CONFERENCE PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON REGIONAL POLITICS: MIDDLE EAST

MAY 7-9, 2026
ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY, TÜRKİYE

May 6th

19.00-21.30	Gala Dinner (İÜ Baltalimanı Sosyal Tesisleri) – Welcoming Remarks

May 7th

08.30-09.30	Registration
09.30-11.00	Teaser Trailer Opening Remarks: Head of the Department of PSIR and Dean of Faculty of Economics **Prof. Dr. M. Cüneyt Yenigün** Acting Rector **Prof. Dr. Levent Şahin** Mayor of Esenler Municipality **Mehmet Tevfik Göksu** Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality **Fatma Şahin** Governor of Istanbul **Davut Gül** Keynote Speaker: **Prof. Tarik Yousef** Senior Fellow of Middle East Council on Global Affairs Awarding of Plaque Ceremony to Keynote Speaker and Sponsors
11.00-11.15	Coffee Break

	Session 1 - Doctoral Hall	Session 2 - Hall “Mavi Salon”	Session 3 – D3
	Session Chair: **Begüm Kurtuluş Abdulhayoğlu**	Session Chair: **Namık Sinan Turan**	Session Chair: **Mahmut Şan**
11.15-12.15	**AbdelQadir Houti** British Security Policy and State Formulation in Transjordan (1930 - 1956): The Arab Legion Military Discipline and Political Constrain	**Elif Tuğçe Kurt** 19. Yüzyılda Osmanlı Orta Doğusu'nu Belgelemek: Yıldız Sarayı Fotoğraf Koleksiyonu'nda Bulunan 779-44 Numaralı Fotoğraf Albümü Üzerine Bir Değerlendirme	**ONLINE Djilali Maino and Ahmed Barkat** الحماية الجنائية للسيادة الرقمية في عصر الذكاء الإصطناعي- دراسة في التشريعات الشرق أوسطية
	Serra Can Soviet Hierarchy during the Cold War: The Tale of Middle Eastern Subordinates	**Mehmet Fahri Danış** Mitin Ezgisi: Feyruz'un Müziğinde Lübnan'ın Kurucu Anlatıları	**ONLINE Selma Bouriah** أثر التحولات الرقمية على قيم المواطنة في دول الشرق الأوسط
	Orhan Hayal and Muhammet Salih Kahraman A “Good Neighbor” for the Middle East: Constructing Türkiye as a Development Mediator in the Early Cold War	**Ayse Ersay** Görsel İktidar ve Pan-İslamizm: II. Abdülhamid Dönemi Osmanlı Sanatında Ortadoğu İmgesi	**ONLINE Mohammed Senouci** سياسات إدارة بؤر التوتر في الشرق الأوسط ما بين الثابت والمتغير" قراءة في واقع صراع القوى الإقليمية ومساعي السلام"
	Hassan Abdullah Al-Dajah Peacebuilding and Diplomacy in the Middle East	**Gökçe Arslan** Çatışma Çözümünde Kadınların Rolü: "Peki Şimdi Nereye Film Örneği"	**ONLINE Bouhania Goui** إصلاح جامعة الدول العربية :تعزيزات قانونية ومؤسسية لتعزيز الفعالية في معالجة الأزمات المتصاعدة في الشرق الأوسط

			ONLINE Mohamed Shaaban Abdelhamid من القطيعة إلى إدارة المصالح التقارب المصري -التركي في ظل التحولات الإقليمية المتسارعة
12.15-13.30	Lunch Break		
13.30-14.30	Session 4 - Doctoral Hall	Session 5- Hall "Mavi Salon"	Session 6 – D3
	Session Chair: **Gizem Bilgin Aytaç**	Session Chair: **Deniz İsitkbal**	Session Chair: **Saranjam Baig**
	Abdelilah Es-Satte Role of Social Media in Shaping Western Public Opinion toward Middle East Issues: The Palestinian Question as a Case Study	**Uğur Matiç** Şark Meselesi'nden Ortadoğu'ya: Kolonyal İnşanın Epistemolojik ve Jeopolitik Sürekliliği	**ONLINE Marta Sanseverino** The Middle East projection of the EU's foreign and security policy
	Soumaya Berjeb International Media Discourse as Soft Power: Reframing Politics and Economics in the Middle East	**H. Burç Aka and Filiz Tozyılmaz Bulut** Geçici Koruma Statüsündeki Suriyelilerin Gönüllü Geri Dönüşüne İlişkin Türk Vatandaşlarının Tutumu	**ONLINE Adam Krzymowski** Gulf Cooperation Council - European Union Geoeconomics Strategic Partners in Challenging Geopolitics

