



POLITICAL ECONOMY RESEARCH GROUP

Objectives and Scope: Political Economy Research Group is a joint initiative of eight academics from Kadir Has University, Istanbul as well as multiple scholars working on areas related to the Green Deal from leading prominent universities such as Boğaziçi University, Middle East Technical University and Istanbul Technical University. The group has a multidisciplinary framework and philosophy, comprised researchers from disciplines including economics, political science, public policy, and international relations. The research group also has contacts with both local and central government personnel and independent researchers.

The main objective of the group is to explore the causes, dynamics, implications and consequences of the behavioural, social and cultural change for the European Green Deal, capacities for citizen deliberation and participation for the Green Deal and policies on enabling citizens to act on climate change for sustainable development and environmental protection with an interdisciplinary manner combining **economic, political, and sociological perspectives**.

The group turns a keen eye on exploring the intertwined **political, social, cultural and economic dimensions of behavioural change** for sustainability. A comprehensive approach to **European Green Deal** needs to account for the role of public policies and regulatory frameworks, private sector interests, socio-economic and cultural factors that have implications for behavioural change. Moreover, disadvantaged societal groups as well as differences between countries with varying resources has to be taken into account. The group has a broad geographical interest in the **Southern European countries** like Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Turkey. Our expertise concentrates in **Turkey**, a developing country seeking European Union (EU) membership with a vibrant economy and a young population.

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, field experiments, online survey experiments, panel data, time series, structural econometrics, ethnographic research, representative and purposive surveys including face to face online and cross-national expert surveys, elite interviewing, process tracing, archival research, discourse analysis, content analysis, human coding and automated textual analysis, natural language processing with online texts and social media data, and case studies.

The group engaged with research and project activities on multiple topics with a wide range of stakeholders, including **Ministries, governmental organizations, local governments, research institutes, civil society organizations, and private sector in Turkey**.

Recent Successful Projects: The group has been involved in many granted EU, international, and national projects including but not limited to: **United Nations** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, 2013: "Macroeconomics of Domestic Resource Mobilization in Turkey: The Role of the Public Sector" **Ministry of Development**, 2012: "Greening Turkish Economy: A General Equilibrium Investigation of Environmental Policies for Sustained Growth" (Click [here](#) for key Research Output); **World Wild Foundation (WWF-Turkey)**, 2015: Greening Turkish Economy: A General Equilibrium Investigation of Environmental Policies for A Low Carbon Growth Path" (Click [here](#) for key Research Output);



EU FP7-People-2011 Marie Curie International Reintegration, No: 303981 “Financialization, economic development and crisis”, **EU FP7-Theme**, 2011-16: SSH- 2010-1.2-1, Grant No: 26680, “Financialization, economy, society and sustainable development”, **EU H2020: ERC-2016-STG** “Emerging Welfare”, **COST Action ISO806** ,“True European Voter”, **COST Action CA18119**, “Who Cares in Europe”, **SSHRC** (Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada), Program: 410, “Globalization and the New Political Economy of Un/employment”, **MATRA Fund**, 2013-4 “Empowering the Turkish Electorate with More Information: A Voter Advice Application for Local Elections-2014”, **TUBITAK**, 2020, “The Influence of Newspaper Readership and Social Media Use on Individuals’ Likelihood of Engagement in Health-Protective Behavior against COVID-19”, **TUBITAK**, 2011-2, “Content Analysis of Political News in National Dailies during the General Election Campaigns, 2002, 2007 and 2011”, **TUBITAK** (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) “The Effect of Taxes, Social Spending, and Squatter Housing Forbearance on Income Inequality and Poverty”, **TUBITAK** 2016 “Export decisions and financing constraints in Turkish manufacturing sector”, **Kadir Has University (KHAS) Scientific Research Grant**, 2017-8, “Estimating a Social Policy Relevant Multidimensional Poverty Index for Turkey”, **KHAS Scientific Research Grant**, 2016, “An empirical analysis of the industrial sector in Turkey: Research and development investment and external dependency”, **KHAS Scientific Research Grant**, 2014-5, “An empirical analysis of the nonfinancial corporate sector in Turkey: Growth, investment and fragility”, **KHAS Scientific Research Grant**, 2012-3, “Capital inflows and economic development: A theoretical and empirical examination”.

We are interested in the following call: Green Deal call area 10, Topic 1: European capacities for citizen deliberation and participation for the Green Deal

Green Deal call area 10, Topic 2: Behavioural, social and cultural change for the Green Deal

Green Deal call area 10, Topic 3: Enabling citizens to act on climate change, for sustainable development and environmental protection through education, citizen science, observation initiatives, and civic engagement.

Role as a Partner: The major contribution of our research group would be to bring a political economy perspective on European Green Deal. The group may take active part in project design and management, basic and applied research, data gathering and analysis, event management (conferences, workshops, meetings, etc.), policy impact analysis, and project dissemination strategies.

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