



INTERNATIONAL BALKAN CONGRESS

“Interaction among the Balkan Nation”

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East-West Thrace Municipal Union**

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1. PRESENTATION

Turkey, whose %5 of lands takes place in the Balkans, is a Balkans country not only for its geographical location but also historical and socio-cultural aspects. Turkey, as an inheritor of the Ottoman Empire that has ruled in the Balkans about five hundred years, has deep and insentive historical and socio-cultural connections with the Balkan nations.

The waves of migrations from the Balkans to Anatolia started after the weakening and drawing back of the Ottoman Empire from the Balkans. These immigration waves, which have brought the Balkan Turks, Muslim Albanians, Bosniaks, Torbeshes and Pomaks from the Balkans to Turkey, have created approximately 7 million Turkish citizens of the Balkan origin in the present Turkey. These Balkan origin people of Turkey still have relations with their relatives who live in the Balkan countries. Hence, there are intensive and alive relations and connections among Turkey and the Balkan countries and nations.

At the present day, there are about 1.5 million Turks and 9.5 million Muslims, including the Balkan Turks, in the Balkans countries. Turkish and Muslim communities living in the Balkans have positive sentiments about Turkey. Also, because of the deep and intensive historical and socio-cultural connections, Turkish state and public opinion regards the Balkan Muslims and Turks as allies and brothers. In this context, especially during the crisis, conflict and oppression periods, Turkey has a high interest in these communities. As an important example, this high interest was seen during the Bosnia and Kosovo wars.

Because of deep historical and socio-cultural connections and existing intensive economic and political relations, the Balkans is very important region for Turkey. This region is a gate to Europe for Turkey. The connection roads between Turkey and European countries cross over this region. Existence of peaceful and stable condition in the Balkans is very important for both Turkey's security and continuity of economic and political relations with Europe. For this reason, since foundation of the Republic of Turkey in 1923, Turkish foreign policy has aimed and supported building peaceful stable condition in the region and always tried to cooperate with the other Balkan countries for this purpose.

The 1990s was a period in which the Cold War ended and socialist regimes collapsed. In this period, the Balkan countries and communities came in a radical transformation and changing process. New states were founded after the bloody collapse and disintegration of Socialist Yugoslavia. These radical developments and changes affected deeply relations among the states and caused new problems in the Balkan region.

Moreover, another important development was the beginning of the Balkan countries' integration process into the European Union after the regime changes. Slovenia in 2004, Bulgaria and Romania in 2007 joined to the European Union. Croatia and Turkey are two Balkan countries which have maintain full membership negotiations with the European Union since October 2005. Relations among the European Union and Albania, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina

have been maintained within the context of Stabilization and Association Agreements. On the other hand, Greece, as a European Union member since 1981, has huge experiences for share with the other Balkan countries about the European Union.

All these radical changes and transformation process have brought new economic, political, social and cultural problems in the Balkan agenda. Definitely, the most destructive and painful problem in the Balkan lands was wars that erupted in the 1990s. Painful memoirs of the wars are still alive and complicate problems in the region. Therefore, building peace, democracy and stability is still the most important issue for the Balkan states and nations.

Because of all these reasons, we need and aim to get correct and objective information about Balkans, abolish false prejudiced opinions among the Balkan nations, discover the Ottoman legacy in the region, develop a strategic vision toward the region, contribute to building peace, democracy and stability in the region, and especially establish intensive communication and interaction among the Balkans nation.

In order to supply these needs and reach aims, the project of "*International Balkans Congress*" under the subtitle of "*Interaction among the Balkan Nations*" is developed by cooperation of TASAM, Tekirdağ Governorship and East-West Thrace Municipal Union. We hope that, in order to reach the objectives, it will be more useful and beneficial to perform the project in Tekirdağ which is demographically and geographically intersection point between the Balkans and Anatolia.

Best regards...

Süleyman ŞENSOY
TASAM Chairman

2. SUBJECT

“International Balkan Congress: Interaction among the Balkan Nations”

3. COORDINATOR of the CONGRESS

Coordinator of the project is Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies (Türk-Asya Stratejik Araştırmalar Merkezi - TASAM).

