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The Balkans possess a unique position between Europe and Asia in terms of its geographical location and cultural diversities. The International Balkan Symposium with the overarching theme “*Together in Peace – To the Future*” and a wide range of specific topics in its scope is seeking to contemplate this unique structure of the Balkans in regional and global politics. Through discussions and scientific findings delivered by paper presenters during the symposium, it is aimed to draw policy and scholarly projections regarding the medium and long-term future of the Balkans.

Important Dates

Call for Papers Announcement: 05 July 2021

Abstract Submission Deadline: 30 September 2021

Announcement of Accepted Abstracts: 20 October 2021

Symposium Date: 17-18-19 December 2021

Full Paper Submission Deadline: 01 March 2022

The Symposium will convene online via a virtual platform. Symposium languages are Turkish, English, Albanian, Bosnian, and Bulgarian. Simultaneous translation service will be provided in these languages during the Symposium.

The presented papers will be published in the Symposium Proceedings and Abstracts Book by Istanbul Ticaret University.

“Together in Peace – To the Future” The International Balkan Symposium Topics

1. Migration in the Balkans from the Past to the Present
2. Cultural and Commercial Diplomacy in the Balkans
3. Security and Cooperation in the Balkans
4. The Balkans in Turkish Foreign Policy
5. Borders and Identities in the Balkans
6. Turkey-Balkans and European Union Relations
7. Minorities and Political Representation in the Balkans

8. Current Political Discourses in the Balkans
9. Conflict Resolution and International Law in the Balkans
10. Nationalism and Nation State Building in the Balkans
11. Turkey's Policies on the Related Communities (Kinship) in the Balkans
12. The Balkans and Energy Geopolitics
13. Developments in the Region of the former Yugoslavia Since the Dayton Agreement
14. Historical and Cultural Heritage in the Balkans
15. New Generation Private Sector and Public Relations in the Balkans
16. Economic Cooperation Between Turkey and the Balkans

The Symposium will include thematic sub-sessions which will be held by the Center for Industrial Policy and Development and Research Center for Neighboring Countries and Regions of Istanbul Ticaret University. Thus, by providing such a variety of platforms and panel discussions the Symposium will stand out in its qualitative distinction.

The scientific and advisory board of the International Balkan Symposium "Together in Peace – To the Future", which will be held in partnership with Istanbul Ticaret University and Ümraniye Municipality, consists of the following names:

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