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Rights and Freedoms in Turkey: Law, Prisons, and the Kurdish Issue

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Opening Speeches: (09:00-09:30)

- **Martin Schirdewan**, MEP, Co-President of THE LEFT in the European Parliament
- **François Alfonsi**, MEP, Group of the Greens in the European Parliament
- **Prof. Bill Bowring**, co-president of the European Association of Lawyers for Democracy & World Human Rights (ELDH)
- **Heike Geisweid**, Lawyer, president of the Association for Democracy and International Law (MAF-DAD)

1st PANEL: JUDICIALIZATION OF POLITICS IN TURKEY: (09:30-10:30)

Moderation: Paula Martin Ponz, social activist and member of IACTA , Feminist Cooperative of Women´s Lawyers

- The impact of the judiciary on the political process in Turkey
Att. Faik Özgür Erol, lawyer from Asrın Law Office
- The judicialization of politics: a contemporary case study
Prof. Louis Lemkow, Catalonia, member of executive ELDH
- The failure to implement ECtHR judgments - what next for Osman Kavala and Selahattin Demirtas?
Prof. Philip Leach, The Turkey Human Rights Litigation Support Project (TLSP), Middlesex University
- Europe's perspective on the judicialization of politics in Turkey
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, MEP, European Parliament.

2nd PANEL: PRISONS, ISOLATION AND JUDICIARY (14:30-16:00)

Moderation: Juan Prosper, lawyer

- The penal system of Turkey and the major problems
Att. Nahit Eren, The president of Amed Bar Association, Lawyer
- Isolation, Prisons, and the Imrali experience
Att. Cengiz Yürekli, Asrın Law Office, Lawyer, Turkey
- Observations and recommendations of international delegations
Miriam Frieding, Lawyer, Member of the Prison Delegation of 2023
- Decisions of the Committee of Ministers / Right to Hope
Att. Rengin Ergül, The Association of Lawyers for Freedom (ÖHD), Lawyer

3rd PANEL: DEMOCRATIC PERSPECTIVE FOR TURKEY/ (16:00-17:00)

Moderation: Altamira Ana Guelbenzu Gonzalo, lawyer member of IACTA , Feminist Cooperative of Women's Lawyers

- Conflict resolution experiences and the role of law
Declan Owens, the International Officer for the Socialist Lawyers Association of Ireland, lawyer from Ecojustice Ireland and the co-chair of the Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers
- The right to defense in Kurdish and oppression against the Kurdish journalists & media
Caroline Stockford, PEN Norway Turkey Adviser
- Turkey's Democratisation and Europe: Challenges and Contributions
Giuliano Pisapia, MEP, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

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