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We would like to present you a brand new FEUTURE Newsletter.

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EDITORIAL: EU-TURKEY, DEFINING THE NEW RELATIONSHIP

The objective of Turkey's relationship with the EU is experiencing a **lasting and structural shift** from 2005, where the EU accession won the support of 74% of the Turkish population. Although Turkey's overriding expectation from the EU was to gain full membership, the EU has lost credibility with the Turkish population and political leaders. The rise of populist movements in European politics, along with backtracking on democratic standards in Turkey over the past few years has brought accession prospects to a halt. Against this backdrop, the political objective has now shifted towards finding a new framework for the Turkey-EU relationship in the absence of a positive momentum related to the accession track.

As a result, although the **goal of accession** remains part of the official discourse, the Turkish leadership is increasingly interested in reshaping the relationship away from the political conditionality inherent in accession, toward a **more “transactional” framework** focused on trade, economic and security collaboration.

The slated deepening of the **Turkey-EU Customs Union** provides a timely opportunity to do just that. The renewed customs union will seek to overhaul the existing customs union, which dates back to 1995, with a view to expanding its scope of sectoral coverage by including services industries, agriculture, and public procurement. Another aim will be to modernize the overall governance framework by designing a new dispute settlement mechanism and addressing deficiencies in trade policy convergence. Currently, Ankara is awaiting the EU

ambitious position on the linkage between democratic norms and the start of the customs union negotiations. Decision-making in the Council has been further complicated by political difficulties with Turkey in the wake of the constitutional referendum in April and the extension of the emergency rule imposed after the July 2016 failed coup. The position of the European Parliament is similar across different party groups. Failure to advance even an economically focused agenda between Turkey and the EU could provoke a total unmooring of this relationship. A counter-argument is that the renewed customs union could provide a strong foundation for the **strengthening of the rule of law**, at least in the policy areas that are to be covered by the new agreement. In other words, the proper implementation of Turkey's commitments under the modernized customs union can indeed lead to improvements in the rule of law.

One remaining question is whether Ankara can be incentivized to accept this **regime of improved governance** that will inevitably constrain discretionary rule in sensitive areas like public procurement practices or state aids. In the end, Turkish policymakers may ultimately accept the terms of the renewed customs union if they are convinced that, in doing so, Turkey will be able to overcome its problem of low growth.

Sinan Ülgen, Chairman, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM), Leader of FEUTURE WP4 “Security Drivers”

however, from the EU's perspective, the main dividing question is to what extent this **dissociation between democratic norms and values and trade policy** can be achieved. It appears that there is no real consensus within the European Council regarding this sensitive issue, albeit some member states, led by Austria and the Netherlands, have adopted a more



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PRESENTATION OF WORK PACKAGE 4: SECURITY DRIVERS

by Sinan Ülgen, Leader of WP4

Work Package 4 seeks to identify **key security drivers** that are likely to lead to one of the **three envisaged ideal-type scenarios**: conflict, cooperation or convergence in EU-Turkey relations. It takes as its point of departure the ways in which security interests and perceived threats have shaped relations since 1999. The aim is to assess the **similarities/differences** in how the two sides interpret key global and regional security issues that are summed up in **four clusters**, covering the project's four levels of analysis: Turkey, EU, neighbourhood and global. **Two main questions** will be addressed: (1) What security drivers are relevant and what constellations of them exist? (2) What are the most prominent drivers both within each focal issue and across them? As a last task, weighing and ranking of the identified drivers will serve to substantiate the proposed scenario(s).

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PAST ACTIVITIES

[FEUTURE Review meeting at the European Commission's Research Executive Agency, Brussels, 19 June 2017](#)

On 19 June, all FEUTURE partners gathered in Brussels for a review meeting organized by the European Commission's Research Executive Agency (REA). The meeting aimed to assess the first year of implementation of the FEUTURE project with the help of two independent experts. FEUTURE researchers could present the progress achieved in each thematic dimension of the project and engage in discussions with the external experts. The outcome of the review was that the project has achieved most of its objectives for its first year and has the potential to produce ambitious impact both on the academic and policy levels.

TRIANGLE project, funded within the Blickwechsel Programme of Stiftung Mercator. The workshop saw the participation of, among others, Atila Eralp (METU), Wolf-Ruthart Born (former State Secretary), Dicle Korkmaz (METU), Wolfgang Wessels (CETEUS), Elina Brutschin (Webster University, Vienna), Funda Tekin (CETEUS), Ebru Turhan, (Türk-Alman Üniversitesi, Istanbul), and selected authors of the [FEUTURE EU-28 Country Reports](#) on national perspectives on EU-Turkey relations.

