



ADVOCATES OF SILENCED TURKEY HALUK SAVAS AWARDS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

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ANNOUNCE

HALUK SAVAS AWARDS

FOR ACADEMIC PROJECTS THAT WILL FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FREEDOM ISSUES IN TURKEY DURING THE LAST DECADE.

AWARDS: UP TO \$30,000 AWARDS IN TOTAL IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

PHD DISSERTATION: UP TO 5 AWARDS \$2,000 EACH
MS THESIS AWARD: UP TO 5 AWARDS \$1,000 EACH
JOURNAL PUBLICATION: UP TO 5 AWARDS \$1,500 EACH
CONFERENCE: UP TO 5 AWARDS \$1,000 EACH
UP TO 5 HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS

ELIGIBILITY/ APPLICATIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS GO TO:
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OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW

CALENDAR

SUBMISSIONS OPEN: 10/04/2020
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 08/30/2021
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: 11/01/2021

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HALUK SAVAŞ AWARDS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Academia is the main avenue where ideas come to life, flourish, and lead to progress. Thus, academic circles in the contemporary world need to sustain an intellectual climate in which freedom of thought sits at its core and forges new ideas, new directions for progress. Unfortunately, learning often happens through negative examples and to understand freedom it is important to decipher cases of oppression, injustice, and persecution in their many forms.

Issues of human rights and freedom regarding civil, political, economic, social, and cultural are at the core of our mission to help establish and sustain democratic governance in Turkey. Through a combination of awards, advocacy and promoting scientific research, AST aims to support and amplify the voices of pro-democracy organizations and individuals in Turkey and to strengthen their capacity to hold their government accountable. To raise awareness about the dire conditions in Turkey, to the expose oppression over minorities, religious groups, academics and to shed light on the constantly deteriorating conditions on freedom of expression, AST, in collaboration with SRW, is announcing HALUK SAVAS AWARDS in honor of the late professor who had been a victim of persecution in Turkey.

The awards are designed to encourage graduate students pursuing a degree in PhD or MS and academics in Social Sciences, to undertake academic projects that will focus on human rights and freedom issues in Turkey in the aftermath of 2016 coup attempt and investigate connections between motive, policy, and practice.



ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants may be citizens or residents of any country and their institutions may be located and accredited/recognized in any country.
2. The original language of the research can be in any of the 7 languages including English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Turkish and Chinese.
3. We look to award academic research conducted within any field of the social sciences and humanities, with priority on research which specifically addresses issues in the following themes in Turkey:
 - Social genocide and dehumanization of social movements: Cases of Hizmet movement (a.k.a Gulen movement), Kurdish nationalist movement and Leftist opposition.
 - Persecution of ethnic minorities: Kurdish, Armenian, Greek, and Arabic experiences.
 - Harassment and Oppression of Religious and cultural groups: Hizmet movement, Alawites, Christians, Jewish people and other groups.
 - Systematic degradation and actions against media and freedom of speech.
4. The Prizes will be awarded to the following academic ventures and publications:
 - a) PhD dissertation and/or Master's thesis:
 - PhD students must have their dissertation proposal approved by their dissertation committee by the application deadline.
 - MS students must have their thesis proposal approved by their thesis committee by the application deadline.
 - b) Research leading to a peer-reviewed publication.
 - Paper manuscript must have been accepted for publication or accepted for publication subject to revision by the application deadline.
 - c) Research leading to an international conference talk and/or publication in a conference proceeding.
 - Research must have been accepted for presentation and/or for publication in the proceedings of a high-impact international conference by the application deadline.



HOW TO APPLY?

Interested applicants must complete and submit an online application at www.silencedturkey.org/haluk-savas-awards. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application via e-mail by the end of July 2021.

INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

A. PERSONAL DETAILS:

• Personal Information

Last name	First name	Gender		
E-mail	Secondary e-mail	Phone	Address	

• University Information

University	Department		
Program Enrolled	Advisor(students only)	Contact Info	

B. CURRICULUM VITAE

C. RESEARCH/DISSERTATION/THESIS TITLE

D. ABSTRACT

- Non-English submissions are required to include an English translation of the Abstract for their research.

E. MANUSCRIPT

- For PhD dissertation or MS thesis awards, please include a copy of your thesis or dissertation proposal and a letter of approval from your thesis or dissertation committee.
- For publication in a journal or as a conference proceeding, please include the final copy of the manuscript of your research along with the journal and editor information.
- For conference talks please include the conference details, program contact information, itinerary and programs where the research is enlisted.

