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SEALED GATE:  
CONFERENCE ON  
THE PROSPECTS OF THE  
TURKEY-ARMENIA BORDER



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# Saturday, November 22

**REGISTRATION**  
09.00-10.00

**OPENING REMARKS**  
10.00-10.30

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## I Taking Stock of Sealed Borders

**Panel 1**  
10.30-12.20

**CHAIR**  
Gerard J. Libaridian

**Sezai Yazıcı**  
From the Opening to the  
Closing: *The Story of a Border*

**Lale Yalçın Heckmann**  
Histories and Meanings of  
Borderlands in the South  
Caucasus

**Florian Mühlfried**  
When Soft Turns Hard :  
*The Georgian-Russian Border in  
the Past Decades*

**Naif Alibeyoğlu**  
From Sealed Gate to Gateway to  
the Caucasus:  
*The Experience of Kars*

**LUNCH**  
12.20-13.20

## II Sealed Border Accounts

**Panel 2**  
13.20-15.10

**CHAIR**  
H. Neşe Özgen

**Vahram Danielyan**  
Boredom as a Metaphor for a  
Karsian Existence in the Novels:  
*Land of Nairi* by Yeghishe  
*Charents and Snow* by Orhan  
*Pamuk*

**Fabio Salomoni**  
Kars and İğdır:  
*Ambivalent Memories and  
Identities in a Border Region*

**Sayat Tekir**  
Looking at Turkey from the  
Armenian Border

**Manuk Avedikyan**  
The Yezidi Armenian  
Community's Perspective  
Towards the Closed  
Armenian-Turkish Border

**COFFEE BREAK**  
15.10-15.25

## III Sealed Border and Neighbours

**Panel 3**  
15.25-17.00

**CHAIR**  
Güven Sak

**Ulvi İsmail**  
Azerbaijan's proponents and  
opponents of opening  
Turkish-Armenian border

**Vicken Cheterian**  
Turkish Political Choices  
and Shaping of the Karabakh  
Conflict

**Vahram Ter Matevosyan**  
Decoding Turkish-Georgian  
Strategic Partnership:  
*Implications for Armenia  
and Beyond*

**COFFEE BREAK**  
17.00-17.15

## IV Sealed Border Beyond Neighbours

**Panel 4**  
17.15-18.30

**CHAIR**  
Soli Özel

**Thomas de Waal**  
Black Garden-Karabakh:  
*Closer to War than Peace?*

**Fiona Hill**  
Russia and the Eurasian Union:  
*Creating New Borders in the  
Caucasus?*

**Sunday,  
November 23**

**V**

**Open Borders,  
Open Markets**

**Panel 5**

09.00-10.50

CHAIR

Kemal Kirişçi

**Latife Akyüz**

Trade Behind Closed Doors:  
*The Dynamics of Ethnicity in  
Border Trade*

**Lülüfer Körükmez**

After Crossing the Border:  
*The Borders of Ethnic Identity-  
Migration of Workforce from  
Armenia to Turkey*

**Ussal Şahbaz**

TEPAV's Study on Economic  
Cooperation Opportunities  
between Turkey and Armenia

**Zümrüt İmamoğlu**

Hrant Dink Foundation's Study  
on Socio-Economic Impact of  
the Sealed Border in the Region

COFFEE BREAK

10.50-11.00

**VI**

**Open Borders,  
Open Minds - I**

**Panel 6**

11.00-12.30

CHAIR

Amberin Zaman

**Zeynep Aktüre**

Monumentalizing the Sealed  
Turkey-Armenia Border by  
Bordering a Monument

**Özlem Şendeniz**

Narratives on the Border:  
*The Armenian and Armenia in  
the Collective Memories of the  
Peoples of İğdir*

**Tamar Arieli**

Opening the Border is not  
Enough: *Lessons of Cross-  
Border Enterprises in the Middle  
East*

LUNCH

12.30-13.30

**VII**

**Open Borders,  
Open Minds - II**

**Panel 7**

13.30-15.00

CHAIR

Razmik Panossian

**Pınar Karakılıçık**

Turkey-Armenia Border:  
*The Paradox of Languages*

**Araz Kojayan**

Passing Through Turkish-  
Diaspora Border:  
*Lebanese Armenian Youth  
Visiting Western Armenia*

**Stefan Williamson Fa & Ben  
Wheeler**

Mountains of Tongues:  
*(Re)presenting the Musical  
Dialects of the Caucasus*

COFFEE BREAK

15.00-15.15

**VIII**

**Beyond Open  
Borders**

**Panel 8**

15.15-16.45

CHAIR

Asaf Savaş Akat

**Milena Abrahamyan**

Women Beyond Borders:  
*Linking our Stories*

**Urban Jaksa**

Crossing the Visible Border,  
Breaking Down Invisible  
Borders: *Armenian and Turkish  
Youth in Civil Society Dialogue*

**Philip Gamaghelyan**

The Prospects of Track Two  
Diplomacy Work in the Political  
Context of Closed Borders

COFFEE BREAK

16.45-17.00

**IX**

**Prospects for  
Open Borders**

**Panel 9**

17.00-18.30

CHAIR

Marc Pierini

**Burcu Gültekin Punsmann**

Borderlands around Turkey:  
*Georgia, Iraq, and Syria*

**James Derounian**

(Localised) Community  
Development as a Key to Unlock  
Cross-Border Potential

**Nicole Longobardo**

The Prospects of Open  
Borders and the Promise of  
Conflict Transformation in  
Transcaucasia

**General Evaluation &  
Discussions**

18.30-19.30

Cengiz Aktar

Salpi Ghazarian



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