WHY?
Stiftung Mercator and Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) at Sabancı University invite academics, journalists, and professionals to apply for the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program. The program aims to strengthen academic, political, and social ties between Turkey and Germany, as well as between Turkey and Europe, based on the premise that the acquisition of knowledge and the exchange of people and ideas are preconditions for meeting the challenges of a globalized world.

WHERE?
Mercator-IPC Fellows work at IPC in Istanbul for the duration of 6 to 12 months. IPC offers 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.

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, please visit:

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EU/GERMAN-TURKISH RELATIONS

Subtopics in this area:
• Integration of refugees into society.
• Crisis in the EU (refugee crisis, Brexit, right-wing extremism) and implications for EU/German-Turkish relations.
• Methods of cooperation complementary to the accession process.
• Turkey-EU-German cooperation as a key pillar in Turkey’s foreign policy; Turkey’s role in the MENA region and the EU’s external actions and foreign policy.

Given that Turkey, Germany, and Europe have entered an era of multiple crises, continued open dialogue between Turkey and the EU is necessary for the fight against terrorism, maintenance of peace and stability in the European periphery, management of the current refugee crisis and prospective irregular migration flows, and developing models for integrating refugees into society. Education, in this sense, plays a leading role in promoting multiculturalism and a culture of living together.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Fears necessitate international cooperation as it is no longer possible to respond to the threat of climate change. The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions cannot 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 for mitigation and adaptation.

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

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• Significant prior work experience aiming to achieve the PhD degree

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