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## Summary

**Petroleum engineer and senior energy strategies expert on world energy politics, energy security, sustainable energy policies and energy management.**

Worked for the national oil and gas company TPAO for 26 years; more than half of it being in managerial positions to include the Deputy General Manager status; Lectured in 5 different universities and still teaching on **energy policies, scenarios, strategies, sustainable energy, energy security and related matters** in Bilkent University, Ankara. Senior lecturer and prominent invited speaker. A prominent speaker on local and international TVs, radios and a writer on energy politics. Experienced top level manager both in public and private energy companies.

Co-directed Turkey's first and most prominent think tank (**Center for Eurasian Strategic Studies-ASAM**) between 2000 (*its establishment date*) and 2007 as its Deputy Chairman and General Coordinator. Contributed to the successful implementation of Baku-Tblisi-Ceyhan Crude Oil Pipeline as a top level public servant for the Republic of Turkey.

## Current Position(s)

- **Instructor;** Bilkent University, Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences (IR 495-World Energy Politics, in English; EEPS 505 Energy Geopolitics and Policy, in English; MBA course)
- **Instructor;** Ankara University, Continuing Education Centre (Caspian Energy Resources and Projects)
- **Member of the Scientific Committee (Subsea Resources), KOÇ University Maritime Forum (KUDENFOR)**
- **Chairman;** Energy Commission, Republican People's Party (CHP)
- **Chairman;** Committee on Energy Policies, Chamber of Petroleum Engineers of Turkey
- **Member,** High Honorary Council, Union of the Chamber of Engineers & Architects of Turkey
- **Chief Editor;** enerjienenergy.com
- **Free Lance Writer;** Al-Monitor

## Education

- Department of Petroleum Engineering, Middle East Technical University, (B. Sc.; 1980 graduate)
- TED Ankara College (Primary, Middle and High Schools)

## Highlights

- Energy policies
- Management
- Teaching
- Forecasting

- Natural leader
- Persuasive
- Strong public speaker
- Public Relations

## Selected Conferences/Panels: Moderator, Speaker

- **INVITED SPEAKER, MODERATOR, KEY NOTE SPEAKER (Selected examples; countries and entities)**
- **Keynote Speaker;** IPETGAS 2015 (20th International Petroleum and Natural Gas Congress and Exhibition of Turkey), Sheraton Hotel, Ankara, 28 May 2015. "Turkey's Energy Politics in Consideration of Regional and Global Developments: Do We Have Energy Security? Proposed Solutions"
- **Keynote Speaker;** Doğu Akdeniz ve Enerji Jeopolitiği (Eastern mediterranean and It's Energy Geopolitics) 7 May 2015, Girne, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
- **Invited Speaker;** École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland, Friday, 10 April 2015. "Turkey: New Developments in Shaping the Global Energy Future"
- **Panel Chairman;** TUROGE 2015 (Global Oil & Gas Turkey, 18 March 2015, Sheraton Hotel, Ankara; PANEL 1: REGIONAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: TRENDS, MARKET OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTLOOK TO 2025 Panel topics: The outlook for oil exporting countries, Implications of the Ukraine crisis for the Middle East, Global and Russian energy Outlook, Caucasus and Central Asia: Moderating growth and rising uncertainty, How will the economy of Turkey evolve by 2025 and its impact on oil and gas sector?, Key trends driving the Turkey oil and gas industry
- **Keynote Speaker and Organiser;** "Enerji ve Hukuk Sempozyumu", Türkiye Barolar Birliği, (Symposium on Energy and Law), Turkish Bar Association, 9 December 2014
- **Moderator;** "The Strategic Rationale of the Southern Corridor", TUROGE 2014, 13th Turkish International Oil & Gas Conference, 9-10 April 2014, Ankara
- **Keynote Speaker,** Conference on Energy & Environment, TOBB University of Economics & Technology, "Is there a more independent, cleaner and efficient energy policy alternative for Turkey?", 13-14 March 2014, Ankara
- **Speaker,** "The Prospective Promising Environment-Friendly Energy Resources for Turkey and the European Union and the Contribution of the Regional Sources", Co-organizers: Humboldt College/Germany & Yıldız Technical University, 12-13 December 2013, İstanbul
- **Speaker,** "A Sustainable and More Independent Energy Policy Alternative for Turkey" (Paper presented & published); International Conference on Global Climate Change, 6-7 November 2013, İstanbul; Co-organizers: Yıldız Technical University & University of Siegen/Germany
- **Speaker,** Conference requested and organized by Fordham University GBA, "Doing Business in Turkey", running from April 22 to April 26, Conference topic: Turkey's Energy Policies: A Geopolitical Outlook; Lecture given to 30 graduate students of Fordham University on Turkey's energy policies, focusing on geopolitical dimension in specific.
- **Keynote Speaker,** Trans Anatolian Gas Pipeline: Challenges & Prospects for the Black Sea Countries and the Balkans, September 28-29, 2012, İstanbul

