

# Annual Report 2020

Stockholm University Institute for  
Turkish Studies (SUITS)



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## INTRODUCTION

The Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies – (SUITS) is an independent cross-disciplinary research institute within the social sciences and humanities academic fields. SUITS was established on 1 October 2012 and publicly inaugurated on March 12, 2013. The institute is in the first instance a research institute but also runs educational programmes in collaboration with the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies, where the institute is located. Research at the institute primarily concerns international relations and diaspora studies; society and history; and human rights and democracy, with a focus on Turkey and the Turkish-origin diaspora.

A key mission for SUITS is to contribute to a deep and nuanced knowledge of Turkey among researchers, opinion makers, business leaders, and the general public in Scandinavia and Europe. This is achieved through the production of high quality research, together with externally directed activities in the form of open lectures, conferences, workshops and appearances in the media, wherein the research findings are disseminated.

## ORGANIZATION

The institute is placed at the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies (AMT, previously named the Department for Oriental Languages) at Stockholm University's "Kräffriket" campus, but has its own regulations, management, and budget, and constitutes a separate unit of accounting within the department. On 26-11-2020, the President of the university decided that SUITS from 2021 will be moved and placed at the Department of Economic History and International Relations, which will also entail a move from the Faculty of the Humanities to the Faculty of the Social Sciences. Throughout 2020, the institute stayed put at AMT but planning for the move was underway.

The institute is managed by its Director, Paul T. Levin, who is appointed by the President of Stockholm University. The Director is employed full-time as a researcher, and charged with managing the institute in accordance with the decisions made by a Board consisting of four Stockholm University Professors together with a Chair (Professor Johan Kleman). The Board meets at least once per semester and approves a budget along with an activity plan as well as the annual report.

In 2020, ten people were associated with the institute, including six full-time employees. Two employees worked in support roles (administration and communication); others worked as researchers (two professors, one researcher, one senior lecturer, one distinguished affiliated fellow, two postdoctoral researchers, and one doctoral student).

## Personnel

### Board

#### *Chair:*

Johan Kleman                      Professor, Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology, Vice-Chancellor's Advisor on Strategic Partnerships (on temporary leave during 2019).

#### *Vice chair:*

Gunnar Svensson                Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy.

#### *Members:*

Helena Bodin                      Professor, Department of Culture and Aesthetics  
Mark Rhinard                      Professor, Department of Economic History and International Relations  
Inga Sanner                        Professor, Department of Culture and Aesthetics  
Jonas Tallberg                      Professor, Department of Political Science

## Management and administration

*Director / Researcher:*

Paul T. Levin (100%)

*Administrator:*

Pinar Basol (50%)

*Communicator:*

Kimberly M. Parke (20%)

## Research faculty

*Professors:*

Jenny B. White (100%)

Hans Ingvar Roth (100%)

*Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor:*

Isa Blumi, Docent (20% from July 2019)

## Visiting & Affiliated scholars

*Distinguished Visiting Scholar:*

Cengiz Çandar (50%)

*Swedish Institute senior visiting scholar:*

Dr. Ahmet Gürata (100%)      Funded by SU, Scholars at Risk initiative

*Affiliated Researcher:*

Dr. Imren Borsuk

Dr. Borsuk holds a Critical Thinking Residency Fellowship at EUME-Berlin

*Swedish Institute Post-doctoral Research Fellow:*

Dr. Bengi R. Cengiz (100%)

*Doctoral Student:*

Seren Selvin Korkmaz  
(100%)

Thesis topic: Populism and attitudes toward migration: A comparative study between Turkey and Sweden.

## FOLLOW-UP OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR 2019-2020

The novel Coronavirus pandemic affected the conditions for SUITS activities quite significantly during 2020. Staff and faculty shifted to working from their homes, teaching at the department switched to online teaching, and other events were temporarily paused while we searched for ways to arrange online workshops and conferences.

## Description of organization

### Vision – Middle to long-term

The Operational plan for 2019 & 2020 states the following vision for SUITS:

SUITS should be an internationally leading centre of excellence that attracts researchers from all over the world and from a wide range of disciplines. This research environment will conduct specialist research in the humanities and social sciences, convey a deeper and more nuanced understanding of Turkey and Europe to a global audience, and serve as the hub of a global network of researchers with a special interest in Turkey.

In the Operational Plan for 2019-2020, these visions of the institute's future were divided into a number of short-term and interim targets under four headings: Research; Staff and faculty; Management, funding, administration, and facilities; and Communication & collaboration. The following estimation of target achievement for the respective area is based on a qualitative assessment of the past year's activities in the light of the established targets.

### Research

The primary objective for the 2019-2020 operational plan was to maintain a high-quality, international, and productive research environment for interdisciplinary Turkish Studies at Stockholm University. This entailed attracting visiting scholars, maintaining a high publication output, and producing more high-quality grant applications. The novel Coronavirus pandemic significantly changed the context and conditions for achieving these objectives and target attainment was affected as a result, but the institute's faculty and staff worked throughout the year to adapt to the new circumstances and overall, the primary objective was satisfactorily achieved.

During 2020, SUITS took over the leadership over the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST), one of the leading European academic associations in the field of Turkish Studies. Leading this consortium over the next three years will serve as a big step towards actualizing the vision of establishing SUITS as an internationally leading centre of excellence in our field. The pandemic meant that plans for a CEST winter symposium and a summer school for 2020 had to be postponed. SUITS invested during the year in a training and planning workshop for CEST members intended to help them move these activities online 2021. Work on a special issue resulting from the 2018 symposium in Stockholm continued, and the publication is set for early 2021. Further description of research activities can be found below.

### Staff and faculty

The 2016 target to recruit skilled staff and research faculty had been met by the start of 2019. The operational plan for 2019-2020 identified the need to maintain focus on recruiting high quality visiting researchers. This objective was reached during 2019. Visiting researchers remain a key aspect of SUITS' strategy to conduct top quality research in its three main research areas, whilst strengthening its reputation among the best young

talent in the field. During 2020, the pandemic presented challenges for continuing to attract visiting faculty. Several planned long-term visits, including one by a senior international scholar, were postponed due to travel restrictions. In response to the changed circumstances, funding for existing postdocs were extended and enabled them to extend their stays at the institute.

## **Management, funding, administration, and facilities**

One of the prioritized objectives for 2019-2020 was to improve administrative procedures and protocols for ensuring efficiency, predictability, legal certainty, and transparency in SUITS' activities. Significant work to reach this objective was pursued during 2019, whereas during 2020 much of the effort was focused on adapting the institute's activities to the new realities of the pandemic as well as a reevaluation of the institute's organization and funding model.

The institute has experienced a significant reduction of revenues due to the conclusion of the initial five-year agreements with existing external strategic partners and the challenge of securing additional partners in light of the current economic and political situation in Turkey. The institute's revenue shortfall is also due to a reduction in the size of the core annual grant from the university. While the financial result for 2018 was positive, the result for 2019 was negative and the existing negative capital grew.

A second prioritized objective identified in the Operational Plan for 2019-2020 was therefore to secure additional funding for the institute's activities. The Director actively pursued this goal with the support of staff from the university's External Relations and Communications department. The Director and faculty members were successful in securing external grants during 2019 but the underlying deficit remained.

In light of this situation, SUITS initiated a dialog with university management about the situation, which led to a university oversight of the institute's placement and funding. As a result of this oversight, the President of the university on 26-11-2020 decided that SUITS be transferred to the Department of Economic History and International Relations following a restructuring of the institute's organization and finances. Preparations for this move and transformation will be ongoing throughout 2021 and the intended move is planned for January 2022.

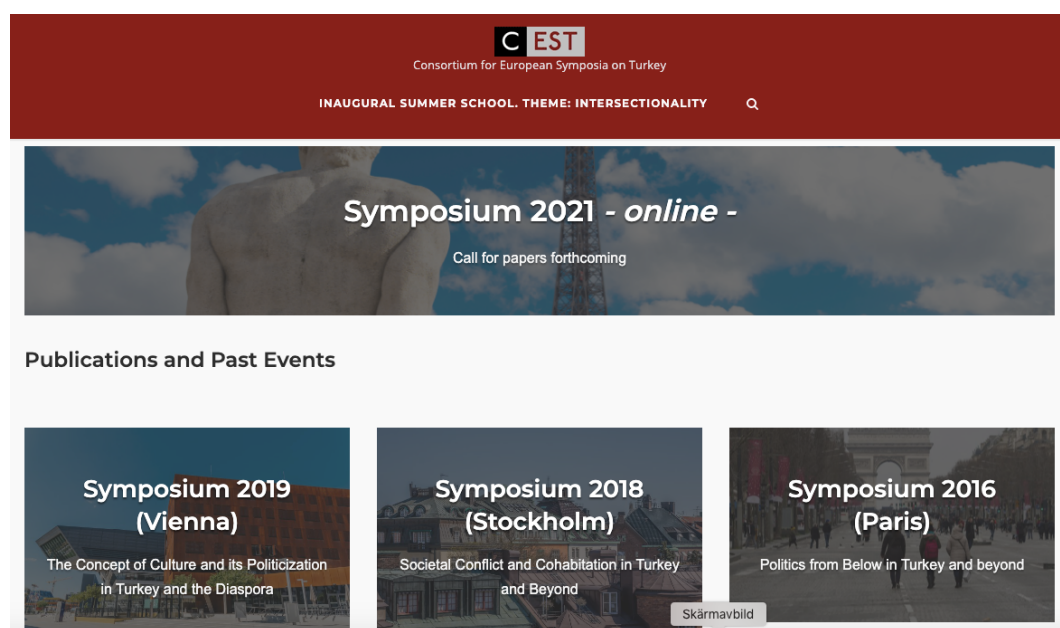
## **Communication & collaboration**

The Operational Plan for 2019-2020 set out the objective to establish SUITS in public discourse beyond Sweden as an important and unbiased source of knowledge in matters relating to Turkey.

