



The **Foreign Policy and Security Winter School** is organized in cooperation by the **Altinbas University** and **BILGESAM**- one of the leading think tanks of Turkey. BILGESAM is a private, non-profit research center that cooperates with well known international research centers and institutions. The **Winter School** will include all aspects of Turkish Foreign Policy, main actors of policy-making processes, institutes, and Turkey's relations with regional and global powers. Regional security topics such as Turkey's role on the Middle Eastern security, Black Sea security, security of the South Caucasus, are also in the agenda. Furthermore, courses on regional energy security issues and Turkey's energy policies also will be lectured.

### **Aim**

With the successful completion of the **Foreign Policy and Security Winter School** you will;

- get deep understanding on **contemporary Turkish Foreign Policy**;
- become familiar with key trends at the Middle East, the Black Sea and the South Caucasus regions.
- become familiar with Turkey's policies and strategies on regional and global conflicts and crisis;
- get deep understanding on current energy projects at the region and their global influence.

The courses during the winter school will be taught by professional experts both from Turkey and abroad such as university lecturers, high-ranking think thank research fellows, and Turkish and international diplomats.

### **Eligibility:**

Winter School is aimed at **bachelor, master and PhD degree students** from Turkey and throughout the world. Professionals and non-professionals, who are interested in **Turkish Foreign Polity and Security issues** in wider region with a particular focus on issues mentioned above, can also apply.

The main criteria for selection will be motivation to develop as an expert on foreign policy issues. Within the framework of the 4-day program, participants will be briefed on matters related to fundamental issues of the Turkish Foreign Policy and Turkey's bilateral relations with the global and regional powers. After successful completion of the Winter school participants will receive **certificate of completion**.

### **Content:**

- General frame of Turkish Foreign Policy at the post-Cold War environment
- Security Issues in the Turkish Foreign Policy Agenda
- Turkey's Middle East Policy
- Turkey and Security of the Wider Black Sea region
- Turkish-Russian political, economic, and military relations
- Turkey-Iran Relations
- Turkey-NATO Relations
- Turkey-EU Relations
- Turkey's South Caucasus (Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia) policies
- Turkey's Energy Policy and European Energy Security
- Turkey's Military Industry Policy

**The official language** of the Winter School is **English**.

**Participation Fee and Price:**

The participation fee for the winter school amounts to

**275 Euro / 300 USD** (without Accomodation) and to

**450 Euro / 500 USD** (4-day Accomodation and breakfast included social activities, excursion to historical places in Istanbul)

**The fee covers all winter school materials. Participants are to make their own travel arrangements.**

**Location and Date:**

The winter school will be held in Istanbul, Turkey between 23-27 March 2022 (4 days full time).

**Registration and Deadline:**

Applicants should send us the following documents in English:

- resume/CV; - one photo

You can register for the Foreign Policy Winter School via email [elnurismajil@gmail.com](mailto:elnurismajil@gmail.com).

The **deadline** for registration for the Winter School is Friday **18 March 2022**.

Please note that the **participation fee is due by March 20, 2022**. Participation in the Foreign Policy Winter School is only possible after confirmation of payment. Please note that we can reimburse only %50 of the participation fee, if you cancel after **February 05, 2022**.

Accommodation can be either arranged by us or by the participants themselves. Please indicate in the email if you wish us to arrange accommodation or if you prefer to take care of accommodation yourself.

**Insurances and Visa:**

The Winter School is unfortunately not able to provide health, accident and liability insurance. It is the responsibility of the participants to take care of health, accident and liability insurance coverage. Please indicate in the application form if you need an official letter from the Wise People Center for Strategic Studies (BILGESAM) confirming your admission to the Foreign Policy Winter School in order to apply for a visa. The letter will be sent with the admission notification. Please also note that all visa procedures remain in the responsibility of the participants and must be taken care of in due time.