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Short biographies of chairs and speakers

18.11.2014, Roundtable discussion: *Beyond Chapters – The Future of Turkey in Europe*



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18.11.2014, Public event: Bridging Troubled Waters – The Future of Turkey in Europe



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Şaban Kardaş (*see above*)

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19.11.2014, Roundtable discussion: Beyond Chapters – The Future of Turkey in Europe

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