

CATS Network Grants 2022

The Centre for Applied Turkey Studies (CATS) at Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin, aims to strengthen research cooperation between European and Turkish institutions working on Turkey's domestic politics and foreign policy, and acts as curator of the CATS Network. As part of this endeavour, CATS offers funding for policy-oriented research projects.

For the year 2022, CATS announces the availability of research grants 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?

Projects should foster transnational research and debate that reflects on European policy towards Turkey.

CATS awards project grants **of up to € 50,000 per institution**. **Joint applications** of two or more institutions are strongly encouraged. The total sum does not have to be distributed equally between the project partners. In total, € 266,000 will be available for the funding of new projects in 2022.

Grants may cover:

- Personnel costs (portion of the salary of employees of the applying institution according to working hours spent on the project)
- Honoraria (for experts or service providers who are not employed at the applying institution)
- Travel expenses (for transport, hotel costs, etc.)
- Event costs (e.g., venue rental, catering, translation costs)
- Publication costs

Grants do not cover costs for overhead, fellowships, per diems or the procurement of goods (for fellowships see the [Call for Applications for CATS fellowships 2022](#)).

The funding period **starts on 01 Feb. 2022 at the earliest and ends on 31 Dec. 2022 at the latest**.

Applicant institutions have to be officially recognised as non-profit organisations/organisations that work for the public good. Funding depends on the submission of the necessary documents. The contractor has to be a legal person. SWP will act as the contract partner on behalf of CATS. Each project partner will sign a separate contract with SWP.

Beneficiaries need to comply with the German regulations for the use of public funds. More information on the concrete regulations (e.g., max. amount for hotel costs in specific cities) and their administrative implementation can be received from the CATS team (cats@swp-berlin.org).

Applications must be submitted in the form of a single PDF document and must contain the following components:

- A written proposal (max. 5 pages; 2 cm margin, 1.5 spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font), including expected results and public outreach;
- A time table;
- A list of persons involved, their responsibilities, and their CVs;
- A draft budget.

Criteria for the selection of projects are: innovativeness, quality of the application, expected outputs, added value for policy advice, profiles of people involved, cost effectiveness and feasibility.

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.

The deadline for application is **17 October 2021**.

Please send your complete application to cats@swp-berlin.org.

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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