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## ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS) is an independent, interdisciplinary research institute in the humanities and social sciences. Since 2022, SUITS is located at the Department of Economic History and International Relations in the A building (Södra husen) of the university's Frescati campus. SUITS is primarily a research institute, but may also provide education in its field of activity. The Institute's research mainly focuses on issues related to international relations and diaspora studies; society, politics and history, and human rights and democracy. The research should maintain high international standards. SUITS aims to contribute to a deep and nuanced [understanding](#) of Turkey among researchers, opinion leaders, business leaders, and the general public in Scandinavia, Europe, and beyond. In addition to research and education, SUITS engages in outreach activities such as open lectures, conferences, and workshops.

SUITS is managed by a Director—Paul T. Levin—who is appointed by the President of Stockholm University upon nomination by the Department of Economic History and International Relations and following a statement of opinion by the Board of Human Science. The Director reports to a Board that is appointed following the same procedure. The board approves the annual activity plan, the budget, and the annual reports. The SUITS Board 2024 consisted of the following members:

Chairman: Jakob Hallgren (the Swedish Institute for International Affairs)

Members: Jonas Tallberg, Vice Chairman (Stockholm University)

Mark Rhinard (Stockholm University)

Isabell Schierenbeck (Gothenburg University)

Helena Bodin (Stockholm University)

Non-voting members:

Rapporteur: Paul T. Levin (Stockholm University, SUITS)

Department representative: Magnus Petersson (Stockholm University)

Faculty/staff representative: Reuben Silverman (Stockholm University, SUITS)

## Research

SUITS faculty members are productive and active researchers and maintained a steady stream of publications and ongoing research projects during the year. As can be seen under the individual descriptions of each faculty member, they are involved in several Swedish and international research projects and networks, and contribute actively to the field of Turkish Studies through their publications. SUITS leadership of the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST) continued successfully, helping SUITS maintain its position as a leading actor in the field of Turkish Studies in Europe.

## Management, funding, administration, and facilities

With a trimmed five-year budget since 2022, SUITS has emerged slimmer but on a more stable footing, and an additional 300 SEK grant from the Granholms Stiftelse was secured during 2024. A sustainable administration that is adapted to the new economic constraints is now in place. The institute retains two offices (A933 and A935) with a total of five work stations at the Department of Economic History and International Relations.

## Staff & faculty

With the new budget, the institute is a smaller entity than it once was. However, during 2024, work began to grow the institute again, and the number of researchers tied to the institute went from five to eight. Of those, two are employed full-time. In addition to the research faculty, the institute also retains one part-time communications strategist.

## Communication

Despite a smaller faculty, SUITS has further improved its position as a prominent, even leading, international actor in the field of Turkish Studies. The crisis in Swedish-Turkish relations precipitated by the Turkish veto of Swedish NATO accession meant that SUITS faculty were even more in demand than usual in various Swedish

and international fora. The high profile in Swedish and international media of SUITS faculty means that the institute has even further pushed its role as a key center of knowledge of Turkish affairs also to a broader public. Unbiased and critical analysis provided in talks, media appearances, and publications were an important part of this. SUITS faculty members' over 850 media appearances between January 2024 and April 2025 had an estimated potential reach of over 200 million news consumers, which is the equivalent PR value of over 60,000,000 SEK if the same amount of ad space/time had been purchased, according to calculations by the Communications Department at Stockholm University.

## Outreach & Collaboration

The SUITS Policy Brief series provides an important form of outreach to policy and expert circles in Sweden and Europe. In addition to the briefs, several SUITS staff members gave briefings on policy matters to government ministries, agencies, civil society organizations, and think tanks. Since 2022, SUITS' Director represents the institute as a member of the network of the Centre for Applied Turkey Studies (CATS) at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) in Berlin. This is a European network of leading policy-oriented scholars and institutions that funds and disseminates policy research and arranges events pertaining to Turkey. Other key collaborations and partnerships include an ongoing roundtable series arranged together with the Swedish Defense Research Agency (FOI) and a partnership with the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI).

