

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## Session 2

# A Crisis of Connectivity: New Media and Trust Formation



**Moderator**  
Kamali Melbourne

### **Inside Story:** **How Social Media** **Can Positively** **Transform Lives**



**Jérôme Jarre**

Jérôme is a pioneer of mobile influence. In 2013, he created the first mobile only influencer agency. The same year his videos reached 1.5 billion views. In 2016, Jérôme initiated the LOVE ARMY movement. With over 300,000 donors, they received over \$10 million in the span of one year for Somalia, the Mexican earthquake and the Rohingya genocide. LOVE ARMY uses new methods of empowerment and direct giving and challenges the status quo of the humanitarian industry.



**Rageh Omaar**

Rageh Omaar is an award winning and highly acclaimed journalist. He operated as a broadcast journalist for the BBC World Service and later became a producer and reporter for Newshour (1994-1996). He served as a Senior Foreign Correspondent for the BBC, where he reported from Baghdad during the US invasion in 2003. In 2006, he moved to Al Jazeera English and since 2013 he has been an International Affairs Editor and Senior Presenter for ITV news.



**David Patrikarakos**

David Patrikarakos is the author of 'War in 140 Characters: How Social Media is Reshaping Conflict in the 21st Century' and 'Nuclear Iran: the Birth of an Atomic State'. He is a contributing editor at the Daily Beast, and a contributing writer at Politico. He has written for the New York Times, Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, and many other publications. He is also a Non-resident Fellow at St Andrews University and Poynter Fellow at Yale University.



**Haroon Siddiqui**

Haroon Siddiqui is Editorial Page Editor Emeritus at the Toronto Star, a senior Fellow at Massey College, University of Toronto and Distinguished Visiting Professor at Ryerson University. He has covered Canadian affairs for 50 years and reported from over 50 countries. He is author of 'Being Muslim', a bestseller, based on his travels through Europe, the Middle East, South Asia and the Far East and is a recipient of the Order of Canada, the nation's highest civilian honour.



**Dima Khatib**

Dima Khatib has worked in journalism in more than 35 countries. She currently directs the award-winning AJ+ digital channel in its four versions: English, Arabic, Spanish and French. The only female executive within Al Jazeera Media Network, Dima speaks eight languages and is an influential female voice on social media. She has one published book in Arabic: Love Refugee.



**Riyaad Minty**

Riyaad Minty is the Acting Director of Digital for TRT World and TRT Arabic. Previously with Al Jazeera, Riyaad was a founder of AJ+, one of the world's largest news outlets for the digital generation and contributed towards the network's global strategy as Head of Social Media. He is recognised as a leader in the space of digital media and regularly speaks at conferences and universities around the world. He joined TRT World in Istanbul in 2016 to help build the digital arm of the new network.

## **Day 2** **Session 3**

# **Closing Ranks: International Cooperation against Terrorism**

In the last decade, international terrorism has gained considerable momentum. Multiple terror groups have expanded their international bases; some have even claimed territory. As international terrorism has continued to move to the top of the international security agenda, high profile attacks in the hearts of major cities have continued around the world. In such an environment, international cooperation is critical to the development of a framework for collective security to provide protection against terror groups and the threat they pose to daily life. The increasingly sophisticated techniques used by terrorist groups requires efficient international mechanisms to confront them.

A fundamental issue complicating the matter of international cooperation against terrorism is state-sponsorship of terrorist groups and the use of these groups in proxy wars against both state and non-state actors. This panel will explore the different approaches to counter-terrorism collaboration. Considering the difficulties of cooperation and coordination on counter-terrorism strategies, our panellists will debate the best means to reach an international consensus in the fight against terrorism.

- **What kind of international mechanisms does the world need for the global fight against terrorism?**
- **What is the relationship between the containment of failed states and the fight against terrorism?**
- **What are the prospects of reaching a workable, non-elusive definition of terrorism accepted by the international community?**
- **Is there anything new about terrorism in the post-Daesh era?**
- **Is it possible to create international mechanisms to curb state-sponsored terrorism?**
- **What is the role of technology in countering terrorism?**

# Day 2

## Session 3

# Closing Ranks: International Cooperation Against Terrorism



**Moderator**  
Maria Ramos



**Robert Fox**

Robert Fox is the Defence Editor at the Evening Standard and has been a journalist and writer for 50 years, having worked previously for the BBC and Daily Telegraph. He has extensive experience reporting from conflict zones around the world including Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a Senior Associate Fellow at the Centre for Defence Studies at Kings College London and an Honorary Fellow at Exeter University's Strategy and Security Institute where he teaches on defence and security studies.