TASAM is one of the specialized institutions which bring together the entrepreneurs, scholars and researchers who understand the significance of the strategic research and aim to work for meeting our country's needs on this issue.

Objective of TASAM is to provide decision-makers with realistic, dynamic, creative, and effective solutions and decision options through scientific research, studies, analyses, and evaluations on Turkey and its surrounding region's historical, cultural, political, economic, legal, sociological and geopolitical structure; Turkey's bilateral, regional and multilateral international relations; and its domestic political, economic, and socio-cultural issues.

TASAM is a private and independent center which serves Turkish and international private or public institutions in their studies about different issues and finances its activities by sponsorships and payments deriving from such services.

Detailed information about the activities of TASAM is presented in the Appendix.

4. VENUE OF THE CONGRESS

Namık Kemal University Congress Hall, Tekirdağ

5. DATE of the CONGRESS

24-26 April 2008

6. OBJECTIVE of the CONGRESS

The main objectives of “International Balkan Congress” are

- analyzing and discussing the Ottoman imprint and legacy on the Balkans,
- researching and discussing migration from the Balkans to Turkey and from Turkey to the Balkans and the socio-cultural impacts of the migration,
- researching and discussing transformation in the Balkans after the collapse of socialist regimes,
- researching and discussing the integration process of the Balkan countries into the European Union,
- defining the existing condition of political, economic and cultural cooperation and creating new cooperation fields among the Balkan countries,
- recommending solutions for current problems in the Balkans,
- contributing the process of building peace, democracy and stability in the Balkans,
- developing communication and understanding among the Balkans nations

7. REASONS of the CONGRESS

1. The Ottoman Empire ruled the Balkans about five hundred years and affected the countries and nations of the region deeply. For this reason, there are profound historical connections among Turkey and Balkan countries, and it is possible to talk about a serious Ottoman legacy in the Balkan countries.
2. Migrations from Balkans to Turkey that began the last quarter of the 19th Century and continued until 1990's created approximately 7 million Turkish citizens of Balkan origin. Also, about 9.5 million Turkish and Muslim population lives in the Balkans. Therefore, there are strong socio-cultural connections between Turkey and the Balkans.

3. The Balkans, as a gate to Europe for Turkey, has an important place in Turkey's political and economic relations with the European countries. Therefore, crises, problems and wars that take place in this region have a profound impact upon Turkey's security and relations with European countries.
4. In the post-socialist period, the Balkan countries come into a radical transformation process. This process has created an unstable environment, some new problems, conflicts and wars. Therefore, it is important to establish and protect a peaceful, democratic and stable atmosphere both for Turkey and for the Balkan countries.

Because of these reasons, it is necessary and very important to be informed about the Balkans, to develop a strategic vision about the region, to improve existing interaction network among the Balkan nations, and to create new political, economic and cultural cooperation areas among the Balkan countries.

8. TARGET AUDIANCE

- Turkey and the Balkan countries
- Republic of Turkey Tekirdağ Governorship
- East-West Thrace Municipal Union (TRAKYAKENT)
- Diplomatic representatives of the Balkans countries in Turkey
- Diplomatic representatives of Turkey in the Balkan countries
- Senior staff of the public institutions
- Experts, academicians and researchers from Turkey and the Balkan countries
- Media
- NGOs
- People and students of Tekirdağ

9. PRESS

Executive editors, news directors and newspapers columnists will be invited to the activities within the context of the International Balkan Congress. Furthermore, advertisement of the congress will be realized in order to take place at press.

10. MATERIALS of the CONGRESS

Materials which will be used in the Congress are those:

- Poster
- Brochure
- Invitation card
- File
- Memo pad
- Pencils
- Promotion
- ID badges for participants
- Visual materials that will be used in the congress hall

11. FINAL REPORT and BOOK of the CONGRESS

A book composed of papers presented in the congress will be prepared after the congress for making the information, data and evaluations of the congress permanent. Also, Final Report of the Congress will be published after the congress. Both the book and the report will be sent to related institutions and persons. Making a book and final report of the congress will make works of participants more meaningful.

