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## Highlights from the fall



Book Launch for "Migration from Turkey to Sweden: Integration, belonging and transnational community"

The publication of the collection of scholarly essays edited by **Paul T Levin** and **Bahar Baser**, SUITS Senior Visiting Scholar (2015-6), was marked by a panel discussion at Medelhavsmuséet which included co-authors **Constanza Vera-Larucea**, **Charles Westin** and **Aryo Makko**.



Jenny White inaugurated as professor, giving a series of high-profile lectures

**Jenny White** officially became Extraordinary Professor, meaning she was called to join the faculty by the Vice-Chancellor, and gave a series of lectures on patterns in Turkish political culture as well as the keynote address at the inauguration ceremony held in Stockholm City Hall.

[Watch the video of her speech](#)



**Cengiz Candar wins CEFTUS Appreciation Award**

The Centre for Turkish Studies (CEFTUS) celebrated its 6th anniversary by holding a gala on 8 October 2017. Among the honoured was **Cengiz Candar**, Distinguished Visiting Scholar at SUITS.

The CEFTUS Appreciation Award was given to him for being a "seeker of truth" in his journalistic work in war zones.

## EVENTS

Our partnership with the Swedish Institute for International Affairs (UI) continues to produce thought-provoking events and attract robust audiences.



När demokratin dör: Vad kan Sverige och EU göra för Turkiet?

Panel discussion with **Paul T Levin**, **Anne Ramberg**, **Pernilla Ståhlhammar**, **Aras Lindh** and **Bitte Hammargren**, moderator.

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Geopolitical Realignments: Turkey in an unstable region

Panel discussion with **Michael Sahlin**, **Marc Pierini**, **Bitte Hammargren**, and **Paul T Levin**, moderator.

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## Seminars

- **Helena Hermansson** (Swedish Defence University), 'Collaborative Disaster

Management in Turkey'

- **Emre Caliskan** (University of Oxford), 'Turkey as a Weak State'
- **Isa Blumi** (SUITS), 'Settling Globally: The logistics of history and the consequences of refugees'
- **Bilge Yabanci** (SUITS, Open Society), "How Ruling Populists in Turkey and Macedonia (FYROM) Sacralize the Majority"
- **Kemal Kirişci** (Brookings Institution), 'Turkey and the West: Fault lines in a troubled alliance'

## MEET OUR VISITING RESEARCHERS



### **Dr Bilge Yabanci**

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

Dr Yabanci's current research project is focused on the fragmentation and polarisation of civil society in Turkey at a time when the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) is cracking down on the freedoms of expression, association, and assembly. Her research interests also include populism, ruling populist parties, illiberal governance and authoritarianisation, contemporary Turkish politics and EU-Turkey relations. She is also an Open Society Fellow.



### **Dr Åsa Eldén**

VISITING SENIOR RESEARCHER

Dr Eldén is currently conducting research on Swedish reform/development cooperation with Turkey in collaboration with Dr Paul T. Levin. Her work, both within and outside of academia, has a geographical focus on Turkey, Sweden and the Middle East, and a thematic focus on gender equality, gender based violence, honour violence, media, women's human rights, and the women's movement.

The core mission of the Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS) is to contribute to a broad and well informed understanding of Turkey and Turkish affairs in academia, civil society, government, and the private sector in Europe as well as the rest of the world.



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