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PROGRAM PROPOSAL

BODRUM INSTITUTE · ANKUDA COLLABORATION

FOR DIPLOMATS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
PROFESSIONALS

Understanding *Türkiye*

Its History, Foreign Policy, Security and Economics

An intensive course offering an in-depth, Turkish-perspective understanding of Türkiye's history, foreign policy, security strategy, economic and trade relations, and energy policy.

DURATION

4 / 3

DAYS / NIGHTS

DATE

22–25 Oct

2026

FEE

950 €

FULL-BOARD

VENUE

Hapimag ·
Sea Garden

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01 — RATIONALE

Rationale

A grounded, Turkish-perspective reading of Türkiye's history, institutions and interests — one not readily available from foreign textbooks or media coverage.

Diplomats posted to Türkiye, and international relations professionals who follow Turkish affairs from abroad, are regularly required to interpret Turkish foreign-policy decisions, engage with Turkish officials, and assess Türkiye's positions on regional and global issues. Doing so without a grounded understanding of the historical evolution of Turkish foreign policy, its institutional actors, its security posture, and its economic and energy interests risks producing analysis and engagement that misreads the Turkish perspective.

This course brings together former Turkish ambassadors, journalists, and academics from leading Turkish universities to provide a distinctly Turkish perspective on these issues — one not readily available from foreign textbooks or media coverage. It is designed to give participants a comprehensive and practical understanding of how Türkiye's bureaucracy and policymakers approach and respond to regional and global developments, and to offer direct insight into Turkish strategic thinking and diplomatic practice.

Over four days, participants will build a working command of the history, current framework, and key debates shaping Turkish foreign policy, security strategy, economic diplomacy, and energy policy — equipping them to engage with Turkish counterparts on a more informed and confident footing.

MODULES	SECTIONS	DAYS	CERTIFICATE
12	04	4	Attendance Certificate

02 – PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Summary



HAPIMAG SEA GARDEN RESORT

YALIÇIFTLIK • BODRUM

COURSE NAME	Understanding Türkiye: Its History, Foreign Policy, Security and Economics
ORGANISER	Bodrum Institute
VENUE	Hapimag Sea Garden Resort, Yalıcıftlık – Bodrum / Muğla
DATE	22–25 October 2026 <i>(to be reconfirmed closer to the course)</i>
DURATION	3 nights / 4 days
FEE	950 EUR per person (full-board accommodation included)
TARGET AUDIENCE	Diplomats, international relations professionals, policy analysts, and government officials working on or with Türkiye.
FORMAT	Lectures, case studies, guest-speaker sessions, and a closing roundtable.
CERTIFICATE	Certificate of Attendance issued by Bodrum Institute.

03 – COURSE OBJECTIVES

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, participants are expected to have gained the following competencies.

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| 01 | Understand the historical evolution of Turkish foreign policy, from the Ottoman legacy and the Kemalist era to Türkiye's Cold War alignment. | 02 | Comprehend Türkiye's current security strategy and its role in regional and global geopolitics. |
| 03 | Examine Türkiye's economic and trade relations with key partners and its approach to economic diplomacy. | 04 | Explore Türkiye's energy policy and its impact on domestic and international affairs. |
| 05 | Trace the evolution of Türkiye's key bilateral relations and foreign-policy debates, and gain insight into 'Turkish thinking' in diplomatic practice. | | |



BODRUM • WHERE THE COURSE CONVENES

04 – PROGRAM / MODULES

Program & Modules

The program is organised into four thematic sections, one per day, for October 2026: **historical and political foundations** (Day 1), **regional relations and key partnerships** (Day 2), **security, defence and economic policy** (Day 3), and **energy, multilateral engagement and the future outlook** (Day 4). The grouping below is a proposed structure for review, not a session-by-session schedule; a detailed hour-by-hour timetable will follow once the final speaker roster is confirmed.

