

Human Security Perspectives on Developments in the Middle East

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Bülent Keneş	Today's Zaman
Ümit Fırat	Writer/ Helsinki Citizen's Assembly Founder
Bakhtiar Amin	Kurdish Iraqi politician
Jotiar Mahmood	Sarenj Center
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Biographies of the Speakers:



Mensur Akgün

Prof. Dr. Mensur Akgün is the Director of the Global Political Trends Center (GPoT) and the Chair of the Department of International Relations at Istanbul Kültür University, where he is a faculty member. He received his first bachelor's degree from Middle East Technical University in Ankara in international relations. He later earned another bachelor's degree in social anthropology, as well as a master's in political science, at the University of Oslo in Norway. He completed his doctoral studies at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul. In addition to his work at GPoT, from 2002 to 2009 he served as the director of the Foreign Policy Program at the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), to which he is currently an adviser. Previously a columnist at the daily Referans, Prof. Dr. Akgün currently writes for the daily Star. He has numerous published works in the fields of international relations and Turkish foreign policy. Since 2011, Prof. Dr. Akgün has been serving as an Adviser to the World Handicapped Foundation.



Lia van Broekhoven

Lia has worked as researcher, policy advisor and development practitioner in a number of countries in Latin America, South and SE Asia, in the UK and Washington DC. In 2007 at Cordaid she set up an initiative that strengthened the engagement of civil society with governments and international organizations on counter terrorism related issues. The initiative highlighted the importance of operational and political space for civil society for furthering human rights, conflict prevention and development, and showed that counter terrorism measures negatively impacted this space and are counter-productive to preventing terrorism. The initiative grew into a community of interest of civil society organizations, the Civil Society Network for Human Security. The shared interest of the CSNHS is to complement current hard security and counter terrorism policies and practices with civil society and community practices which are grounded in lived reality.

Together with her colleagues Fulco van Deventer and Jeanne Abdulla, Lia founded Human Security Collective in 2013. She focuses particularly on reforming current counter terrorism strategies and standards such as the UN Global Counterterrorism Strategy and the Financial Action Task Force international standards on Anti Money Laundering/Countering Financing of Terrorism into guidance practices that expand and protect civil society space, and the space for communities to genuinely and effectively engage security actors.



Bibi van Ginkel

Dr. Bibi van Ginkel, LL.M., is a senior research fellow at Clingendael Research Department of the Netherlands Institute for International Relations 'Clingendael', as well as a research fellow of the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) – The Hague, which is a cooperation project of the Clingendael Institute with the T.M.C. Asser Institute and Leiden University. Van Ginkel specialises in the nexus between international law, including human rights and humanitarian law, and security issues. She has a great knowledge with regard to the United Nations and other security organisations. Special focus in her research is on counter-piracy and counter-terrorism issues. She has appeared several times before the Dutch Parliament, Standing Committee on Defence issues to present about counter-piracy questions. Through her affiliation with ICCT, she works closely with several international organisations, and civil society organisations on issues related to countering violent extremism. She published extensively on all the topics mentioned above, and has a long time experience in managing research projects for various clients. She holds a PhD from the Law Faculty of Utrecht University. Finally, she is member of the Peace and Security Committee of the Dutch Advisory Council on International Affairs.



Khaled Hroub

Khaled Hroub is a professor of Middle Eastern Studies and Arab Media Studies at Northwestern University/Qatar, and a senior research fellow at the Centre of Islamic Studies of the University of Cambridge where he is the director of Cambridge Arab Media Project (CAMP). Between 2000 and 2007 Dr Hroub produced and presented a weekly book review show on Al-Jazeera channel. He is the author of *Hamas: A Beginners Guide* (2006/2010), *Hamas: Political Thought and Practice* (2000), and editor of *Political Islam: Context versus Ideology* (2011) and *Religious Broadcasting in the Middle East* (2012). In Arabic he published *Fragility of Ideology and Might of Politics* (2010), *In Praise of Revolution* (2012).



