

INTERNATIONAL MEHMET EMİN BUĞRA SYMPOSIUM

(In Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of His Death)

Official Announcement and Participation Guide



SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

- **Date:** Wednesday, 17 December 2025 (Full Day)
- **Venue:** Istanbul Zaim University (IZU), Halkalı Campus
- **Languages:** Turkish, English, Arabic, Uyghur

Note: The symposium will be held with both on-site and online sessions.



SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Process	Date
Announcement	05 August 2025
Abstract Submission Deadline	15 September 2025
Notification of Accepted Presentations	01 October 2025
Full Paper Submission Deadline	10 December 2025
Symposium Date	17 December 2025
Publication of Proceedings	31 December 2025



PUBLICATION INFORMATION

Papers presented at the symposium will be published in accordance with international academic standards.

Publication date of the proceedings book: December 2025



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- Farabi Association for Education, Culture and Research
- Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University (IZU)
- IZU Silk Road Civilizations Research and Application Center

Supporting Institutions:

- Yunus Emre Institute
- Digital Memory Center Association
- East Turkistan Muslim Scholars Association
- Buğra Academy
- Taklamakan Uyghur Publishing House

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Abstract Submission

- Format: Word document
- Length: 300–500 words
- Content: Title, author details, abstract, keywords
- Deadline: 15 September 2025

Full Paper Submission

- Format: Academic article format
- Length: 5,000–8,000 words
- References: APA style
- Deadline: 10 December 2025

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES

This symposium is organized in academic format with the purpose of examining, discussing, and transmitting to future generations the life, works, and intellectual contributions of Mehmet Emin Buğra within a scholarly framework.

All submissions will be evaluated according to academic criteria, and accepted papers will be published in a proceedings book meeting international standards.

- Participation is **free of charge**.
- Presenters will receive certificates.

RESEARCH TOPICS

I. Historical Personality and Biographical Dimensions

- Life journey: From Hotan to Ankara (1901–1965)
- Multidimensional personality: Scholar, warrior, writer, diplomat
- Capacity for constant self-renewal and adaptation
- The “Three Effendis” movement and collective leadership

II. Central Role in the East Turkistan Struggle

First East Turkistan Republic (1933–1934)

- Founding leader and president
- Transition from Hotan Islamic Emirate to Republic
- Dual leadership model: Prime Minister–Commander-in-Chief
- Causes and consequences of defeat

Second East Turkistan Republic (1944–1946)

- Ideological influence in exile
- Central role of the book *History of East Turkistan*
- Indirect contributions to the second republic’s foundation
- Relations with Ali Han Töre’s leadership movement

III. Formation of the National Movement’s Ideological Foundations

- Identity construction and historiography of East Turkistan
- Model of Islamic republicanism
- Synthesis of Pan-Turkism and Islam
- Anti-communism and independence ideology
- Heritage of struggle for future generations

IV. Literary and Intellectual Legacy

- *History of East Turkistan* and national historiography
- Multilingual literary creativity (Turkish, Arabic, Persian)
- *Kutluk-Türkan Opera* and cultural resistance
- *Concern for the Homeland* poetry collection and national poetry

V. Political and Diplomatic Strategies

- Struggles in the Chinese Constitutional Commission
- Advocacy of the East Turkistan cause in international conferences
- Diplomacy with Nationalist China, Taiwan, and Tibet
- Diplomacy in exile and pursuit of international support

VI. Leadership in Press and Media

Media in East Turkistan

- *Erkin Turkistan* newspaper and *Istiklal* magazine
- *Altay* and *Erk* newspapers in China

Publishing in Turkey

- *Turkistan* and *Voice of Turkistan* journals
- Founding of *Altay Publishing House*

Media Strategies

- Propaganda and public opinion strategies
- Multilingual publishing approach

VII. Organizational Leadership and Institutional Development

- Resistance organizations in East Turkistan
- *Citizens Society* and political activities in China
- *Three Principles Youth Organization* and youth movement
- Civil society organization in Turkey
- Efforts for international Turkic unity

VIII. Hotan Experience and Local Governance

- Establishment and functioning of the Islamic Emirate (1933)
- Islamic republicanism and religion–state relations
- Public support and search for legitimacy
- Causes of failure and lessons learned

IX. International Perspectives and Comparative Analyses

- Evaluation within the context of 20th-century decolonization
- Comparative analysis with contemporary Muslim leaders
- Parallels with Asian–African independence movements
- Academic approach within postcolonial theory

X. Contemporary Perspectives and Lasting Effects

Impact on Contemporary East Turkistan Struggle

- CCP's recognition of his role in “reviving Turkic nationalism”
- Contributions to modern Uyghur identity construction
- Diaspora activism and exiled communities

Present-Day Evaluation

- Human rights and freedom struggles

- Preserving and transmitting heritage in the digital era
- Value as a source for new-generation researchers

