

# ASLI AYDINTAŞBAŞ

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## PROFILE

Senior Policy Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), focusing on Turkey's domestic and foreign policy. (2016-present)

Global Opinions columnist at the Washington Post writing on the intersection of great power politics and the quest for democracy in Turkey.

Board Member of Economic and Foreign Policy Center (EDAM), an Istanbul-based independent Turkish think-tank, and advisory board of the Berlin Bosphorus Initiative (BBI).

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## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

### Columnist, *Milliyet* — 2008-2015

Wrote an influential column on both domestic politics and foreign policy in what used to be described as the paper of record in Turkish media. Her columns tended to have a foreign policy angle on Mondays and focus on domestic politics, Kurdish peace process, and rule of law issues on Thursday. As a columnist, she was invited on numerous occasions on foreign visits by former President Abdullah Gul, former foreign minister Ahmet Davutoglu and former prime minister Tayyip Erdogan. She was invited to attend Munich Security Summit and Bilderberg meetings.

### Television host, CNN Turk — 2013-2015

Aydintasbas hosted a daily 11 am political talk show, 'Karşı Gündem' on CNN Tur, focusing on domestic and foreign policy events, discussing the Arab Spring, Turkish foreign policy, Gezi uprising, and the Kurdish peace process

### Ankara Bureau Chief, *Sabah* — 2004-2008

Managed Ankara bureau of one of the top Turkish papers and wrote a political column. Interviewed Turkey policy-makers and covered Turkey's EU accession process in great details.

### US Correspondent, *Sabah* — 2003–2005

Covered both New York and Washington DC as the US correspondent of one of Turkey's leading (and previously more independent) newspapers. Her stint included US elections, Bush administration, and the Iraq war.

### Senior Account Executive, Fleishman Hillard, New York, 2000-2002

Served as part of FH's New York-based crisis-management team, working with corporate clients on messaging, daily account management, media training, and op-eds.

### Reporter, *Yeni Yüzyıl* — 1994 - 1997

Worked in Istanbul as a reporter in Turkey's prestigious, liberal-leaning daily (no longer in print) covering new political parties, and Clinton administration's Turkey policy. Covered the 1995-1996 fighting in Iraqi Kurdistan.

## EDUCATION

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, 1997-2000

Master of Arts in Journalism and Middle East Studies, New York University. Continued to freelance for Turkey newspaper NTV and edited NYU Kevorkian Center's newsletter.

### BATES COLLEGE, 1989-1993

Bachelor's degree in Middle East Politics (petitioned for independent major) and the recipient of *Maung Maung Gyi* Award for Excellence in International Relations