In terms of research collaboration, SUITS leadership of the [Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey](#) (CEST) continued, helping SUITS maintain its position as a leading actor in the field of Turkish Studies in Europe. SUITS's participation in the management of [the Swedish Middle East and North Africa](#) (SWEMENA) network, with its regular lunch seminars and annual conferences, is also an important component in its research network.

## Education

SUITS is a research institute, but some faculty members contribute to teaching at various departments. During 2024, this included supervising a doctoral student at the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (IAM).

## RESEARCHERS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

### DIRECTOR: Paul T. Levin

Paul T. Levin is the Director of SUITS and a Researcher at the institute. He is a Docent (Associate Professor) in International Relations and holds a Ph.D. in the same subject along with an MA in Political Science from the University of Southern California, and a Fil Kand (BA) in Practical Philosophy from Stockholm University. Paul has been Director of SUITS since its creation in 2012. He is a Research Fellow at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul and an Associate Researcher at the Swedish Institute for International Affairs. Paul also serves as Managing Director for the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST), overseeing the management of CEST budget and activities. He is a member of the steering group of SWEMENA, the Swedish Middle East and North Africa research network, and participated in a number of SWEMENA steering group meetings and roundtables throughout the year.

Paul serves on the International Advisory Board of the journal *Turkish Studies* and is a regular participant in the meetings of the Trilateral Strategy Group and the Türkiye-EU Reflection Group, both organized by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. He is the author of the monograph *Turkey and the European Union: Christian and Secular Images of Islam* (Palgrave Macmillan, NY, 2011) and co-editor of special issues of academic journals and the edited volume *Migration from Turkey to Sweden: Integration, Belonging and Transnational Community* (I.B. Tauris, London, 2017).

During 2024, Paul was the recipient of a scholarship (“Stora Stipendiet”) from the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul and spent three months doing research for a book at the institute in Istanbul. He also continued following the Swedish-Turkish negotiations over Swedish NATO accession very closely along with Turkey’s growing role in the Middle East, published on these topics, and was frequently consulted by Swedish and international media.

### Activities

- Speaker, “International Outlook: Turkey goes to the ballot box.” Panel discussion organized at the ABF-huset in Stockholm by ABF, the Olof Palme International Centre, and the OSCE Network in Sweden, April 18, 2024.
- Co-convener with Joakim Parslow of the University of Copenhagen of the 9th annual symposium of the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey. “Turkey, Europe, and the limits of liberal normativity”, Copenhagen, 21-23 November 2024.
- Co-convener with Asli Hürçan Aksoy of SUITS-CATS CEST Workshop, “Turkey-EU relations in the 2020’s: Transactionalism versus a rules-based order?” Stockholm, 22-23 May 2024.
- Speaker, “Area Studies,” the Higher Seminar in International Relations at the Department of Economic History and International Relations, October 1, 2024.
- Speaker, EU-Türkiye Reflection Group, “Shifting Dynamics: The Impact of the US Election on Europe, Türkiye, and EU-Türkiye Relations” organized by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, December 17, 2024.
- Convener, SUITS expert roundtable on Syria, December 20, 2024.

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- Johan Carlström (TT), [“‘Turkiet-kännare: ’Väldigt positivt.’”](#) Svenska Dagbladet, January 16, 2024
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- Adrian Ericson and Jesper Sundén, [“Turkisk Sverigekritiker: Kommer rösta ja till Sverige.”](#) Svenska Dagbladet, January 22, 2024
- [“Turkietkännaren: Det mesta talar för ett ja – kan gå fort nu.”](#) TV4, January 22, 2024
- [“Detta händer nu: Turkiets omröstning om svenska Natomedlemskapet.”](#) SVT Nyheter, January 22, 2024
- [“Victor Orbán bjuder in Kristersson till Ungern: Förhandla om Nato.”](#) Aftonbladet, January 23, 2024
- [“Orbáns reaktion efter kravet: Bjuder in till ‘förhandlingar.’”](#) TV4, January 23, 2024
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- [Ekot](#) and [Studio Ett](#), Sveriges Radio, October 24, 2024
- Marit Sundberg and Frida Bergkvist, [“Flera döda i misstänkt terrorattack nära Ankara.”](#) Dagens Nyheter, October 24, 2024
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## Samuele C.A. Abrami

Samuele C.A. Abrami joined SUITS as a visiting doctoral scholar for three months between April and July 2024. During this period, supported by a CM-Lerici grant and supervised by Director Paul Levin, he finalized the interviews and writing process for his PhD thesis on Turkish Foreign Policy after two years of extensive fieldwork. Meanwhile, he also worked on two articles: "The EU's Engagement with the Global South" for CIDOB International Yearbook 2024 and "Turkey's 2024 municipal elections. A turning point for democratic resilience?" *Mediterranean Politics*, 2025, 1–13 (with Gasco, R., & Esen, B).

