Zafer Küçükşabanoğlu, Founder & Chairman of the Board @ RecroTech

Born in May 1989 in Kastamonu, technology entrepreneur Zafer Küçükşabanoğlu founded "Turkey's First Hologram Center" in April 2018. In February 2021, he became the Founding President of the "Artificial Intelligence Policies Association (AIPA)", the first official civil society organization established in Turkey in the field of artificial intelligence. In March 2021, he was selected as a Member of the UNESCO Artificial Intelligence Monitoring Group, and in August 2022, as a Member of the Human Resources Working Group of the National Artificial Intelligence Strategy. Continuing his work in the fields of artificial intelligence and international relations, Küçükşabanoğlu became a member of the "Open Data Institute" based in London in June 2023 and of the world-renowned think tank "Chatham House" in November, 2023.

Between 2010 and 2019, Küçükşabanoğlu held founding and executive positions at Activa Organization, Artı 1 Group, ZM Technology, and Atlasjet. He entered the business world in August 2024 and currently serves as the Founder and Chairman of the Board of RecroTech, a company producing technological solutions, primarily in artificial intelligence, with a young, dynamic, and entrepreneurial vision. He also served as the Founding President of the Kastamonu Young Entrepreneurs Association (KASGEG) and as Executive Board Member and Chairman of the Entrepreneurship Commission at the Turkish Young Businessmen Association (TÜGİAD). Since May 2012, he has been a Congress Member of Beşiktaş JK.

In November 2022, Küçükşabanoğlu delivered a speech titled "Similarities and Differences Between the Industrial Revolution and the Web 3 Revolution" at the Turkish edition of TEDx, one of the world's most prestigious motivational speaking platforms. Between October 2022 and January 2024, he hosted a 33-episode technology program titled "Teknolog" on TRT Haber TV. Having received numerous awards from various institutions and organizations, Küçükşabanoğlu was honored as "Scientist Contributing to Kastamonu" at the Kastamonu Solidarity Association (KAS-DER) 37th Anniversary Awards Ceremony in May 2022 and received the "Global Innovation" award at the Global Journalists Council (KGK) Global Achievement Awards Ceremony in October 2024.

Between 2018–2019 at Marmara University, 2021–2022 at Ufuk University, and 2023–2025 at Gazi University, he taught "Entrepreneurship" as a Lecturer. Küçükşabanoğlu has authored two books: "The Özal Years in Turkey–U.S. Relations" (September 2019) and "Politics of Generation Z" (January 2021).

Within the context of artificial intelligence policies, Küçükşabanoğlu conducts research particularly on "Diplomacy", "National Strategies", and "Social Impacts". He has authored several book chapters, including:

- "The Politics of Artificial Intelligence" in The Power Shaping the Future: Artificial Intelligence (April 2023),

- "Artificial Intelligence in the United Kingdom's New Power Strategy" in Tomorrow's Technological Vision and Artificial Intelligence (November 2023),

- "Is Artificial Intelligence the New Subject or the Communication Itself? An Evaluation from the Perspective of Human-Machine Communication" in Coded Future: Artificial Intelligence, Technology and Humanity (November 2024),

- "Looking at Artificial Intelligence (AI) From Social Relations: Social Influence, Conformity and Bias" in Artificial Intelligence Technical and Societal Advancements, published by CRC Press, one of the leading U.S. publishers (December 2024),

- and "Understanding the Humanist Dynamics of Artificial Intelligence: Possibilities and Concerns" in In the Footsteps of Artificial Intelligence: The Communication Route is Reforming (December 2025).

He has also published the articles "Artificial Intelligence in the U.S. New Power Strategy" (March 2023) and "Disinformation and Artificial Intelligence" (December 2023).

In July 2024, Küçükşabanoğlu united his work in artificial intelligence and international relations under the "AI Diplomacy" brand and continues his studies within the international diplomacy ecosystem. Having participated as a speaker and attendee in some of the world's largest technology fairs and summits such as Dubai GITEX, Lisbon Web Summit, Barcelona MWC, London Tech Week, The AI Summit London, and COP29, Küçükşabanoğlu spent April–August 2023 in London, conducting various research studies on artificial intelligence. Having received numerous awards in various fields, he has delivered over 200 conferences, meeting with thousands of people, and continues to share his insights on artificial intelligence through appearances on various television, radio channels, and online platforms.

In December 2024, Küçükşabanoğlu completed the "AI Governance: Technology, Ethics and Institutions" program at Oxford University, and in November 2025, he completed the "AI and Society" program at Cambridge University. Holding diplomas from Çankaya, Anadolu, and Ufuk Universities, he obtained the "ISO 42001:2023 Artificial Intelligence Management System Lead Auditor" certificate, accredited by Exemplar Global International, in September 2025. Küçükşabanoğlu speaks English fluently and has beginner-level proficiency in Russian.