Turkey at the Crossroads: Islam, Politics and Democratization in an Emerging Power in the Middle East

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Tentative Program

Introduction and Welcome.................................................................9:30
Dr. Mohsen Milani, Professor and Chair, Department of Government & International Affairs, University of South Florida

Opening Remarks..............................................................................9:35
Dr. Eric M. Eisenberg, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
University of South Florida

Keynote Speech..............................................................................9:50
Dr. Hakan Yavuz, The University of Utah

Panel 1- Democratization and Secularism in Turkey.................................10:30

Chair: Dr. Mustafa Gokhan Sahin, University of South Florida

Discussant: Dr. Sinan Ciddi, University of Florida, Gainesville

Presenters:

Dr. Mehmet Gurses, Florida Atlantic University
“Islamists, Democracy and Turkey: A Test of Inclusion-Moderation Hypothesis”

Dr. Fevzi Bilgin, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
“Who Will Guard the Guardians? The Troublesome Secularism of the Turkish Military”

Dr. Huseyin Yilmaz, University of South Florida
“Turkish Democratization: Historical Background and the Legacy of Ottoman Empire”

Lunch Break.....................................................................................12:00
Panel 2- Islam and Politics under Justice and Development Party…………………………14:00

Chair: Dr. Abdelwahab Hechiche, University of South Florida

Discussant: Dr. Hakan Yavuz, The University of Utah

Presenters:

Dr. Mustafa Gokhan Sahin, University of South Florida
“From Neo-Ottomanism to Strategic Depth: Turkish Foreign Policy during the JDP Era”

Dr. Sinan Ciddi. University of Florida, Gainesville
“The Changing Nature of Turkey’s Political opposition: The September 12th Referendum”

Dr. Fulya Apaydin, University of South Florida
“An Emerging Power Overseas?: Gulen Movement and AKP Alliance in Africa and Central Asia”

Closing Remarks……………………………………………………………………………………………………15:30
Dr. Mohsen Milani, Professor and Chair, Department of Government & International Affairs, University of South Florida