

# **4TH MANAS FORUM**

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:**

### **ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY AND COOPERATION IN EURASIA**

**İbn Haldun University**

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**İstanbul - Trkiye**

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#### **Important Dates**

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## **MAIN THEME OF THE CONFERENCE**

In today's unpredictable global landscape, the traditional West-centered liberal world order is being contested. With rising tensions between East and West, fostering cooperative, win-win initiatives is vital for international stability. Positioned at the heart of Eurasia, the Turkic world plays a significant role in these developments. Post-Cold War, the concept of Eurasia has grown to include newly independent states striving for economic advancement and problem-solving initiatives, making the Turkic world central to Eurasia.

Political and economic cooperation, integration efforts, and infrastructure projects to enhance connectivity greatly interest the Turkic world. Turkic states are key to various Eurasian projects, prioritizing security, stability, development, and prosperity. Declaring the 21st century as the "Century of Türkiye" and the "Century of the Turkic World" is crucial for redefining strategic perspectives and turning this vision into actionable projects.

The conference, "Enhancing Connectivity and Cooperation in Eurasia," aims to explore and analyze various initiatives across Eurasia, focusing on the role of the Turkic world. We will discuss political, economic, and infrastructure projects, examining their achievements, challenges, and impacts. We welcome both theoretical and quantitative studies.

The conference will highlight cooperation and integration within the Turkic world, especially those led by the Organization of Turkic States, and efforts to address common problems. We invite researchers and academics from various social science disciplines to contribute to the specified themes. We aim to produce valuable scientific publications, including a book and a special issue in an indexed journal if possible.

## **THE OTHER THEMES:**

### **1. Theoretical and Conceptual Framework:**

- Economic, security, and political cooperation and integration movements
- Alliance, regionalism, and integration theories and new approaches

### **2. Cooperation and Integration Efforts in Eurasia:**

- Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- Commonwealth of Independent States
- Eurasian Economic Union
- European Union
- Others: CICA, ASEAN, SAARC, RCEP, IPEF, BRICS

### **3. Organization of Turkic States (OTS) and Turkic World:**

- Emergence, establishment, and history of OTS
- Structure of the OTS and its place in international organizations
- The role of OTS in world politics
- Activities and functions of the OTS
- Effectiveness and Future of the OTS

- Related Organizations: TURKSOY, TURKPA, International Turkic Academy, Union of Turkic Universities, Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation, Joint Turkic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Turkic Business Council, Nomadic Civilization Center, Turkic Investment Fund Cooperation Efforts in the Turkic World
- Addressing common problems in the Turkic world

#### **4. Connectivity in Eurasia:**

- China's Projects: Belt and Road Initiative, Arctic North Corridor, Maritime Silk Road
- European Union Projects: TRACECA, Global Gateway Project
- US Projects: Development Road Project, India-Middle East-Europe Corridor Project, TAPI
- Russia's Projects: North-South Corridor
- Highways, sea routes, air routes, pipelines, communication networks, customs procedures, electricity (energy) networks

#### **5. Other Regional Cooperation Issues and Challenges:**

- Environment, religion and culture, economy, ecology, energy, ethnic issues, security, social issues, identity, education, tourism, information security

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## **APPLICATION**

We invite submissions for the "Manas Forum 2024: Enhancing Connectivity and Cooperation in Eurasia." Submitted papers must be original and not previously presented, published, or under consideration elsewhere. Abstracts can be written and presented in either Turkish or English.

Abstracts should outline the conceptual framework of the research, include five keywords, and be no longer than 500 words. Full papers should range between 3000 to 6000 words. All full papers will be published in the Manas Forum 2024 Full Papers Book.

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## **PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION**

To participate in the conference, an abstract should be sent to the electronic address **manasforum2024@ihu.edu.tr** by the date mentioned earlier. After the preliminary evaluation, the acceptance letter and participant form will be sent to the e-mails of the authors of the accepted papers.

## **PARTICIPATION OPTIONS**

**Online Participation:** You can make your presentation by participating online through the Zoom program. Zoom ID and Password will be published with the congress program.

**Face-to-Face Participation:** Face-to-face presentations will be held at Ibn Haldun University Başakşehir Campus.

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