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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

SUITS to expand CEST activities

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 scholars (ABD and early PhD) from Turkey and Europe who work with Turkish affairs.

The aims of these programs include expanding the networks of young researchers in Turkish studies, providing career development, providing a safe space for independent scholarship, and enhancing the state of Turkish studies as a field. This project is partially funded by Stiftung Mercator.

EVENTS IN 2019

OPEN EVENTS



Idil Eser, human rights activist and one of the so-called Istanbul 10, spoke about why activists continue to fight for human rights despite the increasingly difficult climate in Turkey. What makes them keep going? She was joined by Paul T. Levin (SUITS) and Ami Hedenborg (Amnesty International). Olof Palme International Center and ABF-Stockholm also co-hosted. May 2019

Our continuing partnership with the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI)



Local Elections in Turkey: what lies ahead?

Open panel discussion with Cengiz Çandar, Bitte Hammargren, Paul T. Levin and moderator Aras Lindh. April 2019



Turkey's Kurdish problem and the Syrian civil war: What next?

Open panel discussion with Selim Koru, Cengiz Çandar and moderator Paul T. Levin. Nov. 2019 [Listen to the podcast](#)

Book Launch @Medelhavsmuséet



Caucasus Edition: Journal of Conflict Transformation

A panel discussion to celebrate the 2018 and 2019 issues featured Maria Karapetyan, Zaur Shiryev, Omer Turan and moderator Philip Gamaghelyan. Co-sponsored with Imagine: Center for Conflict Transformation. Dec. 2019

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WORKSHOPS

Research Seminar

4-5 December

Lund University Center for Middle Eastern Studies and SUITS

Inequalities, Peace and Conflict in Turkey

9-10 December

Co-sponsored by Lund University and the Swedish Institute

RESEARCH SEMINARS

- **Lucia Ardoyni** (Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI)), "Surviving Repression: Stagnation Vs Adaptation in the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood after the 2013 coup"
- **Diğdem Soyaltın** (Altınbas University), "Council of Europe, Turkey and Social Sanctions"
- **Ece Cihan Ertem** (Lund University), "Politics of Religion, Secularism, and Education: Islamic Kindergartens in Turkey"
- **Seren Selvin Korkmaz** (SUITS) and Edgar Şar (Bogazici University), "From June 24 to March 31: Political Polarization in Turkey between Two Elections"
- **Erol Saglam** (Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, SUITS), "When Your Home is Haunted: Collective Memories, Places, and Treasure Hunts in Contemporary Turkey"
- Roundtable Discussion: Contemporary Issues in Turkish Politics
- **Bengi Ruken Cengiz** (Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, SUITS), "Who wants rights? Findings of an Istanbul Field Survey on Perceptions on Citizen Rights and Political Party Preferences"
- **Varuzhan Geghamyan** (Yerevan State University), "Personality cults in Turkish politics: from Atatürk to Erdoğan"
- **Pinar Sayan** (Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, SUITS), "How does the Peacebuilding Community Perceive Peace in Turkey?"
- **Jonas Tallberg** (Political Science, Stockholm University), Research Seminar

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Dr. Bengi Ruken Cengiz

Dr. Cengiz is currently working on a book to contribute to the evolving literature on democratization and authoritarianism in Turkey. Her research interests include theories on democratization and authoritarianism, de-consolidation of democracy, regimes of citizenship, social and political cleavages and political parties.

The people (and friends) of SUITS!



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