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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS) is an independent, interdisciplinary research institute in the humanities and social sciences. Since 2022, SUITS is located at the Department of Economic History and International Relations in the A building (Södra husen) of the university's Frescati campus. SUITS is primarily a research institute, but may also provide education in its field of activity. The Institute's education and research will mainly focus on issues related to international relations and diaspora studies; society, politics and history, and human rights and democracy. The research should maintain high international standards. SUITS should contribute to a deep and nuanced understanding of Turkey among researchers, opinion leaders, business leaders, and the general public in Scandinavia, Europe, and beyond. In addition to research and education, SUITS engages in outreach activities such as open lectures, conferences, and workshops.

SUITS is managed by a Director—Paul T. Levin—who is appointed by the President of Stockholm University upon nomination by the Department of Economic History and International Relations and following a statement of opinion by the Board of Human Science. The Director reports to a Board that is appointed following the same procedure. The board approves the annual activity plan, the budget, and the annual reports. The SUITS Board 2023 consisted of the following members:

Chairman: Jakob Hallgren (the Swedish Institute for International Affairs)

Members: Helena Bodin (Stockholm University)

Mark Rhinard (Stockholm University)

Isabell Schierenbeck (Gothenburg University)

Jonas Tallberg (Stockholm University)

Non-voting members:

Rapporteur: Paul T. Levin (Stockholm University, SUITS)

Department representative: Magnus Petersson (Stockholm University)

Faculty/staff representative: Reuben Silverman (Stockholm University, SUITS)

Research

SUITS faculty maintained a steady stream of publications. Faculty members are productive and active researchers. As can be seen under the individual descriptions of each faculty member, they are involved in several Swedish and international research projects and networks, and contribute actively to the field of Turkish Studies through their publications. SUITS leadership of the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST) continued successfully, helping SUITS maintain “its position as a leading actor in the field of Turkish Studies in Europe.”

Two major CEST activities were organized during 2023: [The third annual CEST Summer School](#) for junior scholars and Ph.D. students was organized by Ca' Foscari University of Venice August 6-14 on the theme of “Turkey and/in the Balkans: Turkish power projections, transnational Islam, and social

linkages.” The [eighth annual CEST Symposium](#) was organized by Prof. Elise Massicard at Sciences Po in Paris on November 17-18 on the theme of “State, Party, and Society in Turkey and Beyond.”

Staff & faculty

A retirement and the departure of some faculty members as a result of the move, along with a smaller new budget, mean that the institute is now a smaller entity. During 2023, there were five researchers tied to the institute and one part-time communications strategist.

Management, funding, administration, and facilities

With a new five-year budget since 2022, SUITS has emerged on a more stable footing. A sustainable administration that is adapted to the new economic constraints is now in place.

Communication & collaboration

Despite a smaller faculty, SUITS has further improved its position as a prominent, even leading, international actor in the field of Turkish Studies. The crisis in Swedish-Turkish relations precipitated by the Turkish veto of Swedish NATO accession meant that SUITS faculty were even more in demand than usual in various Swedish and international fora. The high profile in Swedish and international media of SUITS faculty means that the institute has even further pushed its role as a key center of knowledge of Turkish affairs also to a broader public. Unbiased and critical analysis provided in talks, media appearances, and publications were an important part of this.

Since 2022, SUITS’ Director represents the institute as a member of the network of the Centre for Applied Turkey Studies (CATS) at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) in Berlin. This is a European network of leading policy-oriented scholars and institutions that funds and disseminates policy research and arranges events pertaining to Turkey. While CATS is more policy oriented, the continued leadership of CEST ensures that SUITS also reaches a European scholarly audience.

Other key collaborations and partnerships include an ongoing roundtable series arranged together with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and a partnership with the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI) that in 2022 included joint events. Several SUITS staff members gave briefings on policy matters to government ministries, agencies, civil society organizations, and think tanks.

Education

SUITS is a research institute, but some faculty members contribute to teaching at various departments. The aims of collaboration with the departments of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (IAM) and Economic History and International Relations around teaching were met. SUITS supervised students at the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Affairs and at the Department of Economic History and International Relations.

