

**INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND
DEMOCRATIC
SOCIETY
CONFERENCE**

**6-7 DECEMBER 2025
İSTANBUL**



SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2025

09:30 – 10:00 Registration and Reception

10:00 – 10:45 Opening Speeches

Veysi AKTAŞ *Former political prisoner - Imrali*

Tuncer BAKIRHAN *Co-Chair of the DEM Party*

11:00 – 13:30 Session I:

Perspectives for Social Peace

Moderatör: Cengiz ÇANDAR MP for Diyarbakır

The Role of Abdullah Öcalan and the Right to Hope in the Resolution of the Kurdish Question and Building Social Peace

Özgür EROL *Lawyer - Imrali Delegation*

De-militarization and Erasing the Affects of the Conflicts

Jody WILLIAMS *Nobel Peace Prize Laureate*

Regional and Global Implications of a Social Peace and Durable Solution in Türkiye

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu YILMAZ

University of Kurdistan - Hewler

On Embedding Peace within Society

E. Prof. Louis LEMKOW

The Autonomous University of Barcelona

“Living Together but How?”

Cihangir İSLAM *Politician*

13:30 – 14:30: Break

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14:30 – 18:00 Session II:

Experiences in Conflict Resolution

Moderator: Gültan KIŞANAK Politician

The Role of Leadership in Building the Law of Peace

Mohamed BHABHA

Former Senator, and Chair of the Constitutional Committee of the Parliament, South Africa

The Experience of the Irish Peace Process

Declan KEARNEY

Sinn Fein National Chairperson - Ireland

The Catalonia–Spain Negotiations: Lessons from Asymmetric

Pere Aragonès i GARCIA

Former Catalonia Prime Minister

Basque Experience

Igor ZULAIKA

Member of the Basque Parliament -Basque

Bringing Social Peace into Prisons: A Road - map for Transforming the Prison Regime

Azime IŞIK *Politician*

Women's Full Participation in peace-building work

Tawakkol KARMAN

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2025

10:00 – 12:45 Session III:

From Nation-State to Democratic Nation

Moderator: Ebru GÜNAY

Deputy Co-chair of the DEM Party

A New Social Contract in Light of Constitutional Citizenship and Identity Definitions

Dr. Orhan Gazi ERTEKIN Lawyer and writer

The Importance of Historical Experiences in Building a Democratic Nation

Prof. Mohamed REFAAT

*Professor of Modern and Contemporary History,
Faculty of Arts, Damanhour University, Egypt*

Strengthening Local Democracy Against Centralization and Resisting Hegemonic Relations

Prof. Norman PAECH

Scholar, Lawyer, and politician, Germany

International Contributions to Sustaining Non-Conflict and Building Peace

Georges DALLEMAGNE MP, Belgium

Freedom of the Press for Truth, the Language of Peace and Discourse

Nadire MATER Journalist and writer

12:45 – 13:45: Break

SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2025

14:00 – 16:15 Session IV:

Freedom, Peace, and Future Perspectives

Moderator: Eren KESKİN Former president of the Human Rights Association

Turning Transnational Labor Struggles into a Dynamic of Regional and Global Peace

Simon DUBBINS Director of International Relations, UNITE the Union, United Kingdom

A light shining in the dark

John HOLLOWAY

Marxist lawyer, Sociologist-Philosopher, Mexico

Transforming Europe's Perception of the Kurdish Question: From Individual Rights to Collective Rights as a Ground for Freedom and Peace

Laura BOLDRINI Chair of the Human Rights Committee, Italian Parliament

Öcalan's Manifesto: The Perspective of Peace and Democratic Society

Haydar ERGUL Editor, Democratic Modernity

Video message by Shirin EBADI

Iranian Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Lawyer

16:15 – 17:30 **Closing Forum**

Joint Declaration for Peace