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FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES AND ECONOMICS  
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**Turkish-American Relations, 1800 to the Present – Twists and Turns**

**TUESDAY, May 5, 2015  
Founders Hall -16:00-17.30**

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**Chair & Moderator :** Dean Prof. Ali Çarkoğlu  
CASE, Koç University

**Panelists:** Dr. Henry P. Williams III  
Visiting Lecturer, Koç University

Assoc. Prof. Şuhnaz Yılmaz  
Department of International Relations, Koç University

**Time :** 16:00 – 17:30

**Place :** Founders Hall

**Bios of the Panelists:**

**HENRY P. WILLIAMS III**

Dr. Williams is originally from Michigan. He received degrees and diplomas from the University of Virginia, the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, the University of Florence, Italy, culminating in two Masters and a Doctorate in International Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy. Dr. Williams has lived in four foreign countries and has studied and worked professionally in four foreign languages: French, Greek, Italian and Turkish. Phil first came to Turkey in 1977 to undertake doctoral research in the area of Ataturk's reforms, the Civil Law in particular. Leaving academia, Phil went on to work in the Corporate Finance Division of Bankers Trust company on Wall St. From there, he was sent on special assignment to Istanbul where he was instrumental in opening Turkey's first investment bank, Turk Merchant Bank, working with Dr. Vural Akisik. He is a licensed Realtor, operates a small consulting business and lectures on a variety of topics, including Turkey and the Near East. Involved in a number of civic organizations, Phil is currently the president of the Charlottesville Chapter of the English-Speaking Union (and is here officially representing the ESU US).

**ŞUHNAZ YILMAZ**

Dr. Yılmaz is an Associate Professor of International Relations at Koc University and serves as the Associate Director of the Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities. She is the director of the foreign policy group of the Center for Globalization and Democratic Governance (GLODEM). Dr. Yılmaz is the author of a recently published book on Turkish-American Relations, entitled *Turkish-American Relations (1800-1952): Between the Stars, Stripes, and Crescent* from Routledge Press, International Relations Series (2015). She has received her MA and Ph.D. from Princeton University

specializing on International Affairs and the Middle East. She conducted her post-Doctoral Studies at Harvard University. Her areas of interest and expertise include foreign policy analysis, Turkish foreign policy, Turkish-American Relations, Eurasian Politics, Energy Politics, Mediterranean cooperation and security, European Union Foreign and Security Policy, and History of Political Thought. She has numerous publications in journals such as *Political Science Quarterly*, *Middle East Journal*, *World Today*, *Middle Eastern Studies*, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* and *Turkish Studies*. In 2007, Şuhnaz Yılmaz received the Sakip Sabanci International Research Award, granted by Sabanci University and the Brookings Institution and in 2008 she has received the Distinguished Young Scientist Award (GEBIP) of the Turkish Academy of Sciences.