Mary Ana McGlasson

Mary Ana McGlasson is the Global Emergency Response Manager for Relief International, based in Washington, DC.

Mary Ana received her Bachelor of Nursing at North Park University in Chicago, Illinois in 2001. Mary Ana went on to attend University of Washington (class of 2005), achieving her Master of Nursing and certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). As an FNP, Mary Ana has worked in high-risk adolescent health, women's health, emergency medicine, urgent care, and family practice. While working at Arizona State University, she was the director of the

women's health department, publishing a brochure about sexually transmitted infections and was noted as a national expert on the topic of family planning.

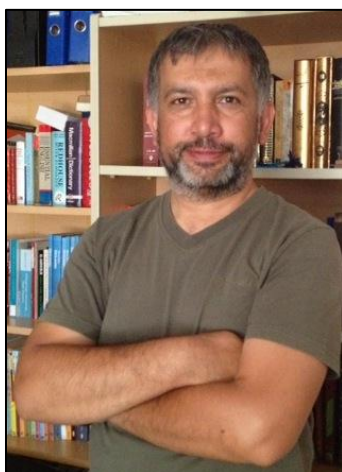
Despite her rewarding and challenging career as a nurse practitioner, Mary Ana always believed that her passion and skills would be maximized in the field of international humanitarian relief and development. In 2010, this dream was realized when she spent 3 months in Northern Nigeria with Doctors Without Borders (MSF), managing a cholera epidemic. In 2011, she returned to the field with MSF as project coordinator, working in a very remote island near Papua New Guinea in a volatile post-conflict setting for almost six months.

Since 2012, as Global Emergency Response Manager, she has focused most of her time and energy on the Syria Regional Response, assisting in the development of programs in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Syria, building a strategy of community engagement, local partnerships, and dignified humanitarian assistance to vulnerable Syrians and host communities.



Fadi Abi Allam

He holds a Master degree in political science, a bachelor's degree in International Affairs and in Business Economics, also certificates in Restorative Justice, Globalization, Religions and Peace-Building from Eastern Mennonite University. Currently Mr. Abi Allam is the Coordinator of the Middle East and North Africa Partnership for Prevention of Armed Conflict (MENAPPAC) and the president of the Permanent peace Movement (PPM), and has 20 years of training experience in the field of Conflict Resolution, Peace-Building and Non-Violence. Lately he did serve for two years as an advisor for the Minister of Displaced in Lebanon.



Bayram Sinkaya

Dr. Bayram Sinkaya completed his Ph.D. at the Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey, working on a dissertation entitled, "Revolutionary Guards and Iranian Politics: Causes and Outcomes of Shifting Relationship between the Revolutionary Guards and the Political Leadership in the Post-Revolutionary Iran." Dr. Sinkaya received a MA in International Relations at the Middle East Technical University, where he wrote his thesis on "Conflict and Cooperation in Turkey-Iran Relations: 1989-2001." He was a visiting researcher at Columbia University (2007-2008) and Tehran University (2003). Sinkaya worked as a research assistant at METU (2002-2011) and a part-time researcher at ORSAM (Center for Middle Eastern Strategic Studies, Ankara, 2009-2010). He is currently an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Ankara. His academic interests include Revolutionary Guards, Iranian politics, and the Middle Eastern politics.



Mesut Özcan

Assoc Prof. Mesut Özcan received his B.A. in Political Science and International Relations from Marmara University in 2000 and his M.A. in 2002 from the same institution. He defended his dissertation at the Boğaziçi University Atatürk Institute in 2007. He studied at St. Antony's College, Oxford University on the Jean Monnet Master Scholarship in 2005-2006.