Samuele is now a 2024/25 Mercator-IPC Fellow at the Istanbul Policy Center (Turkey), where he is working on his project "A New Way for Strategic Partnerships? Italy-Turkey Relations and the EU's Security Architecture." Close to defending his PhD at UCSC in Milan, he is also a subject expert and lecturer in the master's in Middle Eastern Studies program. He is a research assistant at the International Center for Contemporary Turkish Studies and Ce.St.In.Geo. Samuele has been a visiting fellow for two years at Sabancı University in Istanbul, conducting field research for his project on Turkish foreign policy. He also works on Turkey's domestic politics, relations with the EU and the wider Mediterranean, and broader issues concerning European and MENA security dynamics. Samuele is part of the Turkey-Europe Future Forum, the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey, the German-Italian Spinelli Forum, and the Rome Foreign Policy Club (ECFR-Italian MFA).

## Imren Borsuk

Dr. Imren Borsuk is an interdisciplinary scholar specializing in migration, ethnic conflict, development studies, and urban politics with a specific focus on Turkey and its diasporas. She is visiting researcher at Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies. Prior to this, she was an Einstein Researcher at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

She recently led a project examining the shifting dynamics of diaspora protests in response to the global rise of authoritarianism, with a particular focus on Turkey's diaspora communities. Her work also explores the implications of democratic backsliding on social coexistence and violence, including comparative analyses of deeply divided societies like Turkey and Northern Ireland. She conducted fieldwork during her PhD in Turkey and Northern Ireland interviewing politicians, civil society representatives and local activists about ongoing violence and security concerns in local level in the aftermath of conflict resolution processes. Her works on Northern Ireland demonstrate the changing aspects of violence and security in Northern Ireland in the aftermath of conflict resolution process.

Additionally, she has contributed to development studies with a focus on gender and intersectionality. She investigated the neoliberalization of development projects, gendered and racialized dispossession, and the social consequences of urban development initiatives. She has extensive research experience in several countries including Turkey, Germany, Sweden and the UK. Her publications appear in leading journals and publishers like *Environment and Planning*, *European Urban and Regional Studies*, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, and *Palgrave*. In addition, she has received several prestigious fellowships, including the Einstein Research Fellowship and the Swedish Institute Scholarship.

## Activities

- Speaker "SWEMENA Annual Conference 2024" Lund University, 22-23 August 2024.
- Presenter, Stockholm University Institute of Turkish Studies, May 2024
- Speaker, QUB HAPP Centre for the Study of Ethnic Conflict, September 2024

## Howard Eissenstat

Howard Eissenstat, joined SUITS in May and June of 2024 as a visiting senior researcher. During this time, he participated in a Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey and worked on a draft essay on the various uses of race in early Turkish nationalist discourse. He is the Laurentian Associate Professor of History at St. Lawrence University, where he teaches courses on Middle East History and Politics.

Eissenstat received his Ph.D. in Modern Middle East History in 2007 from UCLA, where he wrote his dissertation on the interplay between Muslim identity and Turkish nationalism in the late Ottoman Empire and early Turkish Republic. He did a post-doc at the Crown Center at Brandeis University in 2008-09, before coming to St. Lawrence University in 2009. In addition, Eissenstat served as a Turkey Country Specialist for Amnesty International, USA between 2006 and 2017 and was primary author of the Turkey section of the *Freedom House Annual Report* from 2018-20. He was a senior non-resident scholar at the Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED) from 2017-20 and has been a non-resident scholar at the Middle East Institute since 2022.

