

# **ECONOMIC AND GEOPOLITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

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## FOREWORD FROM THE EDITOR

Due to its geostrategic position, the Levant region, which is referred to as the east of the Mediterranean Sea, has been one of the most critical points of the Mediterranean geography politically and economically throughout history. Due to this position, the Eastern Mediterranean region has always been the focus of attention of global powers. The region's proximity to rich energy sources and the recent discovery of new energy basins in the Eastern Mediterranean have further increased the importance of the region in international energy policies, especially in the context of the increasing energy needs of the West after the Industrial Revolution. In this book, the influence of the energy resources of the region on the geopolitical position of the Eastern Mediterranean is examined. In this context, it is analyzed how new energy sources, especially those located off the coast of Cyprus, affect the energy policies of the riparian states.

In the first part of the book, Mücahit ŞİŞLIOĞLU examined the role and potential of Turkey and the countries of the region in the Eastern Mediterranean. In the second part, Emete GÖZÜGÜZELI explained NATO's strategies in the Eastern Mediterranean. In the third chapter, Beyhan İNCEKARA and Ferdi T. GÜÇYETMEZ stated that the activities of Israel and Turkey in the region are reflected in the economic activities and contribute to cooperation. In Chapter Four, Ferdi T. GÜÇYETMEZ and Kadir ÜNAL examined how the geopolitical cooperation between Turkey and Israel can be shaped on the energy axis. In the final chapter, Esra GÜÇYETMEZ explained Greece's energy policies in the Eastern Mediterranean

This book, that we have prepared, offers future scenarios, opportunities and collaborations, while explaining the geostrategic and economic importance of the Eastern Mediterranean through economic analysis, geopolitical theories, current data and energy potential.

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