



## **THE FOURTH AFRICAN CONFERENCE**

**Tuesday, 12 October 2021**

Organized  
by  
Development Studies Application and Research Centre,  
Hasan Kalyoncu University  
&  
African Studies Application and Research Centre  
Hasan Kalyoncu University

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

We would like to thank you for accepting to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> African Conference, organized by Hasan Kalyoncu University's (HKU) African Studies Application and Research Center and Development Studies Application and Research Center. The conference has become a meeting point of scholars, researchers, and those, interested in the African continent.

This year, the conference focuses on the Turkish-African economic relations; external powers' competition in Africa; democratization, its challenges and setbacks; and finally development and trade in/with Africa. The conference consists of five panels, each focusing on one of the aforementioned topics.

This year the conference is in a hybrid form because of the global COVID-19 pandemic. For the participants in Gaziantep, it will be face to face, while those, not in the city, will have to connect via zoom. The event will be held on 12 October 2021 between 09.00 am and 18.00 pm, Turkey's time.

Here are some hint points on administrative issues and reminder on how to proceed the overall conference. We are flexible in responding any challenge or request though; an early warning regarding the excuses of the participants is highly welcomed and appreciated. All timings are expressed within the Turkish time zone. Our guests will attend the event from differing countries. We kindly request you to convert time difference pending to your actual location.

### **Here are the key points:**

- The Event will be in a hybrid form (face to face and Zoom), and it will be recorded through the University's Information Management System.
- The zoom link will be shared with you in October 8, 2021, Friday and in October 11, 2021, Monday. Please do not forget to check your email.
- The Rector of Hasan Kalyoncu University, Prof. Dr. Türkay DERELİ, will inaugurate the Event.
- There will be a moderator of each panel for supervision.
- There are English and Turkish presentations.
- Each speaker will have approximately 15 minutes for his presentation.
- You can directly contact to the organizing committee from the below mentioned GSM or email.

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We wish to make contributions to knowledge of all by dedicating our hearts, sharing our minds and tolerating the wisdom.

**Sincerely Yours,**

**Prof. Dr. M. Hanifi Aslan**

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**Dr. Bilal Ulusoy**

Director, African Studies Application and Research Center  
Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

### **OPENING REMARKS (09.00-09.50)**

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**Prof. Dr. M. Hanifi Aslan, Introduction (09.00-09.03)**

Director, Development Studies Application and Research Center  
Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

**Dr. Bilal Ulusoy, Introduction (09.03-09.06)**

Director, African Studies Application and Research Center  
Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey.

**Prof. Dr. Türkay Dereli, Rector's Greetings (09.06-09.20)**

Rector, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

### **KEYNOTE SPEECH (09.20-10.00)**

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**Dr. Burcu Aydın Özüdođru (09.20-09.40)**

Former General Director at Turkey's Ministry of Finance; Advisory at different levels of the Turkish Economic State Bureaucracy; Former Senior Economist, International Monetary Fund (IMF), PhD from South California University.

**Question-Answer: 09.40-09.50**

**Break: 09.50-10.00**

### **COLONIZATION, POVERTY AND DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA (10.00-11.10)**

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**Moderator:** Assist. Prof. Dr. Yaman Kepenç

**A Historical Approach to Migration in Africa (10.00-10.15)**

Assist. Prof. Dr. Yaman Kepenç, Deputy Director, African Studies Implementation and Research Center, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

**Decolonization, Democracy and Development in Africa (10.15-10.30)**

Assist. Prof. Dr. Orhun Cem Karsavuran. Department of Politics and International Relations, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

**Sahra-Altı Afrika'da Demokratikleşme Süreci: Kazanımlar ve Sorunlar (10.30-10.45)**

Dr. Pelin Aliyev, Department of Politics and International Relations, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

**Öğrenilmiş Çaresizlik: Afrika'da Kronik Yoksulluk (10.45-11.00)**

Fırat Cem Dođan, PhD Student, (with Prof. Dr. M. Hanifi Aslan) Department of Economics, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

**Questions: 11.00-11.10**

**Break: 11.10-11.20**

## **ELUSIVE QUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (11.20-12.30)**

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**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Z. Vildan Serin