DIRECTOR: Paul T. Levin

Paul Levin is Director of SUITS and a Researcher at the institute. He is a Docent in International Relations and holds a PhD in the same subject along with an MA in Political Science from the University of Southern California, and a Fil Kand (BA) in Practical Philosophy from Stockholm University. Paul has been Director of SUITS since its creation in 2012. He is a Research Fellow at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul and an Associate Researcher at the Swedish Institute for International Affairs. Paul also serves as Managing Director for the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST), overseeing the management of CEST budget and activities. He is a member of the steering group of SWEMENA, the Swedish Middle East and North Africa research network and participated in a number of SWEMENA steering group meetings and roundtables. Paul serves on the International Advisory Board of the journal *Turkish Studies* and is a regular participant in the meetings of the Trilateral Strategy Group and the Türkiye-EU Reflection Group, both organized by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. He is the author of the monograph *Turkey and the European Union: Christian and Secular Images of Islam* (Palgrave Macmillan, NY, 2011) and co-editor of special issues of academic journals and the edited volume *Migration from Turkey to Sweden: Integration, Belonging and Transnational Community* (I.B. Tauris, London, 2017).

During 2023, Paul was following the Swedish-Turkish negotiations over Swedish NATO accession very closely, published on the topic, and was frequently consulted by Swedish and international media. In addition, he conducted an expert review of a Swedish Defense Research Agency (FOI) report on Turkish foreign policy, gave multiple invited talks, and provided policy briefings to the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the U.S. State Department, and the EU-Türkiye Joint Parliamentary Committee of the European Parliament, among other things.

Public Communication (including selected media appearances)

During 2023, Paul T. Levin was quoted frequently in Swedish and international news including [Aftonbladet](#), [BBC News](#), [Dagens Nyheter](#), [Der Spiegel](#), [Die Ziet](#), [DW](#), [EU Observer](#), [Euronews](#), [Expressen](#), [Financial Times](#), [The Independent](#), [Los Angeles Times](#), [Al Monitor](#), [Reuters](#), [Svenska Dagbladet](#), [The Telegraph](#), [Le Temps](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), [The World](#), [Voice of America](#), a more comprehensive list is available: [HERE](#)

- Expert: **Radio Sweden**, Sveriges Radio: [January 12](#); [January 27](#); [December 29](#)
- Expert: **Ekot**, Sverige Radio: [January 14](#); [February 1](#); [May 14](#); [May 15](#); [May 28](#); [May 29](#); [June 9](#); [August 6](#); [August 21](#); [September 16](#); [November 14](#); [December 27](#)
- Expert: **Studio Ett**, Sveriges Radio, [January 23](#); [March 9](#); [May 12](#); [May 15](#); [May 23](#); [June 5](#); [June 7](#); [July 4](#); [July 7](#); [October 24](#)
- Expert: **Nyheterna**, TV4: [January 23](#); [February 24](#); [April 26](#); [May 15](#); [June 4](#); [June 9](#); [October 1](#); [October 11](#); [October 23](#); [November 10](#); [November 16](#); [December 9](#); [December 27](#)
- Expert: **P1 Morgon**, Sveriges Radio: [January 24](#); [May 29](#); [June 5](#); [June 15](#); [June 20](#); [September 4](#); [November 6](#)
- Expert: **Morgonpasset i P3 – Gästen**, Sveriges Radio: [January 30](#); [May 15](#)
- Invited Lecture: “[What does the future hold for the Swedish Nato accession process?](#)” **Institute for Future Studies**, March 8
- Invited Speaker: Panel on “Turkiet går till val,” **Internationell Utblick, ABF Stockholm**, April 18, 2023
- Invited Speaker: Panel on “Turkey’s Role In Blocking Finland And Sweden From Joining NATO,” **Centre for Turkish Studies (CEFTUS)**, House of Commons, London, March, 2023
- Expert: **Europapodden**, Sveriges Radio: [May 9](#)

