5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT, TERRORISM AND SOCIETY

“Non-State Actors in Conflicts: Conspiracies, Myths, and Practices”

12-13 April, 2016

Conference Program
10:00 AM Registration, Coffee & Tea
10:30 AM Opening Speeches
• **Prof. Banu Baybars Hawks**, Chair, Public Relations Department, Faculty of Communication, Kadir Has University
• **Prof. Mustafa Aydın**, Rector, Kadir Has University
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
**Session I: Non-State Actors in Conflicts: Theoretical Perspectives**
**Moderator: Özlem Tür**
• Warlords in Syria Civil War, **Aşkın İnci Sökmen** (Arel University)
• The Terror Continuum: Aims, Motivation, and Methods in “Non-State” and “Regime” Terrorism, **Liam Harte** (Westfield State University)
• The Rise of Islamic Non-State Actors: Historical Trends and Current Outlook, **Banu Baybars Hawks** (Kadir Has University)
• Actorhood and Communication: Becoming a ‘Legitimate Actor’ in International Politics, **Efe Sevin** (Kadir Has University)
12:15 – 1:30 PM Lunch Break
1:30 – 2:30 PM Keynote Speech
**Moderator: Banu Baybars-Hawks**
• **Walid Salem**, Director, Center for Democracy and Community Development, (Jerusalem), “None-State Actors’ Role in the Absence of a State- Theoretical and Practical Implications: The Case of Palestine”
2:30 – 2:45 PM Coffee Break
2:45 – 3:45 PM
**Session II: Mainstream Media Portrayal of Non-State Actors**
**Moderator: Suncem Koçer**
• Burundi’s Refugee Problem and Refugees International on News, **Himmet Hülür & Bahar Ayaz** (Abant Izzet Baysal University & Gazi University)
• State vs. Non-State: ‘War against terror’ and the Framing of Deaths in National Newspapers in Turkey, **İrem İnceoğlu & Sinem Aydınlı** (Kadir Has University & Bahçeşehir University)
3:45 – 4:45 PM
**Session III: The Role of Non-State Actors in Security and Reconciliation Processes**
**Moderator: İrem İnceoğlu**
• The Role of Identity in Peace and Reconciliation Processes, **Çağla Demirel** (Karadeniz Technical University)
• Assessing Impact of Transitional Crimes on Maritime Security in South Asia and Southeast Asia, **Mohid İftikhar & Faizullah Abbasi** (Dawood University of Engineering & Technology & Dawood University of Engineering & Technology)
• Societal Security in the Middle East: Do States, Societies and Identities Meet Somewhere?, **Ş. Gökçe Gezer** (Kadir Has University)
5:00 – 7.00 PM
Opening Cocktail
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10:30 – 11:30 PM Keynote Speech
Moderator: Suncem Koçer
• Ersel Aydınlı, Professor, Department of International Relations, Bilkent University
  “Violent Non-State Actors: From Anarchists to Jihadists”

11:30 – 11:45 PM Coffee Break

11:45 – 1:00 PM Session IV: Violent Non-State Actors: Case Studies
Moderator: Liam Harte
• The Syrian Crisis and Hizballah - Rethinking Its Identity, Ideology and Capability, Özlem Tür (Middle East Technical University)
• YDG-H: Mediatized Birth of an Armed Non-State Actor in Cities, Sarphan Uzunoğlu (Kadir Has University)
• Weak States, Powerful Non-States: The Case of ISIS and YPG in Syria, H. Akın Ünver (Kadir Has University)

1:00 – 2:00 PM Lunch Break

2:00 – 3:15 PM Session V: Non-State Actors in Cyberspace: Social Media and Art in Conflicts
Moderator: Efe Sevin
• Tweeting for Jihad: ISIS Supporters On Twitter, Bilge Narin & Bahar Ayaz (Gazi University & Gazi University)
• ISIS as Portrayed by ‘Radical’ Islamic Media Websites in Indonesia, Yohanes Widodo (Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta)
• Understanding the Role of Cyber Soldiers in Shaping the Future: Digital Non-State Actors in Cyber Conflicts, Cansu Arısoy (The University of Salford)
• Political Uses of Art and Artwork by Terrorist Organizations, İtr Toksöz (Doğuş University)

3:15 – 3:30 PM Coffee Break

3:30 – 4:30 PM Session VI: Policy-making in National & International Conflicts
Moderator: Sarphan Uzunoğlu
• The European Union’s Policy Choices to Cope with the Islamic State’s Social Network Propaganda, Armağan Gözkaman (Beykent University)
• Public Opinion, Media and Policy Making in Kosovo, Dren Gerguri (Prishtina University)
• When Friends turned into Enemies: The Role of National State vs. Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in War against Terrorism in Pakistan, Muhammad Khalil Khan (Zhejiang University)

4:30 – 4:45 PM
Closing Remarks, Suncem Koçer (Kadir Has University)