He writes on contemporary Turkish domestic and foreign policy, especially on issues of rule-of-law, minority rights, and the reshaping of political culture under the AKP. Recent works include an edited volume with Gönül Tol, *Turkish Views: Crisis and Opportunities for Turkey* (2023); “The U.S. will be buying our textile exports!: ‘Özal, Reagan, and Neo-Liberalism,’” in Alp Yenen and Erik Jan Zürcher, eds, *A Hundred Years of Republican History: A History in a Hundred Fragments*, (Leiden, 2024), and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan: From ‘Illiberal Democracy’ to Electoral Authoritarianism,” in Klauss Larres, ed., *Dictators and Autocrats: Securing Power across Global Politics* (Routledge, 2021).

Eissenstat has given lectures for the U.S. military and for both the Foreign Service Institute of the U.S. Department of State and the Canadian Foreign Service Institute. He has given formal testimony to the Canadian Senate and the U.S. Congress. He has written commentary for *Slate*, the *Washington Post*, *World Politics Review*, and *Reuters*, among many others.

## İlker Kalın

İlker Kalın joined SUITS in late November as a visiting scholar. As part of the work on his project, 'The LGBTQ+ Participation and Polarization within and outside the Collective Dissent in Turkey,' he conducted field research in Ankara, Turkey which was funded by the IPRA Foundation Peace Research Grant.

İlker Kalın received his PhD in Political Science from Wayne State University in 2018 and was a postdoctoral researcher at the Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research (CFPPR) at Bilkent University from 2023 to 2024. His research agenda focuses on political violence, nonviolent action, gender, and military socialization, with a current emphasis on Turkey. Kalın’s work has been published in *International Interactions*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, and *Freedom House*. He is recipient of several prestigious awards and grants, including the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC) Online Teaching Fellowship (2022–2023), the IPRA Foundation Peace Research Grant (2024), and the Research and Innovation Authority of Slovakia (VAIA) Fellowship (2025–2026). In addition to his research, Kalın also served as the co-managing editor of *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace* from 2023 to 2024."

## Seren Selvin Korkmaz

Seren Selvin Korkmaz is an affiliated doctoral researcher at Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS) and expects to receive her PhD degree in 2025 from the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at Stockholm University. Korkmaz is co-founder and co-director of the İstanPol Institute, a think-tank based in İstanbul. She held the position of founding executive director from January 2018 until November 2023. She is currently a Mercator-IPC Fellow at İstanbul Policy Center of Sabancı University.

Between 2023 and 2024, Seren Selvin Korkmaz served as a political specialist at the U.S. State Department, advising on Turkish politics at the U.S. Consulate General in İstanbul. In 2024, she was honored as a Turkey Europe Future Fellow, an initiative by Mercator Stiftung and TUSİAD. In 2023, she received the prestigious Marshall Memorial Fellowship from the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Her prior roles include non-resident scholar at the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C., Fox International Fellow at Yale University, and research fellow at the Swedish Research Institute in İstanbul. As a political analyst and advisor,

she works closely with international and domestic stakeholders, providing expert insights on a wide array of issues, with a particular focus on Turkey's internal political dynamics, emerging trends, and key developments.

Korkmaz has been actively involved in various academic and non-governmental initiatives since 2013, aiming to connect civil society, academia, and public policy through her research and policy recommendations. Up until 2017, she served as the Turkey director for the Political and Social Research Institute of Europe (PS: EUROPE), an institute she co-founded, based in Austria and Turkey. She is currently a member of several working groups on Turkey-EU relations, Turkey-US relations, and the future of democracy.

She earned her B.A. and M.A. from the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Boğaziçi University. Korkmaz has taught at Stockholm University and served as a guest lecturer at esteemed institutions, including the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute. Her research focuses on populism, political parties, voter behavior, election strategies, opposition dynamics in autocratic regimes, transatlantic relations, and Turkey-U.S. relations.

Korkmaz has published a large number of commentaries, policy papers and academic articles and coordinated various projects on Turkey's political dynamics. She is a frequent political commentator in both Turkish and international media outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, *Deutsche Welle* and the *Wall Street Journal*. She has delivered invited talks at prestigious institutions such as Stanford University, the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., IFRI, ISPI and the Delphi Economic Forum, Brandweek İstanbul, among others. Korkmaz has organized and participated in meetings with Turkish, European, and U.S. stakeholders to enhance transatlantic relations.

