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# PROGRAM FLOW

MAY 21, 2026

- 10:00 - 10:15** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
Emre İlkan Saklıca, *IPI Turkey Programme Coordinator*
- 10:15 - 11:00** **The precarisation of journalism in Turkey**  
Moderator: İpek Yezdani, *Journalist, Chair of IPI Turkey National Committee*  
Speaker: Gökhan Durmuş, *President, Journalists' Union of Turkey (TGS)*  
Sibel Güneş, *General Secretary, Turkish Journalists Association (TGC)*
- 11:00 - 11:15** *Coffee break*
- 11:15 - 11:30** **Launch of the IPI's annual Fol report**  
Damla Tarhan, *IPI Turkey Fol Project Coordinator*
- 11:30 - 12:30** **Obstacles to the freedom of information in Turkey**  
Moderator: Gülin Çavuş, *Journalist, Yapay Gündem*  
Speakers: Mustafa Gökhan Tekşen, *Lawyer*  
Selin Nakipoğlu, *Lawyer*  
Canan Güllü, *President, Federation of Turkish Women's Associations*
- 12:20 - 13:15** *Break*
- 13:15 - 14:30** **What can international Fol experience offer us?**  
Moderator: Damla Tarhan, *IPI Turkey Fol Project Coordinator*  
Speakers: Denes Jager, *Policy and Open Data Project Coordinator, Open Knowledge Foundation (Germany)*  
Sofia Cherici, *Investigative Journalist, (Italy)*  
Marta Morcuende, *Access Info (Spain)*
- 14:30 - 14:45** *Coffee break*
- 14:45-15:45** **Lightning Talks**  
Doğu Eroğlu, *Investigative Journalist, Ortak*  
Duygu Doğan, *Financial and Administrative Affairs Coordinator, TÜSEV*  
Ahmet Kavruk, *Journalist*  
Ali Safa Korkut, *Journalist*
- 15:45 - 16:00** *Coffee break*
- 16:00 - 17:00** **Cross-border collaboration in journalism**  
Moderator: Şebnem Arsu, *Board Member, IPI Turkey National Committee*  
Speakers: Andres Mourenza, *Investigative Journalist*  
Doğu Eroğlu, *Investigative Journalist, Ortak*  
Sofia Cherici, *Investigative Journalist*

# PROGRAM FLOW

MAY 22, 2026

- 09:30 - 09:45** **Opening & Welcome**  
Emre İlkan Saklıca, *IPI Turkey Programme Coordinator*
- 9:45 - 10:45** **Revenue models on YouTube and new media**  
Moderator: İpek Yezdani, *Journalist, Chair of IPI Turkey National Committee*  
Speaker: Özlem Gürses, *Journalist*
- 10:45-11:00** **Looking Back at Turkey in the IPI Archives on the 75th Anniversary**  
Emre İlkan Saklıca, *IPI Turkey Programme Coordinator*
- 11:00-12:00** **In pursuit of transparency in journalism**  
Moderator: Emre Kızılkaya, *Journalist*  
Speaker: Çiğdem Toker, *Journalist*
- 12:00 - 13:30** **Press freedom in times of crisis**  
Moderator: Ata Türkoğlu, *IPI Turkey Project Officer*  
Speakers: Kadri Gürsel, *Journalist*  
Erol Önderoğlu, *RSF Turkey Representative*  
Semra Pelek, *MLSA*  
Faruk Bildirici, *Media Ombudsman*
- 13:30 - 14:30** *Break*
- 14:30 - 15:30** **Covering Conflicts: Journalism in times of war**  
Moderator: İpek Yezdani, *Journalist, Chair of IPI Turkey National Committee*  
Speakers: Can Ertuna, *Journalist*  
Ümit Bektaş, *Journalist*  
Nimet Kıraç, *Journalist*
- 15:30 - 16:15** **Finding truth in the age of artificial intelligence**  
Moderator: Emre İlkan Saklıca, *IPI Turkey Programme Coordinator*  
Speakers: Assoc. Prof. Suncem Koçer, *Faculty Member, Koç University*  
Gülin Çavuş, *Journalist, Yapay Gündem*  
Emre Kızılkaya, *Journalist*
- 16:15 - 16:30** *Coffee break*
- 16:30 - 17:15** **Journalism in Turkey on the road to COP 31**  
Moderator: Burak Ütücü, *Journalist*  
Speaker: Özgür Gürbüz, *Journalist*