



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS-2023

## **CHANGING GEOPOLITICS OF CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS**

**17-18 JUNE 2023 - ONLINE**

### **AIM AND SCOPE**

From a global perspective, Central Asia and the Caucasus as a geopolitical complex is one of the most notable regions of the world. Changing geopolitics of the region which retains challenges and prospects in the same pot is of crucial importance not only for its periphery but also for the rest of the world. While the great and regional powers' contests; interstate, intrastate, and extra-state conflicts; terrorism; and organized crime challenge the stability of the region, prospects of security, economic, and organizational cooperation promote a new horizon of peace, stability, and prosperity.

It is highly likely that Central Asia's and the Caucasus' future will be more dynamic than ever. Changing dynamics of the region transforms its geopolitics. 21st Century has brought a new atmosphere of cooperation together with uncertainties, new risks and threats to the region. A new understanding of scholarship is one of the determinant factors to shape a safe and secure future for the region. This may also help positive developments for the entire world. For that reason, İstanbul Arel University / Türkiye has organized an online international congress titled "Changing Geopolitics of Central Asia and the Caucasus: Challenges and Prospects" (17-18 June 2023).

The aim of Congress is to discuss, analyze and assess the present and future areas of concern and opportunities in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The Congress will be held in two days with successive five sessions. The first three sessions will deal with challenges with an understanding of the enlarged security approach. The fourth session will concentrate on regional cooperation areas of the economy, energy, transportation and the fight against organized crime and terrorism. The final session is about the future of regional organizations, forums and conflict resolution initiatives.

**CONGRESS LANGUAGE** : English.  
**CONGRESS FEE** : Free of charge

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Opening of submission for abstracts	06 March 2023
Closing for submission of abstracts	27 April 2023
Announcement of approved abstracts	17 May 2023
Announcement of Program	01 June 2023
Execution of Congress	17-18 June 2023
Authors' provision of full papers	07 August 2023



### **Submission of Abstracts (Annex-A)**

Abstracts prepared in the scope of the themes suggested below and in accordance with the attached submitted form should be sent as a word document to arelusam01@gmail.com until 27 April 2023.

The abstracts (400-500 words) will be peer-reviewed and authors will be informed about acceptance for presentation via email until 17 May 2023.

**Send your paper to [arelusam01@gmail.com](mailto:arelusam01@gmail.com)**

### **Submission of Full Papers**

The full papers (3000-4000 words) will be published as an e-book. Full paper writing guidelines will be sent to the authors via e-mail. Full papers are to be sent no later than 07 August 2023.

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CONGRESS PROGRAM

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**SESSIONS**

Opening Session

**Session-I: Evolving Strategic Landscape**

- \*-Impacts of US withdrawal from Afghanistan
- Implications of the Russia-Ukraine war
- Great powers' contests

**Session-II: Regional Security: Challenges-1**

- Interstate conflicts
- Intrastate conflicts
- Terrorism and organised crime

**Session-III: Regional Security: Challenges-2**

- Climate change
- Energy security
- Food security
- Migration

**Session-IV: Cooperation Prospects**

- Economy and trade
- Hydrocarbon Energy Resources
- Transportation Lines
- Fight Against Criminal Organizations
- Fight Against Terrorism

**Session – V: Prospects for Regional Cooperations**

- Future of Regional organisations
- Regional Forums
- Regional Conflict Resolutions

Closing Session

*(\*) Subtopics are not limited to the listed items. Academicians can submit papers within the context of session topics.*



## ANNEX-A: Paper Proposal Form

- The form should be written in Palatino Linotype, 11 points and 1,08 line spacing.
- The abstract should be a minimum of 400 and a maximum of 500 words.
- An author can apply to the congress with a maximum of two papers. For each proposal, one form is to be filled.
- In papers with more than one author, a single form will be filled. The required fields for each information box should be filled starting from the first author's information, in the same box, the following authors' information should be separated by commas, and filled in order.
- All fields below are required to be filled. Otherwise, the paper proposal will not be accepted.

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Branch:	Title of the Author:
E-mail:	GSM: (___)+ _____

The topic of the paper:

Abstract

(You can enlarge this section)

The abstract should include in summary: The main thesis of the paper, the importance of the subject, the content of the paper (main and sub-discussion points, the methodology used, and outcome.

### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Is it suitable for the title/themes of the Congress in terms of the subject?

Is the design and framework of the paper appropriate in terms of the assumptions and purpose of the research?

Is the work original?

Does the study contribute to the field it is related to?

Keywords: (Four keywords)

The main thesis of the paper:

You can enlarge all sections if needed.

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