

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
ONE SOCIOLOGY PHD SCHOLARSHIP AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY FUNDED BY AN ERC PROJECT**

The Department of Sociology, Koç University is offering a PhD scholarship for a student who is interested on topics related to a new European Research Council-funded project on the politics of welfare in emerging market economies.

The successful candidate will work together with Dr. Erdem Yörük on his ERC-funded project that investigates the political causes of welfare state development in emerging market economies (please see a brief summary of the project below). Candidates (i) who have a master's degree in social sciences (e.g. sociology, economics, political science, social policy, public policy etc.), (ii) who have extensive knowledge and experience in quantitative research methods, (iii) who are interested in political economy, comparative-historical sociology, politics of welfare and emerging markets are encouraged to apply. This is a full-time PhD scholarship, including a competitive salary as well as additional benefits such as health insurance, housing, meal pass, and a tuition waiver.

The successful candidate is expected to:

- Have knowledge and experience in advanced quantitative analysis and research methods
- Have working knowledge of Stata and/or R software packages
- Pursue a PhD in sociology at Koç University with a focus on welfare politics
- Have completed the MA degree by September 2017

Interested candidates should send their applications through Koç University's application page at <https://gsssh.ku.edu.tr/en/academics/sociology/phd/application-requirements/> and <https://gradapp.ku.edu.tr> – deadline May 8. In your statement of purpose, please describe a research project which is closely related to the mentioned ERC project and give theoretical and (especially) methodological details. Please note at the beginning of your statement of purpose that you are interested in Dr. Yörük's ERC project.

Candidates should also send their statement of purpose, a current CV, an English writing sample (e.g. Master thesis or a relevant paper) to Dr. Yörük (eryoruk@ku.edu.tr) by May 8. For further enquiries, please contact Dr. Yörük.

The New Politics of Welfare: Towards an “Emerging Markets” Welfare State Regime (ERC Starting Grant)

This research project aims to identify a new welfare regime in emerging market economies and explain why it has emerged. The project will compare Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey to test two hypotheses: (i) emerging market economies are forming a new welfare regime that differs from liberal, corporatist and social democratic welfare regimes of the global north on the basis of extensive and decommodifying social assistance programmes, (ii) the new welfare regime emerges principally as a response to the growing political power of the poor as a dual source of threat and support for governments. Based on a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective, the project follows a multi-method strategy that combines protest event data collection techniques, macro-historical methods, quantitative data analyses and qualitative content analysis.