## Publications

- Journal Article: “The Role of the Opposition in Autocratization Process: The Case of Turkey” *Third World Quarterly*, May 2024.
- Journal Article: Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi ve İttifaklar Siyaseti, *Doğu-Batı*, 110, 2024

## Activities

- Workshop: “[Dynamic opposition under autocratization: the case of Turkey](#), CEU Democracy Institute, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, September, 27-28, 2024. Budapest
- Conference: “[Unpacking CHP's 2024 Victory: The Winning Playbook, Shifts, and What Lies Ahead!](#)”, French Institute of International Relations (IFRI), October 23, 2024. Paris
- Conference: “[The Beginning of New Politics](#)”, Brandweek, November 7, 2024. Türkiye
- Conference: [The Role of Political Actors in Subverting and Defending Democracy](#) ” Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, November 20, 2024. Brussels
- Awarded: IPC-Mercator Fellowship.
- Awarded: Mercator EU-Turkey Future Forum Fellowship 2024

## Communication

- Guest: “[Siyaset gündeminde kabine değişikliği “Yeniden Murat Kurum” diyen AKP seçmeni değişime ikna eder mi?](#)” *Cumhuriyet*, July 2, 2024.
- Guest: “[Suriye, Sinan Ateş Davası, Erken Seçim, Kabine Değişikliği](#)”, *Sözcü Televizyonu*, July 2, 2024.
- Guest: “[Bengü Şap Babaeker ve Bahadır Özgür ile Nasıl Olacak?](#)”, *Halktv*, July 13, 2024.
- Guest: “[Emekliye Ek Zam, Vergi Paketi, Erdoğan, Bahçeli](#)”, *Sözcü Televizyonu*, July 16, 2024.
- Guest: “[Erdoğan'ın Hamlesi, Erken Seçim, CHP'den Sandık Baskısı](#)”, *Sözcü Televizyonu*, July 27, 2024.
- Guest: “[Dilan Polat'ın Tahliyesi, Özgür Özel, Kılıçdaroğlu, Erdoğan](#)”, *Sözcü Televizyonu*, August 20, 2024.
- Guest: “[Bengü Şap Babaeker ve Bahadır Özgür ile Nasıl Olacak?](#)”, *Halktv*, August 24, 2024.
- Guest: “[Olaylara karışmadan iktidar olmak](#)”, *Alan*, August 30, 2024.
- Guest: “[Özgür Özel, Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, CHP, Erdoğan, AKP, Emeklilik](#)”, *Sözcü Televizyonu*, August 31, 2024.
- Guest: “[CHP'de Cumhurbaşkanlığı İçin Yarış Niye Bu Kadar Erken Başladı?](#)”, *Habertürk TV*, September 23, 2024.

- Guest: “[Erdoğan, AKP, İmamoğlu, Enflasyon, İsrail - Lübnan Savaşı](#)”, **Sözcü Televizyonu**, October 5, 2024.
- Guest: “[Yeni Bir Çözüm Süreci Mi Başlıyor?](#)”, **Habertürk TV**, October 11, 2024.
- Guest: “[Gökmen Karadağ ile Açıkça](#)”, **Halktv**, October 12, 2024.
- Guest: “[Siyasette "3. Madde" Polemiği Nereden Doğdu?](#)”, **Habertürk TV**, October 14, 2024.
- Guest: “[Çözüm Süreci İle Yeni Süreç Arasındaki Fark Ne Olacak?](#)”, **Habertürk TV**, October 27, 2024.
- Guest: “[Gökmen Karadağ ile Açıkça](#)”, **Halktv**, November 2, 2024.
- Guest: “[Ahmet Özer'in Tutuklanması Yeni Süreci Baltalar Mı?](#)”, **Habertürk TV**, November 2, 2024.
- Guest: “[Asgari Ücret Ne Kadar Olacak?](#)” **Habertürk TV**, November 5, 2024.
- Guest: “[Kayyum Gerilimi, Merkez Bankası Enflasyon Tahmini, TÜİK](#)”, **Sözcü Televizyonu**, November 9, 2024.
- Guest: “[Devlet Bahçeli'nin Öcalan Çağrısı'nda Şifreler Neler?](#)”, **Habertürk TV**, November 15, 2024.
- Guest: “[Teğmenler Kılıçlı Yemin Ardından İhraç Mı Edilecek?](#)”, **Habertürk TV**, November 19, 2024.
- Guest: “[Cansu Canan ile Hayata Dair](#)”, **TV100**, November 28, 2024.
- Guest: “[MB'den Sahte Dolar Açıklaması... Sahte Dolar Krizinde Son Durum Ne?](#)”, **Habertürk TV**, November 29, 2024.
- Guest: “[Asgari Ücrete Ne Kadar Zam Yapılacak?](#) ”, **Habertürk TV**, December 3, 2024.
- Guest: “[Gökmen Karadağ ile Açıkça](#)”, **Halktv**, December 19, 2024.
- Guest: “[2025 Asgari Ücreti Ne Kadar Olacak?](#)”, **Habertürk TV**, December 20, 2024.
- Guest: “[Asgari Ücret, Suriye'de Son Durum, Erdoğan ve Trump](#)”, **Sözcü Televizyonu**, December 21, 2024.

