

### Spring/Summer 2018 Newsletter

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## Highlights from the spring



#### Jenny White receives RJ Sabbatical Grant

Prof. White has been honoured as one of 12 researchers chosen by the Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences). Her project is entitled "Polariseringens dynamik i Turkiet. Inblickar i Turkiets samhällsutveckling under 1970-talet"

She has also appeared recently on the New York Times OpEd page. Read "Can Turkey overcome its bitter factionalism?"



#### Hans Ingvar Roth on the 70th anniversary of the Universal of the Declaration of Human Rights

Throughout 2017/18, Hans Ingvar Roth has given a high-profile series of lectures in places including China, Italy, France, England, Norway and Sweden. His latest book, *P. C. Chang and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, will soon be published in English translation by University of Pennsylvania Press.

Watch Hans Ingvar Roth's open lecture at Stadsbiblioteket: "<u>Personerna bakom</u> <u>de mänskliga rättigheterna</u>"



#### Isa Blumi's new book on "Destroying Yemen: what chaos in Arabia tells us about the world"

Following the January release of his new book, *Destroying Yemen* (University of California Press), Isa Blumi has provided insights into the current catastrophe inflicted on Southern Arabia for both academic and general audiences. He has already spoken in Dubai, Los Angeles and Amsterdam (among others) and many more lectures are scheduled for the fall.

Hear Isa Blumi's interview with KPFA radio: "A history of the colonial war in Yemen and the US involvement"

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#### **EVENTS**

#### SUITS to host CEST Symposium this fall



#### Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST)

Fourth Annual European Symposium on Turkey Theme: "Societal Conflict and Cohabitation in Turkey and Beyond" 28 Nov - 1 Dec, 2018

More information about the CEST conference

#### Recent Seminars

- Kenneth Long (University of Saint Joseph), 'Transitional justice in Turkey: retribution or restoration?'
- Ahmet Erdi Öztürk (University of Strasbourg), 'The incorporation of unofficial Islam into official Islam in the "new Turkey" and its multi-layered consequences'
- Cengiz Çandar (SUITS), "'Failed Kurdish peace processes in Turkey'
- Marc Baer (London School of Economic), 'Mistaken for Jews: Turkish PhD students in Nazi Germany'
- Paul Levin & Åsa Eldén (SUITS), 'Swedish aid in the era of shrinking space the case of Turkey'
- Imren Borsuk Eroglu (SUITS), 'Communal violence against Kurds in Turkey'

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#### SUITS IN THE MEDIA

As part of the institute's mission, our scholars contribute to an accessible, broad and well informed understanding of Turkey and Turkish events. This spring SUITS researchers have appeared in the New York Times, Asia Times, Deutsche Welle, Al-Monitor, the Financial Times and the Local as well as Sveriges radio, Dagens Nyheter and Aftonbladet, among other media outlets. For links to the articles, please see <u>SUITS in the media</u>. We also publicise many of the articles and interviews on Twitter.

### MEET OUR VISITING RESEARCHERS



## Dr. Imren Borsuk

Dr. Borsuk is currently working on a project which addresses communal violence against Kurds and the impact of the Kurdish problem in Turkey on communal relations. Her research interests include ethnic conflicts, conflict resolution processes, social and political polarization, the Kurdish problem in Turkey, urban poverty and ethnic segregation.



# **Dr. Lorenzo d'Orsi**POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

Dr. d'Orsi is researching the process of heritage in the east of Turkey and traumatic memories of asylum seekers in Italy. His interests include the memory of violence, collective trauma, intergenerational memory transmission, political and ethnic violence, and new social movements.

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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