

Alper Sukru Gencer

Washington University in St. Louis
The Department of Political Science
One Brookings Drive
Saint Louis, MO, 63130
United States

alpergencer@wustl.edu
www.alpergencer.com
Skype: [live:alpergencer38](https://www.skype.com/live?contact=alpergencer38)
Phone: [+1 \(314\) 398-2419](tel:+13143982419)
GitHub: [@agencer](https://github.com/agencer)

Education

Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis, MO

2019-Now: Ph.D. student in Political Science,
- Fields: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods, Formal Theory.
- Current Cumulative GPA: 3.96/4.00.

Koc University, Istanbul, TURKEY

2017 - 2019: M.A., Political Science and International Relations,
- Magna Cum Laude: Top 5% of the Graduate School,
- Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00.

Koc University, Istanbul, TURKEY

2013 - 2017: B.A., Economics,
2011 - 2017: B.A., Political Science,
- Magna Cum Laude: Top 1% of Economics & Political Science,
- Minor in History
- Cumulative GPA: 3.96/4.00.

Bocconi University, Milan, ITALY

2014 - 2015: Erasmus Study Abroad Program in Economics.

Mumtaz Turhan Social Sciences High School, Istanbul, TURKEY

2006 - 2011: High School

Ranked at the top 1 percent in the 2006 academic cohort

Master's Dissertation

Title: *"Politics of Social Assistance Provision: Contentious Politics and Child Support Grant Provision in South Africa"*

Thesis Defense Date: May 29, 2019

Thesis No: 570863

Thesis Co-Advisors: Prof. Belgin San Akca, Prof. Erdem Yoruk

Thesis Committee Members: Prof. Ziya Onis, Prof. Burak Gürel,
Prof. Murat Koyuncu

- Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals **Yörük, E. & Gençer, A.Ş.** (2020, August). “The politics of social assistance in South Africa: How protests and electoral politics shape the Child Support Grant.” *Governance*. doi: [10.1111/gove.12464](https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12464).
- Öniş, Z. & Gençer, A.Ş.** (2018, February). “Democratic BRICS as role models in a shifting global order: Inherent dilemmas and the challenges ahead.” *Third World Quarterly*, 39(3). doi: [10.1080/01436597.2018.1438185](https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2018.1438185).
- Published Reports **Gençer, A.Ş. et al.** (2018, October). “From information to perception: The journey of the Syrian “ghost” children in Istanbul.” *IstanPol*. Access: [Link](#).
- Gençer, A.Ş. et al.** (2017, July). “From information A study on the perception of asylum-seekers, migrants and refugees in Turkey.” *PS Europe*. Access: [Link](#).
- Published Dataset **Yörük E. et al.** (2019). “Global Welfare Dataset, Version 2019.” *EMW Project*. Access: [Link](#)
- Under Revision Working Paper **Gençer, A.Ş., Şan-Akca, B. & Yörük E.** “Politics of Social Assistance Provision: Contentious Politics and Child Support Grant in South Africa.”
- Yörük E. & Gençer, A.Ş.** “Welfare State Regimes in the Developing Countries.”
- Work in Progress **Gençer, A.Ş.** “Strategic Voting and Crisis Preparation”
- Gençer, A.Ş.** “Why Do Junior Officers Attempt Coup D’etat Against the Odds?: The Tale of Those Who Hide Behind the Expectations.”
- Fox, Justin & Gençer, A.Ş.** “Why do People for the Authoritarian in Democratic Settings?: Democratic Backsliding Revisited.”
- Gençer, A.Ş. & Magiya, Y.** “Confronting the Authoritarian Incumbent When Electoral Institutions are on Fire: When do Voters Stake a Claim on their Votes?”
- Tafoya, G.R., Gençer, A.Ş. & Yoruk, E.** “Carrots and Sticks: Social assistance as a containment strategy in Brazil”
- Honors and Scholarships **2019 - Present: Washington University in St. Louis Graduate Scholarship**, Saint Louis, MO
- 100%, merit-based scholarship awarded upon acceptance covering 6 years

2017 - 2019: Tübitak Graduate Scholarship, Ankara, TURKEY

- 2210A - National Scholarship Program for MSc Students by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
- Awarded upon the acceptance to the graduate studies with extraordinary undergraduate records

2017 - 2019: Koç University High Success Scholarship for Graduate Studies, Istanbul, TURKEY

- 100%, merit-based scholarship awarded upon acceptance to the university, for students with graduate studies applicants with extraordinary background
- Covering the graduate studies tuition fee, housing, and miscellaneous benefits for 2 years

2017: Koç University Magna Cum Laude: The Second Ranking Student Award, Istanbul, TURKEY

- Obtained 2nd highest academic record in the Department of Political Science and International Relations among the 2016 – 2017 graduates,

2014 - 2015: Erasmus Exchange Scholarship, Bocconi University, ITALY

- Merit-based scholarship awarded upon acceptance to the Erasmus Program, covering one semester stipend

2013 - 2016: Turkish Education Foundation (TEV) Outstanding Success Scholarship. Istanbul, TURKEY

- Granted by the TEV with the aim of supporting the leaders of the future, highly competitive scholarship awarded to 50 students a year nationwide

2011 - 2017: Koç University High Honor Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies, Istanbul, TURKEY

- 100%, merit-based scholarship awarded upon acceptance to the university, for students who ranked in the top 1000 places at the Nationwide University Entrance Examinations
- Covering the tuition fee, accommodation, stipend for living expenses, and miscellaneous benefits for 6 years.

