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Hoboken, New Jersey



Friday, April 19, 2013 - 5:00 pm.

HIGH LEVEL INAUGURAL PANEL

Dedicated to: MDG#8 Global Partnerships and International Peace

WELCOMING REMARKS

Dr. NARIMAN FARVARDIN, *President of Stevens Institute of Technology*

Dr. LISA A. DOLLING, *Dean of the College of Arts and Letters and
Associate Professor of Philosophy*

CONCEPT

Ms. BİRCAN ÜNVER, *Co-Chair, Founding President and Permanent*

Representative to the UN DPI/NGO of The Light Millennium

INTRODUCTION

Dr. EDWARD FOSTER, *Co-Chair and Professor of American Studies, College of
Arts and Letters, Stevens Institute of Technology*

KEYNOTE

*“Changing the World: From Ataturk's 'Six Arrows' to the Eight “Millennium
Development Goals”*

Mr. STEPHEN KINZER, *author of Crescent & Star: Turkey Between in Two
Worlds and Professor of International Relations, Boston University*

OPENING REMARKS

H.E. Mr. HALIT ÇEVIK, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Turkey
to the United Nations*

CHAIR (of this session) & PANELIST

Ms. SUZANNE BILELLO, *Senior Communications and Liaison Officer for
UNESCO at the United Nations*

H.E. Ms. BYRGANYM AITIMOVA, *Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the
United Nations – Represented by Mr. AKAN RAKHMETULLIN,
Deputy Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations.*

H.E. Mr. PAJO AVIROVIKJ, *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations*

H.E. Mr. CARLOS E. GARCIA GONZALES, *Ambassador, Permanent
Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations*

Saturday, April 20, 2013

**Dedicated to: MDG#3: Women Empowerment and Gender Equality
and MDG#2 Universal Education**

MORNING SESSION: 10:15a.m.– 1:00p.m.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS ON MDG#1, 2, 3

WELCOMING REMARKS by the co-chairs
EDWARD FOSTER and BİRCAN ÜNVER

MODERATOR: DAVID C. CUTHELL, *Adjunct Associate Professor,
Columbia University.*

KEYNOTE:

SALLY SHATILA KADER, *Co-Founder and President of the United States
Federation for Middle East Peace (USFMPEP, NGO), and Permanent
Representative to the United Nations*

*“Women Empowerment and Gender Equality from Middle East and
Global Perspective”*

HÜDAI YAVALAR, *Founding President,
and MIRAT YAVALAR, Founding Member and Treasurer, Ataturk Society of
America, Washington DC.*

*“Ataturk’s Reforms Empowered Turkish Women and Set an Example for
the World”*

JUDY LIGHT AYYILDIZ, *Roanoke, Virginia.*

*“Ataturk, His Incredible Gift to Inspire: a New Nation Built on Equality and
Justice—an Enduring Spirit for the Future”*

GÜL ÇELKAN, *Associate Prof., Dr., Middle Georgia State College*
“Turkish Women From Past To Present”

Prof. Dr. E. NEZİH ORHON, and Research Asst. GOZDE EFE,
Anatolian University, Eskisehir, Turkey.

*“A Different Approach to Education: The Village Institution Experience
of Turkey and the UNMDGS”*

= = = Short Break – 10min. = = =

SEDEN ANLAR, *student, Maltepe University, Istanbul, Turkey.*

“The Women’s Movement in Turkey from Tazminat Towards Atatürk’s Reforms”

SEBAHATTIN DEVECIOGLU, *Assistant Professor, Firat University, Elazig,
Turkey.*

*“The Birth of the Celebration of Youth and Sports and the U.N.’s Agenda for
Youth and the Encouragement of Sports”*

ROBERT M. WEIR, *Writer, Author, Editor, Speaker*
“Educational Paradigms in Earth’s Global Village”

DAVID C. CUTHELL, *Adjunct Associate Professor, Dr. Columbia University.*
“Against All Odds: Atatürk’s Legacy and Its Impact on Contemporary Turkey,”

Q & A Session: 12:30 – 1:00p.m.

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 - 1:45p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:45– 3:15p.m.

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS ON MDG#8: GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS
& INTERNATIONAL PEACE**

MODERATOR: GÜL ÇELKAN, *Associate Professor, Middle Georgia State
College, Middle Georgia State College*

SEVINÇ ÖZER, *Professor, Çanakkale University, Çanakkale, Turkey.*
“Peace vs Pact: Mustafa Kemal Atatürk’s Concept of Peace”

AUGUSTINE G. JOHNSON, *Executive Director*

MARTIN T. TUMOE, *Chairman*

PAULINE TONNELLE, *Project Director*

LCA-Global Initiative, Liberia.

“Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger Through Universal Education”

HAMID AKIN ÜNVER, *Professor, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey.*
“Sovereignty and Legitimacy as the Basis for Peace: Atatürk’s Principles
and the future of the Arab Spring”

CHRISTOPHER VASSILLOPULOS, *Professor of Political Science at Eastern
Connecticut State University*
“Ataturk: Homeric Hero”

ÖZAY MEHMET, *Professor Emeritus, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.*
“The UN Millennium Goals in Gandhian and Ataturkist Perspectives”

Q & A 2:45 – 3:15p.m.

LECTURE –CONCERT 3:30 – 4:30p.m.

AYŞEGÜL DURAKOĞLU, *Professor of Music, College of Arts and Letters,
Stevens Institute of Technology*
“Ataturk, Creating a Universal Language in Turkish Musical Culture”

CONCERT:
AYŞEGÜL DURAKOĞLU, *pianist*
YIGIT KARATAS, *violinist*

CLOSING REMARKS & NETWORKING: 4:30 – 5:00p.m.

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**H.E. Ms. BYRGANYM AITIMOVA, *Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations.*  
Represented by Mr. AKAN RAKHMETULLIN, *Deputy Permanent Representative  
of Kazakhstan to the U.N. – Inaugural Panel.***



Ambassador Aitimova has been the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations in New York since February 2007. She heads her country’s delegation in the deliberations of the United Nations on almost all items on the global agenda. With a wide and versatile background and experience, she holds leadership positions on various agencies and entities of the United Nations system and is currently the Vice President of the executive board of UNICEF and a board member of UN Women. She served on behalf of Kazakhstan as the Chair of the Permanent Representatives of the group of Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in New York from 2011-12, and as Chair of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in 2010. She is presently actively engaged with the group of Landlocked Developing Countries to further their progress and is taking leadership in advance for the United Nations agenda on Sustainable Development. Nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, peace and security, sustainable energy for all, accelerating the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, promoting human rights, humanitarian assistance and effective UN reform are some of the other issues she is deeply committed to as Kazakhstan’s contribution to the overall objectives of the United Nations. She was a Vice President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly and is currently President of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in New York. Prior to her assignment to the United Nations, she served as Ambassador from her country to Italy and Israel.



**H.E. Mr PAJO AVIROVIKJ, *Ambassador, Permanent  
Representative of the Republic of Macedonia to the  
United Nations – Inaugural Panel***

Ambassador Avirovikj has served as the Permanent Representative to the United Nations from the Macedonia since May, 2011. Until his appointment, he was his country’s Ambassador to Israel beginning in September, 2009. Before that he served as chargé d’affaires at the embassy beginning in June, 2008. From May to June, 2008, he was the head of the embassy’s liaison office. Between June, 2006, and May, 2008, he held the position of State Counselor and Director for Public Diplomacy in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, having served as Head of the Sector for Bilateral Relations with European Countries from January to May, 2006. He was Deputy Head of the the Sector for the coordination of the Minister’s Cabinet Affairs between May, 2005, and January, 2006. In addition to serving as the Minister Counselor at his country’s embassy in Paris from February, 2001, to April, 2005, he was the Director of the Department for European Countries between 1998 and 2001, and Head of the Division for Western Europe from 1997 to 1998. An award-winning author and journalist, Mr. Avirovikj studied at the Ecole Nationale d’Administration in Paris, France, and holds a master’s degree in oriental philology from the University of Belgrade in Serbia, having earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**H.E. Mr. YAŞAR HALİT ÇEVİK, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations – Opening Remarks – Inaugural Panel.**



Prior to his latest appointment in fall, 2012, Mr. Çevik was the Undersecretary for Political Affairs at his country's Ministry for Foreign Affairs, beginning in 2009, having previously served as Ambassador from Turkey to Syria from November, 2004, to August, 2009. In addition to holding several positions in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs from 2000 to 2004, including that of Deputy Director-General of Central Europe and Baltic Region, he worked in the Prime Minister's Office as Deputy Special Adviser in 1999. In 1997, he served as First Counselor at the Turkish Embassy in Beijing and in 1995 as Consul General of Turkey in Zurich. From December, 1993, to August, 1995, Mr. Çevik was Deputy Special Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, having served as Head of the Section at the Ministry's Department of Maritime Affairs in 1993. He was Counselor at the Turkish Embassy in Athens in 1991 and Consul at the Turkish Consulate General in Athens in 1989. In 1987, Mr. Çevik was First Secretary at the Department of International Economic Organizations at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Prior to that, he was Consul at the Turkish Consulate General in Stuttgart in 1983 and Second Secretary at the Turkish Embassy in Khartoum in 1981. He joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1979 as Third Secretary at the Department of Bilateral Economic Affairs.

