

Educational and Cultural Exchanges and Peace:

Promoting Mutual Understanding in the Disinformation Era

January 28-29, 2021

AGENDA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

OPENING

- 4:00 PM** (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours):
Introduction by **Dr. Ersel Aydinli**
- 4:05 PM** (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours):
Opening Keynote by **Mr. David M. Satterfield**
U.S. Ambassador to Turkey
- 4:10 PM** (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours):
Opening Speech by **Mr. Matthew Lussenhop**
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary at Bureau Of
Educational And Cultural Affairs - U.S. Department of State
- 4:20 PM** (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours):
Welcoming Remarks by **Dr. M. Akif Kirecci**
Fulbright Turkey Board Member and Dean, Faculty of
Political Sciences at Social Sciences University of Ankara

4:40 - 5:00 PM (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours): Break

PANEL Understanding the Dynamics of the Disinformation Era

5:00 - 6:30 PM (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours)

Panel Chair Dr. Julie Mathews

- **Dr. Soumia Bardhan** (University of Colorado Denver)
“Combating Disinformation about Islam/Muslims through
Dialogue as Civic Communication in Intercultural Communication
Classrooms”
- **Dr. Hamilton Bean** (University of Colorado Denver)
“Reflections on the Mimetics of Disinformation”
- **Dr. Bharath Ganesh** (University of Groningen)
“Challenges for Combatting Disinformation in the Platform
Economy”
- **Dr. Hamid Akin Unver** (Kadir Has University)
“Securitization of Fake News: Discursive Constructions of
Disinformation in International Politics”

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PANEL Challenges and Opportunities of Educational Exchanges

4:30 - 6:30 PM (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours)

Panel Chair Dr. Ersel Aydinli

- **Dr. Shulamit B. Kahn & Dr. Megan MacGarvie** (Boston University) “Shifting US Premium in PhD STEM salaries”
- **Dr. Sam Lebovic** (George Mason University) “Fear of Foreign Influence: Some Lessons from the History of the Fulbright Program”
- **Dr. Julie Mathews** (Social Sciences University of Ankara) “Quantity vs. Quality: Exploring Contact Theory through the ETA Exchange Program”
- **Dr. Giles Scott-Smith** (Leiden University) “Paths to Peace? Investigating Evaluative Concepts for Exchanges in History and Social Science”

6:30 - 7:30 PM (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours): Break

CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

7:30 - 8:30 PM (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours):
Roundtable Discussion

8:30 - 8:45 PM (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours):
Closing Remarks by **Ms. Daria Darnell**
U.S. Consul General in Istanbul

8:45 - 9:00 PM (Turkey Time - UTC/GMT + 3 hours):
Wrap up by **Dr. Ersel Aydinli**
Fulbright Turkey and Bilkent University

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