- Expert: **Ledarredaktionen**, Svenska Dagbladet Podcast: [May 15](#)
- Invited Speaker: Panel on the Turkish elections, **Swedish Institute for International Affairs (UI)** May 25, 2023
- Expert: **Morgonstudion**, TV4, [May 29](#)
- Expert: **Nyhetsmorgon**, TV4: [June 9](#)
- Expert: [Delegation to the EU-Türkiye Joint Parliamentary Committee of the European Parliament](#), Strasbourg, June 15, 2023
- Expert: **Morning Edition**, NPR: [July 10](#)
- Conference Presentation: “Pitfalls of Democratic Reforms,” **Swedish Middle East and North Africa Network (SWEMENA)**, August 24-25, 2023
- Invited Speaker: Panel on “Turkiet efter valen,” **Internationell Utblick, ABF Stockholm**, September 6, 2023
- Expert: **Nyheter**, STV: [September 15](#)
- Expert: **Vetenskapsradion Historia**, Sveriges Radio: [October 10](#)
- Invited Speaker: “The Transformation of Turkish Foreign Policy and the Swedish NATO Application,” **Center for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies**, University of Lund, November 2, 2023
- Invited Speaker: Discussion of European Commission’s Report on Türkiye, 8th Meeting of the **EU-Turkey Reflection Group**, November 29, 2023
- Invited Speaker: “Upcoming Political Dynamics and Geopolitical Implications,” **Trilateral Strategy Group Meeting**, Washington D.C., December 4-6, 2023
- Invited Speaker: Briefing to Turkey desk, **U.S. State Department**, December 2023

RESEARCHERS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

Imren Borsuk

Dr Imren Borsuk is a postdoctoral researcher at the Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies and Senior Einstein Researcher at the Center for Comparative Research on Democracy (CCRD) at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Her work focuses on communal violence, ethnic conflicts, interethnic relations, political geography, and urban poverty based on extensive research on Turkey. Imren Borsuk's work has appeared in prestigious journals, including *Environment and Planning*, *European Urban and Regional Studies*, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, *Journal of International Relations*, and *Transparency International*, among others. She has also worked as a coordinator of the 2021 CEST School in Berlin.

(On leave)

Seren Selvin Korkmaz

Seren Selvin Korkmaz is a doctoral researcher at Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS). A political scientist by training, Korkmaz continues her Ph.D. studies at Stockholm University Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and SUITS. She has taught at Stockholm University and was as a guest lecturer at prestigious institutions like the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute. Her research interests span populism, political parties, voter perception, election strategies, opposition in autocratic regimes, transatlantic relations, and Turkey-U.S. relations.

Korkmaz is co-founder and board member of the IstanPol Institute, an Istanbul based thinktank. She held the position of executive director from January 2018 until November 2023. In 2023, Korkmaz was honored as a Marshall Memorial Fellow by the German Marshall Fund of the U.S. Her previous appointments include positions as a non-resident scholar at the Middle East Institute in Washington D.C., a Fox International Fellow at Yale University, and a research fellow at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul. She works with international and domestic actors as political analyst and advisor on a broad range of issues, trends, and developments with a special focus on internal Turkish political dynamics.

Since 2013, Korkmaz has been actively involved in various academic and non-governmental initiatives, aiming to connect civil society, academia, and public policy through her research and policy recommendations. Up until 2017, she served as the Turkey director for the Political and Social Research Institute of Europe (PS: EUROPE), an institute she co-founded, based in Austria and Turkey. She is currently a member of several working groups on Turkey-EU relations, Turkey-US relations, and the future of democracy.

Korkmaz has published a large number of commentaries, policy papers and academic articles, In addition, she has coordinated various projects on Turkey's political dynamics. She is a frequent political commentator in both Turkish and international media outlets, including *the New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, *Deutsche Welle*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. She has delivered invited talks at prestigious institutions such as Stanford University, the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., IFRI, ISPI, and the Delphi Economic Forum, among others. Korkmaz has organized and participated in meetings with Turkish, European, and U.S. stakeholders to enhance transatlantic relations.