**Dr. LISA A. DOLLING, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters and Associate Professor of Philosophy – Welcoming Remarks – Inaugural Panel.**



In addition to serving as Dean, Lisa Dolling is Associate Professor of Philosophy in the College of Arts and Letters at Stevens Institute of Technology. Her areas of expertise include the philosophy of science (specifically quantum theory), aesthetics, and feminist philosophy. She was the founding director of the Women's Studies program at St. John's University in New York as well as the Gender and Cultural Studies program at Stevens. Dolling has published on such varied topics as the philosophical writings of Niels Bohr, Edith Stein, Simone Weil, and Ayn Rand. She is the co-editor of *The Tests of Time: Readings on the Development of Physical Theory* (Princeton University Press) and has recently edited the volume *Science, Technology and the Humanities: A New Synthesis*. Dolling is currently working on a book-length project that focuses on the philosophical writings of American conservationist and scholar George Perkins Marsh.

**Dr. NARIMAN FARVARDIN, President of Stevens Institute of Technology – Welcoming Remarks – Inaugural Panel.**



Nariman Farvardin was appointed the seventh president of Stevens Institute of Technology in January 2011. He joins Stevens from the University of Maryland, where he was a member of the faculty for twenty-seven years. He served as that institution's Acting President for two months in 2010, during his tenure as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, positions he held since 2007. Dr. Farvardin is an accomplished researcher in the areas of information theory and coding, multimedia signal compression and transmission, high-speed networks, and wireless networks. Among his accomplishments as Provost was spearheading the development and implementation of the University's ambitious strategic plan, *Transforming Maryland: Higher Expectations*. From 1994 to 2000 Dr. Farvardin served as Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, where he was Professor. He was appointed Dean of the A. James Clark School of Engineering in 2000. Dr. Farvardin has made significant contributions to a number of communications standards and practical systems in data communication, image and video compression, and voice coding in wireless applications. A fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Dr. Farvardin holds seven U.S. patents in data communication, image coding, and wireless communication, and has co-authored more than 150 technical papers in journals and conference proceedings.

**Dr. EDWARD FOSTER, Co-Chair and Professor of American Studies, College of Arts and Letters at Stevens Institute of Technology.**



Former Department Head, Director of Humanities, and Associate Dean at Stevens, Edward Foster has also been a Visiting Professor at the Drew University Graduate Faculty and at Beykent University (Istanbul) and was a Fulbright Lecturer at Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey, and at the University of Istanbul. Professor of American Studies and the recipient of numerous awards, he is the founding editor of *Talisman: A Journal of Contemporary Poetry and Poetics*, Talisman House, Publishers, and Jensen/Daniels, Publishers. He is a widely published critic and essayist with studies of the Black Mountain poets, American landscapes, William Saroyan, Jack Spicer, and many others to his credit. Well known as a poet, his work has been translated into, and published in, many languages, including single-author volumes in Slovenian, Romanian, and Russian. His most recent publications, among more than twenty books and monographs, include his selected poems, *What He Ought to Know* and *The Beginning of Sorrows*. A new collection of his poetry, *Dire Straits*, was published this year. He is currently working on a long poem, *Requiem*.



**H.E. Mr. CARLOS E. GARCIA GONZALES, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations – Panelist – Inaugural Panel.**



Ambassador Carlos Garcia was appointed as the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations on March 13, 2013. Prior to that he served as the Deputy Permanent Representative beginning in June, 2010. He is a career diplomat who has served his country in the United Nations since July, 1996. He has followed several issues of the United Nations agenda, inter alia, Political & International Security; Decolonization; Economic, Financial and Environmental; Social, Humanitarian & Human Rights; and Peace building issues during his post in New York. In

this regard, he has represented El Salvador in the Economic and Social Council and many others subsidiary bodies such as the Commission on Social Development, the former Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Population and Development, the Peace Building Commission as well as the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA, the Executive Board of UNICEF, the Executive Board of UN-Women and the former Executive Board of INSTRAW. Ambassador Garcia is currently the Vice-Chairman of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW -2012-13) and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD 2013-2014). He also served as the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Board of UNDP-UNFPA-UNOPS in 2011, the Vice-Chairperson of the Second Committee during the 64<sup>th</sup> UNGA, and the Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee during the 59<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> sessions of the General Assembly.