He worked as a research assistant at Beykent University between 2000-2005. Özcan was a visiting scholar at Kuwait University's Department of Political Science in 2009. He worked at Istanbul Ticaret University's Department of International Relations as an Assistant Professor between 2007 and 2011. Dr. Özcan joined SAM of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in September 2011. He is the Acting Chairman of the Center and also an advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

He has written three books: Sorunlu Miras Irak (Istanbul: Küre, 2003), Harmonizing Foreign Policy: Turkey, the EU and the Middle East (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008), and Medeniyetler ve Dünya Düzen(ler)i, Mesut Özcan ve Muzaffer Şenel (ed), (Istanbul: Klasik, 2010). He has published articles and book chapters on Turkish Foreign Policy, Middle Eastern Politics and Iraq. He serves on the editorial boards of Insight Turkey, Divan and Perceptions.



Alexander Bogomolov

Alexander Bogomolov, born 1963, graduated from St. Petersburg State University, Oriental Department, Russia (1986). Holds Ph.D. in Arabic linguistics from the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. President of the Kyiv-based Association of Middle East Studies, head of Modern

Orient Department, Institute of Oriental Studies, National Academy of Science of Ukraine. Research interests include Arab and Ukrainian political discourse, Middle Eastern politics, post-Soviet nationalisms, political Islam and Muslim communities in Ukraine and wider Europe, post-Soviet frozen conflicts and human security.



Fulco van Deventer

Fulco van Deventer has studied psychology and business administration. He started his career as a consultant on governmental reform in Caribbean Island States and on post war reconstruction in Lebanon. In a long-term assignment for Dutch funding agencies he worked with a large variety of Civil Society organizations in Vietnam, India, Colombia, Guatemala, West-Africa and the Middle-East, in building institutional capacities. For the last ten years he focuses mainly on CS-actors in conflict areas and fragile states in their role in conflict prevention and countering violent extremism. 5 Years ago he joined Cordaid, a Dutch Catholic donor organization, to work on the nexus

between counter terrorism measures, security and civil society engagement. He aims at dialogue with international policy makers for setting adequate conditions to let CS actors play an effective role in security-issues and conflict prevention. In order to take this work further, he founded together with his Cordaid colleagues an independent NGO under the name *Human Security Collective*.

Ümit Fırat



As a Kurdish intellectual, Ümit Fırat is one of the founders of the Helsinki Citizen's Assembly as well as the Kurdish Intellectual Initiative. He is also one of the founders of the Kurdish Culture and Research Foundation (KÜRT-KAV). His articles and interviews are being published in some local and international journals such as Radikal, Zaman, Star,

Yeni Şafak and Bianet. He is also a political advisor of a TV channel, A Haber.



Ali Bayramoğlu

He is a Turkish writer and political commentator. He is a columnist in the Turkish daily newspaper Yeni Şafak, writing from a liberal pro-Islamic viewpoint. He has campaigned against ultra-nationalism, militarism and restrictions on Islamic political parties in Turkey, and in favour of greater recognition of, and accommodation with, the Kurdish population of Turkey, and a break with what he sees as Ottomanist tendencies which prevent

Turkey from moving forward on issues such as the Armenian genocide. He has also warned against the possible rise of left-wing extremist political violence in Turkey.



Meltem Halaceli

Writer, performer and blogger Meltem Halaceli lives in Amsterdam and is currently working on a book in which she attempts to retrace her family history over the past 100 years. The story, which is based on true events, starts at the beginning of the First World War after which Turkey was founded and the Middle East was shaped. For her research, Meltem has travelled to several cities in Turkey, Syria and Lebanon, all of which are important to her and her family history. Her journey gives her more insight into her Arab Alawite roots and their part in the foundation of Turkey and the Middle East. Her book, which received a grant from the Amsterdam Fund for the Arts [AFK] is

forthcoming in 2014 at publishinghome Athenaeum-Polak & Van Genneep in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.



Yunus Emre

Yunus Emre is an Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations at Istanbul Kültür University. He holds a PhD from the Atatürk Institute of Modern Turkish History, Bogaziçi University, Turkey. He works on the political life and political institutions in Turkey.



