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H.E. Erdem Başçı

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OECD

Erdem Başçı is appointed as Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OECD on 26 May 2016.



Born in Ankara in 1966, Dr. Erdem Başçı graduated from the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department of the Middle East Technical University in 1987 with high honors.

He completed the M.B.A. program at Bilkent University by ranking the first (1989). Having obtained his M.A. in Economics from Bilkent University (1990), Dr. Başçı received his second M.A. degree in Economics from Johns Hopkins University (1993).

He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Bilkent University in 1995.

Between 1995 and 2003, he worked at Bilkent University, Economics Department, as an Assistant Professor.

He was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 1999. Monetary economics, financial economics, macroeconomic theory and mathematical economics are his research and teaching areas.

Dr. Başçı lectured at the University of York, UK as an honorary visiting fellow in 1999. He has presented many discussion papers at international conferences.

Dr. Başçı's academic papers have been published in Oxford Economic Papers, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, and Journal of Mathematical Economics.

He also co-authored various chapters in books published by Springer-Verlag and Palgrave. Besides his theoretical contributions to the economic literature, Dr. Başçı has academic publications on the Turkish economy as well.

Dr. Başçı became the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey on 9 October 2003. Then he served as Governor of the Bank from 19 April 2011 to 19 April 2016.

Didier Billon

Deputy Director of IRIS (Institute for International and Strategic Relations)

Institut du Bosphore Board Member and Publication Coordinator



Certified in History and Geography, Doctor in Political Sciences, Didier Billon is a Professor for the National Education. He joined IRIS in 1991, as research fellow for Middle East issues and more particularly contemporary Turkey. From 1998 to 2002, he was Director of studies, and is Deputy Director of IRIS since 2002.

Author of numerous articles and of a book on Turkish foreign policy *La politique extérieure de la Turquie* (L'Harmattan), then *L'enjeu turc* (Armand Colin), Didier Billon has directed publications like "The New Faces of an enlarged Europe" (PUF/IRIS), " *Le rôle géostratégique de la Turquie* " (IRIS Presse) and " *Actualités de l'Etat palestinien* " (Complexe).

Didier Billon is also Board Member and Publication Coordinator of Institut du Bosphore.

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Bahadır Kaleağası

International Coordinator of TUSIAD, Turkish Industry & Business Association
President of the Institut du Bosphore, Paris
TUSIAD Representative to the EU and BUSINESSEUROPE, Brussels



Dr Bahadır Kaleagasi is currently TUSIAD's (Turkish Industry & Business Association) International Coordinator and EU Representative (Brussels) and the President of the Bosphorus Institute (Paris).

He is also Honorary Chairman of the Brussels Energy Club, delegate for BUSINESSEUROPE, board member of the Forum Istanbul and Galatasaray Sportif AS and scientific member of the Brussels University's Institute of European Studies.

Graduate of Brussels and Istanbul Universities, he was a researcher and lecturer in the Center for International & Strategic Studies and the Institute for European Studies of the University of Brussels, rapporteur for projects of the European Commission's Forward Studies Unit and the intergovernmental conferences which prepared the Maastricht Treaty and was visiting researcher to Harvard, Georgetown and Jerusalem Universities.

His academic work covered the areas of the EU's decision-making system, EU-US relations and the international economic relations. He also served as counselor for various public and private institutions. He regularly contributes as speaker to international conferences, executive and academic seminars, television and radio programmes, a regular commentator for the Bloomberg HT, Anadolu Ajansı-Finans, and Radikal and acts as adviser for international business development and communication projects. Bahadır Kaleagasi is the author of several articles and books on the international relations and European affairs. His latest book is entitled *The Planet G20*.

Alan Makovsky

Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress

Alan Makovsky is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress. Before joining CAP, Makovsky served as a Senior Professional Staff Member and Staff Director at the United States Congress, House Foreign Affairs Committee for 12 years.



Previously, Makovsky worked at the U.S. Department of State for over a decade in various capacities, most notably as a political analyst and branch chief focused on Turkish and Aegean affairs in the Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

He also served as Special Advisor to Special Middle East Coordinator Dennis Ross in 1993 and as State Department liaison officer and political advisor to Operation Provide Comfort, based at Incirlik air force base and in Iraqi Kurdistan, in 1992.

Makovsky worked for seven years (1994-2001) at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, where he wrote frequently on Turkish issues and founded the Institute's Turkey Research Program, widely regarded as the most active and innovative Turkey program in Washington D.C. at that time.