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Filiz Bikmen has been working to support and guide initiatives for social change in Turkey since 2001 and continues to serve as a Social Investment and Philanthropy Adviser, working with individuals and organizations to 'create constellations for change'. Between 2007 – 2012, as the Founding Director of Programs and International Relations at Sabanci Foundation, Filiz established a new strategy and programs to promote social justice for women, youth and persons with disability. Between 2002 – 2007, Filiz was Director of the Third Sector Foundation of Turkey where she developed a new strategy for the foundation, and actively led NGO law advocacy initiatives and research programs. Prior to her work in the nonprofit sector, Filiz was a management consultant in multinational and Turkish companies. Filiz currently serves as Chairman of the International Center for Not for Profit Law (ICNL) based in Washington D.C., and is a member of Stanford University's Global Practitioner Council for Social Entrepreneurship. She was a guest editor of the Alliance Magazine March 2013 issue on Philanthropy in Emerging Markets and has authored nearly 30 publications, of which a select few can be found here <http://independent.academia.edu/FilizBikmen>. She has an MA in social-organizational psychology from Columbia University and a dual degree in psychology and communications from the State University of New York at Brockport.