In pursuit of this objective, SUITS faculty has participated in international conferences and regularly publish in international media outlets and international peer reviewed journals/presses. During the pandemic, some of these activities were postponed or canceled, but much of it went online. See individual faculty member reports below for more information about such activities.

SUITS is also leading the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey, and during 2020, SUITS communicator Kimberly Parke set up a new website for CEST. Such activities

helped further publicly establish the institute as one of the internationally leading research environments in our field.



New website for CEST

In accordance with its communication strategy, SUITS regularly publishes up-to-date information, public events and articles on the website and on social media including Facebook and Twitter. It also produces a biyearly newsletter and continues to grow its audiences.

Apart from its presence in the media, the institute and its faculty have pursued collaboration with its surrounding community in several ways. The partnership with Utrikespolitiska institutet (the Swedish Institute for International Affairs) continued and even though the pandemic meant that fewer events were held during 2020, a well-attended book launch was held in collaboration with UI.

SUITS also entered a collaboration with the internationally renowned Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). The collaboration concerns a recurring series of roundtable discussions with leading Scandinavian and international experts on topics concerning Turkey and European Security. The first two events in the series were held in 2020 on the conflicts in the Eastern Mediterranean and in Libya, respectively. Further events are planned for the coming year.

## Description of Operations

### Research

Over the years, SUITS has responded actively to the changing context in Turkey, and much of the research conducted at the institute has come to be aimed at helping shed light on the major political transition that the country has been undergoing. So, while political

turbulence in Turkey and the Middle East has led to an increased focus on contemporary politics and international relations, the institute's research profile has also come to be centred on diaspora studies, society, history, politics, human rights, and democracy. This changed focus does not quite match the original division into three research areas that were set up in the institute's first statutes.

In the context of a review of the all statutes of research centres and institutes by the university, the management of SUITS has therefore proposed a minor revision of the main research areas of the institute, in order to better match the existing research. According to the proposed new statutes, SUITS shall primarily conduct research in three broad research areas, connected to Turkey:

1. International Relations and Diaspora Studies
2. Society, Politics and History
3. Human Rights and Democracy

A final confirmation of these areas from the university's review is not yet at hand at the time of writing. Still, research is currently conducted in all three of these areas, as can be seen in the researcher profiles that follow.

## Researchers at SUITS and their activities

### Paul T. Levin

Dr. Paul T. Levin is Docent in International Relations and the founding Director of the institute. His research interests include Turkish studies, international relations, and comparative politics, and his publications include *Turkey and the European Union: Christian and Secular Images of Islam* (Palgrave, 2011) and *Migration from Turkey to Sweden: Integration, Belonging and Transnational Community* (I.B. Taurus, 2017, co-edited with B. Baser). He is also co-editor of *Turkish Studies from an Interdisciplinary Perspective*, edited together with Sinan Ciddi, *Turkish Studies*, (2014), Vol. 15. No. 4.

Since December 2019, Paul is Director of the Consortium for European Symposia of Turkish Studies (CEST). He is also an Associate Researcher at the Swedish Institute for International Affairs, a Research Fellow at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, and a member of the German Marshall Fund's Trilateral Strategy Group. He has given invited lectures in countries around the world, is regularly consulted by the Swedish government on Turkish affairs, and frequently appears in Swedish and international media. He holds a Ph.D. in International Relations and an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Southern California.

Paul previously served as Program Director for Governance and Management Training Stockholm University, has been a recurring guest lecturer at Oxford University's Programme for Leadership and Public Policy and the TIAS Nimbas Business School's Executive MPA Programme, and a Visiting Scholar at the School of Government at Sun Yat-sen University.

During 2020, SUITS and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) initiated a collaboration on a series of roundtables on Turkey and European Security. Paul is SUITS's representative in that collaboration.

Paul is a member of the Steering committee for the Doctoral Theme Space and Place in the Humanities at Stockholm University, which is a collaboration between several departments within the humanities at the university, and he contributed to the teaching of courses within the theme.

## *Publications*

Paul's recent publications include:

Borsuk Eroğlu, Imren and Paul T. Levin (Guest Eds. Forthcoming, expected publication date 2021). "Coexistence and Conflict under the Pressures of Authoritarianism" special issue of *South East European and Black Sea Studies*. At the time of writing, all articles for this special issue have been accepted by reviewers and are in the process of being published. Expected publication is March or April 2021.

Levin, Paul T. and Imren Borsuk Eroğlu. (forthcoming). "Coexistence and Conflict under De-democratization in Turkey" in Borsuk Eroğlu and Levin (forthcoming).

Levin, Paul T. (2019). "What's Driving Turkey's Foreign Policy?" in Doyle Hodges (Ed.) Policy Roundtable: The Future of Turkey's Foreign Policy, Texas National Security Review, October 24, 2019, pp. 38-51. <https://tnsr.org/roundtable/policy-roundtable-the-future-of-turkeys-foreign-policy/> [PUBLICATION INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION]

Levin, Paul T. (2019). "Consequences of Othering: Virtuous Cycles and Downward Spirals in Turkey-EU Relations" in Aydin-Düzgit, Senem, Romana Königsbrun, Bahar Rumelili and Johanna Chovanec (2019). *Between Rapprochement and Rejection: Identity and Culture Drivers in the Europe-Turkey Relations*, Istanbul: Istanbul Policy Center, pp. 22-26. This short paper builds on my book chapter in Tekin (2018). <https://ipc.sabanciuniv.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/BetweenRapprochementandRejection.pdf>

## *Media Appearances*

Multiple interviews and appearances. Below a selection of key appearances during 2020.

Al Monitor, 30 December 2020, Interview: "[Top Turkish Court Rejects Appeal for Release of Philanthropist Kavala](#)" by Diego Cupolo.

Arab News, 22 December 2020, Director Interview: "[Survey: Is polarization Turkey's fate?](#)"

Svenska Yle, 12 December 2020, Interview: "[Isolerade Turkiet firade segern i Azerbajdzjan men tvisterna med EU och USA djupnar](#)"

Arab News, 5 December 2020, Paul T Levin, Interview: "[Istanbul turns to foreign funding as state banks close their doors to city](#)"

Helsingborgs Dagblad, 22 November 2020, Interview: "[Pressad Erdogan hoppas plötsligt på Europa](#)"

Aftonbladet Daily, 16 October 2020, Interview: "[Är vi nära ett krig i Medelhavet?](#)"

Sveriges radio, 13 October 2020, Interview: "[Medelhavet: Turkiet sänder forskningsfartyg till grekisk ö](#)"

Aftonbladet Daily podcast, 16 september 2020, "[Är vi nära ett krig i Medelhavet?](#)"

SIEPS Podcast, 15 september 2020, "[#4 Östra Medelhavet - Kris med många ansikten](#)"

**Sveriges radio**, 27 July 2020, Interview: "[Sökande efter gasfyndighet ökar spänningar mellan Grekland och Turkiet](#)"

**SVT**, 26 July 2020, Interview: "[Livlig gaykultur stryps i Turkiet – experten reder ut](#)"

**Sveriges radio**, 24 July 2020, Interview: "[Hagia Sofia återinvigs som moské i Istanbul](#)"

**ETC**, 24 July 2020, Interview: "[Hagia Sofia – en del av Erdogans maktspel](#)"

**Sveriges radio**, 13 July 2020, Interview: "[EU:s utrikesministrar diskuterar Turkiets höjda tonläge](#)"

**Arab News**, 06 June 2020, Interview, "[Turbulent times in parliament: A new normal for Turkish politics?](#)"

**Dagens Nyheter**, 27 April 2020, Interview: "[Turkisk minister: Vi hämtade covid-19-sjukman i Sverige](#)"

**ETC**, 16 March 2020, Interview, "[Osäkerhet om coronavirusets spridning i Turkiet](#)",

**Kristianstadsbladet**, 29 February 2020, Interview, "[Desperat försök att få EU:s uppmärksamhet](#)"

**SVT**, 29 February 2020, Interview, "[Turkiet öppnar gränsen mot Europa för migranter](#)"

**Aftonbladet**, 29 February 2020, Interview, "[Desperat försök att få EU:s uppmärksamhet](#)"

**Expressen**, 29 February 2020, Interview, "[Turkietforskaren om att Turkiet öppnar gränsen: 'Ett desperat försök'](#)",

**Svenska Dagbladet**, 7 February 2020, Interview, "[Stridsmakter stampar vid hotfull Syrienfront](#)"

**SVT**, 2 January 2020, Interview, "[Turkiet godkänner att skicka militär för strid i Libyen](#)"

## Teaching

During 2019, Paul was the head teacher in the course Modern History of the Middle East (7 credits), gave a Ph.D. level course on Populism in the Middle East, and helped kick off the Ph.D. Theme at Stockholm University on Space and Place in the Humanities with an introductory lecture. Paul is a member of the steering committee of the Doctoral Theme, which is a collaboration between several academic departments at the university and contributed to a seminar at the Department of History in a course belonging to this theme during 2020.

## Reviewing

Paul evaluated special issue proposals as a member of the International Advisory Committee of the journal *Turkish Studies*.

Discussant (together with Bahar Baser, Coventry University), Ph.D. defense at The Faculty of the Humanities, Spyros Sofos's dissertation, *The Meanings of the People in Turkish Politics: A Genealogy*, Copenhagen University (via Zoom), December 7, 2020.

Discussant, Ph.D. defense at The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences /. Halil Gürhanlı's dissertation, *Beyond Populism: From Scholarship to Politics in "New" Turkey*, University of Helsinki (via Zoom), 16 June 2020.

## Activities

Speaker, "Dimensions of Polarization in Turkey 2020" December 22, 2020, arranged by the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

- Emre Erdoğan, Professor of International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University
- Nora Fisher Onar, Assistant Professor of International Studies, University of San Francisco
- Paul Levin, Director of the Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS), Stockholm University

On December 3, Paul arranged and moderated the third installment of Network Turkey's "Online Talk on Turkey", on the topic of "Turkey's Brand of Authoritarianism."

