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## **A View of the “City of Miracles”: İstanbul from the Enchanted East Haydar Ergülen**

Renowned poet Adonis wrote the following on İstanbul: “Some cities are capitals of the past. Others are capitals of both the past and the present. İstanbul, however, is different from all... İstanbul deserves to be the capital of the future world.”

Often conveyed through the eyes of Western writers and intellectuals, partly, to be honest, due to our interest in their perspective, and often limited to an Orientalist view and interest, this way of seeing is slowly replaced by an “Eastern” perspective.

İstanbul from the past into the present through the eyes of countless writers from great Russian novelist Dostoyevsky and great Russian poet Pushkin, to renowned Syrian poet Adonis, world-famous Persian cultural critic Hamid Dabashi, and Sudanese novelist Jamal Mahjoub known in Turkey for his books *Traveling with Djins* and *The Carrier*.

Russia, Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Iran, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Pakistan, and India: A View of İstanbul from the East. In his March program, Haydar Ergülen focuses on these different perspectives.

*The talk will be in Turkish.  
Free of admissions, drop in.*