Sylvia Tiryaki

Dr. Sylvia Tiryaki is a founding partner and the Deputy Director of the Global Political Trends Center (GPoT Center). She also holds the position of the Vice-Chair of the International Relations Department of Istanbul Kültür University where she teaches courses on international law, introduction to law, human rights, history of political thought, and constitutional law. She completed her master's and doctoral studies at the Faculty of Law of the Comenius University in Bratislava. In addition, she holds a PhD degree from the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of the Comenius University. Dr. Tiryaki worked as a lawyer and became a member of the Slovak Bar Association in 2002. Between 2003 and 2008 she worked as the Cyprus project coordinator and a senior research fellow at the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) Foreign Policy Program. Previously a regular columnist at the Turkish Daily News, Dr. Tiryaki writes for various national and international academic journals and newspapers. Her fields of expertise include Turkish foreign policy, Cyprus, the Middle East and North Africa, Armenia and the European Union. Dr. Tiryaki has been serving as an adviser to the World Handicapped Foundation since 2011 and has been on the Scientific Board of the World Disability Union since 2013.



Bülent Keneş

Bülent Keneş is a journalist, author and Editor-in-Chief of the Turkish daily Today's Zaman. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences on International Relations of Boğaziçi University, and completed his Master's Degree on Political History and International Relations, Institute of Middle East Studies, at Marmara University. Between 2008 and 2009, he completed his MBA in Fatih University and is since 2009 pursuing his PhD-studies. Bülent Keneş also lectures on International Relations, Political Science and Communications, and has several books published.



Bakhtiar Amin

Bakhtiar Amin is a Kurdish-Iraqi politician who was the Human Rights Minister in the Iraqi Interim Government from in 2004-2005. He went to universities in Sweden and in France, where he received a Master's degree in international affairs and a Doctorate in Political Geography. In France, Amin was the Secretary General of the Kurdish Institute and active in the International Alliance for Justice group. He has also acted as the Director of the Human Rights Coalition in the United States, and as Founder of the Iraqi Democracy Institute in the United States. Amin returned to Iraq following the 2003 invasion of Iraq and overthrow of Saddam Hussein. Amin was appointed as the Human Rights Minister in the Iraqi Governing Council in May 2004. He was reappointed to the Iraqi Interim Government, formed in June 2004. In 2006, Amin contributed to the selection of the Board of Directors for the Broader Middle East and North Africa Initiative "Foundation for the Future".



Jotiar Mahmood

Dr. Jotiar Mahmood is the head of the Sarenj Center for Strategic Studies. He has acted as the Head of the Political Science Department at the Salahaddin University in Erbil since February 2013. He is also the Founding Member of Political Science Association, KRG. Jotiar Mahmood has several papers and research published, including *Legitimacy of the Political Regimes in Middle East* (2003); *Turkish Foreign Policy since 2002 until 2008, the role of Political Elite* (2010); *Kurdistan Region Strategic Report "Turkish FP towards KRG"* (2010); and *Iranian policy towards KRG since 2003*, (2012). He has also participated in international conferences on the Kurdish Question and Regional Security Cooperation.



Peter van Tuijl

Peter van Tuijl is Executive Director of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), at the Global Secretariat. In between 2000-2007, he lived in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he worked as a Civil Society expert with the UNDP-led Partnership for Governance Reform and as a Senior Technical Advisor for a project to combat corruption in the Indonesian National Police, under the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP), United States Department of Justice. Earlier, Mr Van Tuijl worked as a Senior Advisor with OxfamNovib, concentrating on NGO advocacy capacity building, and served as Executive Secretary to the International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID). He has published a number of articles in Academic Journals and other media, on the role of NGOs, transnational civil society, human rights, NGO accountability as well as on social and political developments in Indonesia. He is co-editor with Lisa Jordan of "NGO Accountability, Politics, Principles and Innovations" (Earthscan 2006).