12. METHODOLOGY of the CONGRESS

International Balkans Congress will continue three days. Total 8 sessions will be held on the first and second days. On the third day of the congress, a sightseeing tour of Tekirdağ is planned for historical and touristic places.

On the first day of the congress, there will be four sessions, namely “Identity and Nationalism in the Balkans”, “Building Peace and Democracy in the Balkans”, “the European Union and the Balkans”, “General Discussion and Assessment”.

On the second day, the sessions of “the Ottoman Legacy in the Balkans”, “the Turkic and Muslim Communities in the Balkans”, “Migrations among the Balkans and Turkey”, “General Discussion and Assessment” will be held.

In the sessions of the first day of the congress, the topics of identity and nationalism in the Balkans; establishment and maintenance of democracy, peace and stability in the region; relations among the European Union and the Balkan countries will be discussed.

In the sessions of the second day of the congress, the subjects of the Ottoman impacts and legacy in the Balkans; political and socio-cultural condition and status of the Turkic and Muslim Communities in the Balkan countries; migration waves among the Balkans and Turkey and its socio-cultural effects will be studied and talked.

In the last sessions of the first and second days of the congress, Turkey's diplomatic representatives in the Balkan countries and the diplomatic representatives of the Balkan states in Turkey will discuss and assess the subjects which will be studied in the congress.

Each lecturer will have total 15 minutes for presentation in the sessions. Presentations and simultaneous translation in the congress will be made in Turkish and English.

Accommodation and traveling expense of the participants of the congress will be assumed by TASAM.

13. PROGRAM

1st DAY

10:00 - 10:30 Opening Speeches

Aydın Nezih DOĞAN, Governor of Tekirdağ

Ahmet AYGÜN, Chairman of East-West Thrace Municipal Union

Süleyman ŞENSOY, Chairman of TASAM

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30 1st Session: Identity and Nationalism in the Balkans

Chairman:

Bülent KARADENİZ, Head of Department of Center for Strategic Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

Lectures:

Prof. Dr. Aydın BABUNA, Boğaziçi University, Turkey

Prof. Dr. Mihaela İRİMİA, Bucharest University, Romania

Dr. Nikola MOKROVIĆ, Zagreb University, Croatia

Dr. Nikolai VUKOV, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 2nd Session: Building Peace and Democracy in the Balkans

Chairman:

Ioannis KOFINIS, EKEM President and Director General, Greece

Lectures:

Ret. Ambassador Assoc. Prof. Ali Engin OBA, Atılım University, Turkey

Prof. Dr. David CHANDLER, University of Westminster, England

Dr. Laurentiu CONSTANTINIU, the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Romania

Assoc. Prof. Filip KOVACEVIĆ, University of Montenegro, Montenegro

Dr. Veronika BAJT, Peace Institute, Slovenia

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 - 17:00 3rd Session: the European Union and the Balkans

Chairman:

Dr. Liviu Muresan, Chief Executive of Risk, Security and Communication Management of EU Institute, Romania

Lectures:

Ret. Ambassador Uluç ÖZÜLKER, Turkey

Julia NIKOLOVA, Director of European Institute, Bulgaria

Elvin KLOBAS, Director of Centre for European Perspective,
Slovenia

Borka TOMIC, PR Manager of Serbian Institute for Public
Diplomacy, Brussels

Milos SOLAJA, President of Center for International Relations,
Bosnia-Herzegovina

17:00 - 18:30 4th Session: General Discussion and Assessment

Chairman:

Ret. Ambassador Murat BİLHAN, Vice Chairman of TASAM,
Kültür University, Turkey

Lectures:

Diplomatic Representatives of the Balkan States in Turkey

2nd DAY

10:30 - 12:00 5th Session: The Ottoman Legacy in the Balkans

Chairman:

Prof. Dr. Hasret ÇOMAK, Kocaeli University, Turkey

Lectures:

