

The Haifa Center for German and European Studies Seminar

Lecture and Open Discussion

The Turkish Gambit: Turkey's NATO Membership and Relations with the Middle East

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Turkey has been the only Muslim member of NATO. The country's membership in the alliance, now in its 65th year, has been a point of debate both in Turkey and among the other NATO members. The most important issue between Turkey and her NATO allies has always been the diverging expectations regarding the Middle East. This lecture aims to tackle the original process



Turkish troops departing for Korea in 1950

of membership from 1949 to 1952 with a different focus: the duties and responsibilities of the parties towards the Middle East as an unfulfilled contract for both sides dating back to the initial membership era. The main argument will be that from an international regime perspective, the Middle East remained the bilateral 'wild west' in the otherwise institutionalized relationship of Turkey with her European and American allies.

Thursday, May 4th, 2017

14:30 – 16:00

Library Auditorium [Room 146], Library Building

The lecture will be held in English and will be open to the public.