



POLITICAL PERSECUTIONS AND THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY IN TURKEY

IN VIEW OF THE NUMEROUS HUMAN VIOLATIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN TURKEY SINCE THE GEZI PARK PROTESTS IN 2013, THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT WILL BE TO SHED LIGHT ON THE LACK OF JUSTICE IN POLITICAL TRIALS AND DETENTIONS AS EPITOMISED BY THE CASES OF **SELAHATTIN DEMIRTAS** AND **OSMAN KAVALA**.

IN THIS CONTEXT, PARTICULAR FOCUS WILL BE ON THE APPROACH OF THE EUROPEAN UNION REGARDING INTERFERENCES WITH THE RIGHT TO POLITICAL SPEECH AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN TURKEY. CREATING A DEBATE ABOUT INDIRECT EFFECTS BETWEEN THE MENA AND EU.

THIS EVENT, THEREFORE, SHALL PROMOTE DIALOGUE BETWEEN LEGAL PROFESSIONALS IN TURKEY AND MEPS WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF DEVELOPING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND ENHANCING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

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