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Alparslan Açıkgenç obtained his MA degree at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1978 and Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago, 1983. He taught at the Department of Philosophy at Middle East Technical University, from 1983 to 1991. Then he served as a professor of philosophy at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization, Kuala Lumpur. He joined Fatih University in 1999 as a professor of history of philosophy. Prof. Acikgenç served as the Dean of Arts Sciences at Fatih University where he also served as the Deputy Rector. He is currently teaching at Yıldız Technical University. He published more than 100 articles in various professional journals on comparative philosophy and philosophy of science. Some of the articles and books are "Philosophy of Development and Technology" (Istanbul, 1989); "Philosophy of Knowledge" (Istanbul, 1992); "Being and Existence in Sadra and Heidegger: A Comparative Ontology" (Kuala Lumpur: International Institute of Islamic thought and Civilization, 1993); "Scientific Thought and its Burdens" (Istanbul: Fatih University Publications, 2000). "Islamic Scientific Tradition in History" (to be published by IKIM_MPH Kuala Lumpur).

GÖKHAN BACIK



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Role of Interfaith Dialogue on Peace Building and Conflict Resolution



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DECEMBER 10, FRIDAY
D BUILDING CONFERENCE HALL

09:45 -10: 15 Cocktail

10: 15-10:25 Welcome Speech by Dr. Savaş Genç,
Director of RCCC at Fatih University

10:25-10:35 Protocol Signing Ceremony

10:35-10:50 Prof. Dr. Şerif Ali Tekalan, President of
Fatih University

10:50-11:05 Prof. Dr. Eiji Hatta, President of Doshisha
University

11:05-11:25 Congratulatory Address of the Special
Guest Yaşar Yakış, PM

11:25-12:00 Keynote Speech by Prof. Dr. Masanori
Naito, Dean of Graduate School of Global Studies at
Doshisha University

12:00-13:00 Break

13:00-15:00 Speeches (Moderators: Prof. Dr. Masanori
Naito and Dr. Savaş Genç)

- İhsan Yılmaz, Social Innovation for Peaceful
Coexistence: Intercultural Activism

- Katsuhiko Kohara, The Peace Understanding
of Japanese Christians

- Alparslan Açıkgenç, Dialogue as a Means for
Mutual Understanding in the Global Age

15:00-15:45 Q&A

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Conflict Resolution

DECEMBER 9, THURSDAY
R BUILDING ROOM 210

10:00-11:30 I. Session: Open Civilization: The Turkish
Experience

- Moderator: Savas Genc
- Presentation: Recep Senturk
- Discussion

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45-13:30 II. Session: How is Islam perceived from
Japan?

- Moderator: Hisae Nakanishi
- Presentation: Idris Danismaz
- Discussion

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 III. Session: Liberation of the Earth
through Spreading Rule of Law

- Moderator: Hisae Nakanishi
- Presentation: Ko Nakata
- Discussion

16:00-16:15 Break

16:15-18:00 IV Session: The Role of Education
Volunteers in Perpetual Peace: The Case of
Afghanistan.

- Moderator: Gokhan Bacik
- Presentation: Mahmut Kaleli & Bekir Guler
- Discussion

18:00-20:00 Dinner

MICHELANGELO GUIDA



Michelangelo Guida obtained his BA and PhD from Istituto Universitario Orientale (Naples, Italy) and his MA from SOAS (London, UK). He has published several articles on Turkish Islamist political ideas and he is interested also in electoral behaviours in Turkey. Since 2005, he has been working at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Fatih University.

İHSAN YILMAZ



İhsan Yılmaz received his PhD in law in 1999 from SOAS, University of London. Between 1999-2001 he worked at the University of Oxford as a research fellow. At Oxford, he undertook two separate research projects; the first on the Turkish diaspora in London and second on the faith-based movement of Fethullah Gulen, his neo-ijtihadi and renewal of Islam. Since 2001, he has been teaching comparative law, legal sociology, Islamic law and Turkish politics at the University of London and Fatih University, Istanbul. He is the author of Muslim Laws, Politics and Society in Modern Nation States: Dynamic Legal Pluralisms in England, Turkey and Pakistan (2005), co-editor (with John L. Esposito) of Islam and Peacebuilding: Gülen Movement Initiatives (2010) and co-editor (with Paul Weller) of a forthcoming book European Muslims, Civility and Public Life: Perspectives On and From the Gülen Movement (2011). He is a regular columnist of the daily Today's Zaman. Turkish diaspora, Turkish politics, Islamic movements, Muslim legal pluralism are some of his diverse research areas.

MAHMUT KALELİ



Lecturer Mahmut Kaleli did his B.A. and M.A. in English Literature at Dhaka University, Bangladesh. Upon his graduation in 2000, he started working as an English Teacher at Turkish Hope School in Bangladesh. Following the US bombardment of Afghanistan and re-establishment of Turkish Schools in Afghanistan, he went teaching in Afghan-Turkish High Schools. He taught English and English Literature for 4 years in Shibirghan, Mezar-i Sherif and Kabul Afghan-Turkish High Schools. He joined Fatih University in 2006. He also took part in United Nations International Election Observing Committee for Iraq in January 2009.

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KERİM BALCI



Turkish writer, journalist and academician Kerim Balcı (b. 1971) is recently the editor in chief of Turkish Review, a bimonthly journal published by Zaman Media Group of Turkey. Balcı is a frequent columnist in Today's Zaman and Zaman dailies, both the largest circulating newspapers in their boulevards, and correspondents to several local and international TV channels on issues related to the Middle East. Kerim Balcı studied Physics and Political Science and International Relations in the Bosphorus University of Turkey. He has an MA from the

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KOJI MURATA



Koji Murata is currently a professor of political science, Doshisha University, Kyoto. He holds his Ph.D. in Political Science from Kobe University. He was also a Fulbright student at the George Washington University. Professor Murata received various academic awards and published many books, articles, and chapters both in Japanese and English.