



## AMERICA'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. – TURKISH RELATIONS

Monday, June 2, 2008  
14:00 – 19:00  
The Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel  
Anadolu Salonu

**Welcoming remarks:** 14:00 – 14:25

**Arzuhan Dogan Yalcindag**

Chair of the Board of Directors, TUSIAD

**Strobe Talbott**

President, Brookings

**Setting the Stage: The Stakes for U.S. – Turkish Relations in  
America's Elections**

14:25 – 14:45

**Mark R. Parris**

Brookings; Former U.S. Ambassador to Ankara

**Handicapping the 2008 U.S. Presidential Race**

14:45 – 16:00

**Thomas E. Mann**

Senior Fellow in Governance Studies, Brookings

*Coffee Break*

16:00 – 16:30

**The Difference it Makes:  
Implications for Turkey of a Republican/Democratic Victory**

16:30 – 18:00

**Richard Burt**

McClarty Associates; Former Assistant Secretary of State for Europe

**Philip Gordon**

Brookings; Former Director for Europe, National Security Council

**Soli Ozel**

Bilgi University

*Cocktail Reception*

18:00 – 19:00

Note: Working language is English with simultaneous Turkish translation available.