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Conference Program

Friday, October 6

09:30-10:00: Welcome Coffee and Introduction

10:00-10:15: Keynote Speech

(Kıvanç Ulusoy, Professor, Istanbul University)

10:15-12:00: Session I: Theoretical and Conceptual Discussions

Session Chair: Aylin Ece Çiçek, Assistant Professor, Istanbul University

- **Failed States or System? Anomie and World Order**

(Pengfei Hou, PhD, Senior Lecturer, School of Political Science and Public Administration, Xinjiang University, China)

- **Failed States or Failed Science? Discussing Critically the Assumptions Behind the Failed States Theory**

(Valentin Quintus Nicolescu, PhD, Researcher, Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Bucharest, Romania / Lecturer, Faculty of Political Sciences, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania)

- **Let's Play Equals or Stop Pretending: Recognizing the Ministate in International Society**

(Ipek Z. Ruacan, PhD, Independent Researcher, Türkiye)

- **The Future of the Modern State: Rethinking the Discourse of the "Failed State" with the Emergence of the Network (Cyber) State**

(Esra Güneşay Köse, PhD Candidate, Institute of Social Sciences, Kırıkkale University, Türkiye)

12:00-13:30: Lunch Break

13:30-15:00: Session II: Historical, Social, Legal and Political Perspectives on State Failure and Fragility

Session Chair: Engin Selçuk, Professor, Istanbul University

- **The Indian State: Mother of Democracy or a State Who Failed Its Citizens?**

(Santosh Kumari, PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, Panjab University, India)



- **A New Fragile State: South Sudan**

(Aşkın İnci Sökmen Alaca, PhD, Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, İstanbul Arel University, Türkiye)

(Hatice Koçan Kılıç, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, İstanbul Arel University, Türkiye)

- **The Imaginary, the Hard Reality and the Lost: An Analysis Based on the Novels on the Disputed Borders Around the Himalayas Region**

(Linjie Zhang, PhD Student, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

15:00-15:15: Coffee Break

15:15-17:00: Session III: Rethinking Intra- and Interstate Conflicts in State Failure

Session Chair: Giray Gerim, Senior Lecturer, Istanbul University

- **The Deadlock or Wedlock? A Critical Reflection upon EU's Policies Towards Failed States**

(Melek Aylin Özoflu, PhD, Researcher, Department of International Relations, Özyeğin University, Türkiye)

- **Changing Pattern of Nation Building: Implications on Mitigating the Conflict in Balochistan (Pakistan)**

(Rehana Saeed Hashmi, PhD, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of the Punjab, Pakistan)

- **Sectarianism and Failed States: The Weaponization of Sectarian Identities as a Driver of Instability in Yemen and Syria**

(Konstantinos Zarras, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Macedonia, Greece)

- **The Effects of the Fragility of the State on the Emergence of Terrorism: A Case Study of Iraq**

(Maryam Khaleghinezhad, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Tehran Science and Research Branch, Islamic Azad University, Iran)

17:00-17:15: Closing Remarks