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## SUITS in transition

We have now left the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Department that we called home for six years for our new location at the Department of Economic History and International Relations. This change means that we have had to say a reluctant farewell to two members of the SUITS family, Hans Ingvar Roth and Isa Blumi, who will both continue their work in the Asian Studies department. We also say goodbye to Visiting Senior Scholar Ahmet Gürata, whose remarkably productive tenure with us ended in late 2021. Jenny White has transitioned to Professor Emerita, but will remain actively involved with the institute, and Imren Borsuk Eroglu will stay on as Visiting Researcher at SUITS. Despite these many changes, we have nevertheless been able to build new, exciting partnerships, host well attended and thoughtful digital events, and stay true to our mission of contributing to the broad and well informed understanding of Turkey and Turkish Affairs. The transition will also ensure a firmer financial footing and a guaranteed 5-year commitment to the Institute from Stockholm University.

### Reflecting on 2021

In the last six months, SUITS faculty have participated actively in policy making discussions and published books, edited volumes, and articles that have been widely read and discussed, as well as given expert testimony to governments and media in Sweden and beyond. SUITS has continued the collaboration with the Swedish Institute for International Affairs (UI) with a series of joint book events, and has initiated a partnership also with SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute), which will continue next year. We have run the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST) and overseen the launch of a new website as well as a graduate summer school organized by the University of Duisburg-Essen in Berlin and Academy in Exile, and a symposium organized by the University l'Orientale in Naples. We have also throughout the year held our regular research seminar, put in grant applications to a range of institutions, and SUITS faculty have held the flag up high and made sure things ran smoothly despite the pandemic and our changed circumstances.

### Looking forward to 2022

In early 2022 we will be hosting two book launches (more information below), as well as continuing our collaborations with UI and SIPRI. As the leader of CEST ([cest-turkey.org](http://cest-turkey.org)) we will be working with the second Summer School (Vienna) and the Winter Consortium (Paris). Additionally, we are excited to host visiting scholars who will undoubtedly enrich our intellectual community. Finally, we are also pleased to announce a [new postdoctoral position](#) with specialisation in International Relations with focus on Turkish Political Economy.

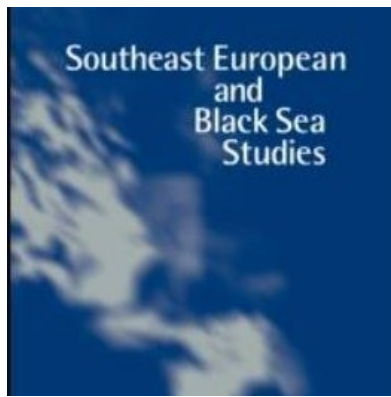
## NEW POSTDOCTORAL POSITION ANNOUNCED

### Postdoctoral Fellow in International Relations with focus on Turkish Political Economy

The Department of Economic History and International Relations and the Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS) are looking for a Postdoctoral Researcher in International Relations (IR) who will contribute to the understanding of the Turkish political economy.

[Official description and link to application](#)

## PUBLICATIONS - BOOKS, VOLUMES AND SPECIAL ISSUES



Imren Borsuk and Paul T Levin,  
Editors

**SOCIAL COEXISTENCE AND VIOLENCE  
DURING TURKEY'S AUTHORITARIAN  
TRANSITION**

This special issue grew out of the CEST Stockholm symposium on Societal Conflict and Cohabitation in Turkey and Beyond (2018). With seven in-depth case studies from Turkey, it sheds light upon the changing dynamics of violence and social coexistence in countries that experience democratic decline from a transdisciplinary perspective.

[Read the introduction online](#)

Cengiz Çandar



**TURKEY'S NEO-OTTOMANIST MOMENT  
- A EURASIANIST ODYSSEY**

His latest book has been hailed as "the most comprehensive account to date of the transformation of Turkey's foreign policy related to its regime change".

The November book launch event, featuring a lively discussion of Turkey's international ambitions, included Aslı Aydıntaşbaş and Bitte Hammargren, and was co-sponsored by UI (Swedish Institute of International Affairs)

[Watch the video](#)

Hans Ingvar Roth

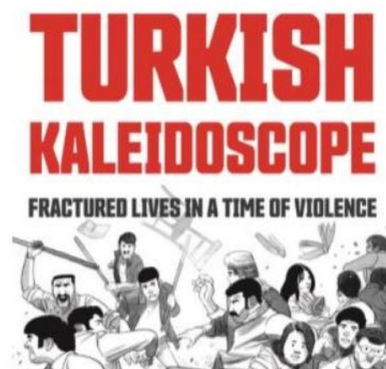


**DISKRIMINERING**

Updated, revised and expanded, "Discrimination" examines what discrimination is, why certain groups experience it, how it differs across groups and how it can be combated.

Taking a historical perspective and also looking toward the future, it is widely used in university classes.

Honours



Jenny White, illustrator Ergün  
Gündüz

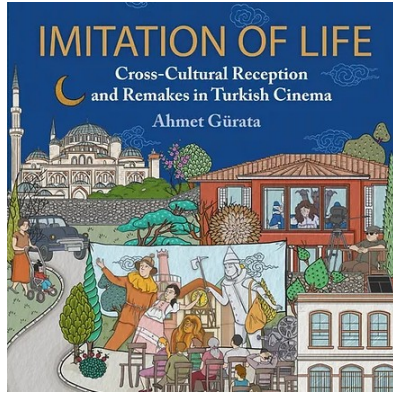
**TURKISH KALEIDOSCOPE: FRACTURED  
LIVES IN A TIME OF VIOLENCE**

Congratulations go to Jenny White and Ergün Gündüz for being selected as one of the top 10 Graphic Novels and Nonfiction by the Association of University Presses.

[Video preview of the graphic novel and links to the curated playlist](#)

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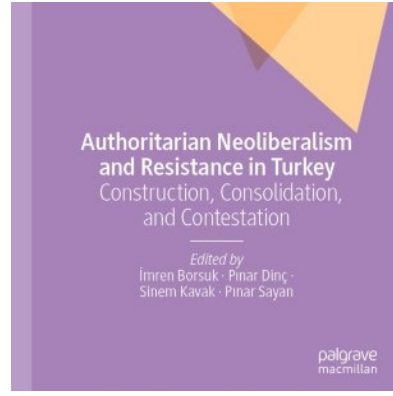
## Upcoming Book Launches



### Ahmet Gürata

Looking at the historical, social and economic conditions of international films in Turkey (1910-50), as well as the ways that remade films negotiate cultural and moral values, [Imitation of Life](#) proposes an alternative approach to national cinema which emphasizes cross-cultural interactions and emphasizes images of diversity in Turkish cinema.

*Event date and time to be announced*



### İmren Borsuk, Pınar Dinç, Sinem Kavak, Pınar Sayan, Editors

[Authoritarian Neoliberalism and Resistance in Turkey](#), is a collection of essays that extends beyond examining authoritarian governance and its neoliberal reforms. Instead of focusing primarily on the vulnerability of these regimes, the analyses examine the dynamics of resistance and the limits and potentials of counter-hegemonic strategies.

*Event date and time to be announced*

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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