

The Pandemic: What Next in Turkey's Foreign and Security Policy?

-Videoconference held on Thursday, 23 April 2020-

Event Agenda

Moderator: Ambassador Doru Costea, Senior Associate Expert, New Strategy Center

15:00-15:05 *Introduction by the moderator*

15.05 – 15.20 Mr. Murat Aslan, Researcher, Security Studies Directorate, The Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research SETA, Turkey

15.20 – 15.35 Mrs. Şebnem Udum, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations of Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

15.25 – 16:10 *Open debate*

16.10 – 16.15 *Conclusions by the moderator*

Dr. Murat Aslan is currently teaching in Hasan Kalyoncu University and Researcher in Security Studies Directorate of The Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research SETA, Turkey. He graduated from War College on the field of Management in 1991. He assumed varying tasks and appointments in Turkish Armed Forces (TAF). He attended and graduated from Master's Program (2010) and Ph.D. program (2017) in the International Relations Department of Middle Eastern Technical University. He preferred to be retired in February of 2017 to be involved in academic studies. He is accepted to the position of Assistant Professor in Hasan Kalyoncu University (Gaziantep) after he gave lectures in Başkent and Hasan Kalyoncu Universities. He focused on power, intelligence and propaganda conceptualizations and practices in the fields of defence and security studies.

Dr. Şebnem Udum is an Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations of Hacettepe University, Ankara. She holds BSc. in International Relations and a minor degree in International Economics from the Middle East Technical University (1999), an MA in International Policy Studies and Certificate in Nonproliferation Studies from the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) in CA, USA (2000, 2002). She worked as a Research Associate at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (2002-2003). She also holds an MA in International Relations from Bilkent University, with her thesis on Turkey's responses to missile proliferation in the Middle East and missile defenses, and its impact on Turkey's EU accession process. She completed her PhD at Bilkent University with her dissertation on the nuclear energy debate in Turkey. Dr. Udum has been teaching at Hacettepe University since 2010. She has publications on nuclear nonproliferation, nuclear security, energy security and Turkish foreign and security policy.