

The Rise of Turkey: To Be Continued?

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Washington Institute Turkey expert Soner Cagaptay explains the lessons of the last decade of transformative growth and change in Turkey and charts a course for the country to continue its rise.

"For the country to become a truly regional player, Turkey not only should act like a Muslim power, but a Muslim power with deep connections to the Western world." - Cagaptay

The Justice and Development Party (AKP) has led Turkey through a decade of economic and social transformation, a process that Beyer Family Fellow [Soner Cagaptay](#) details in his latest book, *The Rise of Turkey: The Twenty-First Century's First Muslim Power*. But the next phase of Turkey's rise depends on the government's ability to apply the lessons of the past to the grave challenges it now faces, especially from internal dissent and the crisis in Syria.

In this new video, Cagaptay, director of the Institute's Turkish Research Program, explains how Turkey can balance its Muslim identity and its Western overlay to become a regional and global power.

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