



Chatham House – LSE Chair in Contemporary Turkish Studies

Turkey and the Middle East: A Changing Relationship

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13.30 Registration and Coffee

14.00 **Session 1: Turkey as an economic example to the Arab countries**

Speakers: Mina Töksöz, Emerging Markets and Country Risk Consultant
Şevket Pamuk, Professor, London School of Economics

Chair: Fadi Hakura, Associate Fellow, Chatham House

- What are the main economic challenges facing the Arab countries?
- Are the Arab countries adopting the right economic policies to generate prosperity and employment?
- What are the major lessons of Turkey's economic experience to the Arab countries to stimulate growth, employment and investment?
- What are the prospects for future economic and trade engagement between Turkey and the Arab neighbours?

15.15 Coffee break

15.30 **Session 2: Turkey and Regional Developments in the Middle East**

Speakers: Muhammed Çetin, Deputy-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Turkish Parliament
Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, Professor, Sabancı University

- What dynamics govern Turkey's foreign policy in the Middle East?
- What are the Turkish public's perceptions of the country's foreign policy in the Middle East?
- To what extent is Turkey pursuing an independent foreign policy in the region?
- Is there a shift underway in the Arab popular confidence in Turkey's approach to the Middle East?

Chair: Sir David Logan, Chair, British Institute at Ankara

16.45 Close

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