- Şebnem Gümüşçü, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Middlebury College
- Berk Esen, Assistant Professor of International Relations, Sabancı University
- Moderator: Paul Levin, Director of the Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS).

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Digital Seminar: Turkey's brand of authoritarianism with Şebnem Gümüşçü, Berk Esenç, moderator Paul T. Levin 3 December, 16:00-17:00 CET (18:00 Turkey, 10:00 NY).

Registration Required: <https://hu-berlin.zoom.us/j/7wocuusrTstHteGKblO08YHE1i...>

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3 488 Personer som nättas  
56 Interaktioner  
Marknadsför inlägg

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Kommentera som SUITS Stockholm Univers...

"Isolated and combative: Turkish foreign policy and the conflict in the Eastern Mediterranean" talk at the Uppsala University Association of Foreign Affairs, October 7, 2020.

"Turkiet-vart är landet på väg?" Panel discussion on January 14, 2020 arranged by ABF-Stockholm.

- Paul Levin, Director of the Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS), Stockholm University
- Helin Sahin of the Olof Palme International Center
- Michael Sahlin, former Ambassador.

"Academic freedom in Turkey", presentation for the Scholars At Risk network at Stockholm University, October 11, 2020.

Paul was also actively involved in a collaboration with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute on

arranging a series of roundtables on Turkey and European security.

## Jenny White

Jenny White is professor at SUITS since August 2016 when she was called to this position by Stockholm university's Vice-Chancellor. 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*, will be 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 23 scholarly journals. She is on 8 advisory or editorial boards.

### Key Talks

Invited speaker, "The contribution of cultural anthropology to the understanding of contemporary history of Turkey." U Duisburg-Essen, November 19, 2020.

Invited participant, Virtual roundtable "*The Eastern Mediterranean as a contested maritime space*", SIPRI, September 28.

Invited speaker, "Authoritarian Leadership in Turkey," Washington Institute Turkey Seminar Series. September 16. Also moderator, September 23.

### Media Appearances

Religion Unplugged, "How The Hagia Sophia Decision Impacts Turkey, Minorities And Now, Syria", by Claire Sadar. July 30, 2020.

<https://religionunplugged.com/news/2020/7/30/how-the-hagia-sophia-decision-impacts-turkey-minorities-and-now-syria>

Al-Monitor, "Istanbul's Hagia Sophia holds first Friday prayers since reconversion to mosque," by Amberin Zaman. 7/24/2020.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/07/turkey-hagia-sophia-muslim-prayers-mosque-controversy.html#ixzz6TCYtW48P>

### Publications

#### Research and Writing Projects:

One of her current two overarching projects is to develop a social history of Turkey in the 1970s in order to derive insights into larger sociopolitical trends in Turkey and elsewhere. With the support of the 2019 RJ sabbatical grant and in conjunction with a Turkish artist, she wrote a serious graphic novel about the social history of the 1970s that is based, in large part, on oral history interviews. The book is finished and will be published in May 2021:

Turkish Kaleidoscope: Fractured Lives in a Time of Violence. With Ergün Gündüz, artist. Princeton University Press.

Her second ongoing project is to understand the role played in autocratic governance by public emotion and by a particular configuration of leadership and gift economy, involving patron-client networks often associated with corruption and deeply gendered. She has put together an international consortium of multidisciplinary scholars and has applied for an RJ Project grant, a VR grant, and an ERC Advanced grant.

**Grants applied for in 2020:**

- VR Vetenskap Rådet Research Grant: What makes Autocratic Rulers Popular? Entanglement of leaders and followers in Turkish Politics. (not funded)
- RJ Riksbanken Jubileumsfond Project Grant: Socio-political traditions of autocratic governance in Europe, Russia and Turkey (not funded)
- ERC Advanced Grant: Autocracy Database: What Makes Autocrats Popular? (No decision yet)

**Other Publications:**

“The Unbearable Lightness of Being Turkish,” In Knowledge, Authority and Change in Islamic Societies. Ed. By Allen James Fromherz and Nadav Samin. Leiden: Brill. (Forthcoming Jan 2021).

"Turkey in the 1970s: The Cultural Logic of Factionalism." In Turkey in Turmoil: Social Change and Political Radicalization during the 1960s. Ed. by Berna Pekesen. Berlin/Boston: Walter de Gruyter, 2020, pp. 305-324.

“Women in the 'New' Turkey,” In Turkey in Transition: The Dynamics of Domestic and Foreign Politics. Ed. By Gürkan Celik and Ronald Linden. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2020, pp. 109-121.

Book Review: "The Enduring Appeal of Autocrats", Cambridge Review of International Affairs. 2020, 33(6): 925-930.

**Service to the Profession:**

In 2020:

- Grant reviewer for Individual Fellowships at Université libre de Bruxelles.
- Book manuscripts reviewed for Stanford University Press and Princeton University Press.
- Articles reviewed for: Political Science Quarterly; Cambridge Review of International Affairs.

*Teaching*

- In Spring 2020, she taught an advanced level course, Themes in Middle East Ethnography: Discourse, Politics, Culture (ABMETH). 7.5hp
- In Fall 2020, she collaborated with and taught one section of HI1SPA3 Spaces and Identities, HT2020.
- In Fall 2020, she taught Social and Cultural Perspectives on Turkey ABGTFU, 7.5hp

At Stockholm University, she co-supervises two PhD students, Seren Selvin Korkmaz and Kim Jarle Wroldson.

## Hans Ingvar Roth



Hans Ingvar Roth joined the SUITS faculty as Professor of Human Rights in January 2014. He holds a PhD in Ethics from Lund University, a Master of Letters in Philosophy from University of Oxford, a BA in Political Science, Philosophy, Peace and Conflict Studies from Uppsala University and an M.A. in History and Religious Studies from Stockholm University. Roth is also docent (associate professor) in Ethics at Lund University.

He has written extensively on human rights, affirmative action, minority rights, multicultural education and epistemology. Among his publications are the books *Conceptions of Knowledge and Scepticism* (1992), *The Multicultural Park – A Study of Common Values in School and Society* (1999), *Identitet och pluralism (Identity and Pluralism)* (2002), *Särbehandlingens dimensioner* (2004), *Mångkulturalismens utmaningar* (2005), *Vad är mänskliga rättigheter?* (2007) *Diskriminering* (2008),

*Mångfaldens gränser* (2010) and *Är religion en mänsklig rättighet* (2012) (*Is Religious Freedom a Human Right?*). *När Konfucius kom till FN* (2016) was published in Swedish and English in 2016. An English and extended version was published by University of Pennsylvania Press in 2018 (*P.C. Chang and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*).

Prior to joining SUITS, Hans Ingvar Roth worked as Professor in human rights studies at Lund University (chair), senior lecturer in Religious Studies at Linköping University, researcher at the Centre for Multiethnic Studies at Uppsala University, Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Justice, as Human Rights Officer for OSCE in Bosnia and as secretary in the parliamentary committee on discrimination laws. Roth has also been a member of the Swedish Cultural Council (Non-fiction committee). Roth is active as a public intellectual in the daily press, especially in the national newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.

### Articles, Conferences and Courses

#### Articles for anthologies

”Human Rights: Four Lessons from the Pandemic in a Post-Pandemic World » in anthology edited by Tony Fang & John Hassler (London: Emerald Publishing) forthcoming 2021.

- ”P.C. Chang and Charles Malik – the Two philosophers of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights” in Tony E.Nasrallah (ed.) *The Seventy Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. Beirut: University of Notre Dame Press.
- ”Normalitet och undantagstillstånd” i Karin Brygger & David Karlsson (red.) *Covid 19 och kulturen*, Göteborg: Korpens förlag (2020)
- ”Mänskliga rättigheter – kamp i motvind” *Världspolitikens dagsfrågor* nr 10/2020
- ”P.C. Chang och hans kosmopolitiska liv” i *Orientaliska studier*, Nr 161, 2020.
- ”Pengchun Zhang och FN:s förklaring om de mänskliga rättigheterna”, *FokusKina 2020:1*

### Conferences

- ”Finland, Sverige, Norge i det multilaterala samarbetet”, värdar: utrikesministrarna Pekka Haavisto, Ann Linde och Ine Eriksen Søreide, Hananlys, Hanaholmen, Esbo, 6.2, 2020
- ”Globalization, Business & Society in Pandemic Times”, Zoom conference, May 14-15 arranged by Department of Business, Stockholm University.
- ”Chinese & European Resources for a Global Ethics » arranged by Insitute for Security and Development Policy, 11-12 November, Webinar Zoom.
- ”Democratic Backsliding – In the Shadow of a Pandemic”, Zoom conference, 1 December, arranged by Association for Development Issues, Uppsala.

### Courses:

- Challenges to Human Rights from a Global Perspective (Postgraduate course), Springterm 2020.
- Human Rights in Asia, Middle East and Turkey (post-graduate course), Fall 2020
- Higher seminar with PhD. Candidate Seren Selvin Korkmaz, Institute for Turkish Studies (spring and fall terms 2020).

### Media Appearances

#### I tidskriften Dixikon (Göteborg) populärvetenskap

- ”Demonstrationernas år 2019” - 1/01/20

#### Svenska Dagbladet Understrecket

- ”Illavarslande diagnos på hela sjukvårdssystemet – om rätten till hälsa” 17/12-20
- ”USA under Trump har tappat i mjuk makt” 28/10 -20
- ”Symboltungt skifte i frihetens förlovade land” 15/10-20
- ”Samarbete är lösningen på katastrofens problem” 17/7 -20
- ”Så kan våra rättigheter urholkas av pandemin”, 18/4-2020
- ”WHO skapades för att besegra pandemierna” 26/3-20
- Modis politik söndrar det pluralistiska Indien” 26/2 -20

### Isa Blumi

Isa Blumi has been Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor at SUITS since October 2015. He was made a Docent in 2018 by Stockholm University. He gained his Ph.D. from New York University in 2005 from the Departments of History and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies in a Joint Doctoral Program. He has an MA in Political Science and Historical

Studies from the New School for Social Research (1995). Author of 6 monographs, 3 dozen articles and editor of 2 volumes, Isa Blumi is a specialist in the modern Middle East (Ottoman Empire), Islamic world politics and history; the anthropology of Islam; Yemen, Turkey, the Balkans, Southeast Asia and migration.