Prof. Dr. İlber ORTAYLI, Director of Topkapı Museum, Turkey

Prof. Dr. Kemal KARPAT, Wisconsin University, USA

Prof. Dr. Fikret ADANIR, the Ruhr University, Germany

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 15:00 6th Session: Turkish and Muslim Communities in the Balkans

Chairman:

Assoc. Prof. Cüneyt YENİGÜN, Kültür University, Turkey

Lectures:

Prof. Dr. Refik ÇATIÇ, Zenica University, Bosnia and Herzegovina
“Bosniaks in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Sanjak”

Dr. Olsi JAZEXI, The Muslim Forum of Albania, Albania
“the Ottomans into Albanians”

Avni ENGÜLLÜ, Past President of Macedonian Turkish Democratic Union, Macedonia
“Macedonian Turks”

Korman İSMAİLOV, Member of HÖH Presidential Board
“Bulgarian Turks”

Ahmet HACIOSMAN, PASOK Member of Parliament from Gümülcine, Greece
“West Thrace Turks”

Mahir YAĞCILAR, President of Kosovo Democratic Turkish Party, Kosova
“Kosovo Turks”

Prof. Dr. İbrahim ERVİN, General Secretary of Romanian Democratic Turkish Union, Romania
“Rumanian Turks”

15:00 - 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 - 16:45 7th Session: Mutual Migrations among the Balkans and Turkey

Chairman:

Ret. Ambassador Bilal ŞİMŞİR, Historian and Author, Turkey

Lectures:

Vemund AARBAKKE, Thessalonica University, Greece
“Migration from Turkey to Greece: Exchange of Population”

H. Yıldırım AĞANOĞLU, Researcher-Author, Turkey
“Migration from the Rumelia and Settlement Policy of the Ottoman State”

Assist. Prof. Dr. Vassil Hristov ANASTASSOV, Fatih University, Turkey
“Forced Migration of Turks”

Özcan PEHLİVANOĞLU, Chairman of Federation of the Rumelia - Balkan Turks, Turkey

“the Balkan Origin NGOs in Turkey”

16:45 - 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:30 8th Session: General Discussion and Assessment

Chairman:

Ret. Ambassador Murat BİLHAN, Vice Chairman of TASAM and
Kültür University, Turkey

Lectures:

Diplomatic Representatives of Turkey in the Balkan states

3rd DAY

Visit to Historical and Touristic Places in Tekirdağ

NOTE: Some of the chairmen and lecturers who take place in the program may be change.

14. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE of the CONGRESS

Chairman of the Congress

Süleyman ŞENSOY (Chairman of TASAM)

Coordinator of the Congress

Dr. Engin SELÇUK (Director of TASAM and İstanbul University)

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Dr. Abdullah ÖZKAN (Director of TASAM Political Communication Institute)

Bülent KARADENİZ (Head of Department of Center for Strategic Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey)

Project Manger Assistant

Caner SANCAKTAR (TASAM Balkan Expert)

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APPENDIX: TASAM ANNUAL REPORT

1. OBJECTIVE OF TASAM

To initiate and provide decision-makers with realistic, dynamic, creative, and effective solutions and decision options through scientific research, studies, analysis, and evaluations related to Turkey and the surrounding region's historical, cultural, political, economic, legal, sociological, and geopolitical structure; its bilateral, regional, and multilateral international relations; and its political, economic, and socio-cultural issues.

2. GOALS OF TASAM

- To pursue and study new developments in Turkey's sphere of influence
- To analyze the major world powers' security and foreign policies toward Turkey and its region.
- To track developments in the EU which stands as the most advanced integration model in the globalization process and to make the greatest possible contribution to the development of mutually beneficial relationships between Turkey and the EU.
- To support foreign policy openings of Turkey (Asia, Africa, etc.) in order to improve its power and effectiveness.
- To conduct political, economic, and socio-cultural research and analysis that will contribute to the establishment of perpetual peace in the regions of Balkans, Aegean, East Mediterranean, the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus where many severe economic, political and social problems.
- To plan and carry out activities that will facilitate development of human rights, cultural tolerance and reconciliation within the region.
- To conduct researches in order to determine and pursue economic, social, and cultural policies that are necessary for sustainable development and progress

through determining Turkey's natural, human and economic resources and means.