Public Communication (including selected media appearances)

- Guest: [Nasıl Olacak?](#) HalkTV, January 28, 2023
- Guest: "[Ülkenin en kuvvetli demokratik direnci kadın hareketi,](#)" Medyascope, January 29, 2023
- Quoted: Kareem Fahim and Zeynep Karataş, "[Turkey elections: Erdogan's challenger vows to end 'authoritarian rule,'](#)" *The Washington Post*, April 14, 2023
- Quoted: "[Z kuşağı seçimlerden ne bekliyor? Beyler kravatları gevşetin, bağırmaktan vazgeçin,](#)" **Plus 90**, April 14, 2023
- Discussion: [Roundtable on Turkey's Elections](#), Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program, Northwestern University, April 26, 2023
- Quoted: Ben Hubbard, Şafak Timur, and Gülşin Harman, "[Turkey's Opposition Struggles to Chart Path as Runoff Nears,](#)" *The New York Times*, May 3, 2023
- Discussion: "[What to Expect in Turkey's Election?](#)" Middle East Institute, May 11, 2023
- Discussion: "[Is the media the key to Erdoğan's election success?](#)" Al Jazeera English, May 11, 2023
- Discussion: "[Turkey's Historic May 14 Elections: What to Expect,](#)" Washington Institute, May 12, 2023
- Quoted: Murat Öztaşkin, "[How Erdogan won Turkey's earthquake-shattered south,](#)" *The Washington Post*, May 12, 2023

- Quoted: “[Why the Turkish elections are a big test for Erdoğan](#),” **Al Jazeera English**, May 14, 2023
- Quoted: Adam Samson and Ayla Jean Yackley, “[Turkey’s ‘desperate’ opposition plays nationalist card](#),” *Financial Times*, May 16, 2023
- Discussion: “[After May 14: The Future of Turkish Democracy](#),” **British International Studies Association**, June 1, 2023
- Discussion: “[Turkey’s Elections and Foreign Policy Implications](#),” **Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI)**, June 5, 2023
- Conference: “[Türkiye in 2023: Time for \(Which\) Change?](#)” **The Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)**, Milan, June 14, 2023
- Conference: “[Turkey after the Elections](#),” **French Institute of International Relations (IFRI)**, Paris June 23, 2023
- Conference: “[Turkish Elections: What Can Political Consultants Learn from It?](#)” **European Association of Political Consultants**, Izmir, September 13, 2023.

Reuben Silverman

Reuben Silverman is a postdoctoral Researcher at SUITS. His work focuses on the political and economic history of Turkey during the 1950s, as the country became integrated into American-led security and economic institutions. He aims to understand how this process of integration affected the process of democratization during these years. While at SUITS, he is revising his dissertation (“Becoming Little Americans? Economic Integration and Social Polarization in Cold War Turkey, 1950-1960”) into a monograph manuscript.

He earned a PhD in Middle Eastern history from University of California, San Diego (2014-2022) and an MA in International Relations from the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies (2010-2012). He has published in peer-reviewed journals including [Middle East Journal](#), [Turkish Studies](#), and [Middle East Studies](#). As well as in online magazines intended for academics ([Jadaliyya](#)), policymakers ([Turkey Analyst](#)), and the general public ([Foreign Policy](#)). He also contributes regularly as a host to the New Books Network's [Middle East Studies](#) podcast. His essays have been collected in three books, *Turkey's Ever Present Past: Stories from Turkish Republican History* (2016), *Politics in Turkey: Parties, Politicians and the Struggle for Power* (2018), and *Borderline Personalities: Lives at the Political, Social, and Geographic Edges of Modern Turkey* (2021), all published by Libra Press.

Public Communication (including selected media appearances)