SYMPOSIUM CATEGORIES

History & Biography | Literature & Culture | Politics & Diplomacy
Media & Communication | Religion & Ideology | International Relations
Sociology, Anthropology & Turkology | Contemporary Studies | Comparative Analysis

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Scholars of Turkish History
- Central Asia researchers
- Academics in International Relations
- Specialists in Literature and Cultural Studies
- Media and Communication experts
- Researchers in Postcolonial Studies
- Academics working on East Turkistan
- Graduate students

ACADEMIC WRITING RULES

GENERAL FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

Page Layout

- Page Size: A4 (21 × 29.7 cm)
- Margins: Top, bottom, right, left: 2.5 cm
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt
- Line Spacing: 1.5 (single spacing for abstract)
- Paragraph Indentation: 1.25 cm
- Page Number: Bottom center, 12 pt

Length Limits

- Abstract: 300–500 words
- Full Text: 5,000–8,000 words (including references)
- Maximum Length: 20 pages

ARTICLE STRUCTURE

1. Title Page

- Title: Uppercase, Bold, Centered
- Author: First Name Last Name
- Institution: Name, City, Country

- E-mail Address: ...
- Corresponding Author: First Name Last Name

2. Abstract (in Turkish)

- Heading: "ÖZET" (bold, centered)
- Content: Single paragraph, 300–500 words
- Keywords: 3–5, in alphabetical order

3. Abstract (in English)

- Heading: "ABSTRACT" (bold, centered)
- Content: English translation of the Turkish abstract
- Keywords: 3–5, in alphabetical order

4. Main Text

1. Introduction
2. Main Sections (with subheadings)
3. Conclusion
4. References

CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

Introduction Section

- Importance and rationale of the topic
- Literature review
- Aim and scope of the study
- Methodology (if applicable)

Main Sections

- Logical sequencing and smooth transitions
- Division into subsections where necessary
- Academic style and tone
- Objective perspective

Conclusion Section

- Key findings and evaluations
- Suggestions
- Directions for future research

CITATION AND REFERENCING (APA STYLE)

In-text Citations

Single Author

- (Acar, 2020)
- According to Acar (2020)

Two Authors

- (Acar & Demir, 2020)
- According to Acar and Demir (2020)

Three or More Authors

- (Acar et al., 2020)
- According to Acar and colleagues (2020)

Direct Quotation

- “Text” (Acar, 2020, p. 45)
- Acar (2020) stated: “Text” (p. 45)

Reference List Examples

Book

Surname, A. A. (Year). *Book title: Subtitle*. Publisher.

Article

Surname, A. A. (Year). Article title. *Journal Name*, Volume(Issue), xx–xx.

Book Chapter in Edited Volume

Surname, A. A. (Year). Chapter title. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Book title* (pp. xx–xx). Publisher.

Web Source

Surname, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title. *Website Name*. <https://www.example.com>

WRITING AND LANGUAGE RULES

General Style

- Compliance with official Turkish Language Association spelling rules
- Correct use of punctuation
- Foreign words in italics
- Numbers below sixteen written in words

Academic Style

- Objective and scientific tone
- Avoid personal opinions
- Prefer passive voice when appropriate
- Clear and precise expressions

Avoid the Following

- Informal or conversational language
- Emotional expressions
- Absolute claims (e.g., “always,” “never”)
- Unsupported arguments

QUOTATION AND ETHICAL RULES

Direct Quotations

- Fewer than 40 words: Within quotation marks, in-text
- More than 40 words: Separate indented paragraph, without quotation marks
- Source must always be indicated

Paraphrasing and Indirect Use

- All ideas and concepts must be cited
- Even paraphrased information requires a source

Ethical Principles

- Plagiarism is strictly prohibited
- Only original research and interpretations are acceptable
- All references must be properly cited
- Conflicts of interest must be declared (if any)

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Before Submission

- ☐ Compliance with formatting rules
- ☐ Page limit respected (max. 20 pages)
- ☐ Abstract and keywords included
- ☐ All citations appear in the reference list
- ☐ Proofreading completed (grammar, spelling, style)
- ☐ Plagiarism screening performed
- ☐ File name format: *SurnameFirstname_ArticleTitle.docx*

Technical Requirements

- File Format: Microsoft Word (.docx)
- Figures/Tables: Proper titles and numbering required
- Footnotes: At the bottom of the page, 10 pt font
- Appendices: If necessary, placed at the end of the article

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Abstract Submission (Deadline: 15 September 2025)

- Abstract + keywords
- Author information

- E-mail subject line: “*MEB Symposium Abstract – [Surname]*”

Full Paper Submission (Deadline: 10 December 2025)

- Full paper file
- Short CV (maximum 1 page)
- E-mail subject line: “*MEB Symposium Full Paper – [Surname]*”

⚠ IMPORTANT NOTES

1. All deadlines are final.
2. All submissions will be subject to peer review.
3. Revisions may be requested.
4. Publication quality will adhere to international standards.
5. Copyright remains with the author.