	Micah Yinpang Bavi Zing Western Mainstream Media (WMM) Cliches on Russia and Its Effects on Russia-Africa Diplomatic Dialogue	**A. Selcan Özdemirci-Cinal** Altyapısal Yeniden Üretim Rejimi: Ortadoğu'da İklimsel Zarar ve Kuşaksal Zamansallığın Siyasal Ekonomisi	**ONLINE Bassem Rashed** EU Actorness in Eastern Mediterranean Maritime Disputes: Mediating Turkey-Greece-Cyprus Tensions (2019-2025)
	Monalisa Dash and Asif Haseen Politics of Piety: Women's Activism and Civil Society Networks in Türkiye	**ONLINE Selin Cengiz and Muharrem Hilmi Özev** Güç Asimetrisinde Zayıf Aktörün Varlığını Koruma Yolları	**ONLINE Enas Abdelazem** Egypt as a Stabilizing Actor in Euro–Mediterranean Migration Governance: Externalization, Asymmetric Interdependence, and Policy Trade-Offs
14.30-14.45	Coffee Break		
14.45-15.45	Session 7 – Doctoral Hall	Session 8 - Hall "Mavi Salon"	
	Session Chair: **Uğur Matiç**	Session Chair: **Sadık Ünay**	
	Necmettin Acar Şii Toplulukların Sessizliği: İran'ın Orta Doğu'daki Yumuşak Güç Kaybı	**Saranjam Baig and Omran Alabri** Connectivity, Containment, and Hedging: The New Geoeconomics of the Global South	
	Büşra Erimli Meşrutiyet'ten İslam Devrimi'ne İran'da Cumhuriyet ve Halk Egemenliği	**Muhammed Affan** Survival or Decline? The Prospects for Political Islam Movements after the Al-Aqsa Flood	

	Macide Başlamışlı İran Devrimi Sonrası ABD'nin Türkiye Üzerinden Gerçekleştirdiği Tahliye Operasyonları (1979–1980)	**Onur Demir** A Quantitative Study Examining Terrorism and Radicalization through the MENA Region in the Context of the Arab Spring and New Terrorism	
		Muhammet Salih Kahraman Libya's Negative Peace and the Quest for Transformation	
15.45-16.00	Coffee Break		
	Session 9 – Doctoral Hall	Session 10 - Hall "Mavi Salon"	Session 11 – D3
	Session Chair: **Yunus Kaya**	Session Chair: **Süleyman Güder**	Session Chair: **Muhammed Ali Ağcan**
	Bünyamin Esen Demographic Fragility and	**Trodi Linda** الشرق الأوسط بين المعرفة والسلطة مقاربة إبستمولوجية لفهم السياسات الإقليمية	**ONLINE Md Ataur Rahman** Threatening the State Sovereignty of the Palestinian Territory under Arbitrary Annexation: An Issue Related to the Legality of Israel's Breaking of International Law

16.00-17.00	Sustainability of Welfare Regimes in the Middle East		
	Ayşe Nur Kanlı Çınar and Emine Kaya Hydro-Hegemony and Realism: The Role of the US in the Israel-Palestine Water Dispute	**Labed Naila** جدلية الأمننة والأنسنة في إدارة اللجوء والهجرة غير النظامية بالشرق الأوسط	**ONLINE Saranya Antony and Ashok Sadasivan** The Great Power Politics in the Palestine State
	Abdullah Hemmet and Hisham S. A. Almeghari Sovereignty under Prolonged Occupatıon and the Rule-Of-Law Enforcement Gap: Effective Control, Third-State Duties, and Institutional Integrity	**Badriya Rawy** التداعيات الأمنية والسياسية للتواجد السوري في لبنان ما بعد نظام بشار الأسد	**ONLINE Saqer Jabali** The Change in the Israeli Legislative Elite and the Arab-Israeli Peace Process
		Rokaya Selim الأقليات بوصفها أزمات مصطنعة: نقد الخطاب المهيمن حول أكراد سوريا	**ONLINE Marcin Styszynski** Distinctive Discourse of the Far-Right in Poland Towards the Middle East