- **Chairman**, "Turkey's Energy Policy Potential Risks", Conference on Risk Management in Energy, Organized by JCI Eurasia, 29 February 2012, İstanbul
- **Moderator & Speaker**, TUROGE (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012), IPETGAS (2010, 2011, 2012), Ankara
- **Moderator & Speaker**, NATO-Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism, Jan. 2011
- **Panelist**, Avrupa'da Türkiye (Turkey in Europe): "Türkiye ve Avrupa Birliği'nde Enerji Güvenliği; Nükleer Enerji Türkiye İçin Seçenek mi?" (Energy Security in Turkey and the EU; Is Nuclear Energy an Alternative for Turkey?), The Greens Group of the European Parliament, 1-2 November 2010, İstanbul Meeting
- **Speaker**, NATO Flag Officers Seminar, July 2008, Antalya
- **Speaker**, Vision Conference given to 40 Top Level Company Managers; Requested by Yuksel Holding, an EPC company, 3 April 2013
- **Conferences in the U.S., Washington DC (Invited Speaker):**
  - Center for Eurasian Strategic Studies (CSIS); twice,
  - American Enterprise Institute (AEI),
  - Washington Institute for Neareast Policy,
  - US Army War College
- **Conferences in Israel (Invited Speaker):**
  - Tel Aviv University,
  - Begin Sadat Center,
  - Institute for Advanced Strategic & Political Studies (IASPS)
- **Other Conferences (Invited Speaker):**
  - Turkish General Staff Strategic Research And Study Center (SAREM).
  - Strategic Research Institute (SAREN).
  - Turkish Land Forces,
  - Air Force Academy,
  - War Academy National Security Academy,
  - Netherlands Institute of Higher Education
  - Russia,
  - Turkmenistan (TIOGE).
  - Kazakhstan (KIOGE).
  - Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine Spain, Belgium Abu Dhabi, Greece, Romania, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus,
- **Universities:**
  - Van, Malatya, Erzurum, Kars, Ege 9 Eylül Universities,
  - Boğaziçi, İstanbul Teknik Universities,
  - Bilkent, Başkent, Atılım, Okan, Galatasaray, İstanbul Ticaret, İstanbul Kültür Universities,
  - Middle East Technical University
- **The Chambers under the Union of Engineers and Architects of Turkey (UCTEA):**

- Chambers of Mechanical, Petroleum, Electrical, Metallurgical, Mining, Geophysical, Environmental, Civil, Geological Engineering,
- **Embassies in Ankara:**
- Embassies of Germany, Finland, France, Holland, Norway, the U.S.
- Turkish Industry & Business Association (TUSIAD).

## Interviews, Media Programs

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- **Interviews in the International Media:**
- Voice of America,
- Reuters,
- CCTV (Chinese State TV),
- Deutsche Welle,
- Al Jazeera (International),
- Press TV,
- Caspian TV
- **Radios:**
- Free Europe Radio Liberty,
- Novosti Press (Russia)
- IRNA (Iran)
- **Interviews in the Turkish Media:**
- TRT-1, TRT-2, TRT-3, TRT Türk, NTV, CNBC-e. Kanal-B, CNNTürk, HaberTürk, KanalTürk, ART, Kanal-D, SKY TV, Show TV, TGRT, ATV, ATA TV, Halk TV, Kanal-A, Samanyolu, Bugün TV, VAGUS TV, etc.