**Ali Asghar Soltanieh**

Ali Asghar Soltanieh is a nuclear scientist, university professor and former diplomat with 38 years of experience in international relations and diplomacy. He was the Director of Nuclear Research Centre of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) between 1980 and 1990. From 1996 to 1999, he served as Advisor to the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran and has twice served as Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (1982-1987 & 2006-2013).



**Peter Van Praagh**

Peter Van Praagh is the President of the Halifax International Security Forum. He has served as Senior Director for Foreign Policy at the Washington DC-based German Marshall Fund of the United States, Deputy Vice President of Programs at the National Endowment for Democracy in Washington DC, and Chief of Party for the National Democratic Institute both in the former Soviet Union and in Turkey. From 2006-07, Peter served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada.



**Burhanettin Duran**

Burhanettin Duran is a professor at Ibn Haldun University and General Coordinator of SETA Foundation. Prior to this, he held various academic positions including Assistant Professor at Sakarya University and Visiting Scholar at George Mason University. In 2013, he became head of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at İstanbul Şehir University. He has also worked as a professor at the Ankara Social Sciences University and is the author of several articles and books.



**Ufuk Ulutaş**

Dr. Ulutaş served as the Middle East Program Coordinator at SETA Foundation's Washington D.C. office and as a founding board member at the Mogadishu-based Heritage Institute for Policy Studies. He worked at the SETA Foundation as the Director of Foreign Policy Studies and lectured at the Social Sciences University of Ankara's Department of International Relations as an assistant professor. He is currently the Chairman of the Center for Strategic Research (SAM) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

# Day 2

## Session 4

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# Fostering Global Consciousness in Times of Crisis

The global refugee crisis and the turbulences that it has engendered have raised some of the most challenging issues in generations. Along with the enormous magnitude of the crisis, there have been defining moments that have provoked international condemnation and imprinted the collective memory of an entire generation. While the long-term impact of these events on the global humanitarian outlook remains a matter of conjecture and debate, it is clear that the concern for human security still lags behind political developments. This session aims to explore the power of these 'tragic transformative' moments in our collective global consciousness and assess how to utilise them for global peace, justice and the celebration of human life.

An experienced panel of state and civil society actors will discuss the concept of 'human security' and evaluate its shortcomings.

- **Is putting human security before national security a utopian concept?**
- **With respect to peacebuilding, in what areas can potential government policies provide durable solutions?**
- **Are there workable mechanisms for re-establishing security and the rule of law in post-conflict societies?**
- **How can we harness the momentum from painful events that have gone viral in mass communication outlets?**
- **How can humanitarian workers, social justice and peace activists harness public empathy generated by these events in order to produce real change?**
- **What role does the international community, individual states and civil society have in fostering global consciousness?**

# Day 2

## Session 4

# Fostering Global Consciousness in Times of Crisis



**Moderator**  
Ghida Fakhry

### Keynote Speech



### HM Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan

Known for her passion for improving education and alleviating poverty, Her Majesty Queen Rania has championed initiatives in Jordan and abroad to empower local communities. An advocate for tolerance, she is an influential voice in fighting stereotypes of Arabs and Muslims, and fostering greater understanding between people of different faiths. Through her position on their boards, Queen Rania continues to contribute to the work of the United Nations Foundation (UNF) and the World Economic Forum (WEF).



### İbrahim Eren

İbrahim Eren is the Director General and Chairman of TRT. Prior to joining TRT, Mr. Eren worked in executive positions for several companies in the technology and media sectors. Beginning his career at Bogazici Group, he founded Who Pictures, which operates internationally in the fields of documentary and animation. He also served as General Manager of ATV Europe and Deputy General Manager of ATV, an independent Non-Executive Director at Türk Telekomünikasyon A.S. and as a member of board of Directors at Euronews.



### Francesco Rocca

Francesco Rocca is the President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. He served as Vice-President (Europe) from 2013 to 2017, and was the Italian Red Cross representative on the IFRC Governing Board from 2009-2013. Prior to this, he had a distinguished career with the Italian Red Cross, first as its Head of Emergency Operations in 2008 and its Extraordinary Commissioner before being appointed National President of the Italian Red Cross Association in 2017.



