

# **Foreign Policy Talks Series: Developments in the South Caucasus: Regional Perspectives**



# FOREIGN POLICY TALKS SERIES

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Regional Perspectives

**DATE:** Friday, 20 November  
2020  
**TIME:** 18:00 to 19:30 (GMT +3)  
**LOCATION:** Live on ZOOM and  
Facebook



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The aim of this new initiative is to reach the general public as well as specialist audiences with informed assessments on the state of our world. It is an extension

of the work being carried out both by the Center for International and European Studies (CIES) at Kadir Has University and the [International Relations Council of Turkey \(IRCT\)](#), of which [Panorama](#) is one of its many initiatives.

As both partners believe that the study and understanding of International Relations should not be limited to academic audiences only, this forum was created to reach the general public.

The Foreign Policy Talks will be stand-alone discussions on topics that are newsworthy in the international context. They will be primarily delivered online via regular webinars, while some will encompass, whenever the circumstances permit, both a live audience and an online discussion. They will also be recorded and made available through the websites and social media feeds of the partner institutions.

The fifth installment of the Foreign Policy Talks series will focus on “**Foreign Policy Talks Series: Developments in the South Caucasus: Regional Perspectives**” where actively engaged professionals will assess the state of latest crisis in the South Caucasus.

The meeting took place on **Friday, 20 November 2020 between 18:00-19:30 (GMT +3) on Zoom.**

#### **Speakers:**

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To watch “Developments in the South Caucasus: Regional Perspectives”:



**Prof. Dr. Mustafa Aydın**, Uluslararası İlişkiler Konseyi Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı ve Kadir Has Üniversitesi Öğretim üyesidir. Halen Euro-Mediterranean University (Slovenya) Senato Üyeliği ve World Council for Middle Eastern Studies Yönetim Kurulu üyeliği görevlerini sürdüren Prof Aydın, European Academy of Sciences and Art, European Leadership Network, Global Relations Forum, Turkish Atlantic Council, International Political Science Association ve International Studies Association üyesidir. Bugüne kadar yurt içi ve dışında çok sayıda üniversite ve araştırma merkezinde çalışmalar yürütmüş olan Aydın'ın Türk dış ve güvenlik politikaları, uluslararası güvenlik, uluslararası ilişkiler teorileri ile Karadeniz, Kafkaslar ve Orta Asya bölgeleri jeopolitik ve güvenliği üzerine yayınlanmış çok sayıda çalışması bulunmaktadır.



**Eka Tkeshelashvili**, is Head of EU Anti-Corruption Initiative - currently EU's largest support programme in the area of anti-corruption in Ukraine aimed at improving the implementation of anti-corruption policy in Ukraine. Tkeshelashvili is a lecturer at Civil and Political School in Kiev, Ukraine and in the Black Sea University in Tbilisi, Georgia. She teaches courses on State Building, Transformational Leadership, European Studies and International Law.



**Richard Giragosian**, is the Founding Director of the Regional Studies Center (RSC), an independent "think tank" located in Yerevan, Armenia and serves as both a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe's Natolin Campus and Senior Expert at Yerevan State University's Centre for European Studies (CES). He is also a contributing analyst for al Jazeera and Oxford Analytica, a UK-based global analysis and advisory firm.



**Zaur Shiryev**, is Crisis Group's Analyst for South Caucasus. Based in Baku, he produces analyses and reports on security and foreign policy issues, including the protracted conflicts in the South Caucasus region. He focuses in particular on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, as well as Azerbaijan's relations with regional actors, including Turkey, Russia and Iran.