**Mr. STEPHEN KINZER, Author of *Crescent & Star: Turkey Between in Two Worlds*, and Professor of International Relations at Boston University – Inaugural Panel.**



Stephen Kinzer is an award-winning foreign correspondent who has covered more than 50 countries on five continents. His articles and books led the *Washington Post* to call him “among the best in popular foreign policy storytelling.” His most recent book, *Reset: Iran, Turkey, and America’s Future*, traces the modern histories of Turkey and Iran and recommends a new approach to US policy in the Middle East. In 2006 he published *Overthrow: America’s Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq*, recounting the 14 times the

United States has overthrown foreign governments. He is also the author of *All the Shah’s Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror*. Kinzer spent more than 20 years working for the *New York Times*, most of it as a foreign correspondent. From 1983 to 1989, he was the *Times* bureau chief in Nicaragua. In that post he covered war and upheaval in Central America. From 1990 to 1996 he was posted in Germany. He was the Chief of the *New York Times* bureau in Bonn and after German unification became the Chief of the Berlin bureau. From there he covered the emergence of post-Communist Europe, including wars in the former Yugoslavia. In 1996 Kinzer was named the Chief of the newly opened *New York Times* bureau in Istanbul, Turkey. After completing this assignment, he published *Crescent and Star: Turkey Between Two Worlds*. Before joining the *New York Times*, he was a Latin America correspondent for the *Boston Globe*.

**Ms. SUZANNE BILELLO, Senior Communications and Liaison Officer for UNESCO at the United Nations – Chair & Panelist – Inaugural.**



Suzanne Bilello is the Senior Communications and Liaison Officer for UNESCO at the United Nations. Prior to joining UNESCO in 2003, she was acting Director of Communications for U.N. Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean, ECLAC, in Santiago, Chile.

Before joining the UN system Ms. Bilello spent 12 years in different postings in Latin American initially as a foreign correspondent and later as a foundation representation supporting press freedom and the role of independent and pluralistic media in good governance. As a journalist, Ms. Bilello covered

Mexico and the Central American conflicts. She received an Alicia Patterson fellowship to examine the roots of Mexico’s political and economic crisis which led to democratization.

Ms. Bilello has worked for various U.S. media organizations including *Newsday* and *The Dallas Morning News*. In 1991 she was part of the *Newsday* team that was a Pulitzer Prize for breaking news reporting. She is a graduate of Barnard College and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and currently enrolled in a Masters in Business Administration program.

**Ms. BİRCAN ÜNVER, Co-Chair, Founding President and Permanent Representative to the UN DPI/NGO of The Light Millennium – Concept – Inaugural Panel.**



A native of Turkey, Bircan Ünver is the Originator (1999) and the Founding President of The Light Millennium (LM, 2001), a public benefit and multi-media organization. She has been the Executive Producer and Director of the LM, and LMTV programs since its inception and is the Permanent Representative of the organization to the UN DPI since 2006. As an

advocate for “freedom of expression” and “public benefit media,” she has compiled and e-published over 53 e-issues and produced over 90 original television programs, garnering several awards. Developed, organized/co-organized, presented/co-presented, hosted/co-hosted over 60 open to public events. She is also the founder of the ISIKBINYILI.ORG based in Istanbul, Turkey (January 2010), a sister organization to the LM. Bircan holds a master’s degree in media studies from the New School University. Her thesis project was a half-hour video documentary titled “All Ideas: Freedom of Expression in Turkey” (1999).

**About The Light Millennium** (<http://www.lightmillennium.org>):

The Light Millennium was based on the first article of the United States Bill of Rights, Freedom of Speech, in conjunction with the Universal Human Rights Article #19, on Freedom of Expression. The Light Millennium invites citizens of the world to submit, in an appropriate artistic medium, ideas and experiences that will help foster better understanding between people of different cultures and beliefs. The organization frequently presents ideas on the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations and UN-NGO Briefings as well as presenting ideas about the “Cultural Diversity” and “Global Peace Culture.” The Light Millennium was introduced on the web in August 1999 by Bircan Ünver as a global multi-media platform inviting individuals to represent themselves and their communities. In January, 2000, the organization brought in volunteers and was formally incorporated as a not-for-profit organization on July 17, 2001. It obtained 501c3 status at that time and associated itself with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations on December 12, 2005. For the LM Archive, see <http://www.lightmillennium.org/archive.html>

**About Stevens Institute of Technology** (<http://www.stevens.edu>):

Founded in 1870, Stevens Institute of Technology *The Innovation University®*, is a premier, private research university situated in Hoboken, N.J., overlooking the Manhattan skyline. Technological innovation has been the hallmark and legacy of Stevens’ education and research programs for more than 140 years. Within the university’s three schools and one college, more than 6,100 undergraduate and graduate students collaborate with more than 350 faculty members in an interdisciplinary, student-centric, entrepreneurial environment to advance the frontiers of science and leverage technology to confront global challenges. Stevens is home to three national research centers of excellence, as well as joint research programs focused on critical industries such as healthcare, energy, finance, defense, and STEM education. The university is the fastest-rising college in the *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of the best national universities, and it is consistently ranked among the nation’s elite for return on investment for students, career services programs, and mid-career salaries of alumni. Stevens is in the midst of a ten-year strategic plan, *The Future: Ours to Create*, designed to further extend the Stevens legacy to create a forward-looking and far-reaching institution with global impact.

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