Historical & Political Foundations

SECTION A • DAY 1

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| M-01 | Ottoman Legacy, the Republic & Kemalist Foreign Policy
The birth of the Republic, Atatürk-era Kemalist foreign-policy principles, and Türkiye's alignment during the Cold War. | LECTURE |
| M-02 | Post-Cold War Turkish Foreign Policy
The foreign-policy shift under Turgut Özal, Türkiye's EU candidacy and NATO relations, and the growing role of the Balkans, the Middle East and Eurasia. | LECTURE |
| M-03 | Türkiye's Current Foreign Policy Framework
The Strategic Depth doctrine, key institutional actors (the Presidency, the Foreign Ministry, MİT), and the shift from 'Zero Problems with Neighbours' to the 'Century of Türkiye'. | LECTURE + DISCUSSION |

Regional Relations & Key Partnerships

SECTION B • DAY 2

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| M-04 | Relations with Major Global Powers
Türkiye's relations with the United States; Türkiye-EU relations (Customs Union, the migration deal, accession talks); Türkiye-Russia relations; Türkiye-China relations. | LECTURE + CASE STUDY |
| M-05 | Türkiye and the Middle East
Relations with Iraq, Iran and Syria; Türkiye's role in the Syrian conflict and refugee crisis; engagement with the Gulf states, Israel and the Palestinian issue; the impact of the Arab Spring. | LECTURE + CASE STUDY |
| M-06 | Turkish-Greek Relations, Cyprus & Turkish-Azerbaijani Relations
Key bilateral files that recur in Türkiye's diplomatic agenda and regional posture. | LECTURE |

04 – PROGRAM / MODULES (CONT.)

Security, Defence & Economic Policy

SECTION C • DAY 3

M-07

Türkiye's Security Environment & Defence Policy

LECTURE + CASE STUDY

Internal and external security challenges; the role of the Turkish Armed Forces; the fight against terrorism (PKK, ISIL); cross-border operations in Syria and Iraq; Türkiye's role in NATO.

M-08

Türkiye's Economic Landscape & Trade Relations

LECTURE

Economic reforms of the early 2000s and current challenges; trade relations with the EU, the Middle East, Africa and Asia; bilateral and multilateral trade agreements; economic diplomacy.

Energy, Multilateral Engagement & Future Outlook

SECTION D • DAY 4

M-09

Energy Policy & the Geopolitics of Energy

LECTURE

Production, consumption and dependency; key infrastructure (TANAP, TurkStream, nuclear energy); Türkiye as an energy-transit country; Eastern Mediterranean energy disputes.

M-10

Türkiye's Role in Regional & International Organisations

LECTURE

The OIC, BSEC and the Organization of Turkic States; Türkiye's participation in the UN, G20, OECD, OSCE and other bodies; TİKA and Turkish humanitarian diplomacy.

M-11

Insights into 'Turkish Thinking'

GUEST SPEAKERS + DISCUSSION

Political, social and cultural sensitivities, and the practical dilemmas diplomats and analysts encounter when interacting with Turkish officials, institutions and the public.

M-12

Closing Roundtable, Policy Recommendations & Certificate Ceremony

ROUNDTABLE

Group discussion on future scenarios for Turkish foreign policy; course review and Q&A; presentation of Certificates of Attendance.

05 – TEACHING METHOD & FORMAT

Teaching Method and Format

The program combines several pedagogical formats rather than relying on lecture alone:

01 • LECTURE

Lecture

Building the historical and conceptual framework session by session.

02 • CASE

Case Study

Real-life scenarios illustrating key foreign-policy, security and trade dynamics.

03 • GUESTS

Guest Speakers

Former ambassadors, journalists and academics offering first-hand, Turkish-perspective insight.

04 • PANEL

Roundtable & Q&A

Closing group discussion on future scenarios and policy recommendations.

Detailed reading materials (books, academic articles, policy papers and official documents) and the finalised list of case studies will be provided after the application deadline.