Prior to coming to Stockholm he was employed at Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA USA) History Department and Middle East Studies (2006 to 2015) and promoted to Associate Professor 2011. Was also at Leipzig University, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Area Studies (2010-2014), American University of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates), Department of International Studies, Assistant Professor (2005-2006) and Visiting Professor (2007, 2013), He also served as a Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto from January-April 2017, LMU-Munich in 2018 and American University of Sharjah 2020.

Books include: *Destroying Yemen: What Chaos in Arabia tells us About the World* (University of California Press, 2018); *Ottoman Refugees, 1878-1939: Migration in a Post-Imperial World* (Bloomsbury Academic, November 2013); *Foundations of Modernity: Human Agency and the Imperial State* (Routledge, July 2012); Co-editor (With Hakan Yavuz), *War & Nationalism: The Balkan Wars (1912-1913) and Socio-Political Implications* (University of Utah Press, August 2013); *Reinstating the Ottomans: Alternative Balkan Modernities, 1800-1912* (Palgrave, May 2011); *Chaos in Yemen: Societal Collapse and the New Authoritarianism* (Routledge Advances in Middle East and Islamic Studies series, 2010).

## *Publications, Books and Monographs*

### **Publications:**

Book *Destroying Yemen* (2018) received following review:  
Asian Review of World Histories (Winter 2020).

### **Peer-reviewed journal articles**

- “Amerika'da Balkanlar'ın Kültürel Elitinin Paradoksal Dağılımı: Sona Kadar Bir Osmanlı Arnavut Hikayesi,” *Kebikeç* (Ankara) Vol. 50 (2020), 261-284.
- “An Ottoman Story Until the End: Reading Fan Noli’s Post-Mediterranean Struggle in America, 1906-1922,” *Journal of Balkans and Black Sea Studies* Vol. 3 Issue 5 (2020), 121-143.
- “The Albanian Question Looms Over the Balkans Again.” *Current History* 119/815 (March, 2020): 95-100. <https://doi.org/10.1525/curh.2020.119.815.95>.

### **Volume Articles:**

- “Imam Muhammad al-Badr,” in *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3rd Edition (Brill: 2020).
- “Yemen, Imperialism in,” in Ness I., Cope Z. (eds.) *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism* (Cham-Palgrave-Macmillan, 2020) [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-91206-6\\_51-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-91206-6_51-1).

### **Book Reviews**

- Ahmed El Shamsy, *Rediscovering the Islamic Classics: How Editors and Print Culture Transformed an Intellectual Tradition* (Princeton University Press, 2020) *Choice* (April, Vol. 58 Issue 8, 2021).
- Michael Keating and Matt Waldman (eds.) *War and Peace in Somalia: National Grievances, Local Conflict and Al-Shabaab* (Hurst, 2018) *Journal of Northeast African Studies* Vol. 20 No. 1 (2020), 169-173.

- Harun Küçük, *Science without Leisure: Practical Naturalism in Istanbul, 1660-1732* (Pittsburgh University Press, 2019) *Choice* (September, Vol. 58, Issue 1, 2020).
- Selim Deringil, *The Ottoman Twilight in the Arab Lands: Turkish Memoirs and Testimonies of the Great War* (Academic Studies Press, 2019) *Choice* (April June, Vol. 57 No. 10, 2020).
- Kousar Azam (ed.), *Indian Ocean: The New Frontier* (Routledge, 2019) *Choice* (February Vol. 57 No. 6, 2020).

## Key Talks

- “Cultivating Knowledge, Sowing Destruction: North Atlantic Scholarship during the Cold War, the cases of the Balkans and South Arabia” presented to US Think Tanks and Foundations in *World Politics: The Nexus of Knowledge and Power* webinar, Department of International Studies, City University of London, 4 December 2020 (London, UK).
- “Pay to Play: Imperial Adventure Literature on Ottoman Albania and Arabia, 1800-1933” AIS Workshop: *Travelogues of the Ottoman Empire in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries*, organized by Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, 27 November 2020 (Jena, Germany).
- “Identifying the Proximate Diaspora Experience in the long 20<sup>th</sup> century American Industrial City” lecture hosted by Center for Study of Migration, University of Toronto at Mississauga, 29 October 2020 (Toronto, Canada).
- “Putting Yemen’s War in a Global Context: AnsarAllah’s Resistance to the Business of Empire,” lecture commissioned by MA Peace Action, University of Massachusetts-Boston, 20 August 2020 (Boston, USA).
- “The Lens of Modernity: Rethinking Europe’s Engagement with Muslims in the Balkans,” invited lecture hosted by Center of Global Studies, Philosophy Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, 30 June 2020 (Prague, Czech Republic).
- “Istanbul: The East Mediterranean’s Conduit of Arab/Balkan Emigrational Exchange,” *Arabicities of Istanbul: Setting the Research Agenda*, French Institute, 14 February 2020 (Istanbul, Turkey).

## Media Appearances

### Interviews for Podcasts

- “Sudan and the Red Sea Region,” Episode 194, *Around the Empire* (Newark, NJ.) November 17, 2020. Extra Question for Subscribers: “Empire interrupted....the US Elections and their Global Consequences”  
<http://aroundtheempire.com/2020/11/17/ep193-sudan-red-sea-region-isa-blumi/>
- “Evolving Geopolitical Landscape in the Middle East,” Episode 180, *Around the Empire* (Newark, New Jersey) September 1, 2020. Extra Question for Subscribers: “Will China be the Savior for the Global South?”  
<http://aroundtheempire.com/2020/09/01/ep180-evolving-geopolitical-landscape-in-middle-east-isa-blumi/>
- “AnsarAllah’s Resistance to the Business of Empire, A webinar with Dr. Isa Blumi,” Invited to present before Massachusetts Peace Action Group (Boston, August 20, 2020).  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ct2vjfm4kGE>
- “Destroying Yemen with Isa Blumi,” Interview with *From Alpha to Omega* Episodes #129-130 (Dublin, August 16, 2020).

## *Research projects*

- Working with research group based at Stanford University on "Borderlands and the Environment in History;"
- Member of research group "Istanbul as an Arabcity" organized by the French Academy-Istanbul;
- Collaborator and co-applicant in multi-year project, "Decolonizing Hellas: Imperial Pasts, Contested Presents, Emancipated Futures, 1821-2021" (Jointly organized with Anthropology Department, American University of Beirut, The Decolonizing Initiative, Brown University, and the Social Anthropology Department, University of Thessaly).
- Coordinator of research projects on indigenous Islamic practices (legal, ceremonial, cultural) in the Balkans and East Africa (with editorial responsibilities for another 7 regional studies) The World Muslim Communities Council, Geneva/Abu Dhabi (Switzerland and UAE). 2020 (budget: \$200,000).
- Currently serving as Member of Editorial Board, A Journal of Balkan and Black Seas Studies; Member of the Swedish Academy Collegium; Academy Council at Czech Academy of Sciences; Scientific Board, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Çanakkale Turkey.
- "Appointed Expert," European Commission in Brussels, European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant, Sub-field "Study of the Human Past" (SH6).
- Expert Peer Evaluator of Promotion and Tenure Candidate, University of California at Davis, Department of History, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Chancellors Office.
- Evaluator for the American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant Competition.
- Member, Review Committee for Grant Proposals (Final Stages) at the American Academy in Berlin.
- Advisor to Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research based in Braunschweig, Germany. Produce analysis over the next three years of national textbooks in History and the Social Sciences, throughout the candidate countries (Bosnia, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, North Macedonia, Georgia, and Ukraine).

### PhD Supervision in Stockholm:

Erik Sundblad, "Interpreting the Qur'an in the Modern Era: The Qur'anic Hermeneutics of the Qur'an Alone Movement in Egypt," Department Asian, Middle Eastern, and Turkish Studies (Stockholm University) Supervisor, in progress.

Co-Supervising PhD students at UCLA, University of Antwerp, LMU, Leuven, Graduate Institute (Geneva); University of Toronto. While on leave from Stockholm, taught the following undergraduate courses as Visiting Professor, Department of International Studies

Undergraduate courses: *The 20<sup>th</sup> Century World; Globalization; The Modern History of the Gulf; America and the Middle East; A Modern History of Palestine; UAE-Studies; The Ottoman Empire*

### *Other highlights*

Pursuing a long-term multi-site, trans-regional study of imperialist borderlands that includes an investigation into Turkish-state support for investment in present-day Horn of Africa, the Indian Ocean world, Gulf, and the Balkans. The study considers the response from a growing Turkish state presence in these regions from other regional actors and indigenous “stakeholders” whose interests are directly affected. Hampered by COVID-19.

Named Coordinator of research projects on indigenous Islamic practices (legal, ceremonial, cultural) in the Balkans and East Africa (with editorial responsibilities for another 7 regional studies) The World Muslim Communities Council, Geneva/Abu Dhabi (Switzerland and UAE). Term ended Dec. 2020.

- Collaborator and co-applicant in multi-year project, “Decolonizing Hellas: Imperial Pasts, Contested Presents, Emancipated Futures, 1821-2021” (Jointly organized with Anthropology Department, American University of Beirut, The Decolonizing Initiative, Brown University, and the Social Anthropology Department, University of Thessaly).

### **Cengiz Çandar**

Cengiz Çandar is Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS) employed in 2016. From 2018, he is Senior Associate Fellow at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI) as well.

Çandar is a frequent commentator on Turkey, Kurdish issues and Middle East affairs in international newspapers, on TV, and in lectures at universities around the world including at Harvard University and University of Oxford.


He began his journalistic career as a journalist in 1976. He worked for the leading Turkish newspapers, currently regularly contributes articles to Al Monitor, a widely respected online magazine that provides analysis on Turkey and the Middle East. Çandar, from 1997 to 2010 worked as an adjunct professor at various Istanbul universities on the Modern History of the Middle East.

