

# **Foreign Policy Talks Series: Making Sense of the Latest Crisis in the South Caucasus**



# FOREIGN POLICY TALKS SERIES

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South Caucasus

**DATE:** Friday, 16 October  
**TIME:** 19:00 to 20:00 (GMT  
+3)  
**LOCATION:** Live on ZOOM and  
Facebook



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The aim of this new initiative is to reach the general public as well as specialist audiences with informed assessments on the state of our world. It is an extension

of the work being carried out both by the Center for International and European Studies (CIES) at Kadir Has University and the [International Relations Council of Turkey \(IRCT\)](#), of which [Panorama](#) is one of its many initiatives.

As both partners believe that the study and understanding of International Relations should not be limited to academic audiences only, this forum was created to reach the general public.

The Foreign Policy Talks will be stand-alone discussions on topics that are newsworthy in the international context. They will be primarily delivered online via regular webinars, while some will encompass, whenever the circumstances permit, both a live audience and an online discussion. They will also be recorded and made available through the websites and social media feeds of the partner institutions.

The fourth installment of the Foreign Policy Talks series will focus on “**Making Sense of the Latest Crisis in the South Caucasus**” where actively engaged professionals will assess the state of latest crisis in the South Caucasus.

The meeting took place on **Friday, 16 October 2020 between 19:00-20:00 (GMT +3) on Zoom.**

### **Speakers:**

- Nicu **Popescu**, Director, Wider Europe Programme, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)
- Brenda **Shaffer**, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council; Research Faculty Member, U.S. Naval Post-Graduate School
- Mitat **Çelikpala**, Vice-Rector; Professor of International Relations, Kadir Has University
- Mustafa **Aydın**, President, International Relations Council of Turkey;

Professor of International Relations, Kadir Has University (**Moderator**)

To watch “Making Sense of the Latest Crisis in the South Caucasus”:



**Prof. Dr. Mustafa Aydın**, Uluslararası İlişkiler Konseyi Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı ve Kadir Has Üniversitesi Öğretim üyesidir. Halen Euro-Mediterranean University (Slovenya) Senato Üyeliği ve World Council for Middle Eastern Studies Yönetim Kurulu üyeliği görevlerini sürdüren Prof Aydın, European Academy of Sciences and Art, European Leadership Network, Global Relations Forum, Turkish Atlantic Council, International Political Science Association ve International Studies Association üyesidir. Bugüne kadar yurt içi ve dışında çok sayıda üniversite ve araştırma merkezinde çalışmalar yürütmüş olan Aydın'ın Türk dış ve güvenlik politikaları, uluslararası güvenlik, uluslararası ilişkiler teorileri ile Karadeniz, Kafkaslar ve Orta Asya bölgeleri jeopolitik ve güvenliği üzerine yayınlanmış çok sayıda çalışması bulunmaktadır.



**Nicu Popescu** is the director of the Wider Europe programme at the European Council on Foreign Relations, and he works from ECFR's Paris office. His topics of focus include EU's relations with Russia and the Eastern Partnership countries.



**Prof. Dr. Brenda Shaffer** is a foreign policy and international energy specialist, focusing on global energy trends and policies, politics and energy in the South Caucasus and greater Caspian and Black Sea regions, Azerbaijan, Iranian natural gas exports, ethnic politics in Iran, and Eastern Mediterranean energy. She is a visiting researcher and adjunct professor at Georgetown University and a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center in Washington, DC.



**Prof. Dr. Mitat Çelikpala**, Kadir Has Üniversitesi Uluslararası İlişkiler Bölümü öğretim üyesi. İktisadi, İdari ve Sosyal Bilimler Fakültesi Dekanlığı görevini yürüten Dr. Çelikpala'nın çalışma alanları arasında eski Sovyet coğrafyası ve Kafkasya, diaspora çalışmaları, Karadeniz Bölgesi ve güvenliği, Türk-Rus ilişkileri, enerji güvenliği, kritik altyapı güvenliği ve terörizmle mücadele gibi konular yer alıyor. Lisans eğitimini ODTÜ'de tamamladı, Yüksek Lisansını Hacettepe, Doktora çalışmasını ise Bilkent Üniversitesi'nde yaptı. Oxford Üniversitesi St. Antony's College'da Senior Associate Member ve EDAM Yönetim Kurulu üyesi olan Çelikpala, çeşitli uluslararası kurum, düşünce kuruluşu ve şirketlerin yanı sıra NATO Terörizmle Mücadele Mükemmeliyet Merkezi, Türk Silahlı Kuvvetleri Stratejik Araştırma Merkezi (SAREM), Dışişleri Bakanlığı Stratejik Araştırmalar Merkezi'nde akademik danışmanlık yaptı. Çelikpala'nın yukarıda belirtilen konularda akademik dergiler ve güncel medyada yayınlanmış makale ve değerlendirmeleri bulunuyor.