

# INVITATION

## A POLITICAL GIANT REBORN?

### - PART 2: TURKEY'S SOFT POWER

Turkish economy is strong. Over three consecutive years it has been growing substantially, despite European and American stagnation. With Turkey seemingly taking a bigger role in regional foreign affairs, many are looking to the country as an example of economic and political practice after the Arab Spring. In what way is Turkey using its economy and foreign investments in its diplomatic relations with the region and the world?

In this second seminar on "Turkey's new role in the world" at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, we will focus on the country's economic diplomacy. Turkey's economy has had a good decade. The country experienced its own financial crisis in the beginning of the century and managed to get its fiscal house in order by the time the West went into recession in 2008. During 2010 and 2011 Turkey even had record growth. While during the last months the economy has been slowing down with global trade and service balance in debt at around \$70bn. Still the country remains an economic giant in the region. How is this power used?

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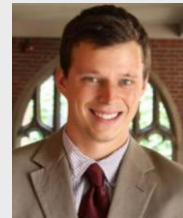
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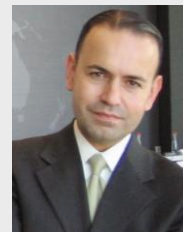
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