## Reuben Silverman

Reuben Silverman was postdoctoral Researcher at SUITS (2022-2024). His work focuses on the political and economic history of Turkey during the 1950s, as the country became integrated into American-led security and economic institutions. He aims to understand how this process of integration affected the process of democratization during these years. While at SUITS, he revised his dissertation (“Becoming Little Americans? Economic Integration and Social Polarization in Cold War Turkey, 1950-1960”) into a monograph manuscript. It is now under contract with Cambridge University Press.

He earned a PhD in Middle Eastern history from University of California, San Diego (2014-2022) and an MA in International Relations from the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies (2010-2012). He has published in peer-reviewed journals including [Middle East Journal](#), [Turkish Studies](#), and [Middle East Studies](#). As well as in online magazines intended for academics ([Jadaliyya](#)), policymakers ([Turkey Analyst](#)), and the general public ([Foreign Policy](#)). He also contributes regularly as a host to the New Books Network's [Middle East Studies](#) podcast. His essays have been collected in three books, *Turkey's Ever Present Past: Stories from Turkish Republican History* (2016), *Politics in Turkey: Parties, Politicians and the Struggle for Power* (2018), and *Borderline Personalities: Lives at the Political, Social, and Geographic Edges of Modern Turkey* (2021), all published by Libra Press.

## Publications

- “Victory, Even in Defeat: Ümit Özdağ, Sinan Oğan, and the Enduring Influence of the Turkish Far- Right,” in *Elections and Earthquakes: Quo Vadis Turkey*, edited by Nikos Christofis, 105-116 (Transnational Press, 2024)

## Activities

- Coordinator of the 9th annual symposium of the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey. “Turkey, Europe, and the limits of liberal normativity”, University of Copenhagen, 21-23 November 2024.

## Communication

- “Local Elections Were a Loss for the AKP, Were They a Victory for the Opposition?” *Turkey Analyst*, April 15, 2024: <https://tinyurl.com/3f3psevk>
- “Why Turkey Took Its Time on Sweden,” *Foreign Policy*, January 28, 2024: <http://tinyurl.com/2dmb4wk2>

- “Can Turkey Both Stand Up to Israel and Do Business with It?” *Turkey Analyst*, January 12, 2024: <http://tinyurl.com/4jvzp2jc>
- Interview of [Samuel Hirst](#) on **New Books Network**, September 28, 2024
- Interview of [Bilge Yeşil](#) on **New Books Network**, July 28, 2024
- Interview of [Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky](#) on **New Books Network**, April 23, 2024
- Interview of [Alexander Christie-Miller](#) on **New Books Network**, March 8, 2024
- Interview of [Alp Yenen](#) on **New Books Network**, February 5, 2024

## Jenny B. White

Jenny White is Professor Emerita at SUITS. She was called to this position in August 2016 by Stockholm University’s President from a position as full professor at Boston University. She retired in September 2022. She holds a PhD in anthropology from University of Texas at Austin and an MA in social psychology from Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey. Her research interests are political anthropology, urban anthropology, Islam and Islamic politics, ethnicity, identity, nationalism, migration, gender, civil society, the family, Middle Eastern society and politics, and historical memory, with emphasis on Turkey and Muslim minorities in Europe.