### *Research Projects*

Çandar’s main research project, a book around 400 pages under the title *Turkey’s Mission Impossible, War and Peace with the Kurds* was published by Lexington Books, an imprint of Rowman & Littlefield in Maryland, United States in June 2020. It is also published as an e-book. Its paperback version is expected to be published in 2021.

Contributed an edited book to be published by Routledge in 2021 with the chapter entitled Turkey in Syria: A Neo-Ottomanist or a Nationalist Moment for Erdoğan?

He is currently working on a project entitled Turkey's Neo-Ottomanist Moment 2020-2021, a detailed account of Turkey's assertive foreign policy under President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, its genesis and evolution.

 SUITS Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies ...  
Publicerat av Olle Parker · 10 december 2020 ·  
War and Peace with the Kurds. More information about the book:  
<https://www.suits.su.se/.../book-launch-cengiz-candar-s...> On that page  
you can also sign up for the newsletter and keep abreast of events,  
publications, and SUITS news.



59 Personer som nåtts 15 Interaktioner Marknadsför inlägg  
Gilla Kommentera Dela  
Kommentera som SUITS Stockholm Univers...

Article published by Turkey Analyst – Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies: The Kurdish “Other” and the American Enemy Ensure the Cohesion of Turkey’s Nationalist Regime, 14 February 2019

## Media Appearances

### Interviews

December 08, 2020  
With Bitte Hammargren on Turkey’s Mission Impossible, War and Peace with the Kurds

<https://www.ui.se/english/events/previous/2020/December/Turkeys-Mission-Impossible-War-and-Peace-with-the-Kurds/>

### Podcast

26 November  
Zoom Conference  
Biden’s U.S. and Erdoğan’s Turkey  
<http://ceftus.org/2020/events/ceftus-online-talk-titled-bidens-us-and-erdogans-turkey-with-cengiz-candar-and-dr-ayse-zarakol-of-cambridge-university/>  
(CEFTUS is Centre for Turkish Studies-London)

October 16  
Zoom Conference  
Armenia and Azerbaijan at War: Russia and Turkey – Friend or Foe?  
USC (University of South California) Center for Armenian Studies  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdUDq-Vu3ZA>

August 20  
With former Egyptian Foreign Minister Nabil Fahmy on Libya and the Turkish policy on the Eastern Mediterranean  
<https://tallbergfoundation.org/podcasts/sometimes-history-rhymes/>

July 15

Al Monitor's President, Andrew Parasiliti discusses Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Hagia Sophia, the Kurds, Turkey's Syrian quagmire and Cengiz Çandar's new book

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/podcasts/2020/07/cengiz-candar-discusses-his-new-book-turkeys-mission-impossible.html>

May 14

Situational Update on Turkey, UI Podcast

<https://soundcloud.com/user-312634401/situational-update-on-turkey>

#### **TV- Turkish Online Channels**

Medyascope- 11 June

Medyascope- 4 September

Medyascope- 6 August

Medyahaber TV – 24 June

Artı TV – 26 August

TV- Iraqi Kurdish Channels – in Kurdish language

Rudaw TV Interview. 27 June

Various Suleymaniyah-based Kurdish TV channels and BBC- 6 March 2019, Sulaimaniyah, KRG-Iraq

Kurdistan 24 TV interview. 19 November 2019. Dohuk, KR-Iraq

Rudaw TV Interview, 19 November 2019, Dohuk, KR-Iraq

#### **UI Utrikesmagasinet**

August 25

A Turkish Game of Thrones

<https://tallbergfoundation.org/articles/a-turkish-game-of-thrones/>

August 04

Turkey in the East Mediterranean and North Africa Geopolitics: Partnership and Controversy with the U.S., NATO and Russia

March 08

Erdoğan's War in Syria

Article published by Limes – Italian Journal of Geopolitics (in Italian)

#### **Article published by Turkey Analyst – Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies**

August 26

Turkey's Blue Homeland Doctrine: Signaling Perpetual Conflict in the Mediterranean and Rough Waters Ahead

#### **Articles published online Al Monitor, Washington, D.C.:**

December 11

European Union has vindicated Erdogan, yet again

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/12/turkey-european-union-mild-sanctions-proved-erdogan-right.html>

November 13

South Caucasus deal echoes plan from 30 years ago

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/11/turkey-russia-nagorno-karabakh-deal-armenia-azerbaijan.html>

October 28

How does Erdogan get away with it all?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/10/turkey-russia-united-states-libya-ceasefire-s400-tested.html>

October 9

What's next for Erdogan after Eastern Mediterranean and Caucasus?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/10/turkey-russia-armenian-azeri-war-erdogan-adventurist-policy.html>

September 15

Turkey back off in EastMed, but for how long?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/09/turkey-greece-east-mediterranean-standoff-tactical-step-back.html>

August 28

Is Erdogan trying to split NATO with his East Med gambit?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/08/turkey-eastern-mediterranean-standoff-may-spell-nato-end.html>

July 22

How has Russia forced Turkey to compromise on Libya?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/07/turkey-russia-libya-how-moscow-forced-ankara-to-compromise.html>

July 14

Erdogan plays out Islamic "Reconquista" with Hagia Sophia as backdrop

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/07/turkey-hagia-sopia-decision-erdogan-regional-ambitions.html>

July 02

Why hasn't the EU lifted the travel ban on Turkey?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/07/turkey-european-union-french-macron-coronavirus-travel-ban.html>

June 22

Bolton memoirs paint Erdogan, Trump as kindred spirits

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/06/turkey-united-states-bolton-book-reveals-erdogan-trump-ties.html>

June 11

Erdogan banks on Trump's friendship to deal with Libya

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/06/turkey-united-states-libya-erdogan-sees-ankara-needs-trump.html>

May 18

Turkey needs flexible foreign policy now more than ever

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/05/turkey-slams-egypt-united-arab-emirates-over-libya-syria.html>

May 07

Turkey's relative coronavirus success may turn sour amid looming economic crisis

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/05/turkey-balance-sheet-relative-success-in-coronavirus-economy.html>

March 26

Turkey and COVID 19: Is another Italy in the making?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/03/turkey-might-be-another-italy-in-the-making-coronavirus.html>

March 14

Could baby-faced rival of Erdogan be 'remedy' for Turkey's problems?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/03/turkey-erdogan-rival-babacan-deva-party-former-economy-czar.html>

March 06

Erdogan's dance with Putin: Humiliating but face-saving

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/03/turkey-russia-syria-idlib-deal-erdogan-accepts-regimes-gains.html>

February 26

Idlib exposes Erdogan's untenable policies

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/02/turkey-syria-russia-idlib-exposes-erdogan-untenable-policies.html>

February 13

Turkey grows erratic as clashes in Idlib escalates

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/02/turkey-syria-russia-idlib-escalation-unintended-consequences.html>

February 08

Erdogan, Putin endures marriage of convenience

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/02/turkey-syria-russia-erdogan-putin-marriage-of-convenience.html>

February 04

Escalation in Syria and Libya tests limits of Erdogan-Putin ties

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/02/turkey-russia-syria-libya-idlib-limits-putin-erdogan-ties.html>

January 22

Russian paper gives Erdogan poor marks at Libya peace conference

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/01/turkey-libya-egypt-summit-became-failure-story-for-erdogan.html>

January 08

Is Turkey "big winner" after Soleimani killing?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/01/turkey-iran-united-states-killing-soleimani-is-ankara-winner.html>

## Dr Ahmet Gürata

Ahmet Gürata is a senior visiting scholar at Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS), funded by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond/Scholars at Risk Network, from September 2020 to October 2021. He has received his PhD in Humanities and Cultural Studies at the London Consortium in 2003. Since then he has taught and supervised theses at universities in Turkey, UK and Norway. Gürata published research on cinema and modernization, cross-cultural reception, film cultures and audiences. His current research includes projects on comparative and digital film studies, documentary practice and the history of cybernetics.

### *Key publications*

Ahmet has worked at Bilkent University, Turkey and was a visiting professor at University of Agder, Norway between 2018-20.

#### **Publications:**

“Climate Change in Literature, TV and Film from Norway,” (with Reinhard Hennig, Julia Leyda, Anne Gjelsvik, Katie Ritson, Aasta Marie Bjorvand Bjørkøy and Sissel Furuseth), *Ecozon@: European Journal of Literature, Culture and Environment* 11:2 (2020): 8-16. [<https://ecozona.eu/article/view/3468/4485>]

"Sönmeleyen İmajlar (foreword)," in Harun Farocki, *İmajlarla Düşünmek*, trans. Erdem Üngür, İstanbul: Yort Kitap, 2020, pp. 6-13.

(<https://www.yortkitap.com/product-page/imagjlarla-d%C3%BC%C5%9F%C3%BCnmeK>)

### *Research projects*

57. Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival, Main Programmer for International Competition (<https://www.antalyaff.com/en/page/index/1/40>)

Producer, *A Season in Hell: Amedspor* (Director: Rezan Yeşilbaş) (documentary, in-production)

Co-producer, *Beriya Şeve (Before the Night)* (Director: Ali Kemal Çınar) (fiction, completed)

Editorial Advisory Board, *sinecine: journal of film studies*, 2009-present.

### *Key Talks*

“Scholars at Risk and Academic Freedom,” Stockholm Academic Forum Webinar, December 10, 2020.

“Hosting Researchers at Risk,” Inspireurope Webinar, December 9, 2020.

“Digital Archives and Comparative Film Studies,” Cinema Studies Research Seminar, Department of Media Studies, University of Stockholm, October 22, 2020.

“Film Okuma,” (Film Analysis) Antalya Altın Portakal Film Festivali Sinema Okulu, online, October 9, 2020.

