

Conference

Democracy and the Good Society in Europe

6 – 8 June 2010

Larespark Hotel, Topçu Cad. No:23
Taksim, Istanbul / Turkey

Sunday, June 6

Arrival of participants

Transfer from airport to LaresPark Hotel with HAVAŞ- Shuttle

14:50 Meeting at the reception

15:00 Departure for the political tour of Istanbul

18:15 Arrival at Bir Nokta gallery, Yeniçarşı Cad. Galatasaray Apt. No.26/3, Beyoğlu

18:30 Opening of the exhibition “caricatures of Erdal İnönü” by Sevinç İnönü

19:30 Walk to the Cezayir Restaurant (address: Hayriye Caddesi 12, Galatasaray-Beyoğlu
34425 Istanbul)

19:40 **Opening remarks**

Michael Meier, Director FES Turkey

Karl Heinz Spiegel, Director FES London

Gülsun Bilgehan, MP, Deputy Secretary General of CHP, Turkey

20:15 Dinner

Walk back to Larespark Hotel

Monday, June 7

09:00 Introduction to the conference

Concept of the conference and intended output
Neal Lawson, Compass, UK

9:15 Panel I: Democracy and the Good Society

Chair: Karl-Heinz Spiegel, FES London

Summary Good Society online debate
Dr Henning Meyer, Global Policy Institute, Germany

Democracy and the Good Society – a British perspective
Neal Lawson, Compass, UK

Democracy and the Good Society – a Bulgarian perspective
Gergana Aleksova, President of City council of Youth organization in Bulgarian BSP in Sofia, Bulgaria

Democracy and the Good Society – a Turkish perspective
Yusuf Işık, former Adviser to Kemal Derviş, Turkey

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Panel II: Socialism, democracy and Europe

Chair: Dr Henning Meyer, Global Policy Institute, Germany

History and future of social democracy in Europe
Dr Michael Holmes, Liverpool Hope University, UK

The Turkish social democracy and Europe
Didem Engin, Member of CHP Party Assembly, Turkey

Progressivism and democracy in Central and Eastern Europe
Gabor Gyori, Demos, Hungary

12:45 Lunch

13:45 Panel III: New democratic structures in the EU

Chair: Jeannette Ladzik, FES London

The democratic deficit in the EU

Cordula Drautz, Vice-President of the International Union of Socialist Youth, Germany

The economic governance of the EU

Dr Martin McIvor, UNISON, UK

Social Europe

Jacques Reland, Global Policy Institute, France

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 Panel IV: Economic and workplace democracy in Europe

Chair: Thorben Albrecht, Head of office of Andrea Nahles, Secretary General of SPD, Germany

European and German experiences

Dr Klaus Mehrens, IG Metall, Germany

Turkish Realities

Prof. Dr. Ufuk Uras, MP Turkey

Swedish case study

Fredrik Jansson, freelance political writer, Sweden

Croatian case study

Anton Vujic MP, Croatia

18.45 Meeting at the reception and walk to Hilton Hotel

19:00 A common social democratic future for Europe

The Turkish perspective – Murat Yarayalçın, former Foreign Minister Turkey,

The EU perspective - Alex Trigona, former Foreign Minister Malta

Buffet diner at the Hilton Istanbul (address: Cumhuriyet Caddesi, 34367 Harbiye Istanbul) with Turkish partner organisations

Walk back to Larespark Hotel

Tuesday, June 8

09:30 Panel V: New social democratic vehicles

Chair: Ercan Karakaş, SODEV, former Minister, Turkey

Inner-party democracy: A German perspective

Thorben Albrecht, Head of office of Andrea Nahles, Secretary General of SPD, Germany

Inner-party democracy: A Turkish perspective

Ali Kılıç, former member of the CHP Party Assembly, Turkey

Inner-party democracy: A French perspective

Axelle Lemaire, Parti Socialiste, France

Opening up to new alliances

Paulina Lampsa, International Secretary of PASOK, Greece

11:00 Coffee break

11.30 Panel VI: What next for European Social Democracy

Chair: Murat Karayalçın, former Minister, former leader of SHP, Turkey

Next steps for social democracy: A Dutch perspective

Rene Cuperus, Wiardi Beckman Stichting, Netherlands

Next steps for social democracy: A British perspective

Will Straw, Left Foot Forward, UK

Next steps for social democracy: An Italian perspective

Dr Paolo Borioni, Gramsci Foundation, Italy

12:45 Closing Remarks

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Departure of Participants