

European Agenda- I

Call for Papers

International Academic Conference on

" Global Balance of Power: The European Union and Türkiye as Special Cases"

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Kocaeli University- Türkiye

(Online)

The power today is a complex concept in global politics; J. Nye resembled it a dimensional chess game including not only hard and soft power but also other new forms of it such as regulatory, normative, smart power etc. The complex character of power is linked with diversified global actors of 21st century, who holds it through transnational relations and challenges. This academic conference is devoted to reveal the power relations and global balance with reference to two specific actors: the European Union (EU) and Türkiye.

The EU- Türkiye relations have a long, mostly uphill history. Since the European Economic Community in 1959, Türkiye has always sought close cooperation with its European partners. 1963 Ankara Agreement was a milestone aiming economic progress and expansion of trade. Almost 40 years later, Türkiye also managed to be a part of the EU's enlargement plan. As a candidate state Türkiye needed to adopt and implement *acquis* as a part of the accession process and negotiations. With its apparent ups and downs, this process highlighted the EU as a regulatory and normative power.

This conference addresses global power balances with special focus to the EU, Türkiye, and their relations. How do these two actors affect each other in international relations? What are the crises points of the cooperation and what reflections do these have in politics? What influence does the EU- Türkiye relations have on individuals and third parties? With these and so many other questions in mind, our conference wishes to discuss hot topics of the EU- Türkiye relations from various aspects.



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Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Directorate of EU Affairs of Türkiye, Kocaeli University, International Relations Studies Association (TUIC) and Association for Research on Diplomacy (DARD) are jointly organising this two-day conference aiming to invite and encourage researchers working in the field of international relations, political science, law, economics, cultural studies, and sociology.

We invite studies within the scope (but not limited to) of the topics below:

Theoretical debate and cases of power for the EU and Türkiye:

- The power in cultural studies
- The EU as a global actor
- Governance and power
- Development and power
- Smart power
- Future of power

Economy and power:

- Economic crises and power distribution
- Market competition policies of the EU and Türkiye
- Digital economy policies of the EU and Türkiye

Law and power:

- Regulatory power reflections for the EU
- New Crises of the 21st century and their Legal Implications
- The European Court of Human Rights as an intersection point between the EU and Türkiye

Other policy implications of power for the EU and Türkiye:

- Neighbourhood policy
- Consumer health and safety
- Communication strategies
- Education policy
- Enlargement policy



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Please send your 500-word abstract (English or Turkish) and one-page CV in one single PDF file by 15 February 2023 to poweur.jmmodule@gmail.com. The results will be notified by 28 February 2023 and draft full papers are due 30 April 2023. Keynote speakers will be announced by the end of January 2022. Final conference program will be announced by 30 March 2023.

Proceedings book of the conference will be published as an e-book no later than December 2023. We plan to publish selected English papers in an edited book titled “**EU- Türkiye Dialogue in Progress: A New Framing on Regulatory Power and Integration**” in the first half of 2024 with a renown international publisher. Additionally, selected Turkish papers will be published in an edited book titled “**EU- Türkiye Relations on the Axis of Global Crises**” in the first half of 2024 with a renown international publisher. The name of the publishers for the Turkish and English books will be finalized before application deadline of the conference and will be announced accordingly.

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