A Conversation with

Elin Anna Labba and Burcu Karakas

Tuesday, April 5, 17.00 The Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul Istiklal Caddesi 247 (Beyoğlu – Tünel)

Limited seating 60 persons. Registration is necessary. Please register at event@sri.org.tr no latar than 1/4 2022.

After the conversation, you are welcome to join the reception hosted by the Consul General of Sweden in Istanbul Mr. Peter Ericson and Mrs. Stina Stoor at the Swedish Palace.

Belongings in Istanbul

Sapmi Storytelling Traditions and Research Based Narration

Belongings is a bilateral project which aims to provide the opportunity to share ideas and experiences on the challenges of producing literature within the framework of minority languages in pressure and historically adverse conditions, by bringing together writers of Sweden's Sami minority with Kurdish writers from Turkey.

We kindly request that you do not attend if you are not fully vaccinated against COVID or if you are experiencing any COVID-related symptoms.



Elin Anna Labba is a writer and journalist from Giron in the northern part of Sápmi, Sweden. She made her debute as a writer with the documentary book "Herrarna satte oss hit", which also won the literature prize Augustpriset in Sweden. The book has also been published in Northern Sámi and been translated to many other languages. She is also a part of the literature center Tjállegoahte and is engaged in oral traditions and decolonisation of literature and the reclaiming of Sámi indigenous culture through writing. She is currently lecturing and giving talks about both her own writing and Sami literature of today.



Burcu Karakas is Turkey correspondent for Germany's international broadcaster Deutsche Welle. Her reporting focuses on human rights, migration, free speech and gender issues. Over the years, she focused on the stories of ethnic, sexual and religious minority groups in Turkey. She is the author of four books on minority issues, media landscape and secularism in Turkey. Alongside her reporting, Burcu teaches journalism students at university, lecturing on interview techniques and media criticism.