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[CETEUS event: TRIANGLE round table "Blickwechsel in EU/German-Turkish Relations Beyond Conflicts – Towards a Unique Partnership for a Contemporary](#)

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An informal WP1 meeting took place in Cologne on 8 June 2017. During the meeting, the Work Package members from University of

Cologne and Middle East Technical University, including Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels and Prof. Dr. Atila Eralp discussed the next steps of the historical analysis of narratives and in particular the QDA analysis of text sources from Turkey and the EU. Work Package 1 serves as a basis for all other Work Packages and aims at providing the project's conceptual and analytical toolkit.

FEUTURE Lecture at METU Jean Monnet Seminar by Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels, Ankara, 20 April 2017



On 20 April 2017, the Centre for European Studies (CES) of the Middle East Technical University (METU) hosted the FEUTURE Project

Coordinator Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels from the Centre for Turkey and European Union Studies (CETEUS) of University of Cologne to discuss the role and impact of the European Council. The lecture was entitled "The European Council – the Master of the EU Game", and focused on the historical development and role of the European Council in EU-Turkey relations, as well as the decision-making mechanisms, the highly political nature, and the sphere of influence of this EU institution.

IAI workshop: "The refugee crisis and the future of the internal and external dimensions of EU migration and asylum policies", Brussels, 21 June 2017



The workshop was organized by Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) in the framework of the "[Global Turkey in Europe](#)" research project, in cooperation with the

Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS). The concluding GTE workshop offered the opportunity to assess the current state and future of both the internal and external dimensions of the EU's migration and asylum policies, as well as that of EU-Turkey relations in this specific issue area.

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On 7 June 2017, in the framework of the TRIANGLE project funded within the Blickwechsel

Programme of Stiftung Mercator, the Centre for Turkey and European Union Studies (CETEUS) of the University of Cologne organized a round table chaired by Funda Tekin (CETEUS). Atila Eralp (Middle East Technical University), Javier Nino Pérez (Head of Division Turkey, European External Action Service), Wolfgang Wessels (CETEUS), and Wolf-Ruthart Born (former State Secretary) engaged in a discussion on "Blickwechsel in EU/German-Turkish Relations Beyond Conflicts – Towards a Unique Partnership for a Contemporary Turkey?".

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IAI meeting: "Talk with the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs", Rome, 24 May 2017



The Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, gave a speech at a meeting organized by the Institute of

International Affairs (IAI) in Rome. The conversation with the Minister touched upon the migration crisis, NATO, and bilateral relations between Turkey and Italy.

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IAI workshop: "What happens after finding refuge? The integration of Syrian refugees in Germany and Turkey", Berlin, 8 May 2017



The workshop, which took place in Berlin on 8 May 2017, was organized in the framework of the

research project [Global Turkey in Europe](#) in cooperation with Stiftung Mercator, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) and Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS). The event offered the opportunity to discuss the issue of the integration of refugees in the light of the experiences of two leading refugee-hosting countries - Germany and Turkey. The report of the workshop, prepared by TEPSA Project Assistant Anja Palm, can be downloaded [here](#).

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EU, Rise of Populism and Brexit, Istanbul, 21 June 2017



On 21 June 2017, a panel discussion on "The future of the EU, rise of populism and Brexit" was organized by the European Institute

of Istanbul Bilgi University in cooperation with the Economic Development Foundation.

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CETEUS workshop on "Narratives and Perceptions on EU-Turkey Relations – A Differentiated Future?", Cologne, 8 June 2017



On 8 June 2017, Funda Tekin (CETEUS) opened the International Workshop on "Narratives and Perceptions on EU-

Turkey Relations – A Differentiated Future?", organized in the framework of the

Ankara, 19 April 2017



On 19 April 2017, the Middle East Technical University (METU) hosted a conference on "Rethinking Turkey and Europe in a Turbulent World" on

the occasion of the retirement of the Jean Monnet Chair Prof. Dr. Atila Eralp. Following the ceremony in honour of Prof. Eralp's contributions to academia, three panel sessions focused on the current debates in and about Turkey, on developments in the neighbourhood and the global arena, and on the future of EU-Turkey relations. Researchers from the FEUTURE consortium (including FEUTURE Project Coordinator Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels and [FEUTURE Scientific and Policy Advisory Board](#) Member Prof. Dr. Meltem Müftüler Baç), distinguished Turkey experts and Turkish practitioners as well as Prof. Eralp's former and current students contributed to the sessions.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEUTURE/TRIANGLE PhD Workshop: "The European Union, Turkey and its wider neighbourhood: challenges and opportunities", 17-18 October 2017, Barcelona



