

Invitation

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

“Turkish Foreign Policy in its Neighborhood”

Turkey’s foreign policy has been the subject of intense debate for some time, not least in the context of Ankara’s alleged “axis shift”, its cooperation with Russia and its activism in different parts of the world. In an age of uncertainty, dominated by the effects of the pandemic and amidst tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean, the Caucasus and beyond, where do Turkey’s foreign policy priorities lie today, and how does it seek to further those? This discussion brings together experts in three key regions for Turkey’s foreign policy: the Middle East, the European Union and the Balkans. All three regions have been central to Turkey’s foreign policy planning and been designated as priority zones of foreign policy-making in the past. Is that still the case? Which country or countries in these regions does Turkey pay special attention to, and why?

Speakers:

Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe, Professor of International Relations and Jean Monnet Chair holder on Hybrid Threats in the EU, Kadir Has University

Dimitar Bechev, Nonresident Senior Fellow, the Atlantic Council and Europe’s Futures Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna

Lenore Martin, Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Emmanuel College, Boston; Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University

The discussion will be moderated by **Dimitris Tsarouhas**, Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow, Turkey Programme, ELIAMEP.

The event will be held in **English**
on **Tuesday, 18 May 2021**, at 17:00-18:00
and live streaming will be available on the [ELIAMEP website](#)
and on ELIAMEP’s official [YouTube channel](#).

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