A wide-ranging corruption inquiry was launched in Turkey on December 17, 2013, the largest in the history of the republic. The inquiry quickly led to a political crisis thanks to a series of questionable moves by the government. Since then, thousands of police officers and bureaucrats have been reassigned. The government claims that the inquiry is a plot to overthrow the AKP and Prime Minister Erdogan from power. Critics of the government argue that the government is simply trying to deflect very serious corruption charges by defaming prosecutors and undermining the independent judiciary. The speaker will examine domestic and international implications of the crisis and the potential impact on the upcoming elections in Turkey.

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