May 8th

09.00-09.45	Registration

09.45-10.30	Keynote Speaker **Prof. Dr. Saeed Mubarak Al-Muharrami,** Sultan Qaboos University-Sultanate of Oman & Member of the State Council of Oman Awarding of Plaque Ceremony to Keynote Speaker		
10.30-10.40	Coffee Break		
10.40-11.40	Session 12 - Hall "Mavi Salon"	Session 13 - Hall M2	Session 14 – D3
	Session Chair: **Yeliz Yazan Koç**	Session Chair: **Ahmet Öztürk**	Session Chair: **Elif Tuğçe Kurt**
	M. Cüneyt Yenigün and Hayrunnisa Sağlam Rising of Türkiye as the Middle East Leader	**Shaymaa Badran** İsrail-Filistin Çatışması ve Abraham Anlaşmaları: Eleştirel Ekonomi Politik Perspektiften Hegemonya Analizi	**ONLINE Amirreza Nemati** The Geopolitics of the Red Sea and Its Implications for the Islamic Republic of Iran's Regional Policy
	Kouki Mariem The Future of Middle Eastern Alignments: A Forward -Looking Vision of Turkey –Egypt –Saudi Arabia Rapprochement	**Deniz İstikbal** Çin ve Ortadoğu: Enerji, Yatırım, Ticaret (2005-2025)	**ONLINE Debasish Das** The Paradox of Escalation and Control in Iran's Political Imagination: Assessing Iranian Acquiescence beyond Spatial Contestation
	Serdar Taşçı What is the "Middle East"? What is it not?	**Sibel Elif Özdilek** Ortadoğu'da AB, ABD, Rusya ve Çin: Politikalar ve Sonuçları	**ONLINE Roxana Niknami** Green Hydrogen as a New Pillar of EU-GCC Economic Relations: Investment Trends and Cooperation Dynamics (2018-2024)

	Ahmed Elobeidy Islam as a Sterile Problem for the West	**Özlem Acar** Radikalleşme, Terör ve Terör Eylemleri Bağlamında Kitle Kaynaklı İstihbarat (Crowdsourced Intelligence)'In Güvenlikte Kullanımı	**ONLINE Mohammed Wafeeq Alagha** Beyond Hydrocarbons: How Regional Energy Infrastructure Reshapes Decarbonization Politics in the GCC
			ONLINE Orkun Arslan From the Aegean to the Eastern Mediterranean: Maritime Boundary Disputes Between Turkey and Greece and the Blue Homeland Doctrine
11.40-11.50	Coffee Break		
11.50-12.50	Session 15 - Hall "Mavi Salon"	Session 16 - Hall M2	
	Session Chair: **Burcu Sunar Cankurtaran**	Session Chair: **Gubara Said Hassan**	
	Elshahid Elmokhtar Ahmed Operationalizing Alethocide: Actors, Disinformation, and Harm in Israel's War on Gaza	**Ahmed Abozaid and Salma El-Harrak** Clash of ʿAṣabiyyāt: A Neo-Khaldunian Perspective on Regional Power Competition and Alliances in Post-October 2023 SWANA	

	Abdulsalam Mualla Revisiting Balance of Power in Asymmetric Conflicts: The Palestine–Israel Case (2006-2025)	**Pausali Guha** Relationality and Civilisational Signalling: A Non-Western Critique of Israel's Post-2023 Public Diplomacy	
	Farouk Ghazi and Halima Mallaoui The Dilemma of The International Justice Roll in the Rule of International Law in the Middle East: Palestine-A Case Study	**ONLINE Amjad Z. Taama and Nawar Jaleel Hashim** Energy Diplomacy: A Study of China's Approach to Iraq	
	Emine İlik The Post-October 7 Transatlantic Divide: How Gaza Has Become the Epicenter of US–EU Foreign Policy Divergence		
12.50-14.50	Lunch Break		

