

**6.11.2014**  
**THURSDAY**  
**GALATA ROOM**

# Themes of Conflict in Middle Eastern Democracies

A Comparative Perspective from Turkey and Israel

**10:00** **Welcome Remarks and Introduction to the Program**

Salih Bıçakçı, Kadir Has University

Gabriel Motzkin, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Felix Schmidt, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Turkey Office

**10:30** **Session 1: Majoritarian Democracy in Israel and Turkey**

**The Challenge of Despotism and the Imperative of Deliberative Citizenship**

Amal Jamal, Tel Aviv University

**Israel: Interrupted Democratic Development?**

Itzhak Galnoor, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

**Likud-AKP: Do They Belong to the Same Species?**

Soli Özel, Kadir Has University

**Understanding the Roots and Limits of AKP's Majoritarian Populism**

Yüksel Taşkın, Marmara University

moderated by: Salih Bıçakçı, Kadir Has University

**14:00** **Session 2: Political parties and grassroots politics**

**Israel's Direct Democracy and Its Discontents**

Dana Blander, Israeli Democracy Institute

**Mini-Publics: The Contribution of Deliberative Democracy to Majoritarian Dynamics & Institutions**

Ronen Goffer, Hebrew University

**Minorities in Majoritarian Systems: Strategies for Claims-making and Coalition Building**

Aykan Erdemir, MP, CHP

**Building Alliances to Strengthen Grassroots Politics in a Shrinking Political Space**

Sezen Yalçın, SPoD (Social Policies, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Association)

moderated by: Alexander Geiger, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Turkey Office