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KASHMIR ISSUE

TIME IS UP!

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

31 JULY 2021

CONFERENCE BOOKLET



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FOREWORD

The Kashmir region, which emerged as a new conundrum in international politics with the withdrawal of Britain from the Indian subcontinent in 1947, became a volatile and problematic area that could not be resolved by the international system established after the Second World War.

In this context since the 1950s, no initiative has been taken to establish a permanent solution by both the parties to the issue as well as regional and international organizations. Hence till date Kashmir remains to be a frozen conflict sitting at the heart of the region. Recently, this matter has become one of the key issues in the changing and transforming the international economic and political system. Thus, its resolution is crucial for both the states parties and the region. Else, significant opportunities shall be squandered in the emerging geopolitics of Asia which could lead to an adverse environment in terms of security and prosperity of the region.

As Ankara Center for Crisis and Policy Studies (ANKASAM), we believe that it is a universal responsibility to eliminate the elements of instability and security problems in the region, with the foresight that Asia, which is also known as the Old World, will once again become the subject of international politics in the medium term. Based on this thought and the international conjuncture, we are organizing an international conference with the belief that the spirit of time will force the parties to solve the Kashmir Question and the resolution of the problem will contribute to the security and welfare of the region.

This international conference, organized under the coordination and responsibility of ANKASAM, aims to bring together academics, experts, journalists, retired diplomats particularly from states party to the Kashmir Dispute.

ABOUT ANKASAM

Ankara Center for Crisis and Policy Studies (ANKASAM) is an Ankara-based think tank founded in 2017 under the legal entity of International Amity Cooperation and Strategy Research Association (UDISAD). Among its founders are Turkey's leading academics, experts, media professionals and intellectuals.

In this context, ANKASAM is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that seeks to achieve a strong position in its region and internationally via its countless experts and academicians who exhibit strategic foresight, broad vision, and comprehensive analysis in social sciences.

Analysing the economic, political and social crises in the international system and developing policies that include solutions to them are among the top priorities of ANKASAM.

Based on this consciousness, ANKASAM assumes an important responsibility to identify, analyse and offer necessary solutions to the risks and threats created by the power-competition centric economic, political and social crises in the international system.

ANKASAM's main field of activity is the Asian region within the scope of international relations. Having completed its restructuring process in 2020, ANKASAM has 4 Regional Institutes namely:

- *AF-PAK Institute*
- *Asia-Pacific Institute*
- *Central Asia Institute*
- *Russia-Caucasia Institute*

ANKASAM is open to national, regional and international joint studies and collaborations, preferentially in the sphere of activity of its institutes.

With comprehensive analyses, articles, reports, and other works based on scientific procedures and objectivity, ANKASAM also carries out seminars, brainstorming, panels, conferences and engages in active cooperation with the media to help Turkey achieve a more active position regionally and globally.

Within ANKASAM, two internationally indexed multilingual journals (Journal of Regional Studies and Journal of International Crisis and Policy Research) are published primarily in Turkish, English, and Russian every 6 months since 2017.

Analysing the current events and offering powerful projections for the future, www.ankasam.org continues its operation in three languages (English, Turkish and Russian), with the intend to create a heart and mind bridge by bringing the perspectives of experts from aforementioned geographies to Turkey and Turkey to them.

OUR VISION-MISSION

- *To follow closely the developments in the international order which is determined by constantly changing and evolving dynamics.*
- *To foresee the current global threats and risks in a timely manner so to foster and suggest solution strategies to prevent them.*
- *To provide accurate, clear and practical information in meticulously carried out studies.*
- *To conduct studies aimed at improving and advancing Turkey's relations principally with Asian states and those favour global peace, stability, and prosperity.*
- *To be a coordination centre based on scientific approach and objectivity in the advancement of a common strategic mind aimed towards regional and international peace and stability. In this regard, to conduct all kinds of communication and academic activities to progress and strengthen political, economic-commercial, and cultural-based relations between our nation and populaces of other states, non-governmental organizations, universities, media and think tanks in the international arena.*
- *In addition to regional studies, to make a significant contribution in shaping Turkey's regional and global policies with a multidimensional, interdisciplinary perspective, through practical studies such as culture, ethnicity, religion, economy, society, security, politics-democracy, law, and human rights.*

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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Dear Participants,

As Ankara Center for Crisis and Policy Research (ANKASAM) we thank you in advance for your courtesy.

