



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PRIVATE SECURITY
"Private Security in the World and in Türkiye"
CALL FOR PAPERS

Private security services have undergone rapid global expansion, evolving into a strategic sector that plays a vital role in complementing public security. Changing security dynamics, urbanization, rising crime rates, terrorist threats, and cybersecurity risks are expanding the scope and increasing the importance of the private security industry. In many countries today, the private security industry operates in close coordination with public security, not only providing physical security but also developing proactive security measures supported by technological solutions. The sector has become an integral part of security policy, from the protection of strategic facilities to the security of mass events, from individual protection services to corporate protection services.

With the rise of digitalization and artificial intelligence-based security solutions, the private security sector is straying away from traditional methods towards a smarter, more integrated structure. In the future, the role of private security is expected to become even more critical, increasing the effectiveness of private security services and further strengthening the sector's place in the global security ecosystem.

Türkiye is among countries rapidly adapting to global private security changes. Türkiye is setting an example for private security practices in its region with its strategic location, dynamic security structure, and public-private cooperation model that is attracting global attention. Today, approximately 400,000 private security officers work in a wide range of areas, from airports to energy facilities and from public transportation systems to the protection of strategic facilities.

With steps to be taken in the areas of digitalization, training, and legislation, the private security sector has the potential to become more competitive in the future. In line with technological developments and global security threats, it is inevitable to make private security services more integrated, innovative, and effective. In this context, the aim of the International Private Security Symposium is to contribute to the development of international cooperation and professional standards by addressing the legal, administrative, vocational, and operational aspects of private security services.

The symposium will evaluate international operational comparisons in private security practices, harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks, public-private sector cooperation, professional training requirements and innovative approaches to security threats. The aim is to obtain findings, opinions, and suggestions that will shape the future of private security services by bringing together academics, industry representatives, relevant experts, and security professionals who will present at the symposium. In this context, the Symposium will address issues such as the international dimension of private security services, the legal framework, integration with public security and professional training requirements.

The aim of the International Private Security Symposium is to share Türkiye's experience in the field of private security at a global level, to make comparisons with practices around the world, and to strengthen international cooperation in this sector. This symposium aims to address theoretical discussions as well as practical examples in order to guide the internal security policies of countries, support the national and international transformation of private security, and strengthen public-private cooperation.



The International Private Security Symposium will be held in Antalya with participants from various national and international institutions and organizations. **Transportation and accommodation expenses for the authors of the accepted papers will be covered by the Symposium Organizing Committee. (For papers with more than one author, the expenses will be covered for one author only).**

The sub-themes of the Symposium:

- Private Security and Technology
- Private Security and Artificial Intelligence
- Private Security in the Security of Strategic Facilities
- Private Security in Ensuring the Sports Security
- Private Security in Ensuring the Security of Public Spheres
- Private Security Companies
- Private Security Law
- Law Enforcement - Private Security Relations
- Supervision of Private Security
- Relationship between Private Security and Economy
- Private Security Officers
- Private Security Training
- National Dimension of Private Security Practices
- Private Security Practices in the International Dimension

The sub-themes are intended to provide guidance. The submission is open to all other works as long as they are related to private security.

Application Information:

The papers should be of high quality, previously unpublished, and prepared in accordance with the methods of scientific research and publication. They can be field research or theoretical studies as well as applied/experimental (case) studies based on individual, institutional and social experiences. All submitted abstracts will be accepted after being subjected to referee review. The abstract text proceedings book will be published by Turkish National Police Academy before the symposium. In addition, after the full texts of the papers are sent, it is planned to be published as a “Special Issue of the Journal of Security Studies” following the refereeing process.

Abstracts should be submitted to the Symposium Organizing Committee by September 1, 2025. Abstracts should be written in Turkish or English and should be limited to a minimum of 700 and a maximum of 1000 words with titles and five keywords.

Abstracts and full texts for accepted papers should be uploaded to <https://poltarmeren.pa.edu.tr/>. Only the authors of the accepted papers will be notified.

**Important Notes:**

Abstract Submission Deadline: July 15, 2025

Notification of Accepted Submissions: September 30, 2025

Symposium Date: November 20-21-22, 2025

Full Paper Submission Deadline: December 15, 2025

For abstracts and further information please visit the Symposium website: <https://poltarmeren.pa.edu.tr/>

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