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## Letter from the director

### **Academic freedom, CEST events and our move**

After a pandemic-induced pause last year, the annual Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST) winter symposium will be organized by the University of Naples 'L'Orientale'. We are also introducing a new CEST "summer school", organized by the University of Duisburg-Essen and Academy in Exile, Berlin, which this year will be held virtually in October. The generous support of the Mercator Foundation, the Swedish Institute, and Granholms Stiftelse at Stockholm University has made CEST's expansion possible.



In the difficult environment for many Turkish academics, SUITS continues to stand up for our own faculty when, as happens, they become targets. We have also provided a safe venue for Turkish academics via our collaboration with Scholars at Risk in the past year.

Next year will mark a new beginning of sorts for SUITS, as we move to the Department of Economic History and International Relations. While we will miss our colleagues at our current department (IAMT), the move will place us in a dynamic social science research environment with more possibilities for synergy and collaboration. After nearly a decade at IAMT, we say our thanks and look forward to exciting opportunities ahead.

## CEST news

### Special Issue from CEST Stockholm

**Southeast European and Black Sea Studies** has now published a special issue "Social Coexistence and Violence during Turkey's Authoritarian Transition" 21:2, drawn from papers presented at the 2018 CEST Symposium.

[Read the full articles here](#)

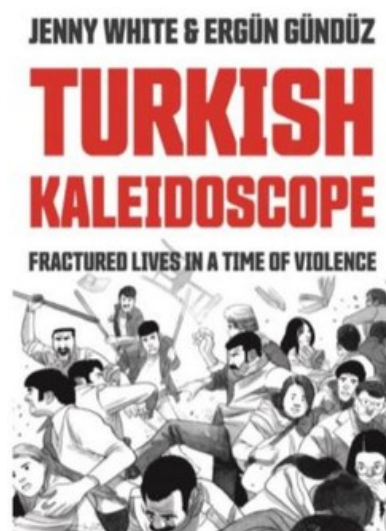
### CEST calls for applications and website

The [CEST website](#) is now live with calls for applications for the 2-part [2021 CEST Symposium](#) - Turkey and the Mediterranean - first digital and then in Naples, as well as the inaugural "[Summer/Fall School](#)" for young academics held in October - topic: Intersectionality. You can also find information on previous conferences and publications as well as the people and institutions that make CEST possible. <http://cest-turkey.org/>

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## New books

Turkish Kaleidoscope - on Turkey in the 1970s



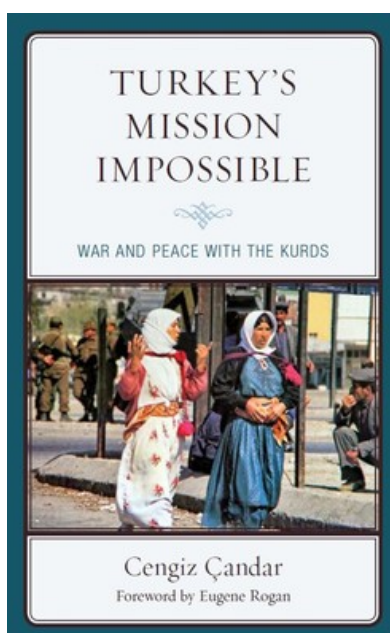
## Jenny White and Ergün Gündüz's graphic novel launches to wide acclaim

Turkish kaleidoscope weaves together stories of four students and their friends in 1970s Turkey, tracing their life-altering decisions as the country descends into violence.

[Watch the video](#) created by Princeton University Press

[Listen to the playlist](#) created specifically for the novel on Spotify (free of charge)

## Cengiz Candar's Turkey's Mission Impossible



### A fresh understanding of the "Kurdish Question"

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.

[Watch the digital book launch](#) with Cengiz Candar and Bitte Hammargren.

## SUITS Visiting Senior Scholar 2020-21



### Dr. Ahmet Gürata

Ahmet Gürata is a film scholar and critic. His research focuses on cinema and modernization, cross-cultural reception, film cultures and audiences, as well as digital approaches in film and media studies. Additionally, he is currently working on a documentary project.

He comes to us because of his innovative work through the international program Scholars at Risk.

[Read the interview](#) with Ahmet Gürata

## Contributing to a broad and well informed understanding...

### SUITS in the media

The scholars at SUITS continue to have a strong presence in the media, and this year the news outlets have been more international than ever. An important trend in the

coverage has been an increased focus on international relations. This outward focus has not only included the EU and USA, but also a deepening analysis of Turkey and its interactions with its neighbors among other shifting alliances.

See the [selected list of interviews and essays](#), including links to articles

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