We as the Conference Organising Committee are very delighted to be hosting you online on Saturday, 31st of July and look forward to your precious remarks.

Finally, we kindly request that you abide to the proceedings below in order to prevent any hindrances that may occur during the conference.

1. The conference will begin with the opening ceremony scheduled for 09:30 Turkish Standard Time (GMT +3) and end at 19:30 with closing remarks.
2. The conference consists of ten **(10) sessions** and each session will be moderated by one of our distinguished moderators.
3. Each moderator will be given **five (5) minutes** to introduce themselves and the session speakers.
4. Each session speaker will be then given **ten (10) minutes** to deliver their remarks.
5. Attending of all session is discretionary. **However, it is mandatory that the speakers be present in the Zoom Room fifteen minutes (15) prior their session begins.**
6. If you are going to make a presentation please **notify one of the host/co-hosts** beforehand so that they can give you the permission to share your screen.
7. Please be advised that due to time constraints there will be **no Questions and Answers (Q&A)**.
8. The conference will be livestreamed on our social media channels
 - **Youtube:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocWYV396d_w
 - **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/ankasamorg>
 - **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ankasamorg>
9. Only the speakers and the Conference Organising Committee will be allowed into the Zoom Room. Thus, we kindly request **that you do not share the room details** with anyone.
10. We also kindly ask the attendees to **mute** their microphones while not speaking.
11. For technical assistance and support please contact us on **+90 531 431 16 22** (we are available on **Whatsapp & Telegram**) or conference@mail.ankasam.org.
 - The ZOOM ROOM info is as follows:
 - Meeting ID: **885 4163 6824**
 - Passcode: **timeisup**
 - Alternative Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88541636824?pwd=SIZLQnEyNUw1Sm5CWVBlcGVXQTVRZz09>

We wish you all a fruitful and productive debate.

OPENING CEREMONY

ANKARA (GMT+3) 09:30–10:00

BEIJING/MANILA (GMT +8)
14:30–15:00

TASHKENT/ISLAMABAD (GMT +5)
11:30–12:00

LONDON (GMT +1)
07:30–08:00

BISHKEK/ALMATY (GMT +6)
12:30–13:00

BAKU (GMT +4)
10:30–11:00

EASTERN STANDART TIME (GMT -4)
02:30–03:00

NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30)
12:00–12:30

ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2)
08:30–09:00

PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7)
23:30–00:00

1. Prof. Mehmet Seyfettin Erol
President of Ankara Center for Crisis and Policy Research (ANKASAM)
2. Eldor Tulyakov
Executive Director of Development Strategy Center (DSC)
3. Dr. Eynulla Madatli
Ambassador (Retd.); Deputy Director for Research Affairs, Institute of Philosophy, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences

I. SESSION: THE BACKGROUND & HISTORICAL PROCESS OF THE KASHMIR ISSUE

ANKARA (GMT+3) 10:00–10:50

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12:00–12:50

LONDON (GMT +1)
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BISHKEK/ALMATY (GMT +6)
13:00–13:50

BAKU (GMT +4)
11:00–11:50

EASTERN STANDART TIME (GMT -4)
03:00–03:50

NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30)
12:30–13:20

ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2)
09:00–09:50

PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7)
00:00–00:50

MODERATOR: Aydin Nurhan

Ambassador (Retd.); Senior Adviser to the President of ANKASAM

1. Prof. Nurlan Aitmurzaev
Ambassador; Lecturer at the Academy of Public Administration Under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic
2. Prof. Babak Rezvani
Chairman of Association for the Study of EthnoGeoPolitics; University of Amsterdam
3. Altaf Hussain Wani
Chairman of Kashmir Institute of International Relations
4. Prof. h.c. Mehmet Sukru Guzel
ANKASAM Representative in Geneva

II. SESSION: CLAIMS, ACTIONS AND APPROACHES OF THE ACTORS I

ANKARA (GMT+3) 10:50–11:50

BEIJING/MANILA (GMT +8)
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TASHKENT/ISLAMABAD (GMT +5)
12:50–13:50

LONDON (GMT +1)
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BISHKEK/ALMATY (GMT +6)
13:50–14:50

