



TURKISH AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AND SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

# TASSA CONFERENCE

## PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 7:30 - 8:30 AM Breakfast and Registration**
- 8:30 - 8:50 AM Conference Greetings**  
Aydoğan Özcan, Conference Program Chair, UCLA  
Haluk Ünal, President, TASSA, and Robert H. Smith School of Business  
Tugay Tuncer, Charge d'Affaires of the Turkish Embassy
- 8:50 - 9:30 AM Conference Keynote Speech**  
Kenan Şahin, President, TIAX
- 9:30 - 10:00 AM Coffee Break**
- 10:00 - 12:00 PM TASSA Young Scholars Award Ceremony and Their Presentations**  
Moderator: Aydoğan Özcan, UCLA  
Yücel Altunbaşak, President, TÜBİTAK
- 12:00 - 12:15 PM Welcoming Remarks**  
Wallace D. Loh, President, University of Maryland
- 12:15 - 13:45 PM Lunch - Poster Session & Talent and Innovation Showcase**
- 13:45 - 15:00 PM WISESS - Women in Science, Engineering and Social Sciences Keynote Panel, "Women as Agents of Change: Sharing Perspectives and Success Stories Across Continents"**  
Moderator: Candan Tamerler, The University of Kansas  
Frances Colón, Deputy Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State  
Semahat Demir, President, Istanbul Kültür University  
and Former Program Director at NSF  
Gülsün Sağlamer, Former ITU President, Executive Committee Member and former Chair of European Council of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP)  
Sharon Wiener, Former Consul General and Former Acting Ambassador at large  
Global Women's Issues
- 15:00 - 15:30 PM Coffee Break**
- 15:30 - 17:00 PM The Future of Global Economy and Implications for Turkey**  
Moderator: Ayşe İmrohoroğlu, University of Southern California  
Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Member of the Monetary Policy Committee,  
Central Bank of Turkey  
Soner Çağaptay, Director Turkish Research Program, The Washington Institute  
Mehmet Ögütçü, Chairman, Global Resources Corporation and President,  
the Bosphorus Energy Club
- 17:15 - 18:15 PM Classical Music Concert (Tyser Auditorium, VMH 1212)**  
Hasan Yener, Baritone, Ankara University  
Yeşim Alkaya Yener, Piano, Hacettepe University
- 19:30 - 21:00 PM Reception at the Turkish Embassy  
under the Sponsorship of Ambassador H. E. Namık Tan**

SUNDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:45 - 8:30 AM **Breakfast**

8 :30 - 9:30 AM **Parallel Sessions**

8:30 - 9:30 AM TASSA Business Session  
(Frank Auditorium)

8:30 - 9:30 AM Immigration Law Workshop  
"U.S. Immigration Strategies" (VMH 1528)  
Sevil Özışık, Tooma & Ozisik LLP

9:30 - 10:30 AM **US-Turkey Science & Technology Agreement:Opportunities**

Moderator: **Bulent Başol**, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Encore Solar Inc.  
**Yücel Altunbaşak**, President, TÜBİTAK  
**Sofi Bin-Salamon**, Program Director, International Office, Air Force Office of  
Scientific Research

10:30 - 11:00 AM **Coffee Break**

11:00 - 12:30 PM **Parallel Sessions**

11:00 - 12:30 PM The Future of Technoparks in Turkey  
(Frank Auditorium)

Moderator: **Banu Onaral**, Drexel University  
**Mustafa I. Kızıltaş**, President, METU Teknokent,  
**Murat Özgören**, Dokuz Eylül University,  
**Turgut Şenol**, TeknoPark İstanbul  
**Zübeyde Çağlayan**, Department Head,  
Research and Development and Technology  
Management, Undersecretariat for Defense  
Industries, Turkey

11:00 - 12:30 PM Smart Cities for  
Sustainable Urban Living and  
Hazard Resilience (VMH 1528)

Moderator: **Mehmet Celebi**, USGS  
**Neyran Turan**, Rice University,  
**Burcu Akıncı**, CMU,  
**Mustafa Erdik**, Boğaziçi University

12:30 - 13:30 PM **Lunch - Poster Session & Talent and Innovation Showcase**

13:30 - 14:30 PM **Parallel Sessions**

13:30 - 14:30 PM Internationalization of Universities  
(Frank Auditorium)

Moderator: **Selim Ünlü**, Associate Dean,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering,  
Boston University  
(With Participation of Rectors and University  
Administrators in Turkish Universities)  
**Ross Lewin**, Associate Vice President for  
International Affairs, University of Maryland

13:30 - 14:30 PM WISESS Ignition Panel,  
Catalyzing Change: How Do We Get There?  
(VMH 1528)

Moderator: **Fusun Özgüner**, The Ohio State  
University  
**Candan Tamerler**, The University of Kansas  
**Clare Muharo**, AAAS Diplomacy, Security  
and Development Fellow USAID-  
the United States Agency for International  
Development; ICOACH Project Leader  
and Towson University,  
**Sema Başol**, Co-Founder Turkish Women's  
Initiative (TWI)

12:30 - 17:00 PM **Turkish American Talent and Innovation Showcase**

