



Subject: **Roundtable discussion on “current international affairs” chaired by [Patricia Schroeder](#), former American politician, member of US Congress for 24 years, and currently Chairman of ESU International Council, 11:30-13:00 on 20 September 2012, Istanbul**

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Dear friends and members of ESU Turkey,

We are glad to inform that a roundtable meeting chaired by Ms. Patricia Schroeder (former US Senator and Chairman ESU International Council) will be organized on September 20, 2012 between 11.30 -13.00 at Harbiye Military Museum, Istanbul. The meeting is kindly supported by ABFT (American Business Forum in Turkey).

Just a few weeks before the 2012 US presidential elections, the world economy is still struggling to find sustainable solutions to its prevailing weak growth, employment and financial stability. With all the attention gathered on European sovereign debt crisis during the summer, business leaders and market players wonder about the actual state of US economy and its heated presidential debate on various important issues having a direct implication on current international affairs and markets. Therefore the roundtable aims to bring some insight from an experienced former US politician, and fuel a genuine debate. Roundtable is expected to attract not only Turkish business and opinion leaders, but also some delegates of [ESU World Members Conference](#) from various countries.

Ms. Schroeder is a former American politician; the second-youngest woman ever elected to US Congress, re-elected eleven more times, and served 24 years as a U.S. Representative. She was the first woman to serve on the House Armed Services Committee. Back in 1987 she also ran for the President of the US against Reagan.

ESU (the [English Speaking Union](#)) is a non-political education charity aiming to create a global understanding through English and to provide young people with communication skills, confidence and networking opportunities. Ms. Schroeder currently serves as the Chairman of the ESU International Council

The roundtable is designed to be an excellent opportunity for Turkish business community to discuss “US presidential elections and its implications on current international affairs”.

Further information and registration details can be obtained at [registration@esuwmc2012.org](mailto:registration@esuwmc2012.org)

With my best regards,

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