38 individuals from 18 countries, both from academic (economics, management, political science, architecture and engineering) and business worlds came together to discuss and communicate on challenging problems related to methodological issues in foresight studies within the historic and mystic environment of Istanbul.

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Plenary Speaker: Prof. Z. Sardar, Editor, FUTURES
Participants listened to and discussed papers in the following areas:

**National Foresight**

Foresight at the national level has been used to address (i) choices within the domain of science and technology, and (ii) the structures by which science and innovation achieve impacts upon the economy and society. This track will draw upon the experience gained from the national Foresight exercises and new research methodologies and/or questions to be addressed at this level.

**Regional Foresight**

Both supra-national Foresight, covering more than one country, and sub-national Foresight, covering a smaller region of a country or neighbour regions of multiple countries, will be considered in this track. Supra-national Foresight has been useful to promote joint analysis of common problems, detect opportunities for cooperation, identify complementary attributes, and define infrastructures needed, which are not feasible at the national level. Sub-national Foresight is the application of foresight methods (involving some combination of five essential elements — anticipation, participation, networking, vision, action) to inform and orient decisions that are taken at the sub-national level. This track will draw upon the experience gained from the supra-national and sub-national Foresight exercises and new research methodologies and/or questions to be addressed at these levels.

**Sectoral and Corporate Foresight**

The challenges faced by firms reflect the structural changes taking place in the economy and society. A new global setting of the world economy is defining the framework for operation of the industrial sector both inside the national boundaries and internationally. In this context, the corporate sector and industries use Foresight to detect and prepare responses to such changes. The experience gained at the corporate and sectoral level, and main research and methodological issues will be discussed in this track.

**Conference Venue**

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