- Interview of [Mostafa Minawi](#) on **New Books Network**, January 23, 2023
- Conference Presentation: “[Democrats and \(Un\)Democratic Possibilities in Turkey's Early Cold War Era, 1945-60](#),” Turkey at 100: Discontinuities and (Dis)contents, **Instituto do Oriente**, Lisbon, February 9, 2023
- Invited talk: “Turkey, Sweden, and the Accession Process,” **Uppsala University Association of Foreign Affairs**, Uppsala, March 1, 2023
- Interview of [Shivan Mahendrarajah](#) on **New Books Network**, March 5, 2023
- Interview of [Hillary Falb Kalisman](#) on **New Books Network**, March 15, 2023
- Invited talk: “Getting Defensive: Sweden, Turkey, and the Experience of NATO Accession,” **The Stockholm Association of International Affairs**, Stockholm, April 12, 2023
- Interview of [Gönül Tol](#) on **New Books Network**, May 5, 2023
- Interview of [Max Weiss](#) on **New Books Network**, May 28, 2023
- Interview of [James Meyer](#) on **New Books Network**, June 3, 2023
- Interview of [Kaya Şahin](#) on **New Books Network**, June 29, 2023
- Interview of [İlkin Büke Okyar](#) on **New Books Network**, July 22, 2023
- Conference Presentation: “The Defiant Ones: The Growing Alignment of Turkish-Qatari Interests Since 1985,” **Swedish Middle East and North Africa Network (SWEMENA)**, August 25, 2023
- Interview of [Anthony Bigio](#) on **New Books Network**, September 17, 2023
- Interview of [Timur Hammond](#) on **New Books Network**, September 27, 2023
- Interview of [Valentina Marcella](#) on **New Books Network**, October 12, 2023
- Conference Presentation: “Red Scares and the Formation of a Frontline Cold War State in Turkey, 1950-1953,” **Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)**, Montreal, November 4, 2023
- Symposium Presentation: “Gone Without a Trace? Turkey's Democrat Party and Its Legacy in the State,” **Consortium for European Studies of Turkey (CEST)**, Paris, December 18, 2023
- Interview of [Devrim Yavuz](#) on **New Books Network**, December 23, 2023
- Interview of [Ilkay Yilmaz](#) on **New Books Network**, December 24, 2023

Jenny B. White

Jenny White is Professor Emerita at SUITS. She was called to this position in August 2016 by Stockholm University's President from a position as full professor at Boston University. She retired in September 2022. She holds a PhD in anthropology from University of Texas at Austin and an MA in social psychology from Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey. Her research interests are political anthropology, urban anthropology, Islam and Islamic politics, ethnicity, identity, nationalism, migration, gender, civil society, the family, Middle Eastern society and politics, and historical memory, with emphasis on Turkey and Muslim minorities in Europe.

She was president of the American Anthropological Association Middle East Section from 2004 to 2006 and president of the Turkish Studies Association from 2004 to 2006 (now Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association). Professor White was associate professor (1996-2013) and then full professor (2013-2016) at Boston University. Before that, she was assistant professor at University of Nebraska (1992-1996). Her latest book, with art by Ergün Gündüz, *Turkish Kaleidoscope: Fractured Lives in a Time of Violence*, was published in May 2021 by Princeton University Press. She has published three other scholarly books on Turkey. *Muslim Nationalism and the New Turks*, Princeton University Press, November 2012 (copyright 2013, 2nd edition 2014), was chosen by *Foreign Affairs* as one of three 2012 Best Books on the Middle East. *Islamist Mobilization in Turkey: A Study in Vernacular Politics*, University of Washington Press, 2002, won the 2003 Douglass Prize for best book in Europeanist anthropology, awarded by American Anthropological Association Society for the Anthropology of Europe. *Money Makes Us Relatives: Women's Labor in Urban Turkey*, Austin: University of Texas Press, 1994, was published in a Second Edition by Routledge, London, 2004. She has published numerous articles and book chapters. She has been a reviewer for 18 granting agencies internationally, 13 publishers, and 24 scholarly journals. She is on 8 advisory or editorial boards.

She has served since 2019 as the Vice Director Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST) and on its Academic Board (2015-present).

Public Communication (including selected media appearances)

- [“Sweden's NATO application & Turkey, and Sweden to mark Golden Jubilee in 2023,”](#) **Sverige Radio**, January 12, 2023
- Interview: Isaac Chotiner, [“How Erdoğan Set the Stage for Turkey’s Disastrous Earthquake Response,”](#) *The New Yorker*, February 14, 2023
- Interview with author Aslı Erdoğan, **Karavan**, Stockholm, March 26, 2023
- Invited Speaker: “Turkey's Green Screen: Modernity as Erasure and Projection,” Ringvorlesung: Canon, Heritage and the Nation: Narratives of Modernity Between Past and Future in Republican Turkey (1923-2023), **University of Vienna**, March 29, 2023
- Expert: [“Turkey: Empire of Erdogan,”](#) Episode 1, **BBC**, May 9, 2023 (also on [SVT Play](#))
- Invited Speaker: National Security Council Turkey Roundtable, **US White House**, May 12, 2023
- Discussant: “New Perspectives on Social and Economic History of Modern Turkey,” **University Duisburg-Essen**, June 22-24, 2023
- Key Note Address: “Spindle Politics: The Turkish Case,” **Swedish Middle East and North Africa Network (SWEMENA)**, August 25, 2023
- Invited Speaker: Panel on “100 Years of Turkey... What happens next?” **SUITS/Mediterranean Museum**, Stockholm, October 17, 2023
- Invited Speaker: **Consortium for European Studies of Turkey (CEST)**, Paris, December 2023
- Invited Speaker: [“Turkey at 100 | Reassessing Turkey's National Identity: A Century of Change,”](#) **Middle East Institute**, December 13, 2023
- Invited Speaker: Briefing to Turkey desk, **U.S. State Department**, December 2023.