-To contribute to development programs and projects aimed at reducing the development gap between regions, to determine the policies and measures that will facilitate the rapid development in the priority regions for development, and to make proposals for research studies accordingly.

-To contribute regional or sectoral development programs and projects.

-To make researches with aim of improving the public administration effectiveness.

-To support the studies in order to develop the Turkey's technological infrastructure and to make the Turkish economy more competitive in international markets.

-To determine the cultural interactions and publish related documents in order to improve the Turkey's historical relations with neighbor countries.

-To contribute the development of national culture as grasp the past and the future.

-To develop analysis techniques based on models designed to meet the needs for strategic research on these issues.

-Together with other international and national research institutions, to pursue joint studies, organize education programs and develop political proposals and strategies for future.

-To open TACSS offices and bureaus in the Turkey's major cities and the world's geopolitically important regions.

3. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE OF TASAM

Chairman: Süleyman ŞENSOY

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- Assoc. Prof. Ahmet KAVAS
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- Dr. Necmi DAYDAY
- Dr. Abdullah ÖZKAN

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- European Union Expert Oğuzhan KÖSE

- European Union Expert Umut ELMAS
- European Union Expert Nevra ESENTÜRK
- Balkan Expert Caner SANCAKTAR

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- USA Assistant Expert Emre TARIM
- Expert Çağdaş Üngör
- Assistant Expert Ufuk TEPEBAŞ

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- The Caucasus Expert Ramil MEMMEDOV
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- The Middle East Assistant Expert Gökhan YİVCİGER (Israel - Palestine)
- The Middle East Assistant Expert Yasin ATLİOĞLU (Syria)
- The Middle East Assistant Expert Berna GÜRKAŞ
- The Middle East Assistant Expert Davut TURAN (Iran)

African Study Group

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- Africa Expert Hasan ÖZTÜRK

Energy Study Group

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- Project Manager Dr. Nemci DAYDAY
- Energy Expert Arzu YORKAN

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- Project Manager Dr. Abdullah ÖZKAN

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- Sociology Expert Hasret DİKİCİ BİLGİN

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- Econometrics Assistant Expert Pelin Elif AVŞAR

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- Assistant Expert Ebru AKKAYA

Media and Public Relations Study Group

- Project Manager İhsan TOY
- Assistant Expert Mustafa SANBERK
- Assistant Expert Ömer YÜCE

National and International Activities Study Group

- Project Manager Diler ULUKAYA
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- Expert Ali BAŞAR
- Expert Levent AYKUT
- Expert Fatma Günce KANLI

Institutions

African Institute

Political Communication Institute

Development and Cooperation Institute

Platforms

Development and Cooperation Platform of International Civil Society Organizations
Nuclear Technology Platform of Turkey

TASAM Representatives in Foreign Countries

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- **Russia:** Assoc. Prof. Fatih ÖZBAY
- **The United States of America:** Expert Hasan ÖZTÜRK

4. COOPERATING AND SUPPORTING CORPORATIONS

Association of the EU Studies Center

African Union

Ankara African Diplomatic Group)

European House Association

Bahçeşehir University

Bakü State University (DPT)

Baku Slavyan University

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

D8 Directorate

State Planning Organization

Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)

Ethiopian Institution of International Peace and Development (EIIPD)

Galatasaray University

Halkbank

Işık University

Economic Studies Foundation (İAV)

İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality

Organization of the Islamic Conference

International Islamic Organization for Education, Science and Culture (ISESCO)

Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

Entrepreneurial Businessmen Association of İstanbul (İGİAD)

