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One of the Migrant Communities in Latin America: "Los Turcos"

In addition to the recent wars and crises in the world, migration waves triggered by economic and social reasons have led to the need for academic studies on the past, future and current situation of immigrant and eventually Diaspora communities in the world.

Latin America was home a large-scale migration between the 19-20th century from countries such as Lebanon, Palestine, Egypt and Syria, which were territories of the Ottoman Empire, as well as from Anatolia, albeit in small numbers. These migrating communities had a heterogeneous nature that included many cultural, ethnic and religious groups.

The communities named "Los Turcos", who migrated from their homeland due to war and deteriorating conditions; found home as "immigrants" but later became a Diaspora in the Latin American countries in which they sought refuge. These communities attracts attention as one that has not been studied enough in the history of migration, sociology of migration and many other related fields.

Program Purpose

The "Los Turcos Migration to Latin America" Research Support Program aims to reveal the migration and success stories of the Ottoman citizens of the Middle Eastern Levant and relevant communities of this region, especially known as "Los Turcos". With that, the aim also to investigate their migration timeline, political, economic, social and cultural presence and effect in the Latin American countries they have settled in more than a century ago. In addition, research topics that fall under the fields related to or associated with sociology of migration in Latin America, the Middle East Diaspora of Latin America, and Mahjar literature ...etc. will be evaluated within the support program.

The aim of "Los Turcos Migration to Latin America" Research Support Program, is to provide grant support for academics/researchers who can carry out studies in the relevant fields mentioned above. The support program will specifically apply for field research work to be carried out through methods such as study of important literary and academic works in the relevant field, study of archival documents, oral history, outstanding institutions and networks, demographic and social mapping, as well as face-to-face interviews with prominent personalities of the community in question.

In this context, at least one or more of the following objectives are sought in the studies to be supported:

- The re-discovery of "Los Turcos" communities' ties to their once homeland (especially the Levant), which was once the territory of the Ottoman Empire, and thus this community's ties to Ottomans and Turkey
- Recording and preserving individual and/or collective memories of the "Los Turcos" communities
- Determining the historical, social, cultural, demographic, political and also current situation regarding their ties with their origins
- Prominent personalities and/or families' roots and ties to their homeland and their success stories as migrants

- Attitudes and relations of "Los Turcos" communities towards Ottomans-Turks
- The portrayal and manifest of ties with their homeland, attitudes and views on Ottomans-Turks in literary and artistic works
- Mapping studies of the regions where these communities concentrate and have presence in Latin American countries

The field researches to be supported are expected to handle at least one or more of the following sources and materials:

- Important academic resources published on "Los Turcos"
- "Los Turcos" writers, artists, leaders, politicians...etc. and similar prominent personalities' lives and immigration stories
- Archival documents and records found in Turkey, Latin America and other relevant Middle Eastern countries (Palestinian and Lebanese mainly)
- Prominent families and personalities
- Architectural, artistic, literary as well as any other written, visual and audio works and/or structures
- Organizations, institutions and networks of "Los Turcos" communities that exist today



Program Scope

- Financial grant support will be provided for academic field research to be carried out within a maximum period of 6 months in the countries subject to the research.
- During the application process, a research proposal including the purpose, content and calendar plan of the field research will be required.
- Researchers will be given one grant support per single field support application, regardless of individual or teamwork.
- Field Research Reports to be submitted to YTB will be evaluated by an academic evaluation board.
- If the Field Research Reports are found suitable for printing, they will be published by YTB.



Support Amount Terms of Support

Up to **80,000** Turkish Lira of support grant
will be provided for use throughout the
field research.

Terms of Support

- Researchers must submit a research proposal with the aim of conducting a field research in at least one Latin American country which involves the study of literature, archives, oral history and/or similar methods,
- The researcher/academics whose research proposal has been accepted must submit an Interim Report when the research period is halfway through,
- Academics/researchers who complete their field research, must submit a Field Research Report of at least 12.000 words in accordance with internationally accepted academic writing and ethics standards,
- The research subject and content must be original and unpublished,

*** Higher preference will be given to applications of Academicians/ researchers from outside Latin American countries who form collaborative research groups with academicians/researchers in the relevant Latin American country subject to their field research.**

Application Criteria

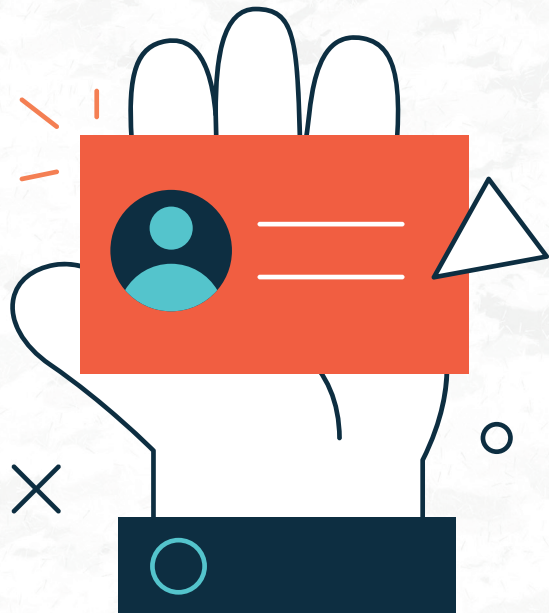
- To be an academican/researcher from any country, working on Latin America's immigration/migration history, sociology and other related fields,
- To be an academican/researcher working in any higher education institution or research center and/or student/researcher in doctorate level education,
- To be fluent in English, Spanish and/or Portuguese, if not native speakers,
- To have academic and especially applied research experience,
- To present a research proposal in the field appropriate to the theme and objective of the program,
- For research team applications, to submit detailed research team information and a draft field research plan regarding the academic/research team with which they will collaborate in at least one Latin American country during the academic support period,
- For individual researcher applications, to submit a draft field research plan in at least one Latin American country during the support period,
- To not have an obstacle for travel.

*** Previous experience in any of the Latin American countries is of preference.**

**** Cases of plagiarism detected in the application or during the program will result in removal from candidacy or termination of research support and mandatory refund of the support provided.**

Required Documents

- Application Form