

CATS Fellowship 2022

The Centre for Applied Turkey Studies (CATS) at Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin, is awarding **fellowships to primarily post-doctoral researchers working on Turkey-related issues**. Researchers who have not yet completed their PhD but have a long-standing track record in research on Turkey may also apply.

For the year 2022, CATS announces the availability of fellowships on the following topics:

■ **Climate change as a common threat and an area of cooperation in the Mediterranean –**

Possible research questions include:

- How do different actors (such as business communities, civil society groups, and political parties) in Turkey perceive and approach climate change?
- How can countries of the Mediterranean establish regional platforms for documentation, research, and exchange on climate change?
- In what ways can local governments cooperate in the fight against climate change in the Mediterranean? Are there options for city diplomacy on climate change?
- What are the future prospects of Turkey's climate policy? To what extent – if any – have the recent forest fires and floods initiated a policy change?
- What tools does the EU have (or should have) for fostering regional cooperation on climate change?

■ **Turkey in Asia: Trade-offs, limitations, and implications for relations with the West –**

Possible research questions include:

- What are societal, political, institutional, and ideational foundations of Turkey-China relations?
- What is the trajectory of Turkey's South Asia policy? What are the potentials and limitations of this policy? What are the impacts of this policy on Turkey-EU relations?
- What are the implications of Turkey's increased connectedness with China for its foreign policy orientation?
- What are the likely motivations, objectives, and limitations of Turkey's outlook on a changing Afghanistan? What role does Turkey's cooperation with Pakistan and Russia play in its approach to the situation in Afghanistan and the neighbouring Central Asian countries?

■ **The future of governance in Turkey: State institutions, party politics, and civil society –**

Possible research questions include:

- Which avenues are there for cooperation between Turkish and European municipalities? What are the possibilities and limits of cooperation on the municipal level?
- How does alliance politics reshape the Turkish political landscape? What are its implications for the future of democracy in Turkey?
- In Turkey as well as in EU member states personalisation of power, party fragmentation, and societal polarisation point to the crisis of democracy. What are the perspectives and tools of political parties, of interest groups and of civil society at large to mitigate the crisis and to counter the shrinking of civil spaces?
- Has the presidential system eroded institutional government structures or are they resilient to political change?

Applicants are required to provide evidence of extensive research experience and significant publications. Fellows will conduct a research project **EITHER independently OR in cooperation with a project funded in the framework of CATS Network** (see the [Call for Applications for CATS Network grants 2022](#)). In the latter case, the applicant shall clearly outline his/her contribution to the project.

The selected CATS fellows might collaborate with CATS and SWP colleagues. Research results will appear in the form of peer-reviewed CATS and SWP publications. The working languages are English and/or German.

Fellowships will be granted **for a period of six to twelve months**. Unless the fellows are required to travel to complete their individual projects, they are encouraged to reside in Berlin or at the SWP Brussels office for the duration of their fellowship. Fellows will receive a monthly grant of **€ 2,800** and an additional budget for research trips.

All applications must be submitted in the form of a single PDF document and must contain the following components in English or German:

- A cover letter;
- A CV including a list of academic publications;
- Copies of relevant academic transcripts and/or diplomas (no translations needed);
- A written proposal containing the description of the applicant's project (not to exceed five pages, 2 cm margin, 1.5 spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font). This proposal must include:
 - A discussion of the research/project topic, relevant research questions/project objectives and an explanation of the academic and policy relevance of the project;
 - An overview of the state of research in the field;
 - An overview of the theoretical and methodological approaches;
 - A bibliography.

Applications will be evaluated by a jury consisting of CATS team members, the SWP Brussels office, and experts from partner institutions which have not applied for funding.

In choosing applicants, the jury will put particular emphasis on the following criteria:

- Academic and professional merit based on the applicant's publications and work experience;
- Academic and political relevance of the applicant's project to the relevant research fields;
- Coherence and feasibility of the applicant's project;
- Value of the project's public outreach dimension.

The deadline for 2022 Fellowship applications is 17 October 2021. Please send your application by email to CATS@swp-berlin.org. Applicants are responsible for submitting complete applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For more information about the CATS Network, please see the website: <https://www.cats-network.eu>

As part of the application process, we will store and process the data you send us and share it with members of the jury that will consist of SWP employees and other members of the CATS Network. In [the privacy policy declaration available here](#) we would like to inform you comprehensively about the collection, processing and use of your personal data. If you do not agree with the processing of your data by SWP, you can object at any time by contacting cats@swp-berlin.org.

Please also note our data protection declarations for events and stored addresses at SWP at <https://www.swp-berlin.org/en/data-protection/>

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