14.50-15.50	Session 17 – Hall “Mavi Salon”	Session 18 - Hall M2	Session 19 – D3
	Session Chair: **Edip Asaf Bekaroğlu**	Session Chair: **Soumaya Berjeb**	Session Chair: **A. Selcan Özdemirci-Cinal**
	Gubara Said Hassan The Return of the Russian Bear to a Hot Middle East: Opportunities and Challenges	**Muharrem Hilmi Özev and Eliz Yüksel** Artificial Intelligence in Conflict Early Warning: Where It Is Used and Why It Matters	**ONLINE Rahana Sherin K V** Hybrid Sovereignty and The Obstacles To Peace: A Study Of Fragmentation In Yemen
	Hanadi Sala Selective Human Rights and International Law: A Comparative Analysis of Gaza and Ukraine	**Sana Ahmed and Anum Z Ahmed** Regime Durability And Constitutional Change İn Iran: A Political Development Perspective	**ONLINE Ashok Sadasivan and Saranya Antony** The Iris as Digital Tether: Biometric Governance and Humanitarian-Security Convergence in Jordan
	Raed Debiy and Mohammed Rajoub Gaza as a Moral and Structural Benchmark in the Modern Middle East: Sovereignty, Colonial Modernity, and the Crisis of International Legitimacy	**Lina Chawaf** Female Leadership in Conflict	**ONLINE Salma Thani** From Majlis to Diwan: Everyday Legitimacy and Governance Beyond Formal Institutions in the UAE
		Ahmed Abozaid Domestic Transformations, Societal Security, and Regional Security Architecture in the Gulf Region: Intersectional Analysis from the Bottom up	**ONLINE Atallah Al Sarhan and Omar Al-Adamat** From War to Adaptation: A Study on the Psychological Adaptation of Syrian Refugees in Jordan from their Perspective

			ONLINE Mohammed Afsal KH Infrastructure and the Reconfiguration of Regional Order in the Middle East
15.50-16.00	Coffee Break		
16.00-17.00	Session 20 – Hall "Mavi Salon"	Session 21 - Hall M2	Session 22 – D3
	Session Chair: **Ahmet Uysal**	Session Chair: **Kouki Mariem**	Session Chair: **Onur Demir**
	Nabil Zegaoui وفيات المهاجرين غير النظاميين على عتبات أوربا: حوادث عرضية أم ضحايا سياسات حدودية؟	**M. Cüneyt Yenigün and Zeinab Hussein** Power Theory and the Road Towards Regional Hegemony in the Middle East	**ONLINE Amal Nagah Elbeshbishi and Ebtihaj Al-A'ali** Women, Leadership, and Political Visibility in the Middle East: An Impression Management Perspective
	Khadidja Bouamer الفرات - دجلة لحوض الهيدروسياسي المركب الأوسط الشرق في الإقليمي الأمن تشكيل إعادة المناخية التغيرات ظل في	**Najmiyeh Pouresmaili and Tahmores Gholami** The Regional Order in the Middle East After October 7th	**ONLINE Settimio Stallone** The American Foreign Policy and the Evolution of the US Military Power in the Middle East

	Asma Hemaidia أزمة المناخ بين الخطاب السياس المهيمن والواقع العملي: مقاربة نقدية	**Shiv Sundaram** The Rise of Minilateralism in the Middle East: Regional Challenges and Conflict-Resilient Diplomacy	**ONLINE Arif Darmawan, Zedriansyah Zedriansyah, Arivina Ratih Yulihar Taher** Guns Or Growth? Military Expenditure, Inflation, and Regional Development in Conflict-Affected Middle Eastern Economies
		ONLINE Prasanta Kumar Pradhan Collective Action and Institutionalism: Analysing GCC's Multi-Layered Response to the Israel-Hamas War	**ONLINE Ilaha Chiragova** The Legislative Response to Technological Development: A Review of Incentives, Regulatory Frameworks and Challenges in the Republic of Armenia
			ONLINE Heba Abu Eyadah and Anas Odaibat Forward-Looking Visions For The Next Generation in the Middle East, Between Diplomacy and Technology
Awarding of Plaque Ceremony to Organization Committee Closing Ceremony			

May 9th

12.00-15.00	BOAT TOUR (EMİNÖNÜ PORT)