İstanbul Technical University
 İstanbul Commerce University
 Kadir Has University
 Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)
 Keele University
 Kocaeli University
 Konrad Adenaur Foundation
 Liberal Democracy Group
 Marmara Group Strategic and Social Studies Foundation
 Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Publicity Fund Republic of
 Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Turkish International Cooperation and
 Development Agency (TİKA)
 Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 Republic of Turkey the Presidency of Religious Affairs
 Republic of Turkey Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources
 Republic of Turkey Ministry of Interior
 Republic of Turkey Ministry of National Education
 Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism
 Republic of Turkey Tekirdağ Governorship
 Republic of Turkey Zonguldak Governorship
 Turkey Studies Center (TAM)
 Turkey Atomic Energy Institution (TAEK)
 Turkey European Foundation (TAV)
 The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)
 Economic and Financial Researches Foundation of Turkey (TEMAR)
 Young Businessmen Confederation of Turkey (TÜGİK)
 Yıldız Technical University

5. EXECUTED ACTIVITIES

Congresses and Symposiums

- IIIRD International Turkish-Asian Congress (will be performed on 21 - 23 May 2008)

- International Balkan Congress: Interaction among the Balkan Nations (will be performed on 24 - 26 May 2008)
- IIIRD International Turkish-African Congress (December 2007)
- Congress of Education in the Islamic Countries (October 2007)
- IIND International Turkish-Asian Congress (May 2007)
- International Nuclear Energy Congress (April 2007)
- IIND International Turkish-African Congress (December 2006)
- IST International Turkish- Asian Congress (May 2006)
- National Symposium of Energy and Development in Turkey (April 2006)
- IST International Turkish-African Congress (November 2005)
- Symposium of Broadcasting Policies and Impacts of Globalization and Media on the Culture (May 2005)
- Symposium of Investment Opportunities in the Turkish Republics (November 2004)
- Symposium of the Iraq's Future (May 2004)

Conferences

1. Within the context of Republic of Turkey Zonguldak Governorship Strategic Vision Development Project
 - Turkish Foreign Policy: Global developments and their effects on Turkey (January 2008)
- Within the context of Republic of Turkey Ministry of Interior Strategic Vision Development Project
 - Reflections of Regional and Global Problems upon Turkey
 - Economical and Socio-cultural Impacts of the Developments in the Middle East upon Turkey and Required Measures
- Within the context of Republic of Turkey Tekirdağ Governorship Strategic Vision Development Project
 - Globalization and Its Impacts upon Turkey
 - The Turkish – EU Relations and Its Reflections upon Turkey
 - Tekirdağ in the Light of Socio-cultural Developments, Problems and Solutions in Turkey
- Turkey's Middle East Policy after the September 11

- USA's Iranian and Syrian Policies and Its Impacts upon Turkey
- USA's Mediterranean Policy and Its Impacts upon Turkey
- The Past, Today and the Future of Africa and Its Relations with Turkey
- The European Union and Enlargement Process
- The Greater Middle East, Modern Society and Democracy
- Historical Origins of Ethnic Approach
- New Dimensions of Security, NATO and Turkey
- Is it a Clash of Civilizations or an Alliance?
- Developments in Turkey's Economy and Problems
- Ethnic Politics and Terror in Turkey
- Hydrogen Energy and Turkey
- The Turkish – Russian Relations
- Union Forming Strategies
- The Turkish – Greek Relations
- Africa's Importance and Relations with Turkey in the Future World
- Scientific Research and Writing Techniques

Seminaries / Workshops

- Balkan Communication Network Meeting (January 2008)
- Strategic Vision Development in the 21st Century for the Administrative Personnel of Metropolitan Municipality of İstanbul
 - İstanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture in the Light of the Aims of the National Culture (December 2007)
 - Regional-Global Developments and their Impacts upon Turkey / İstanbul (November 2007)
- Common Strategic Vision Development Regarding the Diplomatic Mission Representatives of Turkey and African Countries
 - Workshop- V (January 2008)
 - Workshop- IV (October 2007)
 - Workshop- III (September 2007)
 - Workshop- II (May 2007)
 - Workshop- I (April 2007)
- The Nuclear Energy Platform of Turkey (TRNTP) Press Conference (May 2007)

