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CURRICULUM VITAE

Erdem Yörük

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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 H2020 ERC Starting Grant: “The New Politics of Welfare: Towards an ‘Emerging Markets’ Welfare State Regime”, (Budget: 1.49 million Euro), 2016

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.

Travel and Accommodation Support, International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Production, Reproduction and Protection in the Welfare State, RC19 Seoul Conference, 2011

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)

“Digital Populism: Trolls and Political Polarization of Twitter in Turkey”, *International Journal of Communication* 11(2017): 4093–4117 (with Ergin Bulut)

“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)

"The World Bank and social assistance in developing and transition countries: Taking stock of the political agenda", *Current Sociology*, 65(2016): 113-132 (with Eske van Gils)

"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)

"The Long Summer of Turkey: The Gezi Uprising and Its Historical Roots", *South Atlantic Quarterly*, 113(2014): 419-426.

“Welfare Provision as Political Containment: The Politics of Social Assistance and the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey”, *Politics and Society*, 40(2012): 517-547

“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:

“State, Capital and the Historical Sociology of Capitalism”, *Mulkiye Journal*, 42(2018): 209-238 [“Devlet, Sermaye ve Kapitalizmin Tarihsel Sosyolojisi Üzerine”, *Mülkiye Dergisi*]

“Discourse, Representation, Agency and Narrative: A Critique of the New Poverty Literature”, *Social Sciences Research Journal*, 6(2017): 319-330 [“Söylem, Temsil, Faillik ve Anlatı: Yeni Yoksulluk Literatürünün Bir Eleştirisi”, *Sosyal Bilimler Araştırma Dergisi*]

“International Development, State and Society”, *Bulletin of Economic Theory and Analysis*, 2(2017): 309 – 327 [“Uluslararası Kalkınma, Devlet ve Toplum”]

“The Rise of China and the New Capitalism”, *Socioeconomy*, 26(2018) [“Çin’in Yükselişi ve Yeni Kapitalizm”, *Sosyoekonomi*]

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

"O longo verão da Turquia: entendendo o levante Gezi", *Revista Novos Estudos*, 4(2013).

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

“Labor Discipline in the Informal Economy: The Semi-formal Professional Code of Istanbul’s Urban Apparel Factory”, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 53(2009).

III. Chapters in edited books

“The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease: How Riots and World Bank Recommendations Shape Global Social Assistance Provision”, in *Building Social Protection Systems in the Global South: The Influence of external national and transnational actors*, ed. Carina Schmitt, Palgrave (forthcoming in 2019) (with Rahmi Çemen)

“Radical Democracy and Ethnic Politics in Turkey”, in *From the Streets to the State: Changing the World By Taking Power*, ed Paul Gray, SUNY Press, 2018.

“Brazil, Turkey: Emerging Markets, Emerging Riots”, in *Resistance Everywhere”: The Gezi Protests and Dissident Visions of Turkey*, Anthony Alessandrini, Nazan Üstündağ, and Emrah Yildiz (Eds.), 2014, Tadween Press

“The Making and Unmaking of Neo-liberal Hegemony in Turkey”, in Akca, I., A. Bekmen, and B.A. Ozden (eds) *Politics and Hegemony in the Post-1980 Turkey*. London: Pluto Press (2014) [(translated and published by İletişim Yayınları) (forthcoming in 2018) “Neoliberal Hegemony ve Tabana Dayalı Siyaset: İslamcı 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

“A Social Revolution: Politics and the Welfare State in Iran by Kevan Harris”, *American Journal of Sociology* (forthcoming in July 2019)

V. Publications in Computational Linguistics

“Towards Building a Political Protest Database to Explain Changes in the Welfare State”, **Language Technology for Cultural Heritage, Social Sciences, and Humanities** (2016) (with Çağıl Uluşahin and Arzucan Özgür)

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

“Towards Generalizable Place Name Recognition Systems: Analysis and Enhancement of NER Systems on English News from India”, *Geographic Information Retrieval (GIR) 2018* (with Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Arda Akdemir and Deniz Yüret)

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)

“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 Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease: How Riots and World Bank Recommendations Shape Global Social Assistance Provision”, University of Bremen, June 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

“Contemporary Politics in Turkey”, Middle East Studies, April, 2014, Centro Cultural da Justiça Federal, Rio de Janeiro, 2014

Likeminds: German - Turkish Junior Expert Initiative, Istanbul Politikalar Merkezi, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Oct, 2014, SÜ, Istanbul Politikalar Merkezi

“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.

“The Politics of Welfare Provision in Emerging Markets”, panel organized by Social Policy Center, Koç University (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", International Sociological Association, World Sociology Congress, July 2018, Toronto.

"Four Worlds of Global Welfare", International Sociological Association, World Sociology Congress, July 2018, Toronto.

"The Politics of Social Assistance in South Africa", International Sociological Association, World Sociology Congress, July 2018, Toronto.

"The politics of social assistance in contemporary asia: comparative analysis of China, India, and Turkey", International Sociological Association, World Sociology Congress, July 2018, Toronto.

"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

"The New Global Welfare Regime Cluster Structure", NOPSA, Odense, August, 2017

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

The Politicization of Social Assistance in Turkey: Party Politics and Ethnic Conflict, Erdem Yörük, International Conference for Academic Disciplines, Rome, Oct, 2014

"Grassroots Politics in Turkey: 1970-2010", Inter-Asian Connections Conference, Koç University, October 2013

"The Politics of World Bank's Social Policy Recommendations: Social Assistance as a Measure against Global Social Unrest", ECPR Joint Sessions 2013 in Mainz, Workshop on 'International Impacts on Welfare State Change: Theories and Methods in the Study of Social Policy Diffusion', with Eske van Gils from Kent University

"Politics of Poor Relief in Turkey", International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Production, Reproduction and Protection in the Welfare State, RC19 Seoul Conference, 2011

“Labor Discipline in the Informal Economy: The Semi-formal Professional Code of Istanbul’s Urban Apparel Factory”, Berkeley Journal of Sociology Annual Conference, UC Berkeley, 2009.

“Informal Labor Standards in Istanbul’s Apparel Sweatshop System”, Global Studies Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago, 2008.

“Uprisings in Iraq, Iran and Turkey: 1920-1980”, Conference on Historical Social Science, Binghamton University, 2007.

“Health Transition Project in Turkey: An Inquiry on Physicians' Reflections”: International Forum for Social Sciences and Health World Congress, 2005.

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

South European Society and Politics, **Social Policy & Administration**, European Journal of Sociology, **Current Sociology**, Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies, **Social Movement Studies**, Social History, **Turkish Studies**, Global Labor Studies, **New Perspectives on Turkey**, PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review, **European Urban and Regional Studies**, Austrian Journal of Development, **Interface**, Siyasal Bilgiler Dergisi, **Koç Publications**, METU Studies in Development,

PhD Advisees

Nazlı Bülâyet Doğan, Koç University
Aysel Öztürk, Koç University
Erdem Kayserilioğlu, 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)