



CIFAL Istanbul - The Impact of Geopolitical Developments in the Middle East on Türkiye

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BACKGROUND

This panel was organized to address the multidimensional impacts of recent geopolitical transformations in the Middle East. Recognizing that these shifts affect both regional stability and the global system, the event served as an academic platform to analyze political, military, and economic developments and

their specific implications for Türkiye's foreign policy and security.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

- Discuss recent geopolitical developments in the Middle East from a multidimensional perspective.
- Analyze the political, military, economic, and energy-related dimensions of regional tensions.
- Examine Türkiye's role, capacity, and limitations in the search for regional stability.
- Inform the public and academic community on evolving security dynamics and global supply chain risks.
- Identify the key drivers of political tension and military escalation in the Middle East.
- Describe the impact of regional conflicts on energy security and transport security in the Indian Ocean.
- Explain the economic and financial risks and opportunities posed to Türkiye by regional developments.
- Evaluate how intelligence and identity politics shape modern security dynamics.
- Discuss Türkiye's strategic foreign policy options within the current international system.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The panel combined expert presentations with an interactive Q&A session, organized into the following thematic areas:

1. **Political and Security Dynamics**

- Intelligence and identity politics in regional security.
- Analysis of military escalations and their threat to regional stability.

2. **Economic and Strategic Interests**

- Financial impacts and global economic risks/opportunities for Türkiye.
- Transport security in the Middle East and Indian Ocean and its effect on global supply chains.
- Energy security and the impact of Middle Eastern conflicts on global energy markets.

3. **Türkiye's Strategic Positioning**

- A comprehensive assessment of Türkiye's role and capacity as a regional stabilizer.

METHODOLOGY

- Multidisciplinary panel presentations
- Expert-led thematic lectures
- Moderated discussion
- Interactive Q&A session with attendees

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Academics, university students, and interested members of the public.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The event featured high-level academic leadership, including opening remarks by Rector Prof. Esra Hatipoğlu and Dean Hümeýra Adıgüzel. It emphasized the vital role of academia in analyzing geopolitical transformations and providing a structured environment for students to engage with real-world diplomatic and economic challenges.