



ZUKUNFTSFORUM TÜRKİYE EUROPA
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE TURKEY EUROPE FUTURE FORUM 2017

“REFLECTING CHANGE”

Rising populism, anti-globalization movements, Brexit and declining support for democracies shape many political systems across the continent these days: Germany fears strong right wing parties in its general election year 2017. France, the Netherlands and Great Britain have populist politicians becoming stronger and stronger. Turkey is also going through turbulent times. And the EU as a whole is questioned within the cornerstone of its institutional framework. Democracy, for a long time believed to be the most wanted and valued form of government, is coming under fire.

How can we encounter threats for democracies such as system changes, propaganda or populism? How do democracies cope with the era of “post-truth”, populist backlash accompanied by the decline of welfare safety-nets, shifting employment opportunities abroad and perceived threats from immigrants? Which role do civil societies, political parties and the media play? Do the so-called negative impacts of globalization, accused of fueling populist discourses, change democratic systems towards illiberal democracies? Questions like these are at the core of the Forum 2017 for which we now call for applications.

**The 3rd Turkey Europe Future Forum will take place
from July 2nd to 9th, 2017
in Izmir and Istanbul*.**

The objective of the eight-day Forum is to strengthen the ties between young leaders from Turkey and Europe with a view to leveraging European discourse and creating a network based on mutual trust. In workshops, lectures and intercultural trainings, the participants share their sector- and country-specific perspectives, guided by a team of internationally renowned Co-Deans: Ümit Boyner and Ruprecht Polenz will supervise the programme which is under the patronage of Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union.

Application Requirements

- Age between 28 and 38 years
- At least two years of professional experience in the areas of politics, economic affairs, administration, culture, media, academia or civil society
- Excellent academic and professional qualifications
- Turkish, German or EU citizenship
- University degree
- Very good command of English
- Strong interest in this years' topic

The costs of participating in the programme including travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses will be covered. The Turkey Europe Future Forum is organized by Mercator Program Center for International Affairs (MPC) in cooperation with TÜSİAD and funded by Stiftung Mercator.

The application deadline is February 5th, 2017. Applications must be made online via: <http://application.mpc-international.org/future-forum> and shall include a motivation letter and CV. Further information can be found on the MPC website www.mpc-international.org/futureforum.

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*The locations might be subject to change depending on the conditions.