

Call for Papers - PhD Workshop

The European Union, Turkey and its wider neighbourhood: challenges and opportunities

October 17-18, 2017

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Spain

Several interconnected crises are profoundly affecting relations between the European Union and Turkey. The refugee crisis, the failed coup attempt in Turkey of July 2016, the UK's aspiration to exit the European Union, Turkey's Constitutional referendum, bilateral tensions between Turkey and individual EU Member States, the unravelling neighbourhood and rising Eurosceptic trends on both sides are just the most recent examples. Although Turkey has always been an integral part of Europe's history, a contrasting mix of conflict and cooperation, has been at the heart of the dense relationship between Turkey and the European project from the outset.

Understanding EU-Turkey relations and respective challenges and opportunities of the past and future requires a comprehensive approach of analysing different thematic dimensions, i.e. politics, economics, security, energy and climate, migration as well as identity and culture. Assessing factors that affect the relationship on different levels of analysis – such as the EU, Turkey, the neighbourhood and the global level – underlying historical narratives as well as positions of individual EU Member States seems to be of key importance.

This two-day PhD Workshop, organized within the context of the projects **FEUTURE** (Horizon 2020) and **TRIANGLE** (Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies, funded by Stiftung Mercator), both coordinated by the Center for Turkey and European Union Studies at University of Cologne, is meant to provide a solid platform for junior researchers to discuss their research with their peers and senior academic colleagues.

Papers are welcomed from **PhD students of political science, international relations as well as economics, history, law and social sciences** dealing with topics related to the EU, Turkey and the wider neighbourhood in the context of EU-Turkey relations.

Participants are additionally invited to attend the **FEUTURE Mid-term Conference**, which will take place at Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB) on Thursday, October 19, 2017 in order to discuss the future of EU-Turkey relations with stakeholders from Turkey, the EU and its Member States as well as the academic community.

Application

Please send your **extended abstracts and your CV** to Eva Binkert (eva.binkert@uni-koeln.de) and Betül Sakinir (bsakinir@uni-koeln.de) before the **submission deadline, August 1, 2017, 12:00h**. Extended abstracts (max. 500 words) should include research relevance and question(s), contribution to the literature and methodology to be applied.



There will be only limited number of places in the workshop. The selection will be based on criteria such as excellence and proximity with the theme of the seminar. The submissions will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee. Notification of the acceptance will be sent by August 21, 2017. After this notification, selected participants are supposed to send their **full papers (max. 5000 words) by September 30, 2017.**

Funding

There will be **no registration fee**. Participants will be provided a lump sum of **300€ for travel and accommodation expenses**.

Workshop Format

Each participant will present her/his paper for 15-20 minutes. Presentations will be followed, first, by reviews of the Researcher in Residence and the Scientific Committee and, second, by an open discussion with all participants. Therefore, each participant is expected to review a paper of another participant. Match-ups will be announced along with the program and the papers. As Researcher in Residence Robert Kissack, Associate Prof. and Head of Studies at IBEI, supported by the Scientific Committee, chairs the workshop and provides academic supervision and personal feedback to each presentation.

If applicable, there is the possibility of publishing your paper in the FEUTURE PhD Online Paper Series as follow-up to the workshop.

Venue

The workshop is hosted by **Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)**, (Carrer de Ramon Trias Fargas, 25, 08005 Barcelona, Spain).

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline:	August 1 st , 2017
Notification of accepted papers and program:	August 21 st , 2017
Paper submission deadline:	September 30 th , 2017
Workshop:	October 17 th -18 th , 2017
FEUTURE Mid-Term Conference:	October 19 th , 2017



Scientific/ Selection Committee

Ass. Prof. Dr. Robert Kissack (Researcher in Residence) - Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Spain

Prof. Dr. Atila Eralp – Centre for European Studies, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

Prof. Dr. Meltem Müftüler-Bac – Sabanci University, Turkey

Dr. Eduard Soler – Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Spain

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About the projects

FEUTURE (The Future of EU-Turkey Relations: Mapping Dynamics and Testing Scenarios) is currently the only project funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme on the topic of EU-Turkey relations. Consisting of 15 renowned universities and think tanks from the EU, Turkey and the neighbourhood the aim is to map the dynamics of EU-Turkey relations as to underlying narratives and thematic drivers, substantiate most likely future scenario(s), assess its implications and draw policy recommendations.

Coordinators: Nathalie Tocci, IAI (Scientific lead) / Wolfgang Wessels, CETEUS (Project lead)

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TRIANGLE (Blickwechsel in EU/German-Turkish Relations Beyond Conflicts – Towards a Unique Partnership for a Contemporary Turkey?) is a three year research project conducted by the Center for Turkey and EU Studies at University Cologne in cooperation with the Middle Eastern Technical University in Ankara. It is part of the programme “Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies”, funded by Stiftung Mercator. The project seeks to assess the institutional architecture as well as the dominant narratives in EU/German-Turkish relations. The aim of this comprehensive analysis is to identify possible turning points – a “Blickwechsel” – that might sustainably change this relationship.

Website: www.blickwechsel-tuerkei.de (operating from beginning of July 2017 onwards)