She was president of the American Anthropological Association Middle East Section from 2004 to 2006 and president of the Turkish Studies Association from 2004 to 2006 (now Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association). Professor White was associate professor (1996-2013) and then full professor (2013-2016) at Boston University. Before that, she was assistant professor at University of Nebraska (1992-1996). Her latest book, with art by Ergün Gündüz, *Turkish Kaleidoscope: Fractured Lives in a Time of Violence*, was published in May 2021 by Princeton University Press. She has published three other scholarly books on Turkey. *Muslim Nationalism and the New Turks*, Princeton University Press, November 2012 (copyright 2013, 2nd edition 2014), was chosen by *Foreign Affairs* as one of three 2012 Best Books on the Middle East. *Islamist Mobilization in Turkey: A Study in Vernacular Politics*, University of Washington Press, 2002, won the 2003 Douglass Prize for best book in Europeanist anthropology, awarded by American Anthropological Association Society for the Anthropology of Europe. *Money Makes Us Relatives: Women's Labor in Urban Turkey*, Austin: University of Texas Press, 1994, was published in a Second Edition by Routledge, London, 2004. She has published numerous articles and book chapters. She has been a reviewer for 18 granting agencies internationally, 13 publishers, and 24 scholarly journals. She is on 8 advisory or editorial boards.

She has served since 2019 as the Vice Director Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST) and on its Academic Board (2015-present).

### Activities:

- Discussant and Chair, CEST 2024 Symposium: "Turkey, Europe, and the Limits of Liberal Normativity", panel on "Illiberal Oppositions in Turkey and Europe", November 22, Copenhagen.
- Chair, Conference on "Space and Agency in Contemporary Muslim Piety", Nordic Research Network, Sigtuna Stiftung, 8-10 April, 2024
- Invited Speaker, "Turkey's Green Screen: Modernity as Erasure and Projection", Orient Society, Stockholm, February 26, 2024.

## Former Suits Postdoctoral Researchers and Visitors

Start date	Scholar/Researcher	Current Location
2013	Murat Somer (2013-2014)	<i>Özyeğin University</i> (İstanbul, Turkey)
	Jozsef Fekete (2014-2014)	
2014	Diğdem Soyaltın (2014-2015)	<i>University of Aberdeen</i> (Aberdeen, Scotland)
2015	Bahar Baser (2015-2016)	<i>Durham University</i> (Durham, England)
	Ahmet Kaysılı (2015-2016)	<i>Ankara University</i> (Ankara, Turkey)
2016	Cengiz Çandar (2016-2022)	<i>Member of Turkey's Grand National Assembly, Representing the Province of Diyarbakır</i>
	Berna Ekal Şimsek (2016-2017)	<i>Altınbaş University</i> (İstanbul, Turkey)
	Aslı Postacı (2016-2017)	
	Shokoufeh Arvin (2016-2017)	
2017	Åsa Eldén (2017-2018)	<i>Uppsala University</i> (Uppsala, Sweden)
	Bilge Yabancı (2017-2018)	<i>Ca' Foscari University of Venice</i> (Venice, Italy)
	Lorenzo d'Orsi (2017-2018)	<i>University of Foggia</i> (Foggia, Italy)
2018	Pinar Sayan (2018-2020)	<i>Beykoz University</i> (İstanbul, Turkey)
	Erol Sağlam (2018-2019)	<i>Medeniyet University</i> (İstanbul, Turkey)
2020	Bengi Ruken Cengiz (2020-2021)	<i>Non-Resident Expert at IstanPol (Istanbul Political Research Institute)</i>
2022	Reuben Silverman (2022-2024)	
2024	Samuele Abrami (2024)	Mercator-Istanbul Policy Center Fellow

## 2024 Calendar of Events

### January

- *SUITS Policy Brief 2024:1* published (Sinem Adar, "[EU-Turkey Relations: Between Cooperation and Conflict](#)")

### February

- Jenny White presents at the Orient Society in Stockholm
- Paul Levin gives a seminar at the [Swedish Research Institute](#) in Istanbul

### April

- Jenny White chairs a panel at the Conference on "Space and Agency in Contemporary Muslim Piety" organized by the [Nordic Research Network](#)
- Paul Levin speaks at the annual meeting of the [Center for Applied Turkish Studies Network](#) at the [Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik](#) in Berlin.
- Paul Levin [speaks](#) at the Panel discussion organized at the ABF-huset in Stockholm by ABF, the [Olof Palme International Centre](#), and the OSCE Network in Sweden.

