**CIVILIZING POLICE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN TURKEY**

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An effective governance of policing&security is indispensable and critical to the task of protecting and sustaining political communities in the contemporary world. Security is inescapably a problem *for* and a problem *of* the state particularly as it relates to people’s rights and liberties. Therefore, it is challenging for democratic/liberal states to protect of their citizens’ rights to liberty and security without being harmful to the rule of law. However, states -even those that claim to be ‘liberal’ and/or ‘democratic’- can be harmful to this task while enforcing the law in the name of security and public order especially in those countries which donot have a democratic policing&security governance. This problem is more harmful in those countries who have a military-cultured police and other security institutions. Turkey, as a democratic country, has experienced a democratic deepening process over the last decade at the political and social levels and faced different challenges resulting from anti-democratic or militarized governance of policing and security issues at the bureaucratic level. Police has come to a position that plays a political role against governments policies. Gendarmerie, as part of Turkish military, has always been independent and exempt from political process. Due to recent events, which have crystallized the militarial character of police and other security institutions, Turkish government has recently declared a *security reform* including reorganising the police ranking and operational system, changing police higher education system and civilizing Gendarmerie pave the way for a democratic security governance. This paper seeks to understand what is crystallized during this period in terms of police education and analyses the reform efforts upon on. It is argued that civilizing police higher education is key to civilize whole democratic policing system.