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Water at the Intersection of Diplomacy and Science

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With the rapid and intense development of water resources in the 20th century, relations between the riparian states in the utilization of transboundary water resources have become increasingly important. Water diplomacy includes methods and means adopted to enhance cooperation and mitigate disagreements. The classical definition of water diplomacy refers to dialogue, consultation mechanisms, and negotiations between the official representatives of the states with an aim to reach an agreement or a common understanding on transboundary water issues. Water diplomacy practices occur in the intersection of science and policy, and find various applications not only at transboundary level, but also at the national and sectoral levels where use, management, and allocation of water resources among stakeholders take place. The panel will highlight the importance of science in water diplomacy and relevant methods, stakeholders, and institutions in that respect. The impact of science and politics in water diplomacy practices will be discussed in general with conceptual and case-study analysis involving international, national and sectoral water relations.

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Panel Program

Keynote: Prof. Dr. Yusuf Baran, President, Izmir Institute of Technology

Session I:

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Kibaroglu, MEF University and Izmir Institute of Technology

- ◆ Prof. Dr. Susanne Schmeier, Water Law and Diplomacy, IHE Delft
“Water diplomacy: concept and practice”
- ◆ Prof. Dr. Olcay Ünver, Arizona State University
“Contributions of professional and scientific networks to water diplomacy”
- ◆ Simla Yasemin Özkaya, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Türkiye
- ◆ Prof. Dr. Patricia Wouters, International Water Law Academy, Wuhan
“International water law and water diplomacy: looking forward”

Coffee break

Session II

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Alper Baba, Vice President, Izmir Institute of Technology

- ◆ Prof. Dr. Ahmet Mete Saatçi, World Water Council
“Interaction between Track I and Track II water diplomacy: Blue Peace in the Middle East”
- ◆ Prof. Dr. Sergei Vinogradov, International Water Law Academy, Wuhan
“Water diplomacy in a regional context – Central Asia legal and institutional frameworks”
- ◆ Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Türkiye