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TIMINGS	SPEAKER	AFFILIATION
14:00 WELCOMING	PROF B. BASER PROGRAMME DIRECTOR	COVENTRY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FELLOW SIGLA
14:10 OPENING SPEAKER	DR B. ARAS MAKING SENSE OF TURKEY'S AFRICA POLICY: LOOKING BACK TO SEE FORWARD	SABANCI UNIVERSITY ISTANBUL
14:30 SPEAKER 1	PROF H. SOLOMON THE DECLINE OF THE TURKISH POWER OF EXAMPLE IN AFRICA	FREE STATE UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH FELLOW SIGLA
14:45 SPEAKER 2	DR. SERGEY KOSTELYANYETS TURKISH MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICA: AN ASSET OR A LIABILITY?	AFRICA INSTITUTE OF THE RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
15:05 SPEAKER 3	PROF MEHMET OZKAN TURKEY'S AFRICA POLICY IN RESTOSPECT: SCOPE, CONTEXT AND FUTURE	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAARIF FOUNDATION, USA
15:25	COMMENTS FROM DISCUSSANT DR E. TEPECIKLIOĞLU	YASAR UNIVERSITY IZMIR
15:45 Q&A	PROF B. BASER PROGRAMME DIRECTOR	COVENTRY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FELLOW SIGLA
16:00 CLOSING	PROF F. VREÿ RESEARCH COORDINATOR SIGLA	STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

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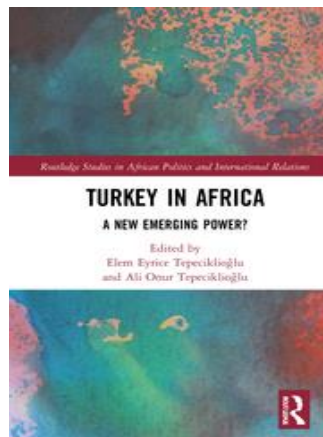
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