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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

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Saadettin Ozcan
President
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A Message from President

I am pleased to welcome you all to the 2014 Turkic-Canadian Convention on Strategic Partnership, Trade and Development. It will be a true honor for me to meet and greet you in the Nation's Capital, which proudly houses Parliament Hill, National War Memorial, Canadian Museum of Civilization and many other famous landmarks. I am quite confident that international participants and non-Ottawa residents of the convention will enjoy the cultural richness, heritage and diversity of the fifth big city of Canada.

For those who don't know, Anatolian Heritage Federation is the largest national Turkic organization in Canada representing over 25 community associations, cultural centers, business associations and educational institutions from coast to coast. Anatolian Heritage Federation has been a powerful advocate of the dialogue not only between the Turkic community of Canada and broader Canadian society, but also between Turkic countries and Canada.

As you already might be aware, Turkic-Canadian Convention is a large and eminent annual gathering that intends to bring together a wide range of stakeholders from Canada and Turkic nations—Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan-including ministers, parliamentary members, senior government officials, senators, emissaries, leading policy makers, academics, leaders of Turkic diaspora, businesspersons, experts, private sector stakeholders and representatives of multinational corporations to further current relations in every aspect. This event is an opportunity for all stakeholders to exchange ideas and engage in a dialogue about how we can all work in partnership on a shared vision of what we want to accomplish for the future of Canada and Turkic countries.

We are now at the finish line of the yearlong planning and preparations marathon for the Second Annual Turkic-Canadian Convention. I would like to take this opportunity to thank member institutions, representatives of Turkic diaspora and many others who have worked day and night to make this event a big success. I also wanted to thank our partners for this convention: Turkish Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists (TUSKON)-largest business network representing over 52,000 members and 140,000 firms in Turkey, Silk Road Business Association representing over 100 firms of Azerbaijan, Turkish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, BN Magazine, Turkish Review, a bi-monthly magazine, Today's Zaman, an English daily based in Istanbul, Turkey. I would be remiss if I wouldn't acknowledge the support and contributions of the honorary host committee without whom we couldn't overcome some difficulties. I want to express my sincere gratitude to everybody for their hard and valuable work.

We firmly believe that this convention is an important avenue to explore the potential partnership areas and positively contribute to the current bilateral relations and political, social and economic ties between Turkic countries and Canada. The convention program will feature high-profile events such as following: Luncheon with keynote addresses, Networking Breaks, three Panel Sessions concerning Canada's Economic Diversification and Trade with Eurasia, Canada Strategic Partnership and Cooperation in Central Asia and the Caucasus and Silk Road Initiatives and a Gala Reception which will bring together dignitaries, prominent guests from Canadian society, delegations from Turkic countries attending the convention and many more.

Important to note, without your support this event will not be possible. Therefore, we will be honored if you and your company join us at this grand occasion. I look forward to seeing you at this and at the conventions in the years to come. Please accept my best wishes and have an informative and fruitful Turkic-Canadian Convention 2014.

Sincerely,

Saadettin Ozcan
President & CEO
Anatolian Heritage Federation



Justin P.J. Trudeau
*Leader of Liberal Party
of Canada*



Justin P.J. Trudeau

Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada
Chef du Parti libéral du Canada



November 3rd, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel in the Nation's Capital for the Second Turkic Canadian Convention.

The theme for this year's Annual Turkic Canadian Convention, *Strategic Partnership, Trade and Development* works to strengthen the social, cultural, and economic relationship between Canada and the Turkic nations. Trade and investment between Canada and the Turkic nations will no doubt remain strong in the coming years, which is why events such as the Turkic Canadian Convention are necessary to ensure that those economic ties are forged on a strong, stable, mutually beneficial foundation.

I would like to thank the Anatolian Heritage Federation for taking such a proactive role in our community by promoting economic incentives for both Canadian and Turkic firms, and for highlighting the significant contributions that Turkic-Canadians have made, and continue to make, to Canada's landscape.

Please accept my warmest welcome, and I hope you all enjoy the Second Turkic Canadian Convention!