### *Media appearances*

Article: “Greta Garbo’lu Bir İstanbul Hikayesi,” K24, December 2020

(<https://t24.com.tr/k24/yazi/greta-garbo-lu-bir-istanbul-hikayesi,3019>)

Interview with Bo Florin, K24, December 2020 (<https://t24.com.tr/k24/yazi/bo-florin-le-soylesi-isvec-sinemasinin-altin-caginda-oryantalist-bir-deneme,3020>)

Conversation with director Egil Larsen, LightSchool, Documentary Resource Initiative, December 2020 (<http://www.docresi.org/lightschool-conversations.aspx>)

Article: IDFA 2020 İzlenimleri, Altyazı, 12 December 2020 (<https://altyazi.net/yazilar/sevirdefteri/idfa-2020-izlenimleri/>)

Article: “Monokrom Hayaller, Küresel Beğeniler,” Altyazı, no. 201, November 2020 (<https://altyazi.net/dergi/anasayfa>)

Article: “Yurttaş Kane: Efsaneler Sarmalı” (Muhteşem İlk Filmler), Altyazı, no. 200, October 2020 (<https://altyazi.net/dergi/anasayfa>)

Conversation with director Kıvanç Sezer, Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival, October 2020 ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_5cF\\_ScqJzk&t=270s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5cF_ScqJzk&t=270s))

## Imren Borsuk

Dr. Imren Borsuk a EUME Fellow affiliated with Freie Universität Berlin and a visiting researcher at the SUITS. She specializes in the socio-spatial dimensions of nationalism, poverty and ethnic conflicts. She also worked for Transparency International-Turkey as a researcher and published studies on transparency and integrity in Turkey. She is the main editor of the special issue that analyzes the changing dynamics of societal conflicts and social coexistence in contemporary Turkey (2021, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*). She is currently preparing an edited book on ‘Resistance against Authoritarian Neoliberalism’ (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021) that analyzes the repertoires of resistance against authoritarian neoliberalism in Turkey. She is a recipient of the Critical Residency Fellowship, Swedish Institute post-doc scholarship, *Bourse d'Excellence* by the French Government and TUBITAK (Turkish Academy of Sciences) research fellowships among others. Her works have been published in *European Urban and Regional Studies*, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, Palgrave Macmillan, *Journal of International Relations (Uluslararası İlişkiler)*, *Transparency International publications*, *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*.

She also an active lecturer and organizer of academic and public events. She is a lecturer at the Middle East Modern History at Stockholm University. She is one of organizers the workshop series on ‘Inequality, Peace and Conflict in Turkey’. Currently, she is the coordinator of Summer School of the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST) funded by Stockholm University and Stiftung Mercator-Germany.

### Key publications

Borsuk, Imren and Levin Paul (Eds). January 2021. *Forthcoming*. Social coexistence and conflict during Turkey’s authoritarian transition. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*.

Borsuk Imren, Dinc Pinar, Sayan Pinar, Arslan Sinem. 2021 (eds). *Forthcoming*. *The Push Back: Resistance against Authoritarian Neoliberalism: Evidence from Turkey*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Borsuk, Imren. 2021. (*Under review*). Gendered dispossession and women’s changing poverty from squatter settlement into mass housing: A case study from Turkey. *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*.

Borsuk, Imren. 2021. *Forthcoming*. Review article: The Kurds in Erdoğan's Turkey. *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*

## *Research projects, reports and activities*

### **Reports**

Sonmez, Asuman; Borsuk, Imren; Hatipoglu, Yalin. 2017. İş Dünyası Şeffaflık Sistemi Türkiye Analizi. İstanbul: Uluslararası Şeffaflık Derneği (ISBN: 978-605-82771-0-6).

Sonmez, Asuman; Borsuk, Imren; Hatipoglu, Yalin. 2017. *Business Integrity Country Agenda-Turkey*. Istanbul: Transparency International Publications (ISBN: 978-605-82771-2-0).

### **Editorial Volumes/ Collection**

Borsuk, Imren and Levin Paul. January 2021. *Forthcoming*. (Eds) Social coexistence and conflict during Turkey's authoritarian transition. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*. (Edited special issue).

Borsuk Imren, Dinc Pinar, Sayan Pinar, Arslan Sinem (Eds). 2021. *Forthcoming*. *Resistance against Authoritarian Neoliberalism: Evidence from Turkey*. Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Original Peer-Reviewed Research Articles**

Borsuk, Imren and Levin Paul. January 2021. *Forthcoming*. Social coexistence and conflict during authoritarian transition. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*. (Edited special issue).

Borsuk, Imren and Eroglu, Ensari. 2020. Displacement and Asset Transformation from Inner-City Squatter Settlement into Peripheral Mass Housing. *European Urban and Regional Studies*. 27(2) 142 –155.

Borsuk, Imren. 2016. From War to Peace: Northern Ireland Conflict and the Peace Process. *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi*. 13 (50):41-57.

Borsuk, Imren. 2016. Violence and Security Concerns in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland. *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*. 5 (2): 47-62.

### **Review Articles**

Borsuk, Imren. 2021. *Forthcoming*. Review article: The Kurds in Erdoğan's Turkey. *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*

Borsuk, Imren. 2020. Review Article: Multiculturalism in Turkey: the Kurds and the State. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 43 (3): 547-549.

Borsuk, Imren. 2016. Review Article: Peace Process in Turkey from a Conflict Resolution Perspective. *Insight Turkey*. 18(3): 256-259.

### **Chapters in books, edited volumes, reports**

Borsuk Imren, Dinc Pinar, Sayan Pinar, Arslan Sinem. 2021. *Forthcoming*. Introduction. In Borsuk Imren, Dinc Pinar, Sayan Pinar, Arslan Sinem. *The Push Back: Resistance against Authoritarian Neoliberalism: Evidence from Turkey*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Borsuk, Imren. 2016. ‘Perspectives on Communal Violence against Kurds in Turkey’. In *Conflict, Insecurity and Mobility* (edited by Ibrahim Sirkeci, Jeffrey Cohen and Pinar Yazgan), London: Transnational Press (ISBN: 978-1-910781-09-8).

Borsuk, Imren. 2017. ‘Public sector integrity’ In *Business Integrity Country Agenda-Turkey* (edited by Asuman Sonmez, Imren Borsuk and Yalin Hatipoglu). Istanbul: Transparency International Publications (ISBN: 978-605-82771-2-0).

Borsuk, Imren. 2017. ‘Kamu Sektoru Şeffaflık Sistemi’ In *İş Dünyası Şeffaflık Sistemi Türkiye Analizi* (edited by Asuman Sonmez, Imren Borsuk and Yalin Hatipoglu). İstanbul: Uluslararası Şeffaflık Derneği (ISBN: 978-605-82771-0-6).

### **Talks**

2020 Gender and Political Economy in Turkey workshop, London School of Economics  
2020 Seminar, Free University of Berlin  
2020 EUME Seminars, Berlin, Germany  
2020, ZMO Workshop on Climate Change

### **Activities**

**Coordinator**, 2021 CEST Summer School  
**Lecturer**, 2020, Middle East Modern History

**Organizer**. (with Pinar Sayan, Pinar Dinc, Sinem Kavak), Workshop: Inequalities, Justice, Peace and Conflict in Turkey. 6-7 March 2020. Istanbul, Turkey.

**Organizer**, (with Pinar Sayan, Pinar Dinc, Sinem Kavak), workshop on “Inequalities, Peace and Conflict in Turkey” organized by Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies and Lund University Center for Middle Eastern Studies, at Stockholm, Sweden, 9–10 December 2019.

**Peer Reviewer**: Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi, All Azimuth, Social Politics, Journal of Sociology, State University of New York Press

She applied for Marie Curie Individual Fellowship in 2020 with Prof. Joost Jongerden.

She applied for research project grant of Riksbankens Jubileumsfond.

## **Bengi Ruken Cengiz**

Bengi R. Cengiz is a Visiting Researcher at Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies funded by a Postdoctoral Research Grant from the Swedish Institute’s Swedish-Turkish Scholarship Program. She received her BA degree in Political Science and International Relations from Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey and her MA degree in Human Rights from University College London, UK as a Jean Monnet fellow. Bengi Ruken Cengiz holds a PhD degree in Political Science from Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey. Her PhD research was funded by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK). During her stay at SUITS, she will focus on preparing two articles informed by her dissertation research and two research project proposals.

Her broader research interests include theories on democratization and authoritarianism, de-consolidation of democracy, regimes of citizenship, gender and political parties.

### *Earlier Publications and courses*

### **Earlier Publications**

Cengiz, Bengi R. and K. Kaplica. 2019. "Journalistic practice or citizen activism? Fact-checking in a polarized political climate in Turkey." In *Polarization, Populism, and the New Politics: Media and Communication in a Changing World*, Banu Baybars Hawks and Sarphan Uzunoğlu (eds.). Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 145-162.

### **Courses**

"Humanity and Society I-II (SPS 101 & SPS 102)," Foundation Development Program, Sabanci University, Spring and Summer 2019.

"Law and Ethics (SPS 303)," Foundation Development Program, Sabanci University, Summer and Fall 2018.

### *Activities*

#### **Research projects**

"Oppositional Mobilization in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes – Independent Women's Movement in Turkey as a Critical Case Study" – Submitted for funding to Vetenskapsrådet

#### **Courses taught**

"Modern History of the Middle East", Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies, Stockholm University, Spring and Fall 2020.

#### **Publications**

Cengiz, Bengi R. 2020. Review of *The Middle East in Transition: The Centrality of Citizenship*, by Nils A. Butenschøn and Roel Meijer (eds.), Edward Elgar. 2018. Democratization. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2020.1729745>

#### **Events**

Co-organized the event "Turkey's Brand of Authoritarianism: A Conversation with Berk Esen and Sebnem Gumuscu" as a part of the Online Talks on Turkey hosted by Network Turkey, Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies, Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST)

### *Key Talks*

Academic Conference: European Consortium for Political Research Virtual Conference, August 2020. Title of the talk: "Locating Democratic Resilience: Women's Movement as an Oppositional Actor in Turkey and Its Strategies for Resistance."

