



Call for Applications

Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey

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Project Idea: The Research Lab Constitutional Politics in Turkey

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Bilkent Üniversitesi in Ankara invite applications from researchers who, in the broadest sense, work on the topic “Constitutional Politics in Turkey” and want to receive short-term funding for their research and gain the opportunity to cooperate and exchange ideas with other researchers from different backgrounds.

Having in mind that research is often conducted in hermetic isolation, the research lab “Constitutional Politics in Turkey” is conceptualized as an alternative setting. It does not follow the classical research design – i.e. three year project with a thematic focus and a permanent research team –, but prefers a more experimental approach. Researchers from different backgrounds and at different career levels will be provided with financial support and institutional infrastructure. The common ground will be the interest in the topic “Constitutional Politics in Turkey”, but researchers are to approach this from different perspectives.

What do we offer?

We provide financial support (1-6 months research assignments) and institutional infrastructure at venues in Berlin and Ankara, as well as membership in the research laboratory “Constitutional Politics in Turkey”, funded by Stiftung Mercator.

What do we want?

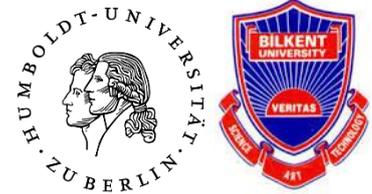
- (1) To establish a network among researchers in different career stages dealing with constitutional politics in Turkey;
- (2) To approach the topic from a variety of perspectives, bringing together researchers from different disciplines (Law, Political Science, Sociology) and working with different research methods;
- (3) To make our research available to a broader public by publishing the “work in progress” (field reports; articles; events and news) on our project website “Politics and Law in Turkey” and in academic journals.

Who can apply?

PhD-Students and Post-Doctoral Students in different stages of their studies; moreover, we also invite applications from MA-Students completing their studies.

The application should be submitted via e-mail as one PDF file in English sent to turkey.constitutionalism@hu-berlin.de

Review of applications for the first cohort will begin **May 15th 2014**. Official deadline for the first round is **August 29th 2014**



Possible Research Objects

We encourage researchers in particular to pursue a comparative approach, understanding Turkey as a crucial case which is particularly fertile for comparative analysis. Research proposals may address, but are not limited to the following topics:

- *The Constitutional Court of Turkey as a “crucial case”*
- *Comparative study of (Turkish) constitutions*
- *Hegemonic preservation of power through constitution-making*
- *The relation between demos and representatives and its constitutional grounding*
- *Public discussion of constitution-making process (referendum, commission drafting the constitution, public expectations, etc.)*

Application Procedure

What do we expect?

Researchers are obliged to contribute to the ongoing work in the research lab. This means:

- (1) That they write a short piece on a practical problem/difficulty they experience during their research; this will be published on the project website “Politics and Law in Turkey”;
- (2) That academic output is created and published;
- (3) That they present their research to audiences (e.g. students, other researchers, the public) at the respective research venue in the course of regular research lab meetings.

What do we need?

- A curriculum vitae, including a list of publications;
- University diploma;
- An exposé sketching the research project to be pursued (no longer than five pages), including a research plan which indicates what exactly will be done in the funding period;
- A sample of scholarly work (maximum 20 pages from an article, conference paper, or dissertation chapter);
- An individual financial plan for the applicant's research project.

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