Sincerely,

Justin P.J. Trudeau
Member of Parliament for Papineau

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Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

November 3, 2014

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am very pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the Second Turkic Canadian Convention, hosted by the Anatolian Heritage Federation.

Ontario is a province rooted in diversity. It is at the heart of the caring, compassionate and inclusive society that we have built together. Mutual understanding and open dialogue facilitated by conventions like this are one way to nourish our cherished multicultural landscape.

I would like to commend the Anatolian Heritage Federation for organizing this impressive event. Bringing together stakeholders from Canada and Turkic nations to discuss potential partnership and bilateral priorities helps to further our mutual understanding and friendship.

Please accept my best wishes for an inspiring and productive convention.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier



Jim Watson
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November 3rd 2014

On behalf of Members of Ottawa City Council, it is my distinct pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all those participating in the 2nd annual Turco-Canadian Convention, hosted by the Anatolian Heritage Federation, in partnership with the Turkish Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists (TUSKON), and taking place at the Intercultural Dialogue Institute Ottawa, in the heart of Canada's capital.

I am delighted to offer my moral support to the Anatolian Heritage Federation and TUSKON for providing a valuable forum for private and public stakeholders representing Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Canada to convene under the theme *Strategic Partnership, Trade and Development*. This serves as an important platform for delegates to explore potential partnerships, as well as to foster stronger economic, political and cultural relations between Turkish nations and Canada.

As Head of Council, I want to acknowledge the Anatolian Heritage Federation and TUSKON, along with the keynote speakers, panelists and sponsors for dedicating efforts, expertise and resources to the successful organization of this premier gathering of international scope.

As Mayor of the host city, I invite visitors to explore the new TD Place and revitalized Lansdowne, home of the newly minted Ottawa REDBLACKS CFL team, and Ottawa Fury FC North American Soccer League team.

Allow me to convey my best wishes to the participants for a very productive and rewarding meeting, as well as to the visitors for a most enjoyable stay in Ottawa.

Sincerely,

Le 3 novembre 2014

Au nom des membres du Conseil municipal d'Ottawa, je souhaite la plus cordiale bienvenue à tous les participants à la 2^e Convention turco-canadienne, présentée par l'*Anatolian Heritage Federation*, en association avec la Confédération des hommes d'affaires et des industriels de Turquie (TUSKON), qui se déroule à l'Institut du dialogue interculturel d'Ottawa, au cœur de la capitale du Canada.

Je suis ravi d'apporter mon soutien moral à l'*Anatolian Heritage Federation* et à l'organisme TUSKON, qui offrent aux intervenants des secteurs public et privé représentant la Turquie, l'Azerbaïdjan, le Kazakhstan, le Kirghizistan, l'Ouzbékistan, le Turkménistan et le Canada une tribune précieuse placée sous le thème *Partenariat stratégique, Commerce et Développement*. Cette rencontre constitue pour les délégués une importante occasion d'explorer des possibilités de partenariats et de promouvoir le resserrement des liens économiques, politiques et culturels entre les nations turques et le Canada.

En tant que chef du Conseil, je tiens à rendre hommage à l'*Anatolian Heritage Federation* et à l'organisme TUSKON, de même qu'aux conférenciers, aux panélistes et aux commanditaires, pour avoir consacré leurs efforts, leurs compétences et leurs ressources au succès de ce rassemblement international de premier plan.

À titre de maire de la ville hôte, j'invite les visiteurs à aller découvrir la nouvelle Place TD et le parc Lansdowne revitalisé, domicile du ROUGE et NOIR, la toute nouvelle équipe de la LCF à Ottawa, et du Ottawa Fury FC de la Ligue nord-américaine de soccer.

Je souhaite aux participants une réunion très productive et enrichissante, et aux visiteurs, un séjour des plus agréables à Ottawa.

