

The AKP and Turkish Foreign Policy in the Middle East

Workshop, 15 December 2015, Room 9.04, 9th Floor, Tower 1, Clement's Inn, LSE

09:30 **Coffee and Registration**

10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Toby Dodge, LSE Middle East Centre

Panel One **The AKP, elections and the Turkish state**
10:30-12:30 Chair: Deniz Kandiyoti, School of Oriental and African Studies

Historical and contemporary trends in the Turkish political party system
Güneş Murat Tezcür, University of Central Florida

Social and economic explanations for AKP's power
Menderes Çınar, Başkent University

Understanding electoral outcomes in the June and November elections
Deniz Zeyrek, Hürriyet

Post-election trends in Turkish politics and economy
Naz Masraff, Eurasia Group

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

Panel Two **The AKP's regional policy: Turkey and its neighbours**
13:30-15:30 Chair: Toby Dodge, LSE Middle East Centre

The impact of the Syrian civil war on Turkey's foreign policy in the Middle East
Gönül Tol, Middle East Institute

Turkey's relations with Iraq and the KRG
Aydın Selcen

Turkey's policy towards the Islamist movements in the Middle East
Serhat Erkmen, 21st Century Turkey Institute

Syrian refugees in Turkey: Challenges and impact on Turkey's regional policies Elizabeth Ferris, Brookings Institute

15:30-15:45 **Tea**

Panel Three **The Kurdish questions and AKP policy in the Middle East**
15:45-17:45 Chair: Esra Özyürek, LSE Contemporary Turkish Studies

From negotiation to conflict: Kurdish politics in Turkey

Evren Balta, Yıldız Technical University

Untangling AKP's Kurdish and Middle East policies

Cengiz Çandar, Radikal

KRG-Turkey relations from the KRG's perspective

Bill Park, King's College London

Turkey's Rojava policy

Güney Yıldız, British Broadcasting Corporation

19:00

Dinner
