



Human Security Perspectives on Developments in the Middle East

Seminar of The Civil Society Network for Human Security

30 Sept – 1 Oct 2013

Istanbul, Turkey

Programme

Monday, September 30, 2013

10:00-10:15	Registrations and coffee
10:15-10:30	Welcoming Remarks Mensur Akgün <i>Director, Global Political Trends Center</i>
10:30-10:50	Key note speech: Perceptions of Human Security The concept of human security is an integrative concept that combines ideas on human development, human needs and human rights. Human security is a people-centred approach to global security, which recognizes that lasting peace and social justice cannot be achieved unless people are protected from threats to their rights and basic needs. Lia van Broekhoven <i>Executive Director, Human Security Collective</i>
10:50-12:00	Human Security in Various Policy Arenas Dr. Bibi van Ginkel <i>Senior Research Fellow Security and International law & Terrorism, Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael; Research Fellow, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague</i> Peter van Tuijl <i>Executive director, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict</i>
12:00-13:30	Lunch

13:30-15:30

Panel 1: A Challenge for Human Security; regional revolutions and conflicts

What are the main developments in the region that create a broad scope of concerns to regional stability and the national security concerns of Turkey? What is the effect of Sunni-Shiite divides and the developments in Syria? How do these regional developments impact the work of humanitarian agencies, development and peace organizations in such complex settings?

Khaled Hroub

Professor in Residence of the faculty of Liberal Arts, Northwestern University in Qatar

Mary Ana McGlasson

Global Emergency Response Coordinator, Relief International

Fadi Abi Allam

President, Permanent Peace Movement Lebanon

15:30-15:45

Coffee Break

15:45- 17:30

Panel 2: Turkey's Response towards the regional revolutions and conflicts

With a large influx of Syrian refugees spilling over into Turkish territory, we explore the concerns of Turkey's security policy. How can the human security approach benefit Turkey's security policy? What is the role of the international community in ensuring human security, set against norms of national sovereignty? What are the expectations of the region on Turkey, both from civil society and governments?

Bayram Sinkaya

Faculty Member at the Political Science Faculty, Yildırım Beyazıt University

Mesut Özcan

Associate Professor, Center for Strategic Research (SAM)

Alex Bogomolov

President, Association of Middle East Studies (AMES), Kiev

17:30-17:45

Closing Remarks

Fulco van Deventer

Deputy Director, Human Security Collective

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

10:00-12:00

Panel 3: The Turkish Kurdish reconciliation process in a regional perspective

This theme elaborates on Turkey's government policies towards the Kurds, and questions concerning the reconciliation process and mediation efforts. Under this theme we also address questions of how regional cooperation on economic and political issues between Iraqi Kurdistan and Turkey have enhanced human security on both sides.

Bülent Kenes

Editor-in-Chief, Today's Zaman

Ümit Fırat

Founding Member, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly

Bahtiar Amin

Kurdish Iraqi politician (former Human Rights Minister of the Iraqi Interim Government 2004/2005)

Dr Joutyar Adil

Director, Sarenj center Iraqi Kurdistan

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Panel 4: Turkey's Response to Domestic Human Security Challenges.

There has been a concern about Turkey's response to recent unrest and protests in Turkey, but what do we actually know? Under this theme we address Turkey's human security challenges. What is driving the unrest and protests in Turkey? What are the increasing challenges in the use of mass media and social media in Turkey in framing and responding to human security needs?

Ali Bayramoğlu

Columnist, Yeni Şafak

Yunus Emre

Lecturer, IKU

Meltem Halaceli

Young blogger, writer, researcher and translator

15:30-15:45

Closing Remarks

Sylvia Tiryaki

Deputy Director, Global Political Trends Center