

# **Foreign Policy Talks Series: The US Presidential Election: What Implications for Turkey and Its Neighbours?**



# FOREIGN POLICY TALKS SERIES

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**DATE:** Wednesday, 25  
November 2020  
**TIME:** 19:00 to 20:15 (GMT +3)  
**LOCATION:** Live on ZOOM and  
Facebook



**Nathalie Tocci, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome**



**Ian Lesser, Vice President; Executive Director, Brussels office, The German Marshall Fund of the United States**



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**Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul (Moderator)**

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 sixth installment of the Foreign Policy Talks series will focus on “**Foreign Policy Talks Series: The US Presidential Election: What Implications for Turkey and Its Neighbours?**” where actively engaged professionals will assess the US Presidential elections.

The meeting took place on **Friday, 25 November 2020 between 19:00-20:15 (GMT +3) on Zoom.**

#### **Speakers:**

- Nathalie **Tocci**, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome
- Ian **Lesser**, Vice President; Executive Director, Brussels Office, The German Marshall Fund of the United States
- Dorothee **Schmid**, Head, Turkey and Middle East Program, Institut Français des Relations Internationales, Paris
- Mustafa **Aydın**, President, International Relations Council of Turkey;

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- Dimitros **Triantaphyllou**, Director, International and European Studies, Kadir Has University, Istanbul (**Moderator**)

To watch “The US Presidential Election: What Implications for Turkey and Its Neighbours?”:



**Nathalie Tocci**, is Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali and Honorary Professor at the University of Tübingen. She is Special Advisor to EU High Representative and Vice President of the Commission Josep Borrell. As Special Advisor to HRVP Federica Mogherini she wrote the [European Global Strategy](#) and worked on its implementation. She has been a member of Eni’s Board of Directors since May 2020.



**Ian Lesser** is vice president at The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) and a member of GMF's executive team, managing programs across the organization. He also serves as executive director of the Brussels office of GMF, and leads GMF's work on the Mediterranean, Turkey, and the wider Atlantic.



**Dorothee Schmid** is an expert on Mediterranean and Turkey issues, Dorothee Schmid holds a diploma in public management from Science-Po Paris and a PHD in Political Science from Panthéon-Sorbonne University. She worked as a country-risk analyst for Bank Crédit Agricole-Indosuez and carried out consulting missions for public institutions (European Commission, French Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), as well as NGOs and private companies, before joining Ifri in 2002.

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**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.

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**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou**, is an associate Professor of International Relations at Kadir Has University, Istanbul. He is also, since September 2010, the Director of the Center for International and European Studies at Kadir Has University in Istanbul where he also teaches international relations. He holds a BA in Political Science and History from the University of California, Berkeley and an MA and Ph.D. in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. He was previously Director General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) and Assistant Professor of International Relations at the University of the Aegean, Rhodes (2006-2010). He was also Special Advisor at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic (2004-2006).