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When we look at the main trends in the world, global competition in the age of new economy based on "information and knowledge-based products" following "soil and machinery" is developing through "micro-nationalism", "integration" and "unpredictability". Challenges that determine the new nature of life and state; such as " crisis in resource and sharing ", unsustainability of production-consumption-growth formula, purge of the middle class with Chinese leverage, energy, water, and food insecurity, transition to the 4th dimension, liquidation of human resources in the workforce, transition from hard power to soft and smart power on the basis of the very changing state nature and anticipation management, can be formed as the basic references.

Within all these fundamental parameters, the transformations in technology are prone to change the whole human life and nature by developing with artificial intelligence, virtual/enhanced reality and mobility centered. It is obvious that the concepts of "Industry 4.0" and "Society 5.0" are important topics for managing the transformation of the world within the dimensions of industry and society. Another contributive factor is the turbulence that China creates as it begins to become intensively dominant on the world stage day to day. The New Silk Road project, "One Belt and One Road Initiative"; is shaped as a global integration project involving more than hundred countries, both on land and at sea, permanently changing the distribution of economic shares. In countries with no middle class, authoritarian regimes or chaos stands as two options in the fore-seeable future. How to make the division of labor in terms of regional and global security and how to share the costs is also a point of discussion in the coming period.

The development of new alliances on security can be read from the risks and the initiatives undertaken by dominant countries. The quality of the concepts of property and power, and the business model change historically. The future of the EU with the "Failure in Success" syndrome will be determined by the results of the polarization which revived in the West after the Brexit. Along with all these developments, "Ecosystem of safety" changes with the law. The "Security - Democracy" dilemma will be experienced much more after that. Because, for the democracy, it is difficult to survive in countries where the middle class is melting and security leans to a sophisticated ground. The question "Will security bring us authoritarian regimes" needs to be discussed further.

Turkey distinguishes itself with an 84-million inhabitants, growing economy and geo-strategic status in the center of Afro-Eurasia. Turkey's historical, political and cultural ties between Europe, Black Sea, Caucasus, Asia, Middle East and African countries, rising activity in the international arena, especially in the United Nations, being an important member of organizations such as NATO, OSCE and CICA and with active foreign policy, it has become an increasingly important actor on the global platform.

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On the other hand, Pakistan with its population of near 220 million and geographical strategic position which connects Central Asia to Indian Ocean attracts the attention of the world. Pakistan, as member of United Nations (UN), Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), D-8, Commonwealth of Nations, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); is one of the candidates to become a regional power of 21st century. In near future, it is predicted that the importance of Pakistan will grow.

There are strong historical connections between Turkey and Pakistan. Support of subcontinent Muslims to Turkish War of Independence is still on the hearts and minds of Turkish people. Apart from bilateral political, economical, commercial and cultural relations; international issues are on the agenda of both countries. After the establishment of Pakistan; both countries have developed their friendship and cooperation with high level formal visits and have supported each other in difficult times.

Reflection of good relations between Pakistan and Turkey at international platforms is extremely positive. Both countries have supported each other at international platforms. Turkey maintains active and constructive attitude in multilateral processes like “Friends of Democratic Pakistan”. With Pakistan-Afghanistan-Turkey trilateral summit and Afghanistan oriented meetings; Turkey has been trying to contribute to the stability and peace in South Asia. Pakistan also supports Turkey in international issues.

Despite the good friendship between Pakistan and Turkey; trade volume between two countries is small and differs from year to year. The bilateral trade volume between Turkey and Pakistan stood at 865.4 million dollars in 2019 and trade gap weigh against Pakistan was 43 million dollars. The main products exported by Turkey to Pakistan are communication-sound, recording devices, machinery/equipment and textile. The main products exported by Pakistan to Turkey are textile raw materials and products, plastic products and organic chemicals.

Development of economic relations between two countries will create a base for other areas of cooperation. The investment opportunities in the fields of communication/ telecommunication, infrastructure (harbors, airports, and railways), textile, service industry (transportation, municipality services, and business centers), agro-food, coal and hydroelectric based energy production awaits Turkish investors in Pakistan. Also the opportunities of partnership awaits Turkish investors in the fields of furniture business, agricultural implementations, machinery spare parts, air conditioning , domestic appliances, textile machinery, shoes and tourism in Pakistan. In order to increase the economical interaction; the problems in transportation, banking system, quota applications and tariffs should be resolved.

Strengthening and developing the Pakistan-Turkey relations will create gravity for the other countries in the region, and also play an engine role to sustain the relations between Turkey and region countries relations and also the relations between them.

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Both countries can develop strategic cooperation with regards to sustaining long term interests. At this point, a wider geographical point of view is needed to look at the events. In order for Turkey-Pakistan relations to be carried to an ideal point in today's multi-dimensional world order; every parameter should be taken into consideration.

It is being deeply felt that there is an urgent necessity for collaborative works of the two countries so that the solutions for the regional issues can be found. Initiatives that can be taken together in Afghanistan are one of the potential areas in this context. Now it is required that the two countries head towards a future structure, in order to uplift the Turkey - Pakistan relations an ideal point within a world power schema which takes its form in a multi-dimensional way, by creating a mutual deepening not only in political and strategic basis but also in its each parameters. History offers both the two countries opportunities for deepening their interdependency. In this regard, the **Turkey - Pakistan Strategic Dialogue** will play a significant role.

Main Theme

Thinking Diplomacy: New World New Horizons

Sub Themes

New Balances New Economy

Turkey - Pakistan Economic Relations: Opportunities and Obstacles

Middle East and Central Asia and Turkey - Pakistan

Energy Security, Energy Supply Policies and Opportunities

Economic Cooperation

Turkey - Pakistan Security, Defence, Space Cooperation, Multidimensional Security and Struggle against Terrorism

Transportation, Logistics, Banking System

Bilateral and Multilateral Capacity Building among OIC Member Countries

Technology Sharing and Innovation in Public administration

Academic and Cultural Cooperation Opportunities

Regional and Global Common Perspectives

Primary Sectors

Public Diplomacy, Education and Language

Culture and Tourism

Construction, Construction Business and Infrastructure

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Health and Health Tourism
Energy, Petro-chemistry and Investments
Logistics, Transportation and Communication
Banking and Finance (Strategic Investment Fund)
Economy and Trade
Media and Communication
Science and Technology
Brand Cities and Environment
Defence and Space Industry

STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES (DRAFT)

Method

Inductive Reasoning, Participation and Economic Deepening

Turkey - Pakistan Committee of Wise Persons Meetings Workshop

Building Capacity and Ecosystem Inventory

Preparation of Research Projects and their Reports

Development of Pro-active Policy Recommendations

Round-Table Meetings/Workshops

Multilateral Workshops/Studies

Sector Workshops/Activities

Applied Interactive Modelings

Strategic Reports

Publication of sector studies as strategic reports for decision makers, private sector, media and public opinion of the two countries. Providing literature and memory support.

Media Conferences

Other Academic Studies

Strategic Reports, Books, Articles, Thesis and so on Academic Studies