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“EU-Turkey Relations: Mental Maps and Political Interests”
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Prof. dr. Yilmaz is professor at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Bogazici University, Istanbul and a renowned expert in European-Turkish relations. He received his Ph.D. at the Political Science Department of Columbia University in New York City. He is interested in the culture and identity dimensions of European integration and EU-Turkish Relations; external-internal linkages in the processes of democratization. Prof. dr. Yilmaz was a partner in the international research project bEU-citizen on EU citizenship funded by the EU FP7 scheme that was led by Utrecht. In addition to his academic work, Yilmaz is a poet and an active musician (for more information, see www.hakanyilmaz.info).

Location: Utrecht School of Governance, bijlhouwerstraat 6, Utrecht

15.45-16.00: Reception (entrance hall)
16.00-16.10: Welcome (room 0.24)
16.10-16.45: Johan Willem Beyen Lecture
16.45-17.25: Moderated discussion
17.25-17.30: Closing ceremony
17.30-18.30: Drinks

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Johan Willem (Wim) Beyen (1897–1976) was an alumnus from the Utrecht University Faculty of Law, now the School of Law. He received his doctorate in 1918. He was a banker, civil servant, politician and diplomat. From 1952 – 1956 he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs. Wim Beyen is regarded one of the founding fathers of the European Union. In the early fifties, when initiatives to intensify political cooperation and integration between Germany, France, Italy and the Benelux-countries seemed to fail, he developed a plan for a European Common Market in combination with a political community. His initiative formed an import foundation for the Treaties of Rome of 1957 and the development of a European Economic Community.

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