



**18th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
"THE EUROPEAN UNION, TURKEY, THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE KURDS"**

Brussels, European Parliament  
Wednesday 6th December 2023 16.30 - 20.00  
Thursday 7th December 2023 - 09.00 - 18.00

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- Wednesday 6th December 2023, 15.00 - 16.00*
- Thursday 7th December 2023, 08.00 - 08.45*

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**Wednesday, 6th December 2023, 16.30-17.00**  
**OPENING SESSION, Room SPAAK 04B01**

Interpretation in  
English and Turkish (with possibility to speak in German, French and Kurdish)

**Opening Speeches and Greetings**

- Ms. Kariane Westrheim, Chair of EUTCC, University of Bergen, Norway
- Mr. Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Vice-Chair of the European Parliament, The Left, Greece
- Mr. Andreas Schieder, MEP, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, Austria

**Wednesday, 6th December 2023, 17.00-20:00**

Panel I – Room SPAAK 04B01

### **Post-election Turkey**

**Moderator:** Ms. Ayça Çubukçu, London School of Economics and Politics, UK

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#### **Introduction: How & Why Erdogan Won in the May 2023 Elections**

- Mr. Michael Gunter, EUTCC Secretary General, Tennessee Technological University, US

#### **Turkey Has Voted: Quo vadis?**

- Mr. Irfan Aktan, journalist, Turkey

#### **Turkey After The Elections: Democracy (Im)possible**

- Ms. Çiğdem Kilicgün Uçar, MP, former Co-Chair of the Party of Greens and the Left (YSP)

#### **The (Lack of) Opposition in Turkey**

- Ms. Aslı Erdoğan, writer, Germany

#### **Turkey and the European Union: A Critical Approach**

- Ms. Ana Miranda, MEP, The Greens/EFA, Spain *tbc*

### **Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 7th December 2023, 09.00-10.15**

Panel II – Room SPINELLI 1G2

### **100 Years of the Treaty of Lausanne: Claim and Reality of a 'Peace'**

**Moderator:** Ms. Nil Mutluer, University of Leipzig, Germany

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English, Turkish, French, Spanish, German (with possibility to speak in Kurdish)

#### **The Treaty of Lausanne: History and Political Continuities**

- Mr. Hans-Lukas Kieser University of Zurich, Switzerland

### **Reassessing the Republican Practices and the Kurdish Alter-Politics**

- Mr. Jan Yasin Sunca, Bielefeld University, Germany

### **Europe and the Kurdish Question: Historical Responsibility and Expectations**

- Mr. Amed Dicle, journalist, Belgium

### **The European Union and Turkey: At the Crossroads?**

- Mr. Brando Benifei, MEP, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, Italy

### **Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

Thursday, 7th December 2023, 10.15-11.45

Panel IV – Room SPINELLI 1G2

### **Transition Period in World Politics**

**Moderator:** Ms. Eda Bektas, KURD-AKAD, Germany

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English, Turkish, French, Spanish, German (with possibility to speak in Kurdish)

### **Ecocide and Climate Change – Local Responses to Multi-layered Crises in North East Syria**

- Ms. Şermin Güven, Free University Berlin, Germany

### **The New World Order: Contradictions and Truths**

- Ms. Nursel Aydogan, former HDP MP, Germany

### **Sweden, the NATO and the Kurds: Challenges and Options**

- Ms. Lindsey Snell, journalist, US

### **The Middle East between Status Quo and Democratic Transition: Obstacles and Perspectives**

- Ms. Asya Abdullah, PYD Co-Chair, Syria

### **Europe and the New World Order: Positions and Perspectives**

- Mr. Nikolaj Villumsen, MEP, The Left, Denmark

### **Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 7th December 2023, 11.45-13.00**

Panel IV – Room SPINELLI 1G2

**Lasting Peace: Raising Voices**

**Moderator:** Ms. Kariane Westrheim, EUTCC Chairperson, University of Bergen, Norway

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**Beyond the Island: The Systematics of Isolation**

- Ms. Raziye Öztürk, Asrın Law Office, Turkey

**The Conditions on the İmralı Prison Island in the Context of Health**

- Ms. Dersim Dağdeviren, KURD-AKAD, EUTCC Board Member, Germany

**The Causa İmralı: Open the Gates**

- Ms. Laura Quagliuolo, Author of children's books, Italy
- Ms. Zülfünaz Coskun, Kurdish Women's Movement in Europe, Belgium

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 7th December 2023, 15.00-16:30**

Panel VI – Room SPINELLI 1G2

**Living Freedom - Women's Perspectives**

**Moderator:** Ms. Shilan Fuad Hussain, Middlesex University London, UK

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English, Turkish, French, Spanish, German (with possibility to speak in Kurdish)

**Feminist Foreign Policy: Contradictions and Options**

- Ms. Dastan Jasim, German Institute for Global Area Studies, Germany

**Women's Revolution and the Middle East**

- Ms. Soheila Shahriari, University of Paris, France

**Jin, Jiyan, Azadî: A Call to World Democratic Women's Confederalism**

- Ms. Elif Kaya, Jineoloji Center Brussels, Belgium

**Women & Politics: United Against War**

- Ms. Özlem Alev Demirel, MEP, The Left, Germany

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 7th December 2023, 16:30-17:30**

Panel III – Room SPINELLI 1G2

**The European Union and Turkey: Cooperation and Contradictions**

**Moderator: Mr. Naif Bezwan, University of Vienna, Austria**

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Interview with

- Mr. Nacho Sanchez Amor, MEP, Turkey Rapporteur, Spain

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 7 December 2023, 17:30-18.00**

Closing Session – Room SPAAK 05B01

**Conclusions, Recommendations and Final Resolution**

Board of EUTCC

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- Mr. Miguel Urban Crespo, MEP, The Left, Spain
- Ms. Kariane Westrheim, Chair of EUTCC, University of Bergen, Norway
- Ms. Dersim Dağdeviren, KURD-AKAD, EUTCC Board Member, Germany