Academic Workshop: Unpacking 'the Opposition' in Undemocratic Regimes. Workshop organized by Università Degli Studi Di Torino; Culture, Politica, Società; Università Ca'Foscari Venezia. November 2020. Title of the talk: "Locating Democratic Resilience: Women's Movement as an Oppositional Actor in Turkey and Its Strategies for Resistance."

### *Media Appearances*

Op-ed titled "Ya sonra? Covid-19 Sonrasına Dair Bazı Sorular ve Olmayan Yanıtlar" published at Gazete Duvar on March 31, 2020.

<https://www.gazeteduvar.com.tr/forum/2020/03/31/ya-sonra-covid-19-sonrasina-dair-bazi-sorular-ve-olmayan-yanitlar>

## *Other Highlights*

### **Professional Development**

Finished the “Professional Development Courses in Teaching and Learning for University Teachers” offered by the Centre for Advancement of University Teaching (CeUL) at Stockholm University

Country Expert for Turkey for the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project at Gothenburg University

## **Seren Selvin Korkmaz**

Seren Selvin Korkmaz is a doctoral researcher in Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS) since May 2018. She is pursuing her Ph.D. degree in the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies at Stockholm University. Seren currently works under the doctoral supervision of Prof. Jenny White and Dr. Paul Levin. Seren is the co-founder and executive director of Istanbul Political Research Institute (IstanPol), an Istanbul-based think-tank focusing on democratization, human & social development, foreign policy. She is also a non-resident fellow at Middle East Institute in Washington D.C.

Seren Selvin Korkmaz obtained her BA and MA degrees from the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Boğaziçi University, Turkey. She spent the 2017-2018 academic year as a Fox International Fellow in the Middle Eastern Council of Macmillan International and Area Studies at Yale University where she has completed a non-degree graduate program. Her research interests include the political economy of exclusion, populism, class and identity politics, state-society relations and Turkish politics. Her current research focus on the origins of populism and responses from the left against populism their programs, and strategies. She has recently worked various research projects on the dimensions of polarization in Turkey, perception towards migrants and youth precarity in Turkey. Her previous research covers the social exclusion of Kurdish internal migrants in Turkey by focusing on the interrelations between space, identity and class in everyday life. She has contributed to the studies and administration of various NGOs and research centers and has also participated in various congresses, workshops and seminars as a speaker and an organizer. She co-founded Political and Social Research Institute of Europe (PS:EUROPE), an Austria- and Turkey-based research institute and served as Director of Turkey Office of the institute from 2015 to 2017. She is a political commentator frequently appearing both in Turkish and international media.

## *Activities and Publications*

### **Roles in Research Projects:**

Project Coordinator: Participation of Women in Politics in Turkey (ongoing in 2020)

### **Publications:**

Project Report: The Precarity of Youth in Turkey: The Perception of Work, Subsistence and Life, IstanPol Institute 2020.

### **Courses Taught:**

Minorities and Migration in MENA, Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies of Stockholm University (Spring 2020)

### **Other Services:**

Coordination of SUITS Research Seminars with Prof. Hans Ingvar (5 seminars per semester)

### *Key Talks*

“Reclaiming Democracy One Year After Turkey’s Local Elections” POMED (Washington D.C.) April 30, 2020. Online Conference.

“The Future of Populism and Democracy in a Post-COVID World” TUSİAD (Turkish Industry & Business Association) & Boğaziçi University Foreign Policy Forum, April 26 2020, Online Conference.

“Drive for Democracy: The Role of the Youth in the Age of Anxiety” Trilateral Strategy Group Meeting. GMF, Swedish Foreign Ministry and TUSİAD (Turkish Industry & Business Association), January 24 2020, Stockholm

“The Precarity of Youth in Turkey: The Perception of Work, Subsistence and Life” (with Alphan Telek), Inequalities, Peace, Conflict, and Justice in Turkey, Lund University & Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Turkey, 6-7 March 2020, İstanbul

“(Re)construction of National Identity in Istanbul: Urban Design as an Institutional Act of Forgetting and Remembering”, 5th Cambridge AHRC DTP International Conference Theme: Form and Forgetting, Online Conference September 21-23, 2020.

### *Media appearances*

Interview: Youth situation in Turkey: The future concerns of young people are increasing, *EuroNews*, 28 January 2020

Interview: Who will the new generation vote for // Budget Program with Can Coşkun, *Halk TV*, 13 February 2020

Interview: Panel Discussion: The impact of new parties on politics - Interview with Seren Selvin Korkmaz and Reha Ruhavioğlu, *Medyascope TV*, 13 August 2020

Interview: Can HDP be closed off? | *Halk TV*, 9 October 2020

Interview: Weekend Politics with Seren Selvin Korkmaz: Views of the undecided voters regarding the new parties, *Medyascope TV*, 19 December 2020

### **Op-eds**

Sanders' strategy to accelerate the left in the US, *GazeteDuvar*, 29 February 2020

Could Turkey’s opposition provide a model for the defeat of populist authoritarian rule?, *OpenDemocracy*, 11 May 2020

Monday Briefing: Erdoğan and the “symbolic war” over Hagia Sophia., *Middle East Institute*, 13 July 2020

Turkey’s democratic resilience under populist authoritarian rule., *Middle East Institute*, 17 August 2020

Is it possible to create a new alliance strategy for Turkish opposition. *Perspektif*, 13 January 2021

### **Mentioned-News**

Man’s death stirs debate about policies in Turkey, *ArabNews*, 10 February 2020

The 'precarious' can be the most important political actor, *Cumhuriyet*, 6 April 2020

Turkish opposition mayors outshine Erdogan with 'kindness' campaigns, *Financial Times*, 22 June 2020

Political Scientist Seren Selvin Korkmaz: The opposition should be the one that sets the agenda, *Evrensel*, 18 July 2020

"Opposition must play the icebreaker ", *Bianet*, 15 December 2020

## Event Calendar

### Research Seminars

**Bengi Ruken Cengiz** (Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, SUITS), "When everybody else is silent: Women's movement as an oppositional actor in Turkey and its strategies for resistance"

**Alp Eren Topal** (University of Oslo), "Revivalism, Messianism and Charismatic Political Leadership: Some Reflections on the Turkish Case"

**Ayşecan Terzioğlu** (Sabancı University), "Pandemic as the New Normal: The actors and narratives in the Turkish COVID-19 crisis"

**Lisel Hintz** (John Hopkins University), "Turkey's Identity Struggles: Inside-Out, Online, and Onscreen"

### Open Lectures and Events

#### **Book Launch: *Cengiz Candar's Turkey's Mission Impossible***

2020-12-08

When Turkey moved into the modern era as a nation-state, it brought with it the denial of Kurdish identity. This denial created a seemingly intractable "Kurdish question" that has been marked by numerous revolts and decades of insurgency.

In his new book Cengiz Çandar - journalist, former presidential advisor and public intellectual – blends a historical account of the Kurdish question in Turkey with his own experiences and insights into the politicians and fighters involved. Paying close attention to the repeatedly failing peace processes, Turkey's Mission Impossible challenges conventional views on Turkey and provides a nuanced picture of how we arrived at now.

This event was co-hosted by Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies and the Swedish Institute of International Affairs.

#### **Online Talks on Turkey**

2020-12-03

A conversation with Şebnem Gümüşçü and Berk Esen, Paul Levin moderator

It is now widely acknowledged that Turkey has transformed into an authoritarian state, but what kind of autocracy is it, how did the transformation occur, and how stable is it today? Please join us for a seminar with two scholars who have studied the Turkish brand of authoritarianism extensively. They will present their research, explore the political economy of authoritarianism in Turkey, and explain what "competitive authoritarianism" is.



**Hans Ingvar Roth’s new publication ”Human rights – fighting an uphill battle”**  
2020-12-01

The Swedish Institute for International Affairs (UI) publishes a magazine on current affairs (Världspolitiken Dagsfrågor). Every issue focuses on one aspect of international politics. Hans Ingvar Roth, Sweden’s first Professor of Human Rights, has written the latest issue which tackles human rights.

“Human rights and even liberal democracy have become increasingly contentious in the past few years. This includes continued violations from populistic movements questioning the validity of human rights and authoritarian states such as China, Turkey and Russia selectively or entirely refashioning human rights to fit their own agendas”, says Hans Ingvar Roth.

**Ahmet Gürata – New visiting researcher of Turkish media and scholar at risk**  
2020-10-13

Dr. Ahmet Gürata, a film scholar specializing in Turkish cinema and media, has recently joined Stockholm University as senior visiting scholar. He left Turkey after being put on trial for signing Academics for Peace’s Declaration and comes to Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies through Scholars at Risk.

His research focuses on cinema and modernization, cross-cultural reception, film cultures and audiences, as well as digital approaches in film and media studies.

### **Isa Blumi examines the Albanian question in new article**

2020-04-02

In “The Albanian question looms over the Balkans again” in Current History (March 2020), Isa Blumi details the political situation affecting Albanians and their international relations in an article that has already proven to be prescient.

The Albanian question – why Albania/Kosovo and possibly their neighbours might become catalysts for instability and transformation in the region – is the centre of Isa Blumi’s new article. In it, he discusses the causes for disillusionment that many Albanians are experiencing due to many broken promises from both their own leaders and from world powers, specifically NATO, the EU, and the US.

### **Roth’s book on PC Chang listed among “Best Human Rights Books of All Time”**

2020-03-18

BookAuthority has named “PC Chang and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights” by Hans Ingvar Roth as 55th out of 75 of the best books about human rights

Roth’s book, first issued in 2016 in Swedish with an expanded English edition in 2018, has made it onto the list of best human rights book at BookAuthority which creates the ratings through a combination of expert and public recommendations. The book was also rated 35th among the 46 best human rights law books of all time.

### **Hans Ingvar Roth speaks about multilateral cooperation in Helsinki**

2020-02-05

5-6 February 2020 Prof. Hans Ingvar Roth participated in a discussion panel held in Hananahlys on "Finland, Sweden and Norway in multilateral cooperation." The panel, held in Hanaholmen (Hanasaari), Helsinki, had the full title "Finland, Sweden and Norway in multilateral cooperation. How can we secure the legitimacy of multilateral cooperation? What are the tendencies in Europe and globally?"