F. APPLY AT

<https://silencedturkey.org/testhome/haluk-savas-awards-in-social-sciences>



CALENDAR

Submissions Open:

10/04/2020 00:00 a.m. EST

Submission Deadline:

08/30/2021 11:59 p.m. EST

Announcement of the award winners:

11/01/2021

AWARDS

PhD dissertation award:

Up to 5 awards, \$2,000 each.

MS Thesis award:

Up to 5 awards, \$1,000 each.

Publication in a peer-reviewed journal:

Up to 5 awards, \$1,500 each.

Conference talk or proceeding:

Up to 5 awards, \$1,000 each.

Honorable Mentions:

Up to 5 awards.

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WHO IS Prof Dr. HALUK SAVAŞ?

Prof. Dr. Haluk Savaş was born in Adana, Turkey in 1966. He graduated from Marmara University School of Medicine (English) in 1991. In 1997, he received his residency in Psychiatry/Mental Health and Diseases at Bakırköy Psychiatric Hospital.

In 1999, he earned his master's degree from the Middle East Institute at Marmara University in Sociology-Anthropology with a thesis on "Culture-Psychiatry Relationship".

He served at Gaziantep University as an associate professor between the years 2003 and 2008, and as a professor between 2008 and 2016.

On September 1, 2016, he was expelled from Gaziantep University with a statutory decree during the State of Emergency after the July 2016 Coup attempt. He was soon arrested on allegations on plotting against the government. He developed pancreatic cancer during his time in prison. His diagnosis and treatment were delayed. He was released by the court for his surgery and was later acquitted after trial.

Despite being cleared of all charges, he was deprived of his legal rights, including obtaining a passport, retirement benefits, and workers' compensation.

Because he was denied a passport, Dr Savaş could not get the available and necessary treatment abroad. Consequently, he tried to make his voice heard in the social media. As a result of the campaign, which was launched with the hashtag #HalukSavaşPaşaport [Passport for Haluk Savaş], the government reluctantly issued his passport. Haluk Savaş became a widely recognized figure as a result of this campaign.

He took part in the establishment of KHK Platforms to be the voice for the 200,000 people who were expelled from their jobs by the statutory decrees. Despite the progression of his illness, he traveled to many cities to initiate the efforts to unify and coordinate these people. He was one of the founders of a YouTube channel called KHK TV and served as its editor-in-chief. By the establishments of news outlets khktv.com and ozgurplatform.com news sites, he became a prominent figure in the KHK struggle against the government.

In the meantime, he contributed to ahvalnews.com and continued his scientific efforts through his website and personal social media accounts. He kept providing patient care at his private clinic in Adana.

Prof. Dr. Haluk Savaş passed away on June 30, 2020.





PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- With his 80 international and 80 national scholarly papers, he has the highest number of publications (160 in total) among Turkish psychiatrists.
- With 4300 citations, he has the third highest impact factor among Turkish psychiatrists.
- Authored 7 booklets about patient education.
- Author of 4 booklets in professional training in psychiatry
- Contributed to many scientific books as a chapter-author.
- Edited and reviewed several papers, books and articles.
- Gave hundreds of talks at various national and international conferences.

ONGOING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY

Since the alleged coup attempt in 2016, Turkish government has been carrying out profound human rights violations against hundreds of thousands of people – from arbitrary deprivation of the right to work and to freedom of movement, to torture and other ill-treatment, arbitrary detentions and infringements of the rights to freedom of association and expression.

The Erdogan government is disregarding the rights of its dissidents. More than 200 thousand people have been arbitrarily detained and over 80 thousand people have been arrested on terrorism charges. Furthermore, detainees are being exposed to severe torture and ill-treatment by the hands of State officials. More than 170,000 public officials have been dismissed since July 2016. Those dismissed from their jobs lost their income, social benefits, medical insurance and even their homes.

One of the most distressing acts of the Turkish authorities is incarceration of pregnant women and new mothers. Some are imprisoned with their children and others are cruelly separated from them. As of now, over 800 hundred children under the age of six are in jails across Turkey with their mothers, detained or arrested as part of the government crackdown on its dissidents.

Turkish government has been expanding its unlawful actions to the foreign land and overseas. Several abductions against perceived political opponents of President Erdogan's administration have been conducted by Turkey's National Intelligence Organization (MIT) in violation of the international legal norms.

The erosion of rule of law and democracy in Turkey has been continuing at an alarming rate.



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