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**“Thinking Diplomacy:
New World New Horizons”**



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When we look at the main trends in the world, global competition in the age of new economy based on "information and knowledge-based products" following "soil and machinery" is developing through "micro-nationalism", "integration" and "unpredictability". Challenges that determine the new nature of life and state; such as " crisis in resource and sharing ", unsustainability of production-consumption-growth formula, purge of the middle class with Chinese leverage, energy, water, and food insecurity, transition to the 4th dimension, liquidation of human resources in the workforce, transition from hard power to soft and smart power on the basis of the very changing state nature and anticipation management, can be formed as the basic references.

Within all these fundamental parameters, the transformations in technology are prone to change the whole human life and nature by developing with artificial intelligence, virtual/enhanced reality and mobility centered. It is obvious that the concepts of "Industry 4.0" and "Society 5.0" are important topics for managing the transformation of the world within the dimensions of industry and society. Another contributive factor is the turbulence that China creates as it begins to become intensively dominant on the world stage day to day. The New Silk Road project, "One Belt and One Road Initiative"; is shaped as a global integration project involving more than hundred countries, both on land and at sea, permanently changing the distribution of economic shares. In countries with no middle class, authoritarian regimes or chaos stands as two options in the fore-seeable future. How to make the division of labor in terms of regional and global security and how to share the costs is also a point of discussion in the coming period.

The development of new alliances on security can be read from the risks and the initiatives undertaken by dominant countries. The quality of the concepts of property and power, and the business model change historically. The future of the EU with the "Failure in Success" syndrome will be determined by the results of the polarization which revived in the West after the Brexit. Along with all these developments, "Ecosystem of safety" changes with the law. The "Security - Democracy" dilemma will be experienced much more after that. Because, for the democracy, it is difficult to survive in countries where the middle class is melting and security leans to a sophisticated ground. The question "Will security bring us authoritarian regimes" needs to be discussed further.

Turkey distinguishes itself with an 84-million inhabitants, growing economy and geo-strategic status in the center of Afro-Eurasia. Turkey's historical, political and cultural ties between Europe, Black Sea, Caucasus, Asia, Middle East and African countries, rising activity in the international arena, especially in the United Nations, being an important member of organizations such as NATO, OSCE and CICA and with active foreign policy, it has become an increasingly important actor on the global platform.



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Argentina with its population of 45 million, area of 2,791,000 km² and GDP of over 518 billion dollars; is an important political and economical actor in Latin America. Its activities in global and regional organizations as an important member attract attention. Argentina is among the countries with the highest per capita income in Latin American countries.

Turkey and Argentina relations began in 1910 when Ottoman Empire and Argentina signed their first consulate protocol, became official in 1926 with signing Treaty of Amity in Rome, and afterwards, ambassadors of both countries presented their letters of credence in 1938. The President of Argentina visited Turkey in 1992, the President of Turkey visited Argentina in 1995, thus the high-level visits and meetings have begun. Political consultation between two countries was established, and both countries' parliaments include mutual friendship groups.

There are various bilateral agreements between Turkey and Argentina including trade, tourism, culture and cooperation in science. The agreements are in effect, on economic and commercial cooperation, mutual protection and promotion of investments, air transport, cooperation in the field of mining and diplomacy academies, customs cooperation and mutual assistance, between Argentina and Turkey. There is cooperation between Turkey and Argentina in multilateral platforms. Official contacts with Argentina within the scope of G-20 are important. Argentina is a member of Alliance of Civilizations Project which was initiated by Turkey and Spain.

The bilateral trade volume between Turkey and Argentina stood at 544 million dollars in 2019 and trade gap weigh against Turkey was 132,8 million dollars. The main products exported by Turkey to Argentina are automotive main and sub-industry, iron and steel, tobacco, cement, electrical appliances, machinery and devices, textile and plastic products, construction materials. The main products exported by Argentina to Turkey are agricultural products such as soybean, sunflower, corn and cereals.

Although the trade and commercial relations between Turkey and Argentina have gained momentum in the last period, it does not reflect the actual potential. As of economic magnitude of both countries, development of economical relations is a necessity rather than option. The priorities of Turkey with regards to its policies towards Argentina are increasing trade volume, establishing mutual balanced economic relations and encouraging Turkish business people to establish commercial ties within Argentina.

Considering the rich natural resources, trained work-power, urbanization and technological development, high purchasing power per capita, the effect of integration and growth potential in the region, Argentina is one of the countries with the highest economic potential in the region. Agriculture and agro-based industry have a significant weight in the economy and employment. The rapidly increasing prices of agricultural products have become an important source of growth for the Argentine economy. Food, beverage, chemical-petrochemical, automotive and metal industries are the largest industrial sectors of the country.



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Turkey is attempting to sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), of which Argentina is a member. The "FTA Framework Agreement" signed in 2008 to determine the framework of FTA negotiations between Turkey and MERCOSUR entered into force in 2019.

With the end of the Cold War; main trend in international politics which has gained a momentum with globalization is that the countries cannot develop alone by themselves but through regional and global cooperation. Nowadays; countries have transformed themselves into entities that are open to economical, political and cultural cooperation and those countries which cannot adapt themselves to this process have become unstable. Both Argentina and Turkey are rising regional economical and political powers and their cooperation will create regional, national and global plus values. In order to improve mutual relations in the fields of political dialogue, economy, trade, science, technology, defense industry, investment, tourism, culture and diplomacy; various policies and strategies should be created. Within this framework; it is necessary to develop long term "strategic cooperation" between Turkey and Argentina.

Now it is required that the two countries head towards a future structure, in order to uplift the Turkey - Argentina relations an ideal point within a world power schema which takes its form in a multi-dimensional way, by creating a mutual deepening not only in political and strategic basis but also in its each parameter. History offers opportunities for deepening their interdependency. In this regard, the **Turkey - Argentina Strategic Dialogue**, which will bring together the representatives of sectors in a comprehensive way that includes the strategic dimension of the relations, will play a significant role.

Main Theme

Thinking Diplomacy: New World New Horizons

Sub Themes

New Balances New Economy

Turkey - Argentina Economic Relations: Opportunities and Obstacles

Geopolitical and Security Cooperation

Technological, Academic and Cultural Cooperation

Social, Economic and Political Developments

Relations with the US, China and New Partners

Adaptation to the Global Management Structures

Opportunities of Improvement of Relations in Multi-Dimensional Global Arena

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Priority Sectors

Public Diplomacy, Education and Language
Culture and Tourism
Construction, Contracting and Infrastructure
Health and Health Tourism
Energy, Petrochemicals and Investments
Logistics, Transportation and Telecommunication
Banking and Finance (Strategic Investment Fund)
Economy and Trade
Media and Communication
Science and Technology
Brand Cities and Environment
Defence and Space Industry

STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES (DRAFT)

Method

Inductive Reasoning, Participation and Economic Deepening

Turkey - Argentina Committee of Wise Persons Meetings Workshop

Building Capacity and Ecosystem Inventory

Preparation of Research Projects and their Reports

Development of Pro-active Policy Recommendations

Round-Table Meetings/Workshops

Multilateral Workshops/Studies

Sector Workshops/Activities



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Applied Interactive Modelings

Strategic Reports

Publication of sector studies as strategic reports for decision makers, private sector, media and public opinion of the two countries. Providing literature and memory support.

Media Conferences

Other Academic Studies

Strategic Reports, Books, Articles, Thesis and so on Academic Studies



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