## Professional Experience

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- **Turkish Petroleum Corporation (State Oil & Gas Company, Turkey), (1980-2006)**
- Petroleum Engineer, Chief Engineer, Project Manager, Group Manager, Deputy General Manager; 26 years of professional experience starting as an engineer and ending as Deputy General Manager. 3 different Groups.
- **Atilla Doğan Group of Companies (June 2009-June 2010),** A Private Engineering-Procurement & Construction Company
- General Manager, Advisor to the President

## Previous (& Ongoing) Other Posts

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- Lecturer, **İstanbul Kültür University**, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (2010 – 2012)  
Courses: World Energy Politics, Turkey's Energy Policies
- Head of the Energy Policies Unit, Economics - Finance A&R Center (EKOMER), İstanbul Kültür University (2010 – 2012)
- Lecturer, **Başkent University**, Faculty of Engineering (2010 – 2012) Master's Degree Course: Energy Policies (World and Turkey)

- Lecturer, **Middle East Technical University**, Middle Eastern Research Institute (2012) (*The Political Economy of the MENA, in English*)
- Lecturer, **Ankara University**, Faculty of Political Sciences, Department of International Relations, (2009; First Semester) (*World Energy Politics, in Turkish*)
- Chairman, Organizing Committee on Energy, Eurasian Economic Summit (2012 – 2013)
- Energy Policies Advisor, Chamber of Electrical Engineers, Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects (UCTEA) (2011 – 2012),
- Consultant, (for Oil and Gas Sectors), MARSH-Turkey (2010 – 2012)
- Coordinator Member Of the Organizing Committee, UCTEA 8th (International) Energy Symposium (2011 – 2012)
- Member of the Board, World Energy Council - Turkish National Committee (March 2008 – March 2011)
- Member of the Board, Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects (1980 – 1995).
- Chairman, General Secretary, Chamber of Petroleum Engineers, Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects (UCTEA), (1980 – 1995).
- Deputy Chairman, General Coordinator, Center for Eurasian Strategic Studies (ASAM); (December 1999 – June 2001), (2005 – 2007)
- Advisor (Energy Policies) to the Parliamentary Group of the Republican People's Party (CHP, the main opposition party)
- Lecturer, Ankara University European Research Center (ATAUM), Ankara University, Faculty of Political Sciences (Course: EU Energy Policies and its Implications on Turkey) (2005 - 2012)
- Lecturer, Uğur Mumcu Investigative Journalism Foundation (um:ag), (Course: World Energy Policies and Turkey) (2003 - Today)

## Books, Book Chapters, Selected Articles

- **BOOKS:**
- **Enerjinin İktidarı** (The Hegemony of Energy), January 2016, Hayykitap, ISBN: 978-605-9841-35-1; (Second Edition: February 2016)
- **Baku-Ceyhan: The Never Ending Game in Central Asia and the Caucasus**, (ASAM Publication), Ean: 9789756769041
- **BOOK CHAPTERS, REPORTS:**
- Prospects for resolving the energy security problem: Trans Anatolian Gas Pipeline (TANAP); Trans Anatolian Gas Pipeline: Challenges & Prospects for the Black Sea Countries and the Balkans, Baku, Qanun Publishing House, 2012, ISBN 978-9952-26-404-3
- Meeting the New Challenges: A Social Democratic Approach to Turkey's Future Energy Policy, July 2012, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
- South Caucasus: Territorial Integrity, Jeopolitical Struggles and Energy, Editors: C. Veliev, Araz Aslanlı, Berikan Printing House, ISBN: 978-975-267-535-3, Ankara 2011
- A view of the energy security in Turkey and in the EU from the Turkish Perspective, Turkey in Europe, Energy security in Turkey and in the EU; Nuclear Energy-an option for Turkey?; Enlarged Bureau Meeting of the Greens/EFA Group, 1-2 November 2010, İstanbul
- Energy Security Challenges for the 21st Century, Editors: Gal Luft and Anne Korin, ABC-Clio LLC, ISBN 978-0-275-99997-1 (Chapter: Turkey: A Case of a Transit State), 2009
- The Black Sea Region: Cooperation and Security Building, East West Institute, M. E. Sharpe, Cloth ISBN: 978-0-7656-1225-0, Editors: Alexander Pavliuk and Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, (Chapter: Energy and Pipeline Security in the Black Sea and Caspian Sea Regions: Challenges and Solutions A. Necdet Pamir), December 2003

