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Energy is one of the most important life sources of modern periods. Industrial Revolution has begun with the intense usage of energy by the machines. The importance of energy that has been used as coal first and then as petrol, natural gas, nuclear, renewable resources etc. and energy diplomacy have been increasing more day by day.

Energy resources have been disproportionately scattered to the ground. So challenges about resource sharing have been one of the most basic titles of modern international relations and have made energy diplomacy obligatory.

One of the main reasons of wars in Europe at 19th century and then 1st and 2nd World Wars is the inability to share coal and petrol resources. In the Cold War period, nationalizing petrol companies; founding OPEC and IEA (International Energy Agency) have played a determinant role over the international relations. Also today global power challenges over the Middle East, North Africa, Caucasus and the Central Asia is closely related with having major part of global energy resources by these regions.

Energy is the most basic factor of global economy. So global powers have been targeting to guarantee global economic and political hegemonies by controlling this important raw material's flow in global level besides guaranteeing demand security of energy which is the requirement of their countries and allies. And the transfer of energy resources by which monetary unit has been carrying a great importance in this context.

In this situation, **energy diplomacy** can be defined as; **all of long lasted and complex, official and unofficial diplomatic activities maintained by various actors especially countries and energy companies by the aim of protecting and increasing economic and political efficiency provided on energy in global area besides controlling global energy resources.**

Turkey has been located among European continent that consumes the most energy in the world with a geography, in which 70% proved petrol and natural gas reserves in the world has been, but has been one of the most deprived regions in the world according to energy resources. Furthermore, it has been one of the most proper transition points for the energy transfer in the demand of energy resources in Russia, Caucasus and the Central Asia to the global markets.

It is inevitable requirement to develop long lasted strategies and policies in the energy diplomacy area according to protect and increase economic and political efficiency in regional and global level by Turkey, who imports 65% of its energy; locates on the most important global energy transition routes in east-west and north-south directions; and targets to be energy terminal, besides energy security.

To develop new energy resources (renewable energy, rock gas and petrol, nuclear etc.) is candidate to change movement and quality of traditional energy diplomacy in long term. So, it is supposed to be considered also new tendencies in energy area in the activities about energy diplomacy.

It is supposed to organize activities that bring sector representatives, bureaucrats, diplomats and academicians all together in the solution of problems about energy security and energy diplomacy, and to found energy institutes. In this context, we hope **the Studies of Energy Diplomacy**, which will be held in the content of **Civil Global 2015-2023-2053** "Development Program of Global Civil Diplomacy", will provide multilateral profits and important contributions on the development of cooperation opportunities in the national and international area by the proactive approaches.

Main Theme

Development of Sectoral Diplomacy

Sub Themes

Historical Perspective: National Profit Comprehension, Global Power Challenges and Energy Diplomacy

Diplomacy and Energy Diplomacy

In the Context of Energy Diplomacy;

International Institutions (OPEC, IEA etc.)

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Private Sector

Sectoral Deepening Scenarios

Solution of Conflict

Academy and Thought World

Regional Problems

Regional Integration Activities

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New Energy Resources

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