Cordialement,

Jim Watson, Mayor/Maire



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 2nd, 2014 **Second Turkic Canadian Convention**

Venue: 335 Michael Cowpland Drive, Ottawa, ON K2M 2C5

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm *Welcome Reception*

Monday, November 3rd, 2014

*Venue: **Fairmont Chateau Laurier** 1 Rideau St, Ottawa, ON K1N 8S*

8:45 am - 9:45 am **Registration and Check-In*

10:00 am - 11:30 am ***Session I:** Canada's Economic Diversification and Trade with Eurasia (Drawing Room)*

11:30 am - 12:00 pm *Morning Networking Break*

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm *Luncheon and Keynote Addresses (Adam Room)*

1:45 pm - 3:15 pm ***Session II:** Canada's Strategic Partnership and Cooperation in Central Asia & the Caucasus (Drawing Room)*

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm *Afternoon Networking Break*

3:45 pm - 5:15 pm ***Session III:** Roundtable on Silk Road Initiatives (Drawing Room)*

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm *Convention Reception & Gala (Adam Room)*

** Complimentary continental breakfast will be provided prior to the first panel session in the morning.*

Tuesday, November 4th, 2014

Connect Canada Business Forum 2014

Venue: Brampton City Hall, 2 Wellington St W, Brampton, ON, L6Y 4R2

- 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm** *Welcome Reception*
- 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm** ***Session I: B2B Meeting Series***
(B2B meetings among the business from North America, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan)
- 6:30 pm - 6:45 pm** ***Session II: "Investment in Canada"***
- 6:45 pm - 7:00 pm** *Agriculture in Ontario by OMAF*
- 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm** *Investment In Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan*
- 7:30 pm - 7:40 pm** *Investment Opportunities in Brampton*
- 7:40 pm - 8:00 pm** *Speech by Keynote Speaker*
- 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm** *Dinner and Networking*

PANELISTS AND SPEAKERS

Panel I:

Canada's Economic Diversification and Trade with Eurasia

Moderator:

Leon Benoit, Member of Parliament, Chair, Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Featuring:

Jayson Myers, President & CEO, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters

Hakan Tasci, Executive Director, The Turkish Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists (TUSKON)

Elnur Asgarli, Member, Board of Directors, Silk Road Business Association of Azerbaijan

Luncheon:

Speaker : **Hon. Chris Alexander**, MP & Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

MC : **Claudia Cautillo**, CTV News Reporter

Panel II:

Canada's Strategic Partnership and Cooperation in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Moderator:

Hon. Percy E. Downe, Senator, Vice Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Featuring:

Hon. William C. Graham, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of National Defence

Robert Hage, Senior Fellow, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa

Dr. Robert M. Cutler, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of European, Russian & Eurasian Studies, Carleton University

Sarvar Gurbanov, Associate Professor, Social and Economic Research Center, Qafqaz University

Panel III:

Silk Road Initiatives

Moderator:

Paul Dewar, Member of Parliament

Featuring:

Ramil Huseynli, Charge d'affaires, Republic of Azerbaijan to Canada

Stephen Millar, Former Canadian Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan

Dr. Jeff Sahadeo, Associate Professor, Institute of European, Russian & Eurasian Studies, Carleton University

Dr. Fevzi Bilgin, Executive Director, RETHINK Institute

Gala Reception:

Speaker : **Hon. Noël Kinsella**, Speaker of Senate

MC : **Vassy Kapelos**, Global News Parliamentary Correspondent

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PANEL I: *Canada's Economic Diversification and Trade with Eurasia*

Moderator:

Leon Benoit *MP, Chair of Standing Committee on Natural Resources*



Leon Benoit has been a Member of Parliament since 1993 and in that time has served as the Official Opposition Critic for Agriculture, Inter-Provincial Trade, Citizenship and Immigration, National Defence and Public Works and Government Services. In June of 2004, Mr. Benoit was elected Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates – one of only four Parliamentary Committees to be chaired by an Opposition Member.

In March 2006, Mr. Benoit was elected Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade. Currently Mr. Benoit is Chair of the House of Commons Committee on Natural Resources, a position he has held since 2007.

He also served as Chair of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association from 2006 to 2011 and is now the Vice-Chair. In November 2010 he was elected as the Chair of Economics and Security Committee's Subcommittee on Transatlantic Economic Relations for the international body of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree from the University of Alberta where he focused on economics and business management. Prior to entering politics Mr. Benoit farmed and worked as a farm economist with Alberta Agriculture and as a part-time farm management consultant. He currently owns and manages with his wife, Linda, a 5000 acre grain farm, part of which he rents out on a crop share basis and part of which he has custom farmed.

