

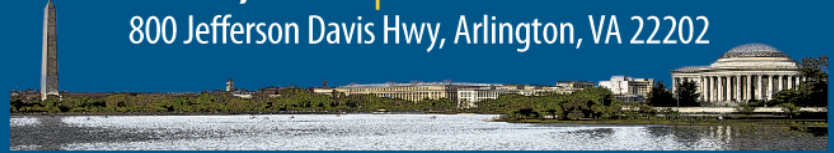


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## 40<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

*“Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the Turkish Independence Movement”*

OCTOBER 5, 2019 | THE WESTIN CRYSTAL CITY  
800 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202



### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

*(Please note that the program is subject to change, and will be updated continuously up to the conference)*

- 8:00am-9:00am**     **Registration and Light Breakfast**
- 9:00am-9:15am**     **Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Remarks**
- 9:30am-10:30am**     **Opening Speech**  
**Emre Kongar**, Professor of Sociology, Writer, Former Undersecretary of Culture  
**Ugur Dundar**, Turkish Journalist, Anchorman, Political Commentator and Writer
- 10:30am-10:45am     Break
- 10:45am-11:45am**     **Panel 1: Atatürk: The War of Independence & the Creation of the New Turkey**  
Moderator: **Sevgin Oktay**, ATAA NY Region Vice President  
**Justin McCarthy**, Professor of History, University of Louisville  
**George Gawrych**, Professor of History, Baylor University
- 12:00pm-1:00pm**     **Lunch**  
Keynote Speech: **Ambassador (Ret.) Dr. Sukru M. Elekdag** (*Video Message*)  
**The Honorable Ed Whitfield**, Principal (US House of Representatives 1995-2016), Farragut Partners LLP
- 1:00pm-1:15pm     Break
- 1:15pm-2:15pm**     **Panel 2: The Impact of Turkish National Movement on 20th Century Politics**  
Moderator: **Nilufer Esen Bilgin**, ATAA First Vice President & Mid-Central Region Vice President  
**Paul Kubicek**, Professor of Political Science, Oakland University  
**Emine Evered**, Associate Professor of History, Michigan State University
- 2:15pm - 2:45pm**     **Speech by Dr. Isil Acehan**, Visiting Scholar, George Mason University  
*“Turkish Migration to US from Ottoman Empire and Relation to Independence War”*
- 2:45pm-3:00pm     Break

- 3:00pm-4:00pm** **Panel 3: Independence War, Turks in the US, Politics Effecting Turks**  
Moderator: **Gokhan Ozalp**, ATAA President  
**Emre Kongar**, Professor of Sociology, Writer, Former Undersecretary of Culture  
**Ugur Dundar**, Turkish Journalist, Anchorman, Political Commentator and Writer
- 4:00pm-4:15pm** Break
- 4:15pm-5:15pm** **Panel 4: 40 Years of ATAA's Accomplishment**  
Moderator: **Mazlum Kosma**, ATAA Treasurer  
Speakers: **Dr. Ulku Ulgur**, ATAA Past President, Member of the Board of Trustees  
**Dr. Bulent Basol**, ATAA Past President, Chairman, ATAA Board of Trustees  
**Nurten Ural**, ATAA Past President, Member of the Board of Trustees  
**Ergun Kirlikovali**, ATAA Past President, Member of the Board of Trustees  
**Kenan Caglar**, ATAA Past President
- 5:15pm-5:30pm Break
- 5:30pm-6:30pm** **Panel 5: Bright Future Turkish Language and Culture Project**  
Moderator: **Kayhan Yilmaz**, ATAA Education Committee Chair & Capital Region Vice President  
Speakers: **Halil Ersoy**, Assistant Professor of Computer Education and Instructional Technology, Baskent University  
**Hulya Koc**, Bright Future Committee Member  
**Lale Iskarpatyoti**, Bright Future Committee Member
- 7:00pm-7:30pm** **Reception**
- 7:30-11:30pm** **40th Anniversary Gala & Awards Banquet**