- Preparatory Meeting of Asian Ambassadors before the IInd International Turkish-Asian Congress (March 2007)
- Nuclear Technology Transfer in the Developing Countries (September 2006)
- NGOs in the Development Aids and Capacity Building (July 2006)
- Importance of Nuclear Energy for Sustainable Development (July 2006)
- Economic Cooperation and Development Aids (May 2006)
- The Role of Media in the Operations of Development Aids and Its Contributions in the Economic Cooperation Improvements (May 2006)
- Short Term Interaction Project for Central Asia and South Eastern Europe (November 2005)
- The Young Prospect on Turkey in the EU Process (July-August 2005)
*Human Rights *Economy *Socio-Cultural *Political Participation
- Israel – Philistine Dispute (July 2004)
- Security, Preventing Conflicts and the EU’s Role in the Eastern Mediterranean (July 2004)

Brain Storms

- The Turkish – African Relations
- The European Union’s Future
- Turkey – Islamic Countries Relations
- The Israel – Philistine Dispute and Turkey
- Globalization, New World Order and Project of the Greater Middle East
- Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- Energy Need, Energy Production Facilities and Environment in Turkey
- Turkey – Turkish Republics Relations
- Turkey’s Expansions
- The Effects of the Current Developments in Iraq on Turkey
- The Turkish – EU Relations
- Turkey – Center Asian Turkish Republics Relations
- Turkey – Far East
- The Greater Middle East Project and Iran
- The Turkish Middle East Policy and Syria
- Turkey’s Middle East Policy after the Cold War Era

- The Karkuk Issue after the Iraqi War
- The Turkish – Syrian Relations
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Special Project: Nuclear Energy Project for Sustainable Development

Stages of the Project

1. Stage: Brain Storm on “Turkey’s Energy Needs, Energy Production Opportunities and Environment”(March 2006)
2. Stage: Preparation and publishing of the report of “Energy Production and Its Environmental Effects” by the scientific board chaired by Prof. Dr. Ferruh ERTÜRK and Assoc. Prof. Atilla AKKOYUNLU (April 2006)
3. Stage: Organizing “Symposium of Energy in Turkey and Development”, and preparation and publishing of the symposium book (April 2006)
4. Stage: Organizing “Workshop of Nuclear Energy’s Importance for Sustainable Development”, and preparation and publishing of the workshop book.
5. Stage: Organization of “Workshop of Nuclear Technology Transfer in Developing Countries”
6. Stage: “South Korea Nuclear Plant Research Travel” by a delegation composed of 43 participants, 30 of them are journalists, chaired by Undersecretary of Ministry of Energy and TASAM Chairman (December 2006)
7. Stage: “Research Travel to Çekmece Nuclear Researches and Education Center (ÇNAEM)” (January 2007)

8. Stage: "International Nuclear Energy Congress" (April 2007)
9. Stage: "Press Conference on Project Evaluation" (April 2007)
10. Stage: "World Conjunction in Nuclear Technology: Generation III and III+ Nuclear Reactors – International Congress" (It will be performed on 27-29 March 2008)

5. ASSESSMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES

TASAM, has organized **many brain storms, conferences, seminars and symposiums** in terms of its aims which are listed above.

1st and 2nd Turkish - Asia Congresses were organized with the participation of many specialists from 24 different countries in the first year and 26 in the second year.

The symposium of 1st National Energy and Development in Turkey with participation of energy experts from state institutions and universities was organized.

1st, 2nd and 3rd International Turkish - African Congresses, which were first time happened in Turkey, were organized on International level.

Congress of Education in Islamic Countries with the participation of 57 member countries of Organization of the Islamic Conference was organized with the cooperation of ISAV.

Short Term Interactions Project for Central Asia and South Eastern Europe was organized with the participation of international experts.

6 day intensive education and interaction program for NGOs from 3 continents was organized with the context of **NGOs in the Development Aids and Capacity Building Projects**.

Also TASAM has published **35 books** and **25 strategic reports** and continue to publish quarterly **Strategic Foresight journal**. TASAM became a center with its

works and publications in 2006 and took the **one of the first position between strategic researches centers.**

TASAM opened **Ankara office** on 1 February 2007 in terms of its aims to open new offices in **the major cities of Turkey and the geopolitically important regions of the World**, and also has made new plans for Balkans, Central Asia, Caucasus and Africa.