Leon and his wife Linda have five children and eight grandchildren. Mr. Benoit was most recently re-elected in May 2011 with 80% of the votes cast.

Featuring:

Hakan TASCI *Executive Director of TUSKON*



Hakan TASCI is the Executive Director of TUSKON US, the US Representative Office of the Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists of Turkey in Washington D.C. TUSKON is the most widespread business NGO in Turkey with 212 business associations, 55.000 members, and 140 thousand companies. He started working with the TUSKON US office in 2007. As the US Director, he designs and implements market access strategies for members, supports their strategic development in the US by facilitating b2b, b2g and non-profit engagement activities. He works as a government relation's officer of the NGO in the US and organizes outreach activities for policy makers, think tanks and NGO's in Washington, D.C. He worked as the chief coordinator of TUSKON for the IV. Least Developed Countries Conference, where more than 4000 business people participated as part of the private sector track of the conference. Within the first six months of the year, he coordinated about 20 business delegations to the US, where more than 200 Turkish business-people participated.

He speaks regularly on various TV channels like TRT, Bloomberg, STV, TGRT, VOA, TRT Turk, and TRT Haber pertaining to both the Turkish and US economy. He writes weekly columns for Turkish daily Today's Zaman. He also published a number of articles for internationally peer-reviewed journals such as Applied Economics, International Journal of Finance and Economics, Physica A and Applied Economics Letters.

Before assuming this position, Mr. Tasci taught macroeconomics, statistics, business economics, and principles of economics courses at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Elon University for four years. He also worked as a research assistant at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Bilkent University's Economics Department. His research focuses on macroeconomics, monetary policy, international business and business economics.

Mr. Tasci is active in civil society organizations. He was the first elected Social Science Director of the Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association, TASSA. He served as board member from 2005-2007. He organized regional workshops, served as the Organizing Committee member of the 2006, 2007 TASSA Annual Conference Programs, which were held at Drexel and Yale.

Hakan TASCI received his B.S. in Mathematics and M.A. in Economics from Bilkent University and ABD at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is married with two sons. He speaks Turkish and English.

Featuring:

Dr. Elnur Asgarli *Board Member, Silk Road Business Association of Azerbaijan*



Mr. Elnur Asgarli graduated from Azerbaijan State Economic University with Bachelor in International Economics degree in 1999. He worked in Azerbaijan branch of Oxfam International Humanitarian Organization from 2000 to 2001. In 2001, Elnur was admitted to the University of Sydney, Australia for Master of Economics studies and graduated in 2003 with Honors Diploma. In 2003, Mr. Asgarli started to work with Procter and Gamble Azerbaijan Branch as Customer Business Development Manager. In 2004 started his career in a government sector and worked in the Ministry of Taxes as Head of Division for six years. In 2010 returned to the private sector worked as a CFO in several large companies of Azerbaijan, consequently becoming a CEO. When in the Ministry of Taxes, decided to continue education and obtained a Doctor of Management degree from the University of Phoenix, USA through online studies.

Married, with two daughters.

Featuring:

Jayson Myers *President & CEO of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)*



Jayson Myers is the President & CEO of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), Canada's largest industry and trade association. He is also the Chair of the Canadian Manufacturing Coalition, a coalition of more than 48 industry associations that have come together to speak with a common voice on priority issues for Canada's Manufacturing sector. Mr. Myers is a well-known economic commentator, and is widely published in the fields of Canadian and international economics, technological and industrial change. As CME's Chief Economist, he led the association's Manufacturing 20/20 initiative, the largest cross-country consultation ever convened by Canada's business community on the future of manufacturing in Canada.

PANEL II: *Canada's Strategic Partnership and Cooperation in Central Asia and the Caucasus*

Moderator:

Percy E. Downe *Senator, Vice Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade*



University of Prince Edward Island, 1977

Senator Downe was appointed to the Senate of Canada by The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien on June 26, 2003. Senator Downe lives in Charlottetown with his spouse and two children.