BAKU (GMT +4)
11:50–12:50

EASTERN STANDART TIME (GMT -4)
03:50–04:50

NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30)
13:20–14:20

ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2)
09:50–10:50

PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7)
00:50–01:50

MODERATOR: Associate Professor Oktay Bingol
General (Retd.); Lecturer at Istanbul Arel University

1. Senator Mushahid Hussain
Member of Parliament, Pakistan Muslim League
2. Abdul Basit
Ambassador (Retd.); President of Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS)
3. Professor Ejaz Akram
Lecturer at Southwestern University of Politics and Law in Chongqing, China
4. Ershad Mahmud
Executive Director for Peace, Development and Reforms (CPDR)
5. Ahmed Quarishi
Executive Director of YFK-International Kashmir Lobby Group

III. SESSION: CLAIMS, ACTIONS AND APPROACHES OF THE ACTORS II

ANKARA (GMT+3) 11:50–12:40

BEIJING/MANILA (GMT +8)
16:50–17:40

TASHKENT/ISLAMABAD (GMT +5)
13:50–14:40

LONDON (GMT +1)
09:50–10:40

BISHKEK/ALMATY (GMT +6)
14:50–15:40

BAKU (GMT +4)
12:50–13:40

EASTERN STANDART TIME (GMT -4)
04:50–05:40

NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30)
14:20–15:10

ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2)
10:50–11:40

PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7)
01:50–02:40

MODERATOR: Prof. Celalettin Sencer Imer

Lecturer and Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Ufuk University; Senior Adviser of ANKASAM

1. Dr. Rakesh Sharma
Lieutenant General (Retd.); Member of Executive Council of MP-IDSA and GCTC; Distinguished Fellow at Centre for Land Warfare Studies and Vivekananda International Foundation
2. Dr. Shabir Choudhry
President of Foreign Affairs Committee of United Kashmir People's National Party; Founding Member and Director of Institute of Kashmir Affairs; Chairman of South Asia Watch
3. Jamil Maqsood
Central Secretary General for Committee on Foreign Affairs of United Kashmir People's National Party (UKPNP).
4. Iftikhar Gilani
Senior Journalist

IV. SESSION: CLAIMS, ACTIONS AND APPROACHES OF THE ACTORS III

ANKARA (GMT+3) 12:40-13:50

BEIJING/MANILA (GMT +8)
17:40-18:50

TASHKENT/ISLAMABAD (GMT +5)
14:40-15:50

LONDON (GMT +1)
10:40-11:50

BISHKEK/ALMATY (GMT +6)
15:40-16:50

BAKU (GMT +4)
13:40-14:50

EASTERN STANDART TIME (GMT -4)
05:40-06:50

NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30)
15:10-16:20

ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2)
11:40-12:50

PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7)
02:40-03:50

**MODERATOR: Assistant Professor Ali Bilgin Varlik
Colonel (Retd.); Lecturer at Istanbul Arel University**

1. Mir Adnan Rahman
Faculty Member of University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir
2. Riyaz Ul Khaliq
Research Associate at Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University
3. Dr. Mubeen Ahmed Shah
Activist
4. Dr. Muhammed Junaid
Kashmir Expert
5. Dr. Asif Maqbool Dar
Activist
6. Dr. Mehraj ud din Bhat
Member of Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA), Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University

V. SESSION: CLAIMS, ACTIONS AND APPROACHES OF THE ACTORS IV

ANKARA (GMT+3) 13:50-14:50

BEIJING/MANILA (GMT +8)
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TASHKENT/ISLAMABAD (GMT +5)
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BISHKEK/ALMATY (GMT +6)
16:50-17:50

BAKU (GMT +4)
14:50-15:50

EASTERN STANDART TIME (GMT -4)
06:50-07:50

NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30)
16:20-17:20

ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2)
12:50-13:50

PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7)
03:50-04:50

**MODERATOR: Prof. Cem Karadeli
Lecturer at Ufuk University**

1. Sardar Ali Shaukat Kashmiri
Chairman of United Kashmir People's National Party (UKPNP)
2. Dr. Seyedmohammad Seyedi Asl
Independent Researcher
3. Dr. Umer Karim
Visiting Fellow at Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), London
4. Gowhar Geelani
Author of Kashmir: Rage and Reason; Journalist and Broadcaster
5. Vikram Singh
Mediator; Advocate; Peacemaker

