



Bilkent University
Faculty of Law

Centenary of the Turkish Code of Obligations Comparative Tort Law Conference

Programme 16 October 2026

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30

Opening Speeches

Prof. Dr. Başak Baysal
Dean of the Bilkent University Faculty of Law

Prof. Dr. Orhan Aytür
Rector of Bilkent University

H. E. Guillaume Bertrand Scheurer
Ambassador of Switzerland to Türkiye

09:30 – 10:15

Keynote Session

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Osman Gürzumar
Bilkent University

Prof. Dr. Thomas Kadner-Graziano
University of Geneva
The Purposes of Tort Law: A Swiss and European Perspective

Prof. Dr. Kerem Cem Sanlı
Istanbul Bilgi University
The Purposes of Tort Law: A Turkish Perspective

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15

Session I

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Bilgin Tiryakioğlu
Bilkent University

Prof. Dr. Bénédict Winiger
University of Geneva
The Element of Unlawfulness in Swiss Tort Law

Asst. Prof. Dr. Kaan Can Yıldırım
Bilkent University
The Element of Unlawfulness as an Example of Doctrinal Exchange and Divergence

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pinar Çağlayan Aksoy
Bilkent University
Lawful but Wrongful? The Moving Boundary Between Fault and Unlawfulness in European Tort Law

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marta Infantino
University of Trieste
Legal Hybridity in Italian Tort Law

12:15 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:45

Session II

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Başak Baysal
Bilkent University

Prof. Dr. Jean-Sébastien Borghetti
Paris Panthéon-Assas University
The Not So Obvious Notion of Damage in French Tort Law

Prof. Dr. Ece Baş Sözel
Istanbul Bilgi University
Is Damage Still About Loss? Rethinking Damage in Modern Tort Law

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Can Aksoy
Bilkent University
Where Contract Meets Tort: The Relationship Between Contractual and Tortious Liability

14:45 – 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:30

Session III

Session Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gülüm Özçelik
Bilkent University

Prof. Dr. Ewa Bagińska
University of Gdańsk
Strict Liability and Risk-Based Liability in Polish Tort Law

Asst. Prof. Dr. Alican Çalışkan
Bilkent University
The Strict Liability Regime Under Turkish Tort Law

Emeritus Prof. Dr. Eugenia Dacoronia
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
The Approach of the Greek Legal System to Strict Liability

16:30 – 16:45

Coffee Break

16:45 – 18:00

Session IV

Session Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elif Küzeci
Bilkent University

Prof. Dr. Marko Baretić
University of Zagreb
Croatian Tort Law: Basic Features and Role Models

Prof. Dr. Neda Zdraveva
Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Convergence, Divergence, and the Future of Tort Law in the Western Balkans

Prof. Dr. Başak Baysal
Bilkent University
Turkish Tort Law from a Comparative Perspective: Historical Transformation and Modern Challenges

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Session V

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Bénédict Winiger
University of Geneva

Prof. Dr. Ken Oliphant
University of Bristol
Public Authority Liability in English and European Perspective

Prof. Dr. Bjarte Askeland
BI Norwegian Business School
Scandinavian Reduction Clauses in a Comparative Perspective

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cüneyt Sözel
Istanbul Bilgi University
From Liability to Recovery: Liability Insurance and Direct Actions

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15

Session VI

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Thomas Kadner-Graziano
University of Geneva

Prof. Dr. Bernhard Koch
University of Innsbruck
Liability for New Technologies in the EU with an Eye on the New PLD

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Barış Özçelik
Bilkent University
Liability for AI from the Perspective of Turkish Law

12:15 – 12:30

Coffee Break

12:30 – 13:00

General Report

Prof. Dr. Bénédict Winiger
University of Geneva

Registration is required for all participants.
The registration fee is 1.000 TRY.
Academics and students may attend free of charge.

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