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THE MERCATOR-IPC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
GOALS AND THEMATIC AREAS

Stiftung Mercator and Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) at Sabancı University invite academics, journalists and professionals to apply for a fellowship program that aims to strengthen academic, political and social ties between Turkey and Germany, as well as between Turkey and Europe. The program is based on the premise that the acquisition of knowledge and the exchange of people and ideas are preconditions for meeting the challenges of an increasingly globalized world.
The fellowship program supports research and practical projects within two thematic areas which are of essential importance for the future of Turkey and Germany within a larger European and global context:

EU/German-Turkish relations
Climate change

It allows academics, journalists and professionals from Germany, Turkey and other nations focusing on these areas to work on academic and practical projects at IPC.
EXCELLENT WORK IN A PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Mercator-IPC Fellows work at IPC for the duration of 6 to 12 months. The Center is an independent policy research institute with global outreach. Its mission is to foster academic research and its application to policy making. IPC is firmly committed to providing decision makers, opinion leaders, academics and the general public with innovative and objective analyses of key domestic and foreign policy issues. IPC offers the Mercator-IPC Fellows access to a broad network of academics, civil society activists and decision makers as well as a unique platform for sound academic research to shape hands-on policy work. Fellows benefit from Sabancı University’s exceptional intellectual capital and vast reserves of scientific knowledge.
TYPES OF FELLOWSHIPS

Based on the experience and professional careers of the candidates there are two types of positions available:

**Mercator-IPC Fellowships** are available for outstanding young academics, journalists and professionals who have significant prior work experience. A PhD degree is strongly preferred. Applicants without a PhD degree will only be accepted if their work experience and expertise meet the program requirements to the jury’s satisfaction. Projects which focus on the German-Turkish nexus are preferred.

**Mercator-IPC Senior Fellowships** are granted to internationally renowned scholars and highly respected representatives of civil society or politics who have already made a significant contribution to the program’s thematic areas, especially to EU/German-Turkish relations.
WHY EU/GERMAN-TURKISH RELATIONS?

In the wake of the world’s largest humanitarian crisis, joint Turkey-EU action is imperative to both migration flows from Turkey to the EU and developing models for integrating refugees into society. Education, in this sense, plays a leading role in promoting mutual respect in a culture of living together. Turkey’s role in preserving stability in the region is crucial now more than ever.

Subtopics in this area:

- Re-energizing the accession process and discussing Turkey’s role in the future architecture of the EU;
- Exploring methods of cooperation complementary to the accession process;
- Turkey’s role in the MENA region and its importance in the EU’s external actions and foreign policy;
- Refugee crises in Europe and implications for EU/German-Turkish relations;
- Managing and teaching diversity in pluralist societies/Education as a means to promote democratization and a culture of living together;
- Integration of refugees into education systems in the EU and Turkey.
WHY CLIMATE CHANGE?

Few issues necessitate international cooperation as strongly as the need to respond to the threat of climate change. The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions can only be accomplished through the joint efforts of national governments, businesses, academia, civil society groups, and individual citizens. In particular, the transformation of energy systems in Europe and elsewhere towards decarbonization is crucial for reducing greenhouse gases in order to mitigate climate change.

The Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program aims to raise awareness among decision makers and the broader public of the threats posed by climate change.

Subtopics in this area:
- Mapping the impacts of climate change in Europe and Turkey;
- Analysis of the social and economic impacts of climate change and related policies;
- Obstacles to policy reform (in developing countries) and overcoming the alleged dichotomy of economic development and environmentally friendly policies;
- Mechanisms for effective multi-level governance in climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- Turkey’s climate and energy policies in the European context.
TOP ENDOWMENTS FOR TOP FELLOWS

Mercator-IPC Fellows are granted:
A monthly net amount of up to 2,700 EUR;
A monthly family allowance of up to 500 EUR net (under preconditions);
A travel allowance of up to 2,500 EUR in total.

Mercator-IPC Senior Fellows:
The financial compensation of Mercator-IPC Senior Fellows varies according to the format and duration of their projects.

At the discretion of the IPC Director, additional funding will be provided to organize events and publications.
The Mercator-IPC Fellowship is the cornerstone of the Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative, a strategic partnership between Sabancı University and Stiftung Mercator. It aims to strengthen the academic, political and social ties between Turkey and Germany as well as Turkey and Europe. The Initiative is based on the premise that in an increasingly globalized world the acquisition of knowledge and the exchange of people and ideas are preconditions to jointly prepare for the challenges of the 21st century.

The partnership was launched on July 5, 2011 upon the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding” by the presidents of Sabancı University and Stiftung Mercator. It officially initiated its activities on January 1, 2012.
FURTHER INFORMATION

For further details about the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program and updated deadlines please visit: http://ipc.sabanciuniv.edu/en/about_fellowship/

For further information about the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program founding institutions visit:

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Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) was established at Sabanci University in November 2001 with the intent of conducting research in multiple policy areas. Since then, IPC has strived to create a bridge between NGOs and academia in both Turkey and the world, without losing its focus on applied academic research and public policy. As a global policy research institution IPC specializes in key social and political issues ranging from democratization to climate change, transatlantic relations to conflict resolution and mediation. IPC organizes and conducts its research under three main clusters:

The Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative; Democratization and Institutional Reform; Conflict Resolution and Mediation.
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