Turkish Policy Quarterly and the Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation

are inviting applications for an initiative

**Capturing the Mountain: A Turkish-Armenian Dialogue and Film-Making Project**

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Witness to a closed border and broken relationship and standing 5,165 meters tall between Armenia and Turkey is Mount Ararat or Agri Dagi. It touches the hearts and souls of people from both Armenian and Turkish societies, yet it also separates them.

Turkish Policy Quarterly (<http://www.turkishpolicy.com/>) and Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation (www.imaginedialogue.com) seek to bring a group of Armenians and Turks together to engage in dialogue and take a joint journey to the top of the mountain.

The initiative consists of two phases. During the first phase a group of Turks and Armenians will meet for a week long workshop in Georgia and engage in a dialogue where they can share, understand and reflect on history and present day relationship between Armenians and Turks.

A fundraising for the second phase will then be conducted and the group will hike to the summit of Mount Ararat/Agri Dagi.

The group will “capture” both the initial workshop in Georgia and their journey to the summit on film, which will be turned into a documentary.

The language of the program is English.

**APPLICATION**

If you are interested in participating in the program, please fill out the following application.

We would like to remind you that we aim at producing a documentary about the dialogue and the hike. The filming will be done by the participants of the program and not an outside filmmaker. No previous skills in filmmaking are necessary, but if you decide to participate, please be sure that you are comfortable with having a camera in the room.

You also need to be sure that you are in a right physical condition for climbing to the summit of the mountain. You will likely be asked to undergo an additional physical preparation in months leading to the hike.

Note that the current application is for the 1st phase of the program only – the dialogue. The 2nd phase of the program – the hike – will take place if and when the Turkish Policy Quarterly and the Imagine Center are able to raise the necessary funding for that phase.

**Directions:** Please, fill out **all the sections** of the application.

**Submission:** Send completed application and e-copy of your CV to dialogueimagine@gmail.com

by **May 10, 2012**.

**SECTION I.**

**Personal Information:**

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| Full Name:  | Gender:  |
| Date of Birth: | Citizenship:  |
| Employer if working:  | Position/title at the place of employment: |

**Current Address**

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| Address  | City:  |
| Home Phone:  | E-mail: |
| Cell or work phone: | Best time to be contacted: |

**SECTION II.**

**Questions:** Please, answer the following questions in one to two paragraphs.

1. Why did you decide to apply to the Capturing the Mountain: A Turkish-Armenian Dialogue and Film-Making project?
2. What are your expectations from the project?
3. What is your professional or personal connection to the topic of Turkish-Armenian relations?
4. Do you feel that you are in a right physical condition for climbing the mountain?
5. Are you ready to discuss your personal story with your colleagues from the other side of the border? Are you comfortable having a camera in the room?
6. What else you can bring to the program both on personal and professional level?