Employment September 2019 - August 2020: Koç University, Istanbul, TURKEY

Part-time Researcher

- Worked in a European Research Council project, “Emerging Welfare,” under the supervision of Prof. Erdem Yörük
- Worked on a number of manuscripts investigating the political causes of the social assistance expansion

September 2017 - August 2019: Koç University, Istanbul, TURKEY

Full-time Researcher and Team Member

- Worked in a European Research Council project, “Emerging Welfare,” under the supervision of Prof. Erdem Yörük
- Wrote an article with Prof. Erdem Yörük, analyzing the role of protests and electoral politics on the social assistance provision based on large-N quantitative analysis and field work
- Conducted interviews with South African state officials, academics and civil society members
- Responsible for collecting data on welfare, social policy, political and economic indicators
- Responsible for coordination among other data collectors
- Worked on a number of manuscripts investigating the political causes of the social assistance expansion

Research
Experience

September 2019 - August 2020: Koç University, Istanbul, TURKEY

Part-time Researcher

- Worked in a European Research Council project, “Emerging Welfare,” under the supervision of Prof. Erdem Yörük

February 2018 - January 2019: Institute of Istanbul Political Research (IstanPol), Istanbul, TURKEY

Volunteer Researcher

- Worked on a project on politics of precariat class and income inequality in Turkey
- Wrote a research paper on perceptions of the Syrian Child Refugees in Turkey

September 2017 - August 2019: Koç University, Istanbul, TURKEY

Full-time Researcher and Team Member

- Worked in a European Research Council project, “Emerging Welfare,” under the supervision of Prof. Erdem Yörük

September 2016 - December 2017: Koç University, Istanbul, TURKEY

Research Assistant (RA)

- Worked under the supervision of Prof. Ziya Öniş
- Published an article on the role model capabilities of the democratic BRICS for the global South

September 2016 - December 2017: Political and Social Research Institute of Europe (PS Europe), Istanbul, TURKEY

Volunteer Researcher

- Worked on a project on politics of precariat class and income inequality
- Wrote a research paper on perceptions of Asylum Seekers, Migrants and Refugees in Turkey
- Participated in “Armenia Turkey Dialogue Project,” which aimed at establishing a dialogue between Turkish and Armenian academics and civil society activists

September 2016 - June 201: Koç University, Istanbul, TURKEY

Research Assistant (RA)

- Worked under the supervision of Prof. Ziya Öniş
- Making a literature review on political economy of development and democracy in the global South with a specific focus on the developing countries

Research Interests

- Quantitative Methods, Causal Inference, Computational Social Sciences;
- Formal Theory, Strategic Interaction, Microeconomics;
- Political Accountability, Political Delegation, Moral Hazard Problem;
- Political Economy of Redistribution, Social Grants, Corruption;
- Contentious Politics, Protests, Social Movements;
- Fiction writing, social theory, world literature and cinema, board games

Languages and Skills

Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (Intermediate), Arabic (Intermediate)
☞ (advance), L^AT_EX (advance), Stata (advance), 🎧 (intermediate), [Github](#)

Certificates

- [Human Research CITI Certificate](#)
- [Coursera: Natural Language Processing with Classification and Vector Spaces](#)

Methodology Courses

Course Name	Semester	Cred/Aud	Grade
Grad Quan. Political Methods II	Fall 2020	Credit	NA
Grad Computational Social Sci.	Fall 2020	Credit	NA
UGrad Political Data Science	Spring 2020	Credit	A
Grad Advance Game Theory II	Spring 2020	Credit	A
Grad Quan. Political Methods I	Spring 2020	Credit	A
Grad Game Theory I	Fall 2019	Credit	A
UGrad Linear Algebra	Summer 2018	Audit	S
UGrad Econometrics: Panel Data	Spring 2018	Credit	A+
Grad Econometrics	Fall 2018	Audit	S
Grad Quan. Methods in Pol. Sci.	Fall 2017	Credit	A
UGrad Econometrics: Introd.	Spring 2017	Credit	A

References

Prof. Erdem Yoruk

Dept. of Sociology

Koç University

eryoruk@ku.edu.tr

+90 (212) 338-1142

- 2019-21 Application Cycles-

Prof. Belgin Şan-Akça

Dept. of International Relations

Koç University

bakca@ku.edu.tr

+90 (212) 338-1377

- 2019 Application Cycle-

Prof. Ziya Öniş

Dept. of International Relations

Koç University

zonis@ku.edu.tr

+90 (212) 338-1142

- 2017-2019 Application Cycles -

Prof. İnsan Tunali

Dept. of Economics

Boğaziçi University

insan.tunali@boun.edu.tr

+90 (212) 338-1377

- 2019 Application Cycle -