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Since the **failed coup attempt in 2016**, Turkish government has been carrying out **profound human rights violations** against hundreds of thousands of people – from arbitrary deprivation of the right to work and to freedom of movement, to torture and other ill-treatment, arbitrary detentions and infringements of the rights to freedom of association and expression.

**FREEDOM CONVENTION  
PAST EVENTS**

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AST, deeply concerned about Turkey's government's disregard of human rights, has been organizing **The Freedom Convention** since 2020. Remarking on the international covenants, of which Turkey is a state party, this year the convention will address the ***arbitrary deprivation of civil and political rights and crack down on freedom of expression*** in Turkey. Participants and experts will also discuss ***international humanitarian law in today's world and conflict related abuses including Ukraine case and pushbacks in Greece***. Thus, as a unique event focused on Turkey, Freedom Convention 2022 will bring ongoing violations and persecutions in Turkey to the global attention and provide a platform for strategies and recommendations to end those violations.



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## 🕒 SESSION 1

ARBITRARY DEPRIVATION OF CIVIL AND  
POLITICAL RIGHTS IN TURKEY

📅 DECEMBER 10, 9-10.30 AM <sup>EST</sup>

## 🕒 SESSION 2

CRACKDOWN ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN TURKEY

📅 DECEMBER 10, 11.00 AM -12.30 PM <sup>EST</sup>

## 🕒 SESSION 3

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN  
TODAY'S WORLD & CONFLICT RELATED ABUSES

📅 DECEMBER 10, 1.00 -2.30 PM <sup>EST</sup>





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CONFIRMED SPEAKERS



**Abdullah Demirbas**  
Politician, Former Mayor  
of Sur Municipality



**Gokhan Toy**  
Lawyer, Institute for  
Diplomacy and Economy



**Kani Xulam**  
American Kurdish  
Information Network



**Katrina Lantos**  
President, Lantos Foundation  
for Human Rights & Justice



**Levent Kenez**  
Journalist



**Levent Maziliguney**  
Lawyer



**Lyudmyla Kozlovska**  
President, Open  
Dialogue Foundation



**Mikail Kirbayir**  
Brother of Cemil Kirbayir,  
victim of Enforced  
Disappearances



**Meral Simsek**  
Journalist & Author



**Mohamed Shafie**  
Legal Consultant &  
Robert Glidden Visiting  
Professor, Ohio University



**Sideris Anthimos**  
Lawyer



**Tonny Pillay**  
Executive Director,  
Law Society of South Africa



**Mahsuni Karaman**  
Lawyer



**Vonya Womack**  
Director, Refugees  
Unknown Stories Untold



**Bulent Kenes**  
Journalist



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## FREEDOM CONVENTION 2020



## FREEDOM CONVENTION 2021

