

# **“Turkey’s Connection with the West and Democracy”**

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In this episode of the Literature Debates series, the author of the book “Turkey under Erdoğan”, Dimitar Bechev (Oxford University) and discussant Ebru Canan-Sokullu (Bahçeşehir University) ; discussed the Turkey’s Connection with the West and Democracy under the moderation of Rahime Süleymanoğlu-Kürüm (Bahçeşehir University).

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