- Çeşitli Yönleriyle Cumhuriyet'in 85. Yılında Türkiye Ekonomisi, ISBN 978-975-507-175-6, Gazi Üniversitesi Yayınları, Ankara, 2008 (Kitap Bölümü: Cumhuriyet'ten Günümüze Türkiye'de Enerji Politikaları)
- 21. Yüzyılda Türk Dış Politikası, Editör: İdris Bal, Nobel Yayınları, Ocak 2004, ISBN 975-591-489-7 (Kitap Bölümü: Orta Asya ve Kafkasya'da Güvenlik Arayışları Sürecinde Bölgedeki Enerji Kaynaklarının Rolü)
- 21 Yüzyılın Eşiğinde Türk Dış Politikası, Editör: İdris Bal, Alfa Yayınları, Kasım 2001, ISBN 975-316-983-3, (Kitap Bölümü: Orta Asya ve Kafkaslarda Enerji Kaynaklarının Stratejik Önemi ve Petrol Politikaları)
- **SELECTED PREVIOUS ARTICLES:**
- The Black Sea: A Gateway to Energy Security and Diversification; Necdet Pamir, Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, 1743-9639, Volume 7, Issue 2, 2007, Pages 245 – 263
- Geopolitics of Energy; Background Paper, Institut du Bosphore, Annual Seminar, 11 – 12 June, İstanbul, "Turkey and the world: New Players, New Visions"
- Which One Would You Like to Listen To: Verdi's Nabucco or Paul Simon's Bridge Over Troubled Waters?; Private View, The International Review Of the Turkish Industrialists' and Business Men's Association, Winter 2009, No: 14
- Puente de energia sobre aguas turbulentas; afkar/ideas, Espana, Num. 22, verano 2009
- Hazar: Pastanın En Cazip Dilimi; National Geographic, Türkiye, Şubat 2002
- Enerji Arz Güvenliği ve Türkiye; Stratejik Analiz, No: 83, Mart 2007
- Karadeniz: Enerji Güvenliğine ve Kaynakların Çeşitlendirilmesine Açılan Kapı; Avrasya Dosyası, Cilt 13, sayı: 1 (2007)
- Türkiye'nin Boru Hattı Projeleri ve Jeostrateji; Stratejik. Analiz, Cilt 1 (2), Haziran 2000, s. 46-53
- Orta Asya Kafkasya'da Güvenlik Arayışları Sürecinde Bölgedeki Enerji Kaynakları'nın Rolü; Jeopolitik, Yıl:2 Sayı:7
- Türkiye'nin Enerji Gereksinimi, Uluslararası Boru Hatları ve Jeostratejisi; Stratejik Analiz, Cilt 1, Sayı 1, 2000, s. 46-53.
- Necdet Pamir; "Avrupa Birliği'nin Enerji Sorunsalı ve Türkiye", Stratejik Analiz, Kasım 2005, s.74-81.
- Rus Gazı ve Enerjide Bağımlılığın Bedeli; Stratejik Analiz / Sayı:70 / Şubat 2006 Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi Cilt 6
- Irak: Hem Gözden Hem de Gönülden Irak mı?; Stratejik Analiz /Sayı:71 / Mart 2006 Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi Cilt 6
- Is there a future for the Eurasian corridor?; Insight Turkey, vol. 2, no. 3 (July/Sep. 2000), pp. 35–38.
- Numerous articles were published in the daily Cumhuriyet newspaper, monthly publications: Stratejik Analiz, Avrasya Dosyası, Jeopolitik (in Turkish).
- Numerous articles in **enerjienergy.com** (energy portal) as the chief editor and columnist