- Senate Liberal Caucus (Chair)
- Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Vice Chair)
- Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration
- Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association - Member of the Executive

Formerly a Member of:

- Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament (Joint Chair)
- Standing Committee on National Finance
- Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Standing Committee on Rules, Rights and Procedures of Parliament

Previous Career:

- Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Canada
- Director of Appointments, Office of the Prime Minister
- Executive Assistant to the Minister of Labour
- Executive Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
- Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State, Veterans Affairs and ACOA
- Executive Assistant to the Premier of Prince Edward Island

Military Service:

- Prince Edward Island Regiment (Reserves)
- Royal Canadian Air Cadets (Prince Edward Island)

Featuring:

Honourable William C. Graham

P.C., Q.C., LL.D., Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of National Defence



The Hon. Bill Graham was educated at the University of Toronto and the Universite de Paris, practiced law with the firm of Fasken and Calvin, and taught at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. In 1993 he was elected Member of Parliament for Toronto-Centre-Rosedale, and from 1995 to 2002 served as Chairman of the Standing Committee of the House of Commons on Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He was Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2002 to 2004, and Minister of National Defence from 2004 to 2006. From February-December 2006, he was Leader of the Official Opposition and Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. He is currently Chancellor, Trinity College, University of Toronto, Chair of the Canadian International Council and Honorary Colonel of the Governor General's Horse Guards.

Featuring:

Robert Hage

Senior Fellow at Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa



Robert Hage is a Senior Fellow at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa. Mr. Hage was a Canadian diplomat with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade for 38 years and served as Canada's Ambassador to Hungary and Slovenia, as Director General for Europe (particularly Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia and the Caucuses) and Director General for Legal Affairs. He also served in Canada's embassies in Washington, Lagos and Paris and as Deputy Head of Mission in the Canadian Mission to the European Union in Brussels. In 2012 he was acting Head of Mission at the Canadian Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

In Ottawa, Mr. Hage was also the Director of four divisions including International Financial and Investment Affairs and relations with the European Union. He was Principal Counsel for the Canada-USA Free Trade Agreement, Counsel on the Environmental Side Agreement to NAFTA and was a representative for Canada at the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Mr. Hage was born in Calgary, Alberta and received his early education there. He is a graduate of the University of Calgary and obtained law degrees from the University of Toronto (LL.B) and University College London (LL.M) and is called to the Alberta Bar. He also attended the École Nationale d'Administration (ENA) in Paris. He and his wife, Jean, have three daughters.

Featuring:

Robert Cutler

Senior Research Fellow, Institute of European, Russian & Eurasian Studies, Carleton University



Dr. Robert M. Cutler is Senior Research Fellow, Institute of European, Russian & Eurasian Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa. He is also Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Coherence and Emergence (Boston), and Non-Resident Scholar, Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis (Dubai) He was educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (B.Sc.), Geneva Graduate Institute of International Studies (Gallatin Fellow) and The University of Michigan (Ph.D.), and has held research and teaching appointments at major universities in the United States, Canada, France, Switzerland and Russia. During a dozen years exclusively in universities, in three different countries, he taught 14 different subjects in international relations, comparative politics and political philosophy, at all levels from introductory undergraduate to graduate research seminar.

He then expanded into policy analysis and consulting, foremost as an Energy security and Geo-economics Specialist now covering the whole of Eurasia with a special focus on Central, South, and Southwest Asia, with a secondary focus on Europe, Russia, and China. He consults to international institutions, think tanks, governments and the private sector, with experience over the entire range of skills involving negotiation and strategy, planning and execution, design and implementation, and evaluation and instruction; and on topics from international energy security and geo-economics to Caspian Sea region investment advice to human and minority rights (including immigration/asylum applications to the U.S. and Canada) to the organizational design of international institutions. Besides producing the whole portfolio of scholarly, policy, and public-intellectual information products and maintaining a strong online presence, he has won numerous competitive research grants and fellowships, serving also on a half-dozen academic-journal and policy-review editorial boards in addition to executive committees of professional scholarly and policy research organizations.

