



**DRAFT PROGRAM, 09.12.2019**

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

### **North and East Syria/Rojava: A Regional and Global Litmus Test** Brussels, European Parliament Wednesday & Thursday, 11-12 December 2019

**Wednesday, 11 December 2019, 16.30-17.00**

Opening Session – Room A1E-2, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)

Interpretation in English, French, Arabic, Kurdish (passive)

#### **Opening Speeches and Greetings**

- Ms. Mizgîn Ahmed, Co-Chair of the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria in Europe
- Mr. François Alfonsi, MEP Greens/European Free Alliance (Greens/EFA), France
- Mr. Nikolaj Villumson, MEP European United Left – Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL), Denmark
- Mr. Andreas Schieder, MEP Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), Austria
- Mr. Guillaume Tournier, Chair of the Executive International Alliance for Defense of Rights and Freedoms (AIDL)

**Wednesday, 11 December 2019, 17.00-18.00**

Panel I – Room A1E-2, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)

#### **Turkey's Strategy of Invasion, Occupation, and Ethnic Cleansing in Middle-East Region**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Michael Gunter, EUTCC Board Member

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Mr. Suleyman Ansari – Writer Saudi Arabia

**Reasons for the Inability of the UN, EU, NATO & Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS to Act in Response to the Turkish Military Invasion**

- Dr. Bernard Kouchner, French Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Co-founder of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

**Turkey's crimes against humanity: From Cyprus to Rojava**

- Costas Mavrides, MEP Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), Cyprus

**The Refugee Deal with the Turkish State, a Sword of Damocles Hanging over Europe**

- Mr. Ioannis Mouzalas, Former Minister for Immigration, Greece

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Discussants**

**Wednesday, 11 December 2019, 18.00-19.30**

Panel II – Room A1E-2, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)

**Turkish State Policy, Regional and Global Threat – Jihadist Militias in action and The risk of their returning to Europe**

Moderator: Dr. Tasnim Butt, Lecturer at ULB University (Belgium)

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**Turkish military intervention in North and East Syria and its implications on jihadism in Europe**

- Prof. Firouzeh Nahavandi, Institute of Sociology & CECID Director Center d'Études de la Coopération Internationale et du Développement, ULB (Belgium)

**Jihadist Extremism in Europe and the role of Turkey Causes, Consequences and Solutions**

- Dr. Amélie Chelly, Researcher at CADIS (EHESS-CNRS), Spécialiste de sociologie politique et religieuse au Moyen-Orient, Membre of the Observatory of Radicalisations) France)

**The violations and the crimes committed by turkey against journalists and civilian in the North and East of Syria**

- Sabrina BENNOUI, Responsable du bureau Moyen-Orient à Reporters sans frontières (RSF) ( France)

**The violations and war crimes committed by Turkey's jihadist militias and the international prosecution mechanisms**

- Lawyer Sévag Torossian , Attorney at the Paris Bar Attorney at the International Criminal Court ( France )

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Discussants**

**Thursday, 12 December 2019, 09.30-11.00**

Panel III – Room A1E-2, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)

**The International Legal and Human Rights Implications of the Turkish State's Expansionism**

Moderator: Majdoleen Hassan, Syrian Democratic Council

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**The Reality of the Turkish State's Aggression in North and East Syria**

- Ms. Nazire Gewriye, Syriac Union Party

**State Legitimation of Terrorism and Terrorist Groups – The Turkish-Backed “Syrian National Army”**

- Mr. Ossama Suleiman, Founder & Director of Syrian Observatory for Human Rights

**Systematic Crimes against Women in North and East Syria by the Turkish State and Their Jihadist Proxy Militias**

- Mrs. Jiyan Hussein - Researcher

**Turkey's aggressive interventions in the Arab World**

- Mr. Nashet Elheedy, Journalist, Egypt

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Discussants**

**Thursday, 12 December 2019, 11.00-13.00**

Panel IV – Room A1E-2, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)

**The Political Inviolability of the Turkish State**

Moderator:

Prof. Dr. Kariane Westrheim, EUTCC President, Professor of Educational Sciences at the University of Bergen, Norway

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**Analyses from Kurdish Perspectives**

- Mr. Bedran Çîya Kurd, Senior Adviser to the Autonomous Administration, North East Syria

**How Turkey using political islam in destabilizing Syria**

- Ghassan Ibrahim, Managing Editor at Ahval News

**European View**

- Per Örnéus, Ambassador Special Envoy for Syria

**The Kurds in Syria...between the dictatorship and jihadist organizations**

- Mr. Sami Daoud – Researcher and Critic

**The recent Turkish military interventions in Syria: Reasons, effects and perspectives**

- Ghayath Naisse Presidential Council – Syrian Democratic Council

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Discussants**

**Thursday, 12 December 2019, 14.30-16.30**

Panel V – Room A1E-2, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)

**Holding the Turkish state accountable**

Moderator: Mr. François Alfonsi, MEP Greens/European Free Alliance (Greens/EFA), France

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**Perspectives from Syria**

- Mr. Riad Derar, Co-Chair of the Syrian Democratic Council

**International Political and Legal Interventions**

- Amb. Peter W. Galbraith, former US diplomat, academic, commentator, politician, and policy advisor

**Policy of the Russian Federation Toward Turkey and North and East Syria/Rojava**

- Mr. Jonathan Spyer, Journalist and Middle East Analyst

**The Role of Civil Society for Peace**

- Prof. Dr. David Graeber

**How solution can be achieved in the Syrian Conflict**

- Ilham Ahmed - President of the Executive Committee of the Syrian Democratic Council

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Discussants**

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Closing Session – Room A1E-2, Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP)

**Conclusions, Recommendations and Final Resolution**

The Kurdish Friendship Group in the European Parliament  
Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria  
International Alliance for Defence of Rights and Freedoms (AIDL)