

The New Perspectives in Turkish Foreign Policy Regarding With The West After The Cold War

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At beginning of the 21st century, Turkey's approach to the West has also entered new period. Recent year's Turkish society has changed enormously. Turkish foreign policy horizons have expanded, and Turkey has developed a more active and sovereignty centered approach to nearby regions and with allies. As a part West, European Union has changed, too. European Union has moved decidedly ambivalent stance to a more integrationist approach in its relations with Turkey. NATO which is a key institutional link for Turkey to the West has heightened Turkey's value to the Alliance. The EU is developing foreign and defense policies at the same time independently from NATO. In such case, the role of Turkey remains uncertain. Turkey's geopolitical importance is very clear for the West. Especially the US and Turkey have developed a common agenda for relations in the period of post-Cold world.

Taking care of this background, this study explores the changing parameters in Turkish-Western relations and also looks at the new perspectives in strategic cooperation of Turkish-European-the U.S. triangle. I will also analyze the future relations of Turkey with EU.

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