### May

- SUITS co-convenes the [Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey](#) (CEST) 2024 Workshop in Stockholm with the [Center for Applied Turkish Studies Network](#) to discuss [Turkey-EU Relations](#)
- Paul Levin delivers the keynote lecture at the annual meeting of the [Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul](#) at Uppsala University
- Reuben Silverman speaks at the Higher Seminar in International Relations at the [Department of Economic History and International Relations](#), Stockholm University
- Imren Borsuk presents at SUITS Higher Seminar.

### June

- *SUITS Policy Brief 2024:2* published (Aron Lund, "[A Summer Offensive? Explaining Turkey's Saber-rattling on the Iraqi Border](#)")

### August

- Imren Borsuk speaks at the "SWEMENA Annual Conference 2024" at Lund University

### September

- Imren Borsuk spoke at Queen's University Belfast HAPP Centre for the Study of Ethnic Conflict

### October:

- Paul Levin speaks at the Higher Seminar in International Relations at the [Department of Economic History and International Relations](#), Stockholm University

### November

- The University of Copenhagen and SUITS jointly convene the [annual conference](#) of the [Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey](#) (CEST) in Denmark
- Ümit Kurt from the [Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study](#) (SCAS) [spoke](#) at a research seminar at Stockholm University co-hosted by SUITS and the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul.

### December

- *SUITS Policy Brief 2024:3* published (Burcu Binboğa, "[European Waste Trade with Turkey: Roadmap to Sustainability or a False Promise?](#)")
- Paul Levin speaks at the EU-Türkiye Reflection Group, "Shifting Dynamics: The Impact of the US Election on Europe, Türkiye, and EU-Türkiye Relations" organized by the German Marshall Fund of the United States
- SUITS expert roundtable on Syria (online).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Academic Publications

- Silverman, Reuben. (2024). "Victory, Even in Defeat: Ümit Özdağ, Sinan Oğan, and the Enduring Influence of the Turkish Far- Right," in *Elections and Earthquakes: Quo Vadis Turkey*, edited by Nikos Christofis, 105-116 (Transnational Press, 2024)
- Korkmaz, Seren Selvin. (2024). "The Role of the Opposition in Autocratization Process: The Case of Turkey", *Third World Quarterly*, May 2024.
- Korkmaz, Seren Selvin. (2024). "Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi ve İttifaklar Siyaseti", *Doğu-Batı*, 110, 2024

### Non-Academic Publications

- Levin, Paul T., "[DN Debatt. 'Två missförstånd präglar debatten om Sverige och Nato'](#)." Op-Ed in *Dagens Nyheter*, January 7, 2024
- Ian O. Lesser, Paul T. Levin, Kadri Taştan, Özgür Ünlühisarcıklı. (2024). "Prospects for EU-Türkiye Foreign Policy Cooperation at a Time of Geopolitical Turbulence." *GMF Policy Brief*, April 5.
- Levin, Paul T., "[DN Debatt: USA:s och EU:s största misstag sedan Irakkriget.](#)" Op-Ed in *Dagens Nyheter*, April 16, 2024
- Levin, Paul T., "Turkey's navigation in a multipolar security landscape," in *CATS Network Perspectives* June 13, 2024: <https://www.cats-network.eu/publication/turkeys-navigation-in-a-multipolar-security-landscape-1>
- Silverman, Reuben, "Local Elections Were a Loss for the AKP, Were They a Victory for the Opposition?" *Turkey Analyst*, April 15, 2024: <https://tinyurl.com/3f3psevk>
- Silverman, Reuben, "Why Turkey Took Its Time on Sweden," *Foreign Policy*, January 28, 2024: <http://tinyurl.com/2dmb4wk2>
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## 2024 Financial results

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