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**Intra- and Inter-Societal Sources of Instability in the Caucasus
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invite you to a panel meeting on

**‘Turkey and the Caucasus: Inter-Societal Relations, Civil Society
Development and Security’**

April, 17 at 18.00-19.30

Speakers

Prof. Mitat Çelikpala, Kadir Has University

Fehim Taştekin, Newspaper Radikal

Tigran Matosyan, Ketevan Rcheulishvili, Russian State University for Humanities

Dr. Farda Asadov, Khazar University (tbc.)

Moderators

Dr. Burcu Gültekin Punsmann, Ankara Policy Center

Prof. Dirk Lehmkuhl, St Gallen University, ISSICEU Project Coordinator

Venue

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