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**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Erdem Yörük**

**Department of Sociology,**  
**Koç University**  
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**Academic Posts:**

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Koç University, 2012-

Associate Member, Department of Social Policy and Intervention,  
University of Oxford, 2017-

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University, Department of  
Sociology, 2006–2012

Teaching Assistant, Boğaziçi University, 2003-2006

**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 and Fellowships**

European Commission H2020 ERC Starting Grant: “The New Politics of Welfare: Towards an ‘Emerging Markets’ Welfare State Regime”, (Budget: 1.5 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, 20062

## **Publications**

“Digital Populism: Trolls and Political Polarization of Twitter in Turkey”, *International Journal of Communication* (revise and resubmit), (with Ergin Bulut)

“Social and political polarization in the developing world: a comparative study on Brazil and Turkey” (under review at *Third World Quarterly*, with Alvaro Comin)

“Islamist Movements and Ethnic Politics” (under review at *World*)

*Politics*, with Onur Günay)

Straddling Two Continents and beyond Three Worlds? The case of Turkey's Welfare Regime (under review at *New Perspectives on Turkey*) (with Martin Powell)

Digital Populism: Trolls and Political Polarization of Twitter in Turkey (under review at *International Journal of Communication*, with Ergin Bulut)

“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 (forthcoming in 2017)

“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) (*translated and published by İletişim Yayınları*) (forthcoming in 2017)

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

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

“Gezi eylemlerinin toplumsal dinamikleri”, *Toplum ve Bilim*, 2015, 133 (with Murat Yüksel)

"Class and Politics in Gezi Protests in Turkey", *New Left Review*, 2014, 89: 103-123 (with Murat Yüksel) (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”)

"The Long Summer of Turkey: The Gezi Uprising and Its Historical Roots", *South Atlantic Quarterly*, 113(2): 419-426, 2014

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

"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

"Shifting forms of Turkish state paternalism toward the Kurds: social assistance as benevolent control", *Dialectical Anthropology*, 37: 153-158, 2013 (with Hişyar Özsoy)

"Welfare Provision as Political Containment: The Politics of Social Assistance and the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey", *Politics and Society*, December 2012, vol. 40 no. 4 517-547

"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)

"Labor Discipline in the Informal Economy: The Semi-formal Professional Code of Istanbul's Urban Apparel Factory", *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 53, 2009.

### **Manuscripts Under Preparation**

New Welfare Systems in Developing Countries and Protest Movements (with Frances Fox Piven and Lorraine Minnite)

Beyond The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism? Global or South? (with Martin Powell)

Social unrest and Social Assistance as a Counter-insurgency Strategy in India: A Quantitative Analysis (with Burak Gürel and Murat Koyuncu)

### **Invited Talks**

"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 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

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

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

“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)

“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 Papers**

AKP's Technological and Ideological Intervention in 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.

### **Academic Peer Review Service**

European Urban and Regional Studiesi Austrian Journal of  
Development, Current Sociology, Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies,  
Interface, Siyasal Bilgiler Dergisi

**Languages**

Turkish (Native speaker)

English (Fluent)

Portuguese (Reading, Writing and Speaking)

Spanish (Reading and Writing)