The Centre of Turkey and European Union Studies (CETEUS) at the University of Cologne coordinates

two research projects on EU-Turkey relations - FEUTURE (Horizon 2020) and TRIANGLE (Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies, funded by Stiftung Mercator) – that provide the framework for the organization of a two-day PhD Workshop hosted by the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) in Barcelona on 17 and 18 October 2017. The workshop will be under the scientific leadership of Ass. Prof. Dr. Robert Kissack, IBEI (Researcher in Residence) and the Scientific Committee including Prof. Dr. Atila Eralp (METU), Prof. Dr. Meltem

FEUTURE Mid-term Conference: "EU-Turkey relations: game (not) over?", Barcelona, 19-20 October 2017



On 19-20 October 2017, the FEUTURE mid-term conference will take place in Barcelona, hosted by the Barcelona Centre

for International Affairs (CIDOB). The first day of the conference will be public and will see the participation of relevant stakeholders and keynote speeches from experts and practitioners. On the second day, the [project partners](#) and members of the [FEUTURE Scientific and Policy Advisory Board](#) will have the chance to discuss the project's research activities and first results in parallel sessions. The draft programme

The call for papers for the FEUTURE TRIANGLE

PhD Workshop can be accessed [here](#). You can still submit your abstract until 1 August 2017.



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[FEUTURE publications:](#)



FEUTURE Online Paper No.4: [Turkish and European Identity Constructions in the 1815-1945 Period](#), by Senem Aydın-Düzgüt, Johanna Chovanec, Seckin Baris Gülmez, Bahar Rumelili, Alp Eren Topal, July 2017



FEUTURE Voices No.1: [Turkey's European Future at a Crossroad: Where do we go from here?](#), by Nathalie Tocci (Istituto Affari Internazionali), Scientific Coordinator of FEUTURE, June 2017



FEUTURE Voices No.2: [Turkey, one year after](#), by Eduard Soler i Lecha (CIDOB), Leader of WP2 "Political Drivers", July 2017



New [FEUTURE EU 28 country reports](#) online, mapping perceptions of EU-Turkey relations in EU Member States

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[Partners' publications:](#)

Senem Aydın-Düzgüt (2017), [Turkey and the EU: Perpetual Crisis or Restricted Cooperation?](#), German Marshall Fund of the United States, June 2017

Ayhan Kaya (2017), ["Syrian Refugees and a Tale of two Cities: Aleppo and Istanbul"](#), in *European Review*, Volume 25, Issue 3, pp. 1-23

Ayhan Kaya (2017), ["Individual Determinants of anti-Muslim Prejudice in the EU-15"](#), in *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi*, Volume 14, No. 53

Ayhan Kaya (2017), "İstanbul, Mülteciler için Cennet mi Cehennem mi? Suriyeli Mültecilerin Kentsel Alandaki Halleri", in [Toplum ve Bilim, No. 140](#), pp. 42-68

Ayhan Kaya (2017), "Batı Avrupa'da İslam'ın Kurumsallaşması: Almanya, Fransa, Belçika ve Hollanda'da Din ve Devlet", *Şehir ve Toplum Dergisi*, Göç Özel Sayısı, No.6

Asli Selin Okay (2017), [Labour Market Integration of Syrian Refugees in Germany and Turkey: Challenges and Prospects](#), Global Turkey in Europe, June 2017

Eduard Soler i Lecha (2017), ["Turquía, un año después"](#), *El País*, 17 July 2017

[FEUTURE researchers' speeches, presentations and other activities:](#)

Ayhan Kaya (Istanbul Bilgi University):

- Support Project for Turkish Migrant Integration Policies , International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Directorate General of Migration Management, November 2016 (prepared under Ayhan Kaya's supervision by Migration Experts)

Eduard Soler i Lecha (CIDOB):

- Presentation on "Turkey: a partner or a headache?" at Terrassa City Council XII Summer Course on the European Union, Terrassa (Spain), 4 July 2017
- Course on "[The new Turkey: domestic cleavages in a changing Middle East](#)" in the framework of the IBEI Summer School in Global Politics, Development and Security, Barcelona, 26-27 June 2017

[FEUTURE Online Paper No 4 on the Turkish and European Identity Constructions in the 1815-1945 Period](#)

FEUTURE video: Bahar Rumelili (Koc University) presents [FEUTURE Online Paper No.4](#) on "Turkish and European Identity Constructions in the 1815-1945 Period"

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