The Swedish Consulate General and the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul welcome you to an evening focusing on Istanbul as literary inspiration

## January 24, 2019, 19.00 Impressions of Istanbul

a discussion about prose,
poetry and inspiration

Thanks to a collaboration with the Swedish Writers' Union, we are now able to host Swedish writers in residence. Our first guests are Johan Jönsson and Agneta Arnesson Westerdahl, who use their time in Istanbul to gather material and inspiration for their current projects. Meet them in a discussion about walking and experiencing, sensing and smelling a place as a source of inspiration for literary and poetic creation.

**Johan Jönsson** (b. 1966) is a critically acclaimed poet, known for his experimental techniques and voluminous poetry books. He has also written dramatic pieces for the stage. Having just finished a project, Johan comes to Istanbul in search for new impressions.

Agneta Arnesson Westerdahl (b. 1955) is the author of a popular series of historical novels set in Viking Age Scandinavia. The fourth novel in the series will deal with the Northerners travelling to Constantinople, so Agneta comes to Istanbul in search of runes and Byzantine ruins.

Admission only after registration to event@sri.org.tr!