

Applications are invited for MA/PhD/Post-doc Research Fellowships for an ERC Project at Koç University, Istanbul

The European Research Council (ERC) project *Industrialisation and Urban Growth from the mid-nineteenth century Ottoman Empire to Contemporary Turkey in a Comparative Perspective, 1850-2000* at Koç University under the direction of M. Erdem Kabadayı is offering MA (up to two years) and PhD/Post-doc (up to four years) research fellowships to outstanding students and researchers beginning in the 2016/17 academic year. The Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, (Campop, <http://www.campop.geog.cam.ac.uk>) of the University of Cambridge is an official partner of the project and a close collaboration with the Campop will be a distinctive feature of its comparative research agenda. The fellows will take part in the first ERC project in the field of history implemented in Turkey and the first ERC project on economic and social history of the late Ottoman Empire and twentieth-century Turkey. Successful candidates will receive a monthly stipend, depending on their level of qualifications and they will be given work places at Koç University.

The project aims to contextualise and compare changes in occupational structure and urban growth trajectories across time and space. To reach this aim solid and detailed datasets of occupational structure and historical demographics for a very large part of the Ottoman Empire in the 19th century and for the entire Turkey in the 20th century will be constructed. This project is an attempt at bringing Ottoman/Turkish history into the newly emerging field of digital humanities. It will use advanced techniques of spatial and geometric data analysis in conjuncture to answer long debated research questions and to formulate and work on new ones for the social and economic history of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey.

The successful candidates are expected to work on project related thesis topics and in the case of MA and PhD students, to write thesis on them at graduate programs at the universities of Istanbul. They will be trained in one or more of the following: the state-of-art new techniques of spatiotemporal analysis, such as advanced historical Geographical Information Systems, quantitative and statistical methods, as well as advanced reading skills in archival documentation. Fellows will be offered to be active members of an international research team and participate in project's seminars, conferences and other academic activities to enable them to prepare themselves for their advancement in the academia of the 21st century.

The required criteria to apply for the fellowships:

- Proven accomplishment and having potential for further academic advancement in at least one of the fields: history, economics, economic history, geography, urban studies, historical demography.
- Fluency in oral and written English and being able to use one of the following as a research language: Bulgarian, Greek, Ottoman, Turkish.
- Sound knowledge in the fields of Social Sciences and Humanities on the Ottoman Empire and/or the Turkish Republic.

- Candidacy (for MA and PhD fellows) is open to students registering in Fall 2016 or already registered in graduate studies in Turkey or elsewhere.
- A motivation letter (max 2 pages)
- Curriculum vitae (including detailed knowledge on language proficiency, max 2 pages)
- Transcript of grades
- Names of two possible referees
- A writing sample: 10 pages from a dissertation or MA thesis chapter, or a seminar paper.

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