### **Serbest Ticaret Anlaşmasının Afrika Kıtasındaki Seçili Ülkeler Üzerindeki Potansiyel Ticaret Yaratıcı Etkileri: Simülasyon Yöntemi ile Bir Analiz (11.20-11.35)**

Prof. Dr. Zehra Vildan Serin (With Dr. Muhammed Çelik), Department of International Trade and Logistics, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

### **Yerel Ekonomik Kalkınma Çalışmaları ve UNDP: Türkiye ve Afrika'dan Örnekler (11.35-11.50)**

Hamit Doğan, Gaziantep Regional Coordinator, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Gaziantep, Turkey

### **Afrika Sorunlarına Afrikalı Çözümler (11.50- 12.05)**

Prof. Dr. I. Kahraman Arslan, Department of Business Administration, Istanbul Commerce University, Istanbul, Turkey

### **Black Economic Empowerment Strategy (12.05-12.20)**

Assist. Prof. Dr. Şenol Öztürk, Department of Economics, Kırıkkale University, Kırıkkale, Turkey

**Question-Answer: 12.20-12.30**

**Lunch Break: 12.30 13.15**

## **EXTERNAL POWERS' COMPETITION IN AFRICA (13.15-14.40)**

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**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Tayyar Arı

### **The Global and Regional Powers Competition on Africa (13.15-13.30)**

Prof. Dr. Tayyar Arı, Department of International Relations, Uludag University, Bursa, Turkey

### **European Union in Africa during COVID-19 (13.30-13.45)**

Prof. Dr. Ebru Oğurlu, Department of International Relations, European University of Lefke, Lefke, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

### **Iran in Africa (13.45-14.00)**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Iqbal Akhtar, Director, Religious Studies, Florida International University, Miami, United States

### **China in Africa (14.00-14.15)**

Assist. Prof. Dr. Murat Aslan, Department of Politics and International Relations, Sabahattin Zaim University, Istanbul, Turkey

### **The United States in Africa (14.15-14.30)**

Tunç Demirtaş, PhD Student, Department of International Relations, Uludag University, Bursa, Turkey

**Question-Answer: 14.30-14.40**

**Break: 14.40-14.50**

## **TURKISH-AFRICAN RELATIONS (14.50-16.00)**

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**Moderator:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Keser

### **Turkish- African Security Relations (14.50-15.05)**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Keser, Department of Politics and International Relations, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

### **Türkiye Afrika Ekonomik İlişkilerinin Mevcut Durumu ve Geleceği (15.05-15.20)**

Assist. Prof. Dr. Eda Dineri, Department of Economics, Hasan Kalyoncu University,  
Gaziantep, Turkey

**Turkey's Strategies in Africa: Perspectives on the Past and the Future (15.20-15.35)**

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Özkan, Director, Türkiye Maarif Vakfı, United States

**Economic Opportunities between Turkey and North African Countries (15.35-15.50)**

Sibel Kulaksız, Senior Economist, World Bank, New York, United States

**Question-Answer (15.50-16.00)**

**Break: 16.00-16.10**

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**BUSINESS EXPERIENCES IN AND PERSPECTIVES ON AFRICA (16.10-17.10)**

**Moderator:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yakup Durmaz (16.10-16.15)

**Erhan Barutoğlu (16.15-16.30)**

Turkey-Ruanda Business Council Chair, Foreign Economic Affairs Institute (Dış  
Ekonomik İlişkiler Kurulu, DEİK)

**Fatih Erdoğan (16.30-16.45)**

Safa Export & Import

**Melih Kayra (16.45-17.00)**

Kayra s.a.r.l (Import Company in Fildişi)

**Tamer Taşkın (17.00-17.15)**

Businessmen and Honorary Consular of South Africa

**Question-Answer: 17.15-17.30**

**Break: 17.30-17.40**

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**“US FROM THE AFRICAN EYES PHOTO CONTEST” AWARD CEREMONY  
AND CLOSING**

**Announcement of the Winners (17.40-17.50)**

Prof. Dr. Bülent Bahri Küçükerođan, Radio, TV and Cinema Department, Faculty  
of Communication, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey

**Final Greetings and the Completion of the Conference (17.50-17.55)**

Prof. Dr. M. Hanifi Aslan, Director, Development Studies Application and Research  
Center, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey