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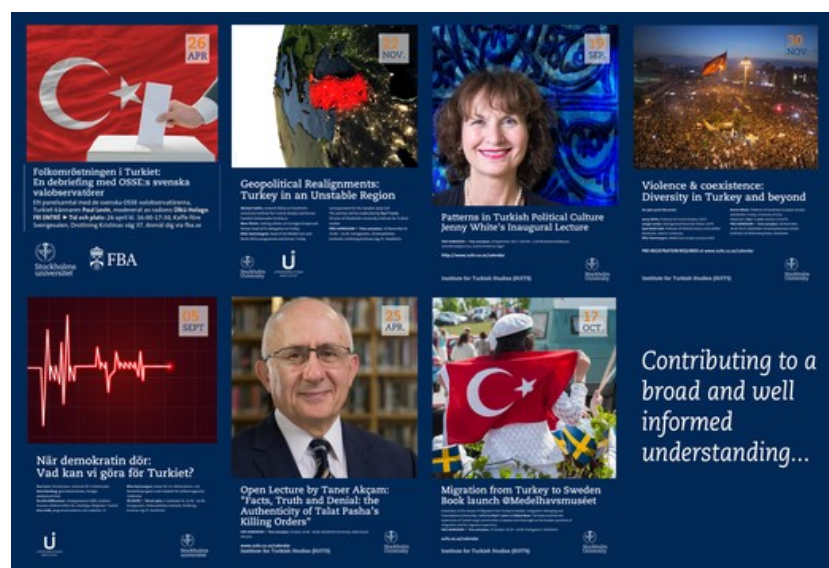
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SUITS in our 5th year

Since its inauguration in March 2013, SUITS has seen intense changes in Turkey and Turkish politics. We have steadily worked toward our mission of becoming an internationally recognised research institute through contributing to a broad and well informed understanding Turkey and Turkish affairs in academia, policy and the general public. To mark the evolution of our research, we have recently refined our research areas: International Relations and Diaspora Studies; Society, Politics and History; and Human Rights and Democracy.

Where have we come from and where are we going? [Read the interview with Director Paul T. Levin.](#)



SUITS hosts CEST conference

Societal Conflict and Cohabitation in Turkey and Beyond

From 29 November to 1 December 2018, Stockholm was the site of the Fourth Annual European Symposium on Turkey.



Keynote lecture, panel discussion and research panels

The conference commenced with a welcome from Astrid Söderburgh Widding, president of Stockholm University, along with hosts of the event: Paul T. Levin (SUITS), Kerem Oktem (University of Graz) and Daniel Grütjen (Stiftung Mercator). Hamit Borzalin (EHESS) gave the keynote address.

The evening of 30 November featured an open panel discussion on "Violence & coexistence: Living with diversity in Turkey and beyond". Participants included Cengiz Çandar, Michael Sahlin and Jenny White (Stockholm University), Ayşe Betül Çelik (Sabancı University), Bitte Hammergren (Middle East analyst and journalist), and Kerem Oktem with Paul T. Levin as moderator.

[Pictures from the event](#)

EVENTS

RESEARCH SEMINARS, FALL 2018

- **Yeşim Arat** (Bogazici University), "Beyond the Democratic Paradox: The Decline of Democracy in Turkey"
- **Lorenzo D'Orsi** (Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, SUITS), "When silence talks. The moral landscape of leftist painful memories in Turkey"
- **Halil Karaveli** (Turkey Center of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program Joint Center), "Why Turkey is Authoritarian From Atatürk to Erdogan"
- **Imren Borsuk Eroğlu** (Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, SUITS), "Displacement and Asset Transformation from Squatter Settlement into Mass Housing: The Case of Relocated Kadifekale Squatters"
- **Bilge Yabanci** (Visiting Postdoctoral Researchers, SUITS), "Building Authoritarianism From Below? Turkey's Tamed Civil Society Under The AKP Rule."

For information about our upcoming open events, [follow our Facebook page](#) or [subscribe to our newsletter](#).

For academic inquiries about our research seminars, please [email Hans Ingvar Roth](#)

SUITS IN THE MEDIA

Our presence in the media this fall has been consistently robust, with SUITS scholars appearing in most major media outlets in Swedish newspapers, radio and TV as well as many international venues. Some stand-out appearances include:

- **Isa Blumi**, Associate Professor, "[Chaos in Yemen: A Conversation With Isa Blumi](#)" (The Nation, 21 December 2018)
- **Bilge Yabanci**, Postdoctoral Researcher, "[Political violence, civic space and human rights defence in the era of populism and authoritarianism](#)" (Open Democracy, 22 November 2018)
- **Cengiz Candar**, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, "[Have relations between Turkey and Europe reached a turning point?](#)" (Al-Monitor, 21 November 2018)
- **Seren Selvin Korkmaz**, Doctoral Student, "[İlerici Enternasyonal: Popülizmin panzehiri mi?](#)" (Medyascope TV, 19 November 2018)

[SUITS in the media](#) is continually updated with our latest appearances.

MEET OUR VISITING RESEARCHERS

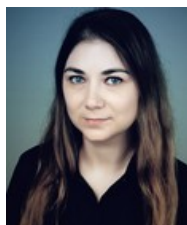


Dr. Erol Saglam

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Dr. Saglam's project explores men's circulation of conspiracies to comprehend how the state is maintained through the extralegal violence and vigilantism that conspiracies seem to fuel. His work is funded by the Swedish Institute.

[More about Erol Saglam](#)



Dr. Pinar Sayan

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Dr. Sayan's research focuses on the peace-building role of the EU in Turkey. Her previous research investigated the policies of the European Union against racism and discrimination and their implementation in the member states. Her work is funded by the Swedish Institute.

[More about Pinar Sayan](#)

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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