

CALL FOR PAPERS

TURKEY'S IMAGE IN THE ARAB WORLD BEFORE AND AFTER THE ARAB SPRING

The last decade witnessed the rise of Turkey as a regional power and its return to the Middle East. This rise is attributed to many factors such as its democratization, growing economy, active foreign policy and it is still widely debated in and outside the country. The Turkish experience became more significant with the Arab Spring. Some viewed it as a source of inspiration to the newly emerging democratic governments in the Arab world with its economic growth and ability to combine democracy, and Islam and secularism. Some others viewed the Turkish experience as unique and unrepeatable in Arab countries. The debates took several shapes and tones as they discussed variable aspects of Turkish politics, economy and society.

In this work we plan to establish a clear picture of the so-called 'Turkish model' or the Turkish experience by studying how Turkey is perceived in a particular Arab country. The study will analyze the debates about various aspects of Turkey such foreign policy and foreign relations, its economic success, democracy, Islam, secularism, etc. **We are looking for scholars and researchers who want to study Turkey's image before and after the Arab Revolutions in different Arab countries.** Those who are interested must chose a country and send us a proposal that will explain what exactly s/he will study and why it is significant. Moreover, it must briefly explain the method of analysis. The analysis must relate the image of Turkey with the domestic and international context for that country.

The proposal (about 500-1000 words) must be accompanied by a CV. The articles can be written in English, Arabic and Turkish. A royalty of US\$500 will be paid for each final paper. We will publish them in a volume every year.

Important Deadlines:

<i>Submission of proposals:</i>	January 20, 2012
<i>Announcement of evaluation results:</i>	February 1, 1012
<i>Submission of the paper:</i>	April 1, 2012

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