VI. SESSION: THE KASHMIR ISSUE IN THE CONTEXT OF EMERGING ASIA AND REGIONAL ACTORS: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITES

ANKARA (GMT+3) 14:50-15:50

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| BISHKEK/ALMATY (GMT +6) 17:50-18:50 | BAKU (GMT +4) 15:50-16:50 | EASTERN STANDART TIME (GMT -4) 07:50-08:50 |
| NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30) 17:20-18:20 | ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2) 13:50-14:50 | PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7) 04:50-05:50 |

MODERATOR: Prof. Sertif Demir
Colonel (Retd.); Lecturer at University of Turkish Aeronautical Association

1. Leonid Savin
International Eurasian Movement; Chief-Editor of Geopolitica.ru
2. Omirbek Hanayi
Senior Research Fellow at Eurasian Research Institute at H.A.Yassawi Kazakh Turkish International University
3. Sariyev Mars
Cofounder of Dalit Plus Expert Club
4. Dr. S. Mohammad Isanedjad
Lecturer at University of Tehran
5. Istiyak Malik
Member of School of Politics & International Relations (SPIR) at Quaid E Azam University

VII. SESSION: THE KASHMIR ISSUE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTORS

ANKARA (GMT+3) 15:50-17:00

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| BISHKEK/ALMATY (GMT +6) 18:50-20:00 | BAKU (GMT +4) 16:50-18:00 | EASTERN STANDART TIME (GMT -4) 08:50-10:00 |
| NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30) 18:20-19:30 | ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2) 14:50-16:00 | PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7) 05:50-07:00 |

MODERATOR: Eldor Tulyakov
Executive Director of Strategy Development Center (DSC)

1. Associate Professor Nassef Manabilang Adiong
Lecturer at University of the Philippines Diliman
2. Muhammad Athar Javed
Director General of Pakistan House
3. Daud Khattak
Managing Editor of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Pashto language Mashaal Radio
4. Dr. Dauren Aben
Independent Researcher
5. Michael Kugelman
Asia Program Deputy Director and Senior Associate for South Asia at The Wilson Center
6. Ariel Cohen
Senior Fellow at The Atlantic Council

VIII. SESSION: PURSUITS FOR SOLUTIONS AND A NEW ROADMAP FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

ANKARA (GMT+3) 17:00-18:30

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| NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30) 19:30-21:00 | ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2) 16:00-17:30 | PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7) 07:00-08:30 |

MODERATOR: Rich Outzen
Colonel (Retd.); Lecturer at George Mason University

1. Dr. Marvin G. Weinbaum
Director of Afghanistan, and Pakistan Studies at Middle East Institute
2. Dr. Irfan Nooruddin
Director of South Asia Center, Atlantic Council
3. Prof. Assylbek Izbayirov
Director of the Institute for Geopolitical Research
4. Dr. Kairbek Arystanbekov
Director of the Institute for Economic Policy
5. Ghulam Nabi Fai
Secretary General of World Kashmir Awareness Forum
6. Prof. Evgeniy Kablukov
Acting Professor at Kyrgyz National University
7. Dr. Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan
Scholar; Member of Board of Experts at Center at Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS)
8. Prof. Yadollah Kaveh Karimipour
Professor of Political Geography - Geopolitics at Kharazmi University

CLOSING CEREMONY

ANKARA (GMT+3) 18:30-19:30

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| BISHKEK/ALMATY (GMT +6) 21:30-22:30 | BAKU (GMT +4) 19:30-20:30 | EASTERN STANDART TIME (GMT -4) 11:30-12:30 |
| NEW DELHI (GMT +5:30) 21:00-20:00 | ZURICH/CEST (GMT +2) 17:30-18:30 | PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME (GMT -7) 08:30-09:30 |

1. Dr. Bakhtygul Kalambekova
Ambassador, Kyrgyz Republic
2. Dr. Mehmet Perinçek
Visiting Professor at the Institute of Asian and African Countries, Moscow State University
3. Cavid Veliyev
Member of Center of Analysis of International Relations (AIR Center)
4. Rich Outzen
Colonel (Retd.); Lecturer at George Mason University
5. Prof. Mehmet Seyfettin Erol
President of Ankara Center for Crisis and Policy Research (ANKASAM)