



Migration Research Group

Objectives and Scope: Migration Research Group is a joint initiative of academics from Kadir Has University, Istanbul. The group has a multidisciplinary framework and philosophy, comprised of five researchers from disciplines including economics, political science, public policy, and international relations.

The main objective of the group is to understand why, how, when, and through which actors, institutions, structures, and dynamics the narratives on migration are produced, circulated, contested, modified, and accepted. The group aims to unpack and comparatively analyze the public policy-making process on migration in order to identify the causal effect of various discourses, ideas, interests, and institutions on migration policy. The group also seeks to understand the short and long-term political, economic, and social consequences of migration so as to generate evidence-based public policy proposals to tackle with issues of migrant integration and social cohesion. The group has in-depth knowledge of Turkey's recent experience with migration as a host country as well as a transit country. Building on this experience, the group aims to analyze migration narratives comparatively across European Union countries.

Skills and Expertise: The group's expertise covers a comprehensive set of qualitative and quantitative research methods: historical, institutional, and political economy analysis, theoretical modelling, quasi-experimental causal methods in econometrics, panel data, time series, structural econometrics, ethnographic research, survey, elite interviewing, process tracing, archival research, discourse analysis, and case studies.

Recent Successful Projects: The group has been involved in many EU, international, and national projects including but not limited to: SSHRC "Globalization and the New Political Economy of Un/employment", EU 2012-2016: FP7-People-2011 Marie Curie International Reintegration Grant, No: 303981 "Financialization, economic development and crisis", EU 2016-2021: ERC-2016-STG "Emerging Welfare", EU FP7-Theme, 2011-16: SSH-2010-1.2-1, Grant No: 26680, "Financialization, economy, society and sustainable development", TUBITAK 2019-21 Grant No: 218K247 "The Effect of Taxes, Social Spending, and Squatter Housing Forbearance on Income Inequality and Poverty", TUBITAK 2016 Grant No: 115K762 "Export decisions and financing constraints in Turkish manufacturing sector", **Kadir Has University Scientific Research Grant** No: 2017-BAP-0, 2017-18, "Estimating a Social Policy Relevant Multidimensional Poverty Index for Turkey", **KHAS Scientific Research Grant** No: 2016-BAP-03, 2016, "An empirical analysis of the industrial sector in Turkey: Research and development investment and external dependency", **KHAS Scientific Research Grant** No: 2014-BAP-10, 2014-15, "An empirical analysis of the nonfinancial corporate sector in Turkey: Growth, investment and fragility", **KHAS Scientific Research Grant**, No: 2012-BAP-01, 2012-13, "Capital inflows and economic development: A theoretical and empirical examination".

We are interested in the following H2020 call: **MIGRATION-09-2020** "Narratives on migration and its impact: past and present"

Role as a Partner: The major contribution of our research group would be to bring a political economy perspective on migration narratives. The group may take active part in: utilizing qualitative and quantitative research methods to analyze the formation of migration narratives, providing in-depth analysis of migration narratives in Turkey which is a crucial host and transit country, analyzing short and long-term political-economic impact of migration in Turkey as well as in the European Union countries, analyzing the effectiveness of Turkey's policy response to migration in order to identify important lessons for integration policies, providing evidence-based policy proposals on migration and successful integration, and taking active part in the event management and project dissemination strategies.

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