Featuring:

Dr. Sarvar Qurbanov *Associate Professor, Social and Economic Research Center, Qafqaz University*



Dr. Sarvar Qurbanov teaches economics in Qafqaz University. He is the faculty member of the World Economy Department. Sarvar Qurbanov gained his Ph.D. in Turkey and continued research activities in USA, Germany and Poland. Dr. Qurbanov is the writer of the book, namely, "Dutch Disease: Theory and Country Cases", which published in Istanbul. He is member of the Board of Directors in The Social and Economic Research Center in Qafqaz University. Dr. Qurbanov is granted as the Fulbright Visiting Scholar. His mobility will start in University of Southern California, Los Angeles by mid January 2015.

PANEL III: *Silk Road Initiatives*

Moderator:

Paul Dewar *MP*



Paul Dewar is the Member of Parliament for Ottawa Centre and the Foreign Affairs Critic for the NDP Official Opposition.

He is a co-president of Parliamentarians for Non-Nuclear Proliferation and Disarmament, the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and other Crimes against Humanity, and an executive member of the Canada-NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He has acted as an election observer and delegation leader with the National Democratic Institute in Morocco, Jordan and Lebanon.

Paul Dewar has been a leading voice in the House of Commons for multilateral diplomacy, nuclear disarmament, and the meaningful engagement of women in peace building, as well as a strong advocate of Canada's responsibility to fight climate change.

Featuring:

Fevzi Bilgin *President, Rethink Institute*



Fevzi Bilgin is president of the Rethink Institute (rethinkinstitute.org), an independent, nonprofit research institution in Washington DC. He manages an extensive research portfolio ranging from US-Turkey relations to Central Asia energy markets and provides analysis and guidance to various non-governmental organizations as well as interested government agencies and individuals. His expertise is on Turkish politics, Middle Eastern politics, US-Turkey relations, and Eurasian energy and security. He received BA from Ankara University and PhD in political science from University of Pittsburgh. His publications include recent books, *Understanding Turkey's Kurdish Question*, *Political Liberalism in Muslim Societies*.

Featuring:

Stephen Millar *Former Ambassador of Canada to Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyz Republic*



Ambassador of Canada to the Republics of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic from September 2009 until May 2014. Resident in Astana, Kazakhstan, he travelled extensively in Central Asia. Prior to his assignment in Central Asia, Mr. Millar was Senior Trade Commissioner at the Embassy of Canada to the Russian Federation from September 2007. From September 1991 until August 2007, Mr. Millar held various positions in the International Branch of the Department of Finance. From January 1996 until August 1998, Mr. Millar was seconded from the Department of Finance to the Office of the Director for Canada and Morocco at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (London, UK). Mr. Millar holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Master of Arts in Soviet and East European Studies from Carleton University.

Featuring:

Jeff Sahadeo *Professor Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies*



Jeff Sahadeo is associate professor at the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies and the Department of Political Science at Carleton University. He is the author of *Russian Colonial Society in Tashkent, 1865-1923* and the co-editor of *Everyday Life in Central Asia: Past and Present*. His work focuses on migration and cross-cultural encounters in Central Eurasia. His articles have appeared in *Slavic Review*, *Central Asian Survey* and *Canadian Slavonic Papers* among other journals. He is currently working with the Global Centre for Pluralism on the role of history and memory in contemporary Kyrgyzstani society.

Featuring:

Mr. Ramil Huseynli *Charge D'Affaires of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Canada*



Born on November 8, 1977 in Sumgayit, Azerbaijan, Mr. Huseynli holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and a Master's Degree in International Relations, both from the East Carolina State University. Before moving to East Carolina as a transfer student he studied Law and Social Sciences at Khazar University in Baku.

In 2002 Mr. Huseynli joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Within the Foreign Ministry in Baku, he worked at the Department for Americas. His most recent position there was the Chief of North and Central American Division.

His assignments include a posting to the Embassy of Azerbaijan in the United States. He served there as III Secretary in 2005-2009. Mr. Huseynli speaks English, Turkish and Russian. He is married to Aynur Huseynli and has three children.

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