

Conference Program

Friday, April 28, 2023

- 5:30pm **Wreath Laying Ceremony at Atatürk Monument**
Sheridan Circle, NW, Washington, D.C.
- 6:00pm **Turkish Ambassador's Reception**
Turkish Ambassador's Residence, Washington, D.C.

Saturday, April 29, 2023

- 7:30am-8:30am **Conference Registration / Breakfast**
- 8:45am-8:55am **Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Remarks**
Mazlum Koşma, *President, Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA)*
- 9:00am-10:00am **Turning Points in U.S. - Türkiye Relations During the Last 100 Years**
Moderator: **Mazlum Koşma**, *President, ATAA*
Speakers: **G. Lincoln McCurdy**, *International Consultant, Former President, Turkish Coalition of America (TCA)*
Paolo von Schirach, *President, Global Policy Institute (GPI), Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Bay Atlantic University (BAU)*
Bülent Atalay, *Ph.D., President Emeritus, Atatürk Society of America (ASA)*
Dr. Ülkü Ülgür, *Founding President, BOT Member, ATAA*
- 10:00am-10:15am Break
- 10:15am-11:15am **U.S. Immigration Policy over the Years and its Effects on Turkish Americans**
Moderator: **Nilüfer Esen-Bilgin**, *MD, Ph.D., President-Elect, ATAA*
Speakers: **Andrew F. Moore**, *Ph.D., Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy*
Dr. Kağan Kocaoğlu, *Esq., Turkish-American Attorney*
- 11:15am-11:30am Break
- 11:30am-12:30pm **Legacy of the 100th Years of Enlightenment of Turkish Women**
Moderator: **Ayca Altıntığ**, *Ph.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Finance, USC Marshall*
Speakers: **Selin Yıldız Nielsen**, *Ph.D., President of Human Migration Institute*
Sema Başol, *Co-Founder and Board Member, Turkish Women's Initiative (TWI)*
Graduates of TWI's Sparks Program
- 12:30pm-12:45pm Break
- 1:00pm-1:30pm **Luncheon**
- 1:30pm-2:30pm **Keynote Speeches**
Keynote Speakers: **Ambassador Hasan Murat Mercan**, *Ambassador of Türkiye to the U.S.*
Ambassador (Ret.) Şükrü Elekdağ, *Former Turkish Ambassador to the U.S. (video message)*
- 2:30pm-2:45pm Break

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2:45pm-3:45pm	Engaging Young Generation into Leadership <i>Moderator:</i> Gökhan Özalp , <i>Past President, ATAA</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Mehmet Efe Taşcıoğlu , <i>Co-Founder and Chair, ATAA Youth Committee</i> Ela Elmas , <i>Co-Founder and Vice Chair, ATAA Youth Committee</i> Mert Tokman , <i>Ph.D., Professor of Marketing and Logistics, James Madison University</i>
3:45pm-4:00pm	Break
4:00pm-5:00pm	Disasters, Solidarity, and Turkish American Organizations <i>Moderator:</i> Mehmet Erdem Yaya , <i>Ph.D., Treasurer, ATAA</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Gül Bahtiyar , <i>MD, MPH, Board Member, Bridge to Türkiye Fund (BTF)</i> Pinar Özyürek , <i>Donor Relations Lead, Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF)</i> Burcu Tansu , <i>Western Region VP, ATAA</i> Engin Ateş , <i>Mid-Central Region VP, ATAA</i> Erdal Sipahi , <i>Secretary General, ATAA</i>
5:00pm-5:15pm	Break
5:15pm-6:00pm	Presentations
5:15pm-5:45pm	ATAA United Nations Committee Presentation Alev Wieland , <i>Southwest Region VP and Committee on UN Relations Co-Chair, ATAA</i> Yücel Burdurlu , <i>Midwest Region VP and Committee on UN Relations Co-Chair, ATAA</i> Emre Muharremoğlu , Sean Özalpasan , and Ela Gökçığdem , <i>ATAA UN Youth</i>
5:45pm-6:00pm	Yadigar Project Presentation Vega Sankur , <i>President, Atatürk Cultural Center (ATAMLA) - ATASC Chapter</i>
6:00pm	Closing Remarks
7:00pm-7:30pm	Registration
7:30pm-11:00pm	100th Anniversary Gala Welcoming Remarks Dinner Annual Awards Ceremony <i>Live Music by Zafer Cınbıl and Friends</i>