

Call for Applications

Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey

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The Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey

In March 2014 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Bilkent Üniversitesi in Ankara started the project “Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey”. This project is part of the programme “Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies”, funded by Stiftung Mercator.

Having in mind that research is often conducted in hermetic isolation, the Research Lab on 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 are provided with financial support and institutional infrastructure. The common ground is the interest in the topic “Constitutional Politics in Turkey”, but researchers are to approach this from different perspectives.

What do we want?

The Research Lab now invites applications for short-term funding from researchers who want to receive financial support for their MA thesis or partial support for their PhD project or post-doctoral research. We specifically invite applications from researchers addressing the following topics:

- Development of the Turkish state under the rule of law (*Rechtsstaat*) before the AKP and under the AKP
- Constitution-making after 2002 (in particular constitution-making between 2011 and 2013)
- Constitution-making after the failed coup/ Constitution-making under the state of emergency
- The change of the parliamentary regime in Turkey
- Constitutional Court justices in Turkey (socio-economic background, professional and/or political self-perception etc.)
- Decision-making in the Constitutional Court of Turkey (institutional framework, judicial output, decision-making under the state of emergency etc.)

Also encouraged are comparative studies, especially comparisons with Eastern Europe/Russia, as well as historical comparisons.



What do we expect?

Researchers are obliged to contribute to the ongoing work in the Research Lab. This means:

- (1) Writing a short piece on their research experiences or practical problems they are encountering during their research. This will be published on the project website "Politics and Law in Turkey" (<http://politicsandlawinturkey.wordpress.com/>).
- (2) Presenting their research to audiences (e.g. students, other researchers, the public) at the respective research venue (Humboldt/Berlin or Bilkent/Ankara) in the course of regular Research Lab meetings, and in a public lecture/seminar in Berlin.
- (3) That academic output is created and the research results are made available to the Research Lab at the end of the funding period.

What do we offer?

We provide financial support and institutional infrastructure at venues in Berlin and Ankara for up to six months as well as membership in the Research Laboratory "Constitutional Politics in Turkey", funded by Stiftung Mercator.

MA level: 600 Euro/month (max. 3600 Euro), as well as funding for travel to Germany/Turkey

PhD level - partial scholarship: 1000 Euro/month (max. 6000 Euro), as well as funding for travel to Germany/Turkey

Post-Doc level - partial scholarship: 1200 Euro/month (max. 7200 Euro), as well as funding for travel to Germany/Turkey

Application Procedure

What do we need?

- A curriculum vitae, including a list of publications;
- University diploma;
- An abstract sketching how you want to approach the topic (no longer than five pages), including a preliminary bibliography and a research plan indicating the different research steps during the funding period;
- A sample of scholarly work (maximum 20 pages from an article, conference paper, thesis/dissertation chapter, or seminar paper).

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

Next deadline for submitting applications is 15th of June 2017.

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