

## EPES Mandala Consulting

**Dr Zeki Ergas was born in Turkey, has academic degrees in economics from the universities of Berkeley and Geneva, and writes extensively on development and human rights issues in English – his fifth language. He is an expert on issues of culture, development and prevention of conflicts with extensive knowledge of the Mediterranean Basin and the Near East.**

**1. Family Name:** ERGAS Dr

**2. First names:** Zeki

**3. Date of birth:** 1942

**4. Nationality:** Swiss and Turkish

### **5: Education:**

<b>Institution and dates</b>	<b>Degree or Diploma obtained</b>
University of Geneva, Switzerland 1972	Ph.D. in Economics and African Studies
University of Geneva 1965	Licence en Economie (MSc)

### **6. Language skills:** competence on a scale of 1-5 (1 = excellent, 5 = basic)

<b>Language</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Speaking</b>	<b>Writing</b>
Turkish, Spanish	Mother tongues	Mother tongues	Mother tongues
French, English	1	1	1
Hebrew, Greek	3	3	3

**7. Membership of professional bodies:** International P.E.N. Elected by invitation in 1997, Member of economic think-tank Global Marshall Plan Initiative-Geneva, Member of American Paralysis Association

**8. Other skills:** (computer literacy etc) generally computer literate

**9. Present position:** self-employed

**10. Years with firm:** n/a

**11. Key qualifications relevant to project:**

- Amazing international, cultural and linguistic skills
- Excellent track record as a researcher and writer on economics and conflict
- Deep understanding of the nature, history and origins of conflict on several continents
- Excellent knowledge of Africa: Ghana, Zaire, Kenya, Tanzania, S.Africa
- Detailed cultural, historical and linguistic knowledge of Near and Middle East

**12. professional experience:**

<b>Date from-to</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Description of tasks and achievements</b>
2003 - 2005	Geneva, Switzerland	Offshoots GEM International PEN	Co-Editor Correspondent Delegate and Board member	<b>Offshoots</b> is a quarterly Geneva magazine of art and culture. <b>GEM</b> is Geneva's English-Speaking Magazine, or which I am one of the founders. These are the journalistic focus of my research and writing work of the past 15 years. <b>PEN</b> is a major civil society Writers' and Human Rights organization of which I have become an activist organiser
1989 - 2005	Geneva, Switzerland	Self-employed researcher and writer	Author and researcher on violence and conflict	For the past 16 years I have been writing about Africa and about the Eastern Mediterranean, involving travel and research (historical, anthropological and cultural research) about violence and conflict, war and peace in the Near and Middle East and in Southern Africa. The results of this work appear in the press and in 7 books.
1987 - 1988	USA California	Univ California, Berkeley	Lecturer Assist Professor	Taught a course for a year on African development. Led post-graduate seminars on rural development and education in Kenya and Tanzania
1983-1987	USA Washington DC	School Of Foreign Service, Georgetown University	Research Professor	Research in the African Studies Program, SFS, including research on the role of the State in Development and several Publications. The role of the State was shown to be largely negative: managerial state, the patrimonial and administrative state, hegemony, factionalism, the crisis of the socialist state, the military and the state, etc.

1981 - 1983	USA California	Univ California, Berkeley	Research Associate	Economic research at IIS : Institute of International Studies
1978 - 1981	Jerusalem, Israel	Hebrew University, Mount Scopus	Research Fellow	Research on integrated rural development in Kenya and Tanzania for the Harry S Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, involving in particular the SRDP (Special Rural Development Programme) in Kenya and the Ujamaa Villages programme in Tanzania
1971 - 1978	Geneva, Switzerland	Ecole Benedict	Professor	Professor of English, Geography and Economics
Jan-Dec 1977	Cameroon	Pan-African Institute for Development	Consultant-Evaluator	PAID is an institute of higher education for African rural development cadres, which offers very popular pre-graduate diplomas for mid-career and early career rural cadres, equivalent of bachelor's allowing entry to Master's programs.
1968 - 1972	Switzerland  Ghana	University of Geneva	Doctoral Student, Economics Tutor and researcher	I started my teaching career while working for my doctoral thesis with field studies in Ghana during 1968. My research involved complex interrelationships in interdisciplinary development around a major dam project. My Ph.D. Thesis: « The Volta River Project » analysed the implications and limits to probable success of an aluminium smelter, artisan fisheries on the artificial lake, the treatment/ marketing/ distribution of the fish harvest, the influence of the dam on agricultural output, power generation, electricity distribution
1965 - 1967	Zaire	Swiss College of Pestalozzi	Professor	For two years in Zaire (D.R.Congo) I taught students as Professor of Economics And Geography
1959 - 1960	Korea	Turkish Army	Liaison Officer	During my compulsory military service I served as the Liaison Officer, Turkish Brigade in the UN forces in Korea: bringing me an introduction to communication and diplomacy.