

Human Rights in Turkey

Aftermath of the Failed Coup

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Speakers:

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Dr. Sophia Pandya is a full professor at CSULB specialized in women, religion, and globalization. She received her B.A. from the UC Berkeley in Near Eastern Studies/Arabic, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from UC Santa Barbara in Religious Studies, with a focus on women and Islam. A Fulbright scholar, she researched Muslim women's changing religious practices in Bahrain, looking at the impact of education on women's religious activities. She co-edited the book titled *The Gulen Hizmet Movement and its Transnational Activities: Case Studies of Altruistic Activism in Contemporary Islam*. She is currently working on a project which examines religious change among educated Yemeni women, and the implications of modernity, globalization, and education on their practices.

Dr. Selin Yildiz is the co-founder of Glocally Connected and has worked in international education for the last 20 years as a director, professor, coordinator, manager, teacher and consultant. Her work with refugees started at the Iowa International Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving immigrant and refugees lives. With grants from the Mason City Human Rights Commission and Housing and Urban Development, she has lead impactful research concerning the lives of refugees. Dr. Nielsen lead projects providing educational assistance to teachers in Syrian refugee camps in Southeast Turkey during her time as a visiting professor there. Her work was carried out in four camps and included training in cross-cultural integration, conflict, and trauma management. Her latest work 'Host Country Citizens' Attitudes Towards Refugees and the Public Policies that Shape Them' is in progress.

Mahir Zeynalov is a Washington D.C.-based Turkish journalist who writes for Huffington Post and Al-Arabiya. He previously worked for The Los Angeles Times and Today's Zaman. He is a frequent commentator on CNN, BBC, and NBC. He is best known for his documentation of the post-coup crackdown in Turkey. Because of his critiques about the Turkish Government his twitter account (@MahirZeylenov) in Turkey has been suspended. This has sparked a heated conversation among many columnists, editors, and journalists, about freedom of speech.

