

Invitation

The **Turkey Programme** of the
Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)
is organizing an **online public discussion** on:

Making Sense of Turkey's State Identity Transformation: Reasons, Actors and Implications

Turkey is gradually withdrawing from international cooperation and is resorting to a new juxtaposition of civilizations by synthesizing nationalism with nostalgic visions of history, memory, and religion. This transformation has been eventuating under the control of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his unofficial coalition partners, Islamists, nationalists and Eurasianists. While some underline that Turkey has become stronger, more independent and a regional game-changer increasingly addressing a global audience, others point out that the transformation of Turkey's state identity under Erdogan's rule has undoubtedly created a jarring effect, which could eventually hasten Turkey's split from the West. The reconciliation of the instrumental use of Sunni Islam and nationalism with Erdogan's right-wing populism and aggressive foreign policy strategies has triggered tensions with other countries. While others also accept that Turkey has been going through a coercive ethno-nationalist transformation of its state identity, they add that this dramatic transformation is not unprecedented in Ottoman-Turkish history, and it is likely that the cards may be re-shuffled sooner or later.

Speakers:

Karabekir Akkoyunlu, Lecturer, School of International Relations, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo
Senem Aydin Duzgit, Professor of International Relations, Sabancı University; Academic Affairs Coordinator, Istanbul Policy Centre

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS); Senior Associate Fellow, Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI)

Nora Fisher-Onar, Assistant Professor of International Studies, University of San Francisco

The discussion will be moderated by **Ahmet Erdi Öztürk**, Associate Professor & Marie Curie Fellow, Coventry University, GIGA and London Metropolitan University; Non-Resident Scholar, ELIAMEP.

The event will be held in **English**
on **Tuesday, 16 February 2021** at **17:00-18:00 (EET)**
and live streaming will be available on the [ELIAMEP website](#)
and on ELIAMEP's official accounts on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

You may submit **your questions**
prior to and during the live discussion at: events@eliamep.gr