Former SUITS Postdoctoral Researchers and Visitors

START DATE	VISITING SCHOLAR/ POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER	CURRENT LOCATION
2013	Murat Somer (2013-2014)	<i>Özyeğin University (İstanbul, Turkey)</i>
	Jozsef Fekete (2014-2014)	
2014	Diğdem Soyaltın (2014-2015)	<i>University of Aberdeen (Aberdeen, Scotland)</i>
2015	Bahar Baser (2015-2016)	<i>Durham University (Durham, England)</i>
	Ahmet Kaysılı (2015-2016)	<i>Ankara University (Ankara, Turkey)</i>
2016	Cengiz Çandar (2016-2022)	<i>Member of Turkey's Grand National Assembly, Representing the Province of Diyarbakır</i>
	Berna Ekal Şimsek (2016-2017)	<i>Altınbaş University (İstanbul, Turkey)</i>
	Aslı Postacı (2016-2017)	
	Shokoufeh Arvin (2016-2017)	
2017	Åsa Eldén (2017-2018)	<i>Uppsala University (Uppsala, Sweden)</i>
	Bilge Yabancı (2017-2018)	<i>Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Venice, Italy)</i>
	Lorenzo d'Orsi (2017-2018)	<i>University of Foggia (Foggia, Italy)</i>
2018	Pinar Sayan (2018-2020)	<i>Beykoz University (İstanbul, Turkey)</i>
	Erol Sağlam (2018-2019)	<i>Medeniyet University (İstanbul, Turkey)</i>
2020	Bengi Ruken Cengiz (2020-2021)	<i>Non-Resident Expert at IstanPol (Istanbul Political Research Institute)</i>
2022	Reuben Silverman (2022-current)	

2023 Calendar of Events

February

- First SUITS **Policy Brief** published (Jenny White, “[What Can We Expect from Turkey's 2023 Elections?](#)”)
- Reuben Silverman presents “[Democrats and \(Un\)Democratic Possibilities in Turkey’s Early Cold War Era, 1945-1960](#)” at **University of Lisbon**’s “Turkey At 100: (Dis)Continuities And (Dis)Contents” conference

March

- Paul Levin and Cengiz Çandar present to the **Centre for Turkish Studies (CEFTUS)**, at the House of Commons, London
- Jenny White presents “[Turkey's Green Screen: Modernity as Erasure and Projection](#)” at the **University of Vienna** Department of Near Eastern Studies’ lecture series
- Paul Levin presents at the [Institute for Future Studies](#) in Stockholm
- Jenny White interviews writer Asli Erdogan at event with [Karavan](#) literary journal in Stockholm
- Reuben Silverman presents at the **Uppsala University’s Association of Foreign Affairs**

April

- SUITS **Policy Brief** published (Ilke Toygür, “[What should the European Union do in case of an opposition victory in Turkey?](#)”)
- Reuben Silverman presents at **The Stockholm Association of International Affairs**

May

- Seren Selvin Korkmaz presents at discussion at **Middle East Institute** (“[What to Expect in Turkey's Elections](#)”) in Washington D.C.
- Jenny White is an Invited Speaker at the National Security Council Turkey Roundtable, **US White House**

June

- Paul Levin testifies before the [Delegation to the EU-Türkiye Joint Parliamentary Committee of the European Parliament](#)

August

- SUITS members participate in the **Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey (CEST)** [Venice Summer School](#)
- SUITS is co-organizer of the **Swedish Middle East and North Africa Network (SWEMENA)** [2nd Annual Conference](#), which is held at Stockholm University

September

- Paul Levin represents SUITS at the **University of Vienna’s 4th European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies** (Turkologentag) in a CEST panel on doing critical Turkish Studies