06 – FACULTY

Faculty

The course will be taught by former Turkish Ambassadors, experts, journalists, and professors from leading Turkish universities, offering a distinctly Turkish perspective on Türkiye's foreign policy, security strategy, and economic and energy relations. The final speaker roster will be shared with confirmed participants after the application deadline.

07 — LOGISTICS INFORMATION

Logistics Information

7.1 — Accommodation and Venue

Participants will stay at the Hapimag Sea Garden Resort in Yalıçiftlik-Bodrum (5+ star hotel), operating on a full-board concept (all meals and non-alcoholic drinks included). Both the training sessions and accommodation will be hosted at the same venue, and the course fee covers full-board accommodation.

Address: Hapimag Resort Bodrum, Çiftlik Mahallesi Yalıdağ Caddesi No 40, 48400 Bodrum / Muğla. The resort has a safe, on-site car park for participants arriving by private vehicle.

7.2 — Transportation

The nearest airport is Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV), which Bodrum Institute recommends. İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport is an alternative. Kos Airport (KGS) can also be used, followed by a 20–40 minute ferry from Kos Island to Bodrum Port.

From Milas-Bodrum Airport, participants can use the MUTTAS or HAVAŞ shuttle buses to Bodrum Torba Central Bus Station, then a dolmuş (minibus) or taxi to the hotel. A private taxi directly from the airport costs approximately 2,000 Turkish Lira, depending on the exchange rate.

7.3 — Visa

Participants should check visa requirements at mfa.gov.tr. Most travellers can obtain an Electronic Visa (e-Visa) online in advance at www.evisa.gov.tr.

7.4 — Practical Information

- **Electricity:** 220V; double round-pin plugs are used throughout Türkiye.
- **Currency:** Turkish Lira; credit cards are widely accepted, though some cash is advisable for smaller establishments.
- **Health & Safety:** participants are responsible for arranging sufficient health insurance for the duration of their stay.

08 – APPLICATION & CONTACT

Application and Contact

Applications will be accepted through an online form; the link and the application deadline will be announced ahead of the course.

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Get in touch to join the course.

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ANNEX – INVITATION LETTER

Invitation Letter

Your Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you and your diplomatic staff to participate in a specialised course titled "**Understanding Türkiye: Its History, Foreign Policy, Security and Economics**", to be held on 22–25 October 2026 in Bodrum.

This program is designed specifically for diplomats stationed in Türkiye and those working on Türkiye. It provides in-depth insights into the key issues shaping Turkish foreign policy, security strategy, economic and trade relations, and energy policy.

The courses will be taught by former Turkish Ambassadors, experts, journalists, and professors from leading Turkish universities, offering a distinctly Turkish perspective on these topics. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of how Türkiye's bureaucracy and policymakers approach and respond to regional and global developments, along with valuable insight into Türkiye's strategic thinking, decision-making processes, and diplomatic responses to emerging challenges.

Key features of the course:

Expert Instructors

Led by former senior diplomats, journalists, academics and experts with extensive experience covering Türkiye's foreign policy.

Turkish Perspective

Highlighting how Türkiye's government and institutions perceive and engage with key international issues.

Comprehensive Content

Covering the evolution of Türkiye's foreign policy, security challenges, economic diplomacy, trade relations, and energy policy, with interactive discussion sessions.

Practical Insights

A nuanced understanding of how Türkiye's bureaucracy addresses domestic and international developments.

We believe this course will be a valuable opportunity for your mission to deepen its understanding of Türkiye's geopolitical and economic position, and to foster closer diplomatic relations with Turkish officials.

We kindly request confirmation of your interest at your earliest convenience, after which further details regarding the schedule, instructors and course materials will be provided.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our admin staff (info@bodruminstitute.com). We look forward to your participation in what promises to be an insightful and enriching program.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Haldun Yalçınkaya

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APPLICATION FORM

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