



SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS AT ROUNDTABLE:
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Mesut Yılmaz is the former Prime Minister of Turkey. Following his graduation from the Istanbul Erkek Lisesi, Mr. Yılmaz achieved his B.A. in Finance and Economy at University of Ankara, Faculty of Political Science, in 1971. Between 1972 and 1974, he made his post-graduate studies in Germany, at the University of Cologne, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences. As founding member and Vice-Chairman of the Motherland Party, which was founded in May 1983, he was elected as MP from Rize in the general elections held in November the same year. In the first Özal Government, he was assigned as the Minister of State in Charge of Information and as the Government Spokesman. Mr. Yılmaz assumed duties as the Minister of Culture and Tourism in 1986 and during his tenure he chaired the Turkish-German and Turkish-Yugoslavian Joint Economic Commissions. From 1987 to 1990 he was Minister of Foreign Affairs. He has been Prime Minister of Turkey in 1991, 1996 and from 1997 to 1999 and served as deputy prime minister in a coalition led by Bulent Ecevit from 1999 to 2002. Mr. Yılmaz is the Vice-President of the European Democratic Union since 1998. He was guest professor at the Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany, in 2003-2004 and is currently board member of Ynea (Institute for European Affairs) in Dusseldorf.

Feridun Zaimoglu was born in 1964 in Bolu (Turkey), has lived in Germany during the last 35 years. He has studied studies arts and medicine and is now a writer, author of cinema screenplays and theatre, as well as a journalist. In 1995 he became a "cult" author thanks to his first novel *Kanak Sprak*. In 2000 his book *Abschaum* inspired a film, *Kanak Attack*. He was awarded different prizes, such as: Radio-Television "Civis" Prize (1997); the "Land Schleswig-Holstein" Screen-play Prize (1998); the "Friedrich Hebbel" Prize (2002) and the "Albert von Chamisso" Prize (2005).

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