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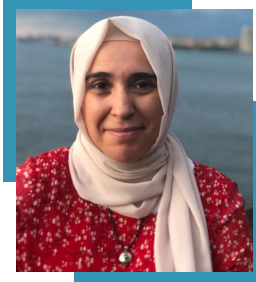
SESSION-1

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION

(December 9th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)



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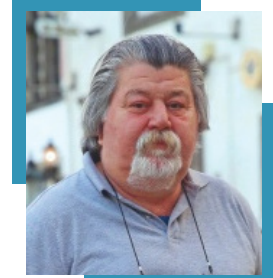
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COLLAPSE OF RULE OF LAW

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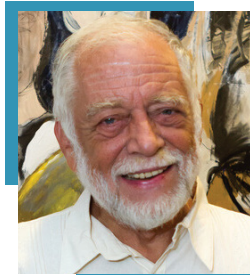


PANELISTS



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SHIFT FROM DEMOCRATIZATION TOWARDS AUTHORITARIANISM IN TURKEY: THE RISE OF POLITICAL ISLAM

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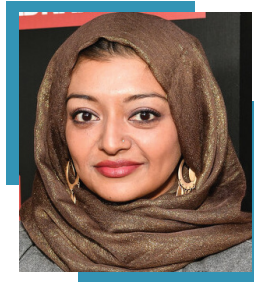


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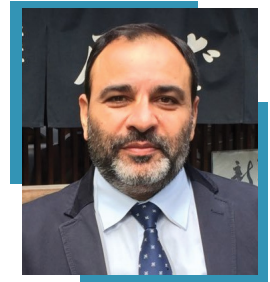
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SESSION-4

POWER, POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND
VIOLATIONS OF MINORITY RIGHTS

(December 10th, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)



PANELISTS



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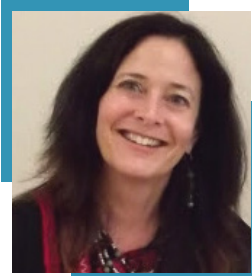
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WOMEN'S RIGHTS in TURKEY

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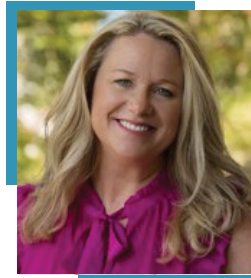


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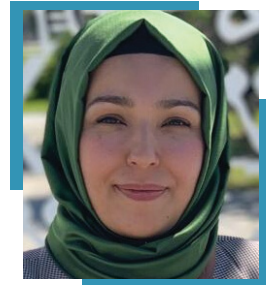
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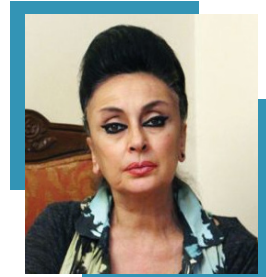
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