### Børge Brende

Børge Brende is President of the World Economic Forum. He previously served as the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister of the Environment. He also served as Deputy Chairman of the Norwegian Conservative Party and as a member of the Norwegian Parliament for more than ten years. Alongside parliamentary roles, he held the roles of Chairman of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development and Secretary-General of the Norwegian Red Cross.



### Pierre Krähenbühl

Pierre Krähenbühl has served as the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) since March 2014 and has over 27 years of experience in humanitarian, human rights and development work. Previously, he served as Director of Operations at the International Committee of the Red Cross (2012-2014) and directly oversaw the organization's response to conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Colombia and Libya.

## **Day 2** **Closing** **Session**

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# **In Pursuit of Justice in a Fragmented World**

The quest for socio-political and economic justice is necessary for the envisioning of a peaceful world. However, the contemporary world continues to be further fragmented by civil wars, refugee crises, mass migration and the rise of xenophobia. This situation calls upon the world to consider 'justice' in all its various dimensions, particularly in light of the fact that the United Nations, which helped mediate trust and security between nations after WWII, is failing to adequately address the current crises. Economically and militarily powerful countries continue to shape the global discourse in favour of their own interests at the expense of socio-political and economic justice. This situation makes it incumbent upon us to discuss the place of and need for justice in an increasingly fragmented world.

- **Why has the current world order failed to achieve justice and who is responsible for it?**
- **Who defines the contemporary norms of justice?**
- **Why are international institutions like the United Nations failing to promote justice?**
- **Is there a need to change the Security Council's structure to achieve a just system?**
- **What is the role of rising powers in establishing a just world order?**



# Day 2

## Closing Session

### In Pursuit of Justice in a Fragmented World



**Moderator**  
Fatih Er



#### **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**

##### President of the Republic of Turkey

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has served as the President of Turkey since August 10, 2014 and is the first President of Republic of Turkey elected by popular vote. He is also the founder and Chairman of the Justice and Development Party. The first major breakthrough in Mr. Erdoğan's career was his election to the office of the Mayor of Metropolitan İstanbul. There, he was able to solve some of the most chronic problems facing the city such as clean water, garbage collection and traffic congestion. Prior to his presidency, he served as Prime Minister from 2003 to 2014. During his tenure he addressed many issues ranging from democratisation to the economy; expanding democratic rights of Kurds, Alawites and minorities in the country as well as overseeing an increase in per capita income from \$3,500 to almost \$11,000. Leading a country in one of the most volatile regions of the world, he has been a staunch supporter of regional initiatives and reform in international institutions. President Erdoğan was sworn in on July 9, 2018 as the first President of the new Presidential System, which Turkey adopted following a constitutional amendment approved by a referendum on April 16, 2017.

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- 4** Muslim Minorities in South Asia: India, Myanmar and Sri Lanka
- 5** Is there a Trump Doctrine in American Foreign Policy?
- 6** Activities of Terrorist Groups Abroad: FETO and PKK
- 7** Turkey's Foreign Policy in an Age of Crises
- 8** Turkey's Security Policy: National Defence Industry and Cross Border Operations
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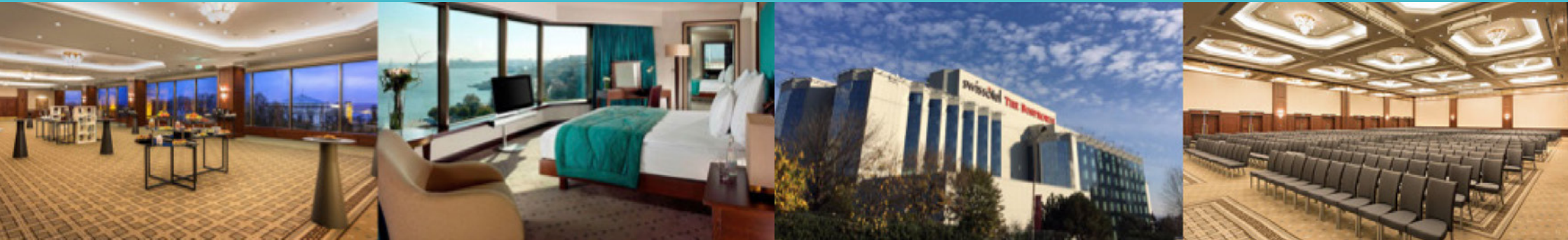
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