CURRICULUM VITAE

Erdem Yörüğ

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Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Koç University, 2012-
Associate Member, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, 2017-

Education:

Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology, 2012 Dissertation Title: The Politics of the Turkish Welfare System Transformation in the Neoliberal Era: Welfare as Containment and Mobilization of Grassroots Politics

M.A., Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology, 2009 M.A., Boğaziçi University, Department of Sociology, 2006

B.Sc. Boğaziçi University, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, 2002

Awards, Grants and Fellowships


European Commission FP7 Marie Curie Actions Career Integration Grant project: “Politics of welfare in emerging market economies: (project acronym: WelfarePolitics)” (Budget: 100.000 Euro), 2013

Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2011

Dissertation Research Grant, Ford Foundation Middle East Research Competition, 2010.

Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, 2009.

Summer Research Grant, Institute for Global Studies in Culture, Power and History, Johns Hopkins University, 2008:

Graduate Student Tuition Fellowship, the Department of Sociology at JHU, 2006-2011

Master Thesis Financial Support, Social Policy Forum, Boğaziçi University, 2006

Publications

I. SSCI Articles

“The Variable Selection Problem in the Three Worlds of Welfare Literature” (Accepted with minor revision at Social Indicators Research) (with İbrahim Öker, Kerem Yıldırım and Burcu Yakut Çakar)

“Social and political polarization in the developing world: a comparative study on Brazil and Turkey” (forthcoming at European Review) (with Alvaro Comin)


“Straddling Two Continents and beyond Three Worlds? The case of Turkey’s Welfare Regime”, New Perspectives on Turkey, 57 (2017): 85-114 (with Martin Powell)


"Class and Politics in Gezi Protests in Turkey", New Left Review, 89(2014): 103-123 (translated to Spanish as ‘Clase y Política en las Protestas Turcas de Gezi’ and to French as “Classes et politique dans les manifestations de Gezi en Turquie”) (with Murat Yüksel)


“Introduction: The Politics of Welfare in Emerging Markets” (guest editor for a special issue accepted by Governance) (with Stein Kuhnle)
“The Politics of Social Assistance in South Africa: Containing Racial Political Unrest” (part of the accepted special issue for Governance) (with Alper Şükrü Gencer)

“The Discursive Politics of Welfare: Kurdish Conflict and Social Policies in Turkey” (part of the accepted special issue for Governance) (with Çağrı Yoltar)

II. Non-SSCI Articles:


“Gezi eylemlerinin toplumsal dinamikleri”, Toplum ve Bilim, 133(2015) [Social Dynamics of the Gezi Protests] (with Murat Yüksel)


"Shifting Forms of Turkish State Paternalism Toward the Kurds: Social Assistance as Benevolent Control”, Dialectical Anthropology, 37(2013): 153-158 (with Hişyar Özsoy)


III. Chapters in edited books


“Neoliberal Hegemony ve Tabana Dayalı Siyaset: İslami Hareket ve Kürt Hareketi”, in Politics and Hegemony in the Post-1980 Turkey, Akca, I., A. Bekmen, and B.A. Ozden (eds)]]

IV. Book Reviews


V. Publications in Computational Linguistics


"Extracting Protests from News (ProtestNews)", CLEF-2019 Shared Task Co-organizer (with Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Deniz Yüret and Çağrı Yoltar)


VI. Manuscripts Under Review

The Politics of Welfare in Turkey, book manuscript (sent out to reviewers by the University of Michigan Press).

“The Global Contentious Politics of Social Assistance” (under review at World Politics - SSCI) (with Rahmi Çemen)

“Indigenous Unrest and the Contentious Politics of Social Assistance in Mexico” (under review at World Development – SSCI) (with İbrahim Öker and Lara Şarlak)


“The Global Contentious Politics of Social Assistance” (under review at World Politics - SSCI) (with Rahmi Çemen)

“Indigenous Unrest and the Contentious Politics of Social Assistance in Mexico” (under review at World Development – SSCI) (with İbrahim Öker and Lara Şarlak)

“Islamist Movements and Ethnic Politics” (under review at New Perspectives on Turkey- SSCI) (with Onur Günay)

Invited Talks

“Four Worlds of Global Welfare”, European University Institute, Florence, Department of Political Science, October 2018

“The new politics of Emerging Markets welfare state regime”, University of Oxford, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, January 2018

“The new politics of Emerging Markets welfare state regime”, University of Milan, Department of Social and Political Sciences, January 2018

“The Politics of Emerging Markets Welfare Regime”, Jacobs University, September 2017

“A new welfare state and its politics in emerging markets: China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey”, Stockholm University, 16 November 2016, Stockholm.

“A new welfare state and its politics in emerging markets: China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey”, Bocconi University, Milano, 17 October 2016

"Was that just the beginning? Talking about Gezi after two years", Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS) and Centre on Social Movement Studies (COSMOS/EUI), May 2015, Florence, Italy

“Social Science Discussions Series”, Mimar Sinan University, Jan, 2014, MSÜ,

“Sociology of Gezi Protests in Turkey”, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, April, 2014, Brazil


“Seminar on Social Policy in Turkey” at Istanbul Technical University, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (2014)

“Social Policy in the Neoliberal Age”, Nov 2013, Galatasaray University. “Gezi Protests”, Graz University, Nov, 2013, Graz, Austria

“Gezi Protests in Turkey (as keynote speaker)”, Norwegian Children and Youth Council, Nov, 2013, Swedish Consulate, Istanbul

“Emerging Powers, Emerging Protests? Lessons from the demonstrations in Brazil and Turkey”, King’s College London, Brazil Institute, August 2013.


“Class and the Kurdish Issue in Turkey”, New York University, Radical Film and Lecture Series, 2012
"Welfare System and Social Movements in Turkey", Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Department of Sociology, 2010.

**Conference Presentations**


“Social Assistance as a Counter-insurgency Strategy in Contemporary China”, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2018

“Welfare as Counter-Insurgency in India”, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2018

“Four Worlds of Global Welfare”, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2018

“Indigenous Revolts and the Politics of Social Assistance in Mexico”, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2018

“Contentious Politics and Trolling in Turkey’s Social Media”, InterAsian Connections V, Seoul, April 2016, (with Ergin Bulut)


**Memberships**

Young Academy of Europe  
International Sociological Association  
American Sociological Association  
American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association

**Editorial Service:**

Associate Editor, European Review, SSCI

**Academic Peer Review Service**


**PhD Advisees**

Nazlı Bülay Doğan, Koç University  
Aysel Öztürk, Koç University  
Erdem Kayserilioglu, Koç University  
Mehmet Fuat Kına, Koç University  
Ali Bargu, University of Oxford

**Languages**

Turkish (Native speaker)  
English (Fluent)  
Portuguese (Reading, Writing and Speaking)  
Spanish (Reading and Writing)