## **SUITS in Media**

Svenska Dagbladet, 17 December 2020

Hans Ingvar Roth, Professor

Essay: "Illavarslande diagnos på hela sjukvårdssystemet"

Al-Monitor, 13 December 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Article: "European Union has vindicated Erdogan, yet again"

Svenska Yle, 12 December 2020

Paul T Levin, Director

Interview: "Isolerade Turkiet firade segern i Azerbajdzjan men tvisterna med EU och USA djupnar"

Altyazı, 12 December 2020  
Ahmet Gürata, Senior Visiting Scholar  
Article: "IDFA 2020 İzlenimleri"

Arab News, 5 December 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview: "Istanbul turns to foreign funding as state banks close their doors to city"

CEFTUS, 26 November 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Online talk: "Biden's US And Erdogan's Turkey"

Around the Empire (Newark, NJ), 17 November 2020  
Isa Blumi, Associate Professor  
Interview: "Sudan and the Red Sea Region," Episode 194 and "Empire interrupted....the US Elections and their Global Consequences"

Altyazı, no. 201, November 2020  
Ahmet Gürata, Senior Visiting Scholar  
Article: "Monokrom Hayaller, Küresel Beğeniler"

Al-Monitor, 11 November 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Article: "South Caucasus deal echoes plan from 30 years ago"

Al-Monitor, 28 October 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Article: "How does Erdogan get away with it all?"

USC Institute of Armenian Studies, 16 October 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Online Talk: "Armenia and Azerbaijan at War: Russia and Turkey"

Aftonbladet Daily, 16 October 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview: "Är vi nära ett krig i Medelhavet?"

Republika.id, 16 October 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Interview: "Ada Apa di Balik Perang Erdogan Melawan Islam Kurdi?"

Sveriges radio, 13 October 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview: "Medelhavet: Turkiet sänder forskningsfartyg till grekisk ö"

Stavanger Aftenblad, 9 October 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Interview, "Erdogan tøffer seg"

Al-Monitor, 9 October 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Article: "What's next for Erdogan after eastern Mediterranean and Caucasus?"

International Quran News Agency, 2 October 2020

Jenny White, Professor

Interview: "AKP and the instrumental use of Islam" (in Persian)

Altyazı, no. 200, October 2020

Ahmet Gürata, Senior Visiting Scholar

Article: "Yurттаş Kane: Efsaneler Sarmalı" (Muhteşem İlk Fİlmler)

Al-Monitor, 15 September 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Article: "Turkey backs off in EastMed, but for how long?"

Huffington Post, 14 September 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Interview: "Η όξυνση των ελληνoturκικών και η σημασία της προσφυγικής Μνήμης"

ETC, 3 September 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visting Scholar

Interview: "Spänningarna ökar i östra Medelhavet – Grekland rustar upp militärt"

Around the Empire (Newark, NJ), 1 September 2020

Isa Blumi, Associate Professor

Interview: "Evolving Geopolitical Landscape in the Middle East," Episode 180, and "Will China be the Savior for the Global South?"

Al-Monitor, 28 August 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Article: "Is Erdogan trying to split NATO with his East Med gambit?"

Politiken, 28 August 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Interview: "Krigsskibe og magtkamp i Middelhavet: Nu svarer EU på Tyrkiets offensiv"

Turkey Analyst, 26 August 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Article: "Turkey's Blue Homeland Doctrine: Signaling Perpetual Conflict in the Mediterranean and Rough Waters Ahead"

Tallberg Foundation, 25 August 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Interview Article: "A Turkish Game of Thrones"

Massachusetts Peace Action Group, 20 August 2020

Isa Blumi, Associate Professor

Webinar: "Ansar Allah's Resistance to the Business of Empire"

New Thinking for a New World (Tallberg Foundation), 20 August 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Podcast: "Sometimes History Rhymes"

Alpha to Omega, 16 August 2020

Isa Blumi, Associate Professor

Interview: "Destroying Yemen with Isa Blumi," Episodes #129-130

T24, 15 August 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Interview: "Tarihte ender görülen uzunlukta bir geçiş dönemi yaşıyor; Türkiye ırkçı bir söylem tutturursa Lübnan'da bir çuval inciri berbat eder"

Sveriges radio, 27 July 2020

Paul T Levin, Director

Interview: "Sökande efter gasfyndighet ökar spänningar mellan Grekland och Turkiet"

SVT, 26 July 2020

Paul Levin, Director

Interview: "Livlig gaykultur stryps i Turkiet – experten reder ut"

Left, 25 July 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Interview: "Prigionieri del passato"

Sveriges radio, 24 July 2020

Paul T Levin, Director

Interview: "Hagia Sofia återinvigs som moské i Istanbul"

Al-Monitor, 24 July 2020

Jenny White, Professor

Interview: "Istanbul's Hagia Sophia holds first Friday prayers since reconversion to mosque"

ETC, 24 July 2020

Paul T Levin, Director

Interview: "Hagia Sofia – en del av Erdogans maktspel"

Al-Monitor, 22 July 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Article: "How has Russia forced Turkey to compromise on Libya?"

Under strecket SvD, 17 July 2020

Hans Ingvar Roth, Professor

Essay: "Samarbete är lösningen på katastrofens problem"

Al-Monitor, 16 July 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Interview: "The Takeaway: Hagia Sofia makeover part of Erdogan's regional strategy"

Sveriges radio, 13 July 2020

Paul T Levin, Director

Interview: "EU:s utrikesministrar diskuterar Turkiets höjda tonläge"

SLpress, 6 July 2020

Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Interview: "Στον Αμπντουλχαμίτ και στους Νεότουρκους οι ρίζες του Ερντογάν"

Al Monitor, 23 July 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Interview: "Intel: Key Democrat presses Pompeo on Trump's alleged interference in Turkish bank probe"

WIO News, 19 June 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Interview: "Fragile big power ties add to uncertainty in the Middle East"

TheNewspaper.gr, 14 June 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Interview: "Ο Ερντογάν στοχεύει στη «νέα εποχή» στους δεσμούς ΗΠΑ-Τουρκίας, με κορυφαίο θέμα στην ατζέντα τη Λιβύη"

Al-Monitor, 13 June 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Fellow  
Interview: "Erdogan aims for 'new era' in US-Turkey ties, with Libya top of agenda"

Arab News, 6 June 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview: "Turbulent times in parliament: A new normal for Turkish politics?"

Al-Monitor, 27 May 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar  
Interview: "Intel: Russian jets intercept US navy plane over eastern Mediterranean"

Dagens Nyheter, 27 April 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview: "Turkisk minister: Vi hämtade covid-19-sjuk man i Sverige"

Under strecket SvD, 18 April 2020  
Hans Ingvar Roth, Professor  
Essay: "Så kan våra rättigheter urholkas av pandemin"

Mint Press News, 3 April 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Researcher  
Interview: "Erdogan's Idlib Misadventure: Reality Checks and Hard Lessons for Turkey"

BNE IntelliNews, 27 March 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Researcher  
Interview: "Turkish business presses Erdogan to beef up COVID-19 economic support and consider strict lockdown"

Svenska Dagbladet, 26 March 2020  
Hans Ingvar Roth, Professor  
Essay: "WHO skapades för att besegra pandemierna"

BNE IntelliNews, 26 March 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Researcher  
Interview: "Turkey 'could be heading to brink of catastrophe' unless pandemic lockdown introduced"

ETC, 16 March 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview: "Osäkerhet om coronavirusets spridning i Turkiet"

Utrikesmagasinet, 6 March 2020  
Cengiz Candar, Distinguished Visiting Fellow  
Essay: "Erdoğan's war in Syria – a path to disaster"

Aftonbladet/TT, 3 March 2020  
Michael Sahlin, Distinguished Associated Fellow  
Interview: "Expert: Erdogan vill testa Putins tålamod"

Kristianstadsbladet, 29 February 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview: "Desperat försök att få EU:s uppmärksamhet"

SVT, 29 February 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview: "Turkiet öppnar gränsen mot Europa för migranter"

Expressen, 29 February 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview (video): "Turkietforskaren om att Turkiet öppnar gränsen: 'Ett desperat försök'"

Svenska Dagbladet, 26 February 2020  
Hans Ingvar Roth, Professor  
Essay: "Modis politik söndrar det pluralistiska Indien"

Svenska Dagbladet, 7 February 2020  
Paul T Levin, Director  
Interview: "Stridsmakter stampar vid hotfull Syrienfront"

SVT, 2 January 2020  
Paul Levin, Director  
Interview: "Turkiet godkänner att skicka militär för strid i Libyen"

## **Selected other highlights from SUITS' website:**

### **“Inequalities” Workshops add “Justice” to the conversation**

2020-03-06

On 6-7 March the second workshop on “Inequalities” was held in Istanbul, organised by SUITS visiting researchers İmren Borsuk and Pinar Sayan, together with Pinar Dinç and Sinem Kavak of Lund University. The first workshop, “Inequalities, Peace and Conflict in Turkey” was held in Stockholm in December 2019.

“Workshop: Inequalities, Peace, Conflict & Justice” was the continuation of a discussion that started in Stockholm in December which was co-sponsored by Lund University and the Swedish Institute and hosted by the SUITS. The first workshop addressed the themes of peace, institutions & actors; conflict & development; conflict & environment; and conflict & migration. The primary goal was to construct a better understanding of the challenges related to justice and create policy options to address these challenges.

## **SUITS to lead CEST**

2020-01-23

Starting in December, SUITS has become the lead institution for the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST). In addition to continuing the tradition of annual symposia hosted by member institutions, CEST will also be hosting a summer school for young researchers.

During the next three years of the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey, Kerem Oktem (Northwestern University) will remain as Consortium Chair while Paul Levin has taken up the new position of Consortium Director. The Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies will be responsible for the everyday running of the consortium and for the distribution of funding to institutions hosting the CEST events. The project is funded primarily by Stiftung Mercator, with additional support from Stockholm University.