October:

- SUITS holds **10th Anniversary event** (“[100 Years of Turkey... what happens next?](#)”) at the Mediterranean Museum in Stockholm
- SUITS **Policy Brief** (Murat Somer, “[Turkey’s 2023 Elections: Successful Autocracy or Failure of Conventional Parties?](#)”) published

November

- SUITS members participate in the **Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey** (CEST) [Paris Symposium](#)
- Reuben Silverman presents “[The Formation of a Frontline Cold War State in Turkey, 1950-1953](#)” at **Middle East Studies Association** (MESA) in Montréal, Québec

December

- Paul Levin and Jenny White provide briefing to **United States State Department** Turkey desk, Washington D.C.
- Paul Levin participates in the Trilateral Strategy Group of the **German Marshall Fund** of the United States
- Jenny White is Invited Speaker in the panel “[Turkey at 100 | Reassessing Turkey's National Identity: A Century of Change](#),” **Middle East Institute**

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Publications

- Korkmaz, Seren Selvin. “Opposing Autocratization in Turkey: From Exclusionary to Inclusive Discourse,” *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 17, no. 4 (2023): 343-364: DOI: [10.1007/s12286-023-00584-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12286-023-00584-6)
- Levin, Paul. “Reflections on Şerif Mardin’s Center-Periphery Thesis,” *Turkish Studies* 24, no. 3-4 (2023): 617-639. DOI: [10.1080/14683849.2023.2189592](https://doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2023.2189592)
- Silverman, Reuben. “Süreyya Ağaoğlu and the Emerging Liberal Order in Early Cold War Turkey,” *Middle Eastern Studies*, April 11, 2023. DOI: [10.1080/00263206.2023.2195636](https://doi.org/10.1080/00263206.2023.2195636)
- White, Jenny. “The Disunity Default,” *Loxias-Colloques* 20, October 12, 2023: <http://revel.unice.fr/symposia/actel/index.html?id=1933>

Publications for Policymakers and Public

- Korkmaz, Seren Selvin. “Turkey’s Visionary Opposition: A Proposal for New Government and Policymaking Structures,” *German Marshall Fund*, March 2023: <https://tinyurl.com/ykcbpzcd>
- Korkmaz, Seren Selvin. “Conspiracy Theories and Election Campaigns,” (with Erol Sağlam), *Istanbul*, April 2023: <https://tinyurl.com/ypbcax2d>
- Korkmaz, Seren Selvin. “Opposition Strategies,” in *Turkey’s Pivotal 2023 Elections*, *Washington Institute* (2023), 8-11: <https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/media/6367>
- Korkmaz, Seren Selvin. “Polarizing Populism vs. Inclusive Positivity: Erdoğan and Kılıçdaroğlu’s Dueling Campaign Strategies,” *Middle East Institute*, May 2023: <https://tinyurl.com/bdepp8dy>
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2023 Financial results

	Budget innev år	Utfall 2301 - 2312	% av Budget
INTÄKTER			
Anslag	3 300,0	3 300,0	100 %
Uppdrag			
Bidrag	987,2	1 377,4	139,53 %
Samfinansiering			
Fördelning gemensamma kostnader			
Övrigt			
SUMMA INTÄKTER	4 287,2	4 677,4	109,1 %
KOSTNADER			
Personalkostnader	-2 014,1	-2 107,9	-104,66 %
Förändr.semskuld inkl.lkp		20,6	
Stipendier			
Lokalkostnader	-265,8	-291,7	-109,73 %
Driftskostnader	-232,0	-425,6	-183,45 %
Gemensamma kostnader			
Indirekta kostnader	-1 000,1	-1 125,6	-112,54 %
Avskrivningar			
Lämnade medel	-750,0	-836,8	-111,57 %
SUMMA KOSTNADER	-4 262,0	-4 767,0	-111,85 %
ÅRETS KAPITALFÖRÄNDRING	25,2	-89,6	-355,8 %
Kapitalförändring sedan tidigare år		953,8	
SUMMA KAPITALFÖRÄNDRING	25,2	864,2	3432,42 %
Ej förbrukade bidragsmedel		200,9	
Ej förbrukade uppdragsmedel			