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(11.00-12.30)

Moderator

Dr. Mehmet KÖSE

Panelist

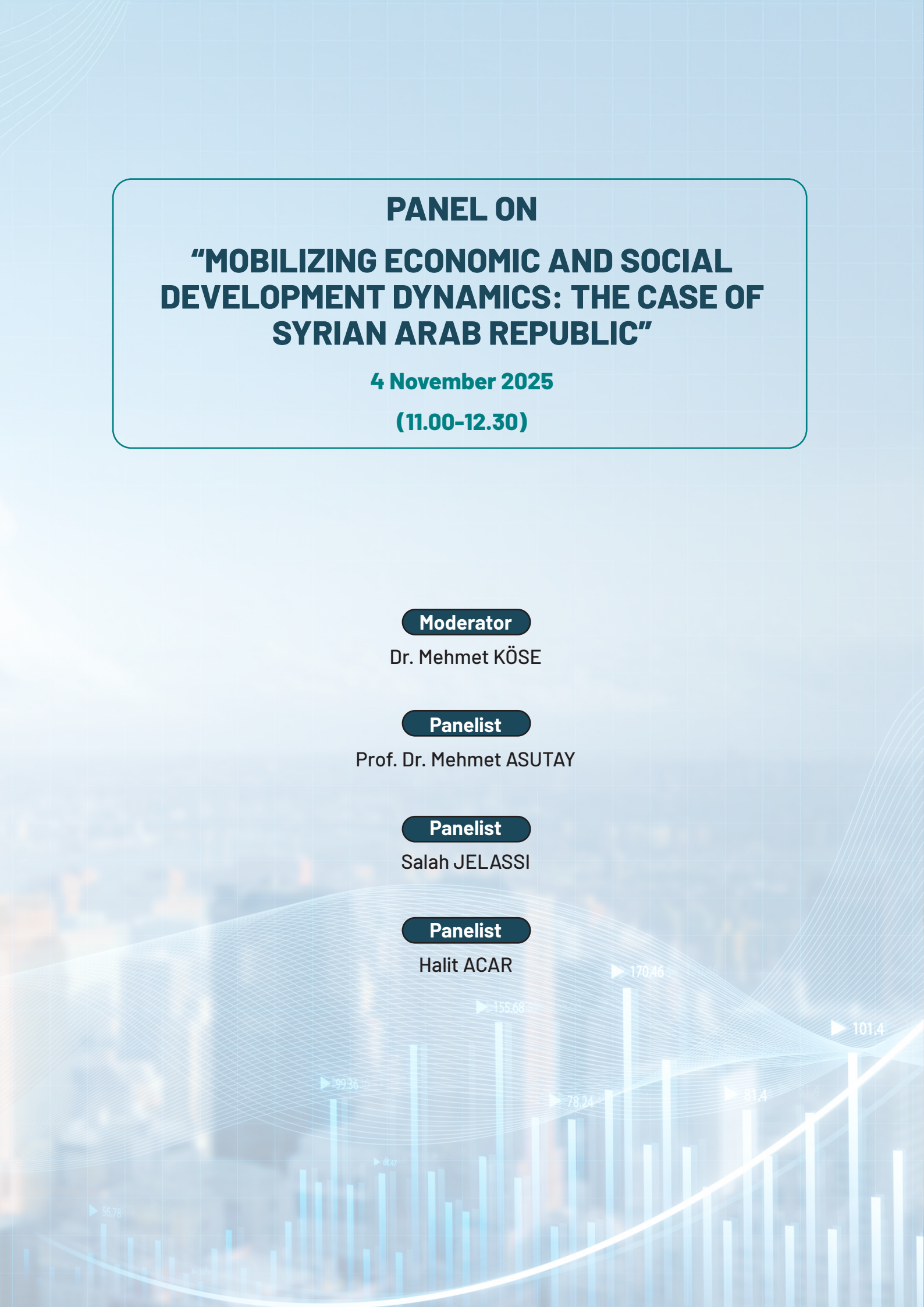
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Today, economic and social development dynamics are no longer pursued solely through the expansion of economic resources. Instead, these resources must be used fairly, sustainably, and efficiently by enhancing institutional and human capacity, reducing social inequalities as well as managing technological transformation. In this framework, activating economic and social development dynamics in a coordinated and complementary manner is important for increasing societal welfare and ensuring sustainable peace.

Within this framework, the panel titled “**Mobilizing Economic and Social Development Dynamics: The Case of Syrian Arab Republic**” will be held on November 4th, 2025, during the 41st Session of the Ministerial Meeting. The panel aims at examining the revitalization of socio-economic life in Syria’s reconstruction process with a multidimensional perspective.

In this respect, the panel focuses on the dimensions such as

- i) infrastructure reconstruction,
- ii) production capacity development,
- iii) employment and entrepreneurship,
- iv) social cohesion and integration policies.

The panel will consist of a moderator and three speakers. The speakers will address the delegates of the OIC Member States including ministers from the Islamic World as well as representatives of international organizations, private sector organizations and the academia.

It will last a total of one and half hour, with each speaker being allowed 15 minutes to speak.



Dr. Mehmet KÖSE



- Master's degree in International Relations at İstanbul Bilgi University and pursued his PhD study at İstanbul University, in Political Science and International Relations focusing on diaspora politics.
- Advisor to the Prime Minister's Office, and subsequently as both Vice President and President of the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) – the Turkish state agency responsible for diaspora affairs and international students.
- Currently, active in the think tanks, where his research focuses on migration, diaspora, Africa, Middle East and Turkish Foreign Policy.
- Authored several articles and books in on migration, diaspora, Africa, Middle East fields.

Prof. Dr. Mehmet ASUTAY



- Professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Political Economy & Finance at the Department of Finance, Durham University Business School.
- Editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Islam and Society, the International Journal of Islamic Economics and Finance Studies, and the Review of Islamic Economics.
- Research, publications, and research consultancy focus on Islamic ethics economics/ Islamic economics, Islamic political economy, Islamic finance and banking, and Islamic social welfare institutions.
- Published manuscripts and edited books on aspects of Islamic moral economy and Islamic finance.
- Consultant to COMCEC, CIBAFI, and UNDP-IICPSD on various projects.

Salah JELASSI



- Currently serving as the Director of Operations for GCC & Yemen and South America at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).
- Ph.D. studies in Economics after obtaining a master's degree in economics.
- Head of the IsDB Group Regional Hubs in Türkiye (2014-2020). And held various senior positions in the areas of economic research, trade, as well as development operations.
- In the earlier stages of his career served in various positions, including academia, research, training, and finance.

Halit ACAR



- Graduated from the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom in 2011 with a degree in Economics and Management.
- Elected Chairman of the DEİK/Türkiye-Iraq Business Council at the DEİK Business Councils General Assembly held on January 15, 2022.
- Supervised the development, construction, infrastructure, technical equipment procurement, implementation, and commissioning processes of five separate project located in different countries.
- Experience in investments in the construction, healthcare, and energy sectors.