Anglo-Turkish Society online lecture, 13 May 2021, 6.00 pm

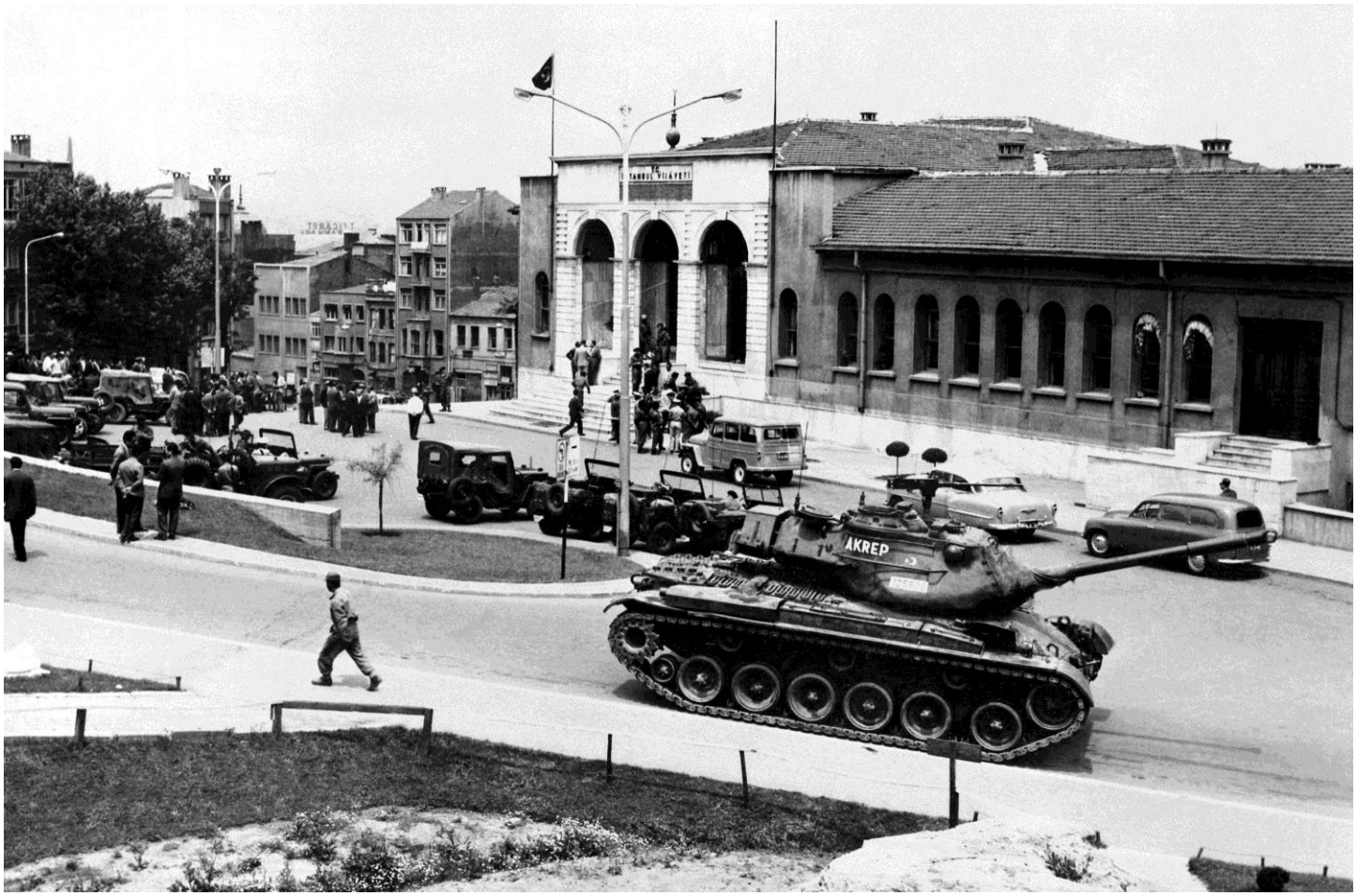
Speaker: Sir Kieran Prendergast

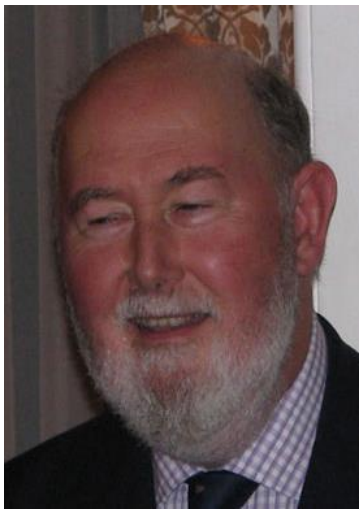
Platform: Zoom with link provided to those who register

Title: Glimpses of Turkey then and now: one person's experience over more than 50 years

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Sir Kieran Prendergast was a Turkish language student with the FCO in Istanbul 1964-65, later working at the British embassy Ankara 1965-67, NATO Department FCO 1967-69, High Commission Nicosia 1969-72, desk officer for Greece, FCO, 1972-73 and later The Hague 1976-79. From 1979 to 1982, Prendergast worked in New York with Anthony Parsons as part of the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations. In 1982, he was appointed Head of Chancery and Consul-General in Tel Aviv, Israel and worked there for four years (1982-86), later serving as High Commissioner to Zimbabwe and Kenya, before returning to Ankara, this time as Ambassador to Turkey (1995-97). In March 1997, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan appointed Prendergast Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs at the United Nations and Prendergast served in that position until July 2005. He helped call attention to human rights violations and 'ethnic cleansing' resulting from the War in Darfur, and was deeply involved in Cyprus reunification negotiations in 2004, following the Cypriot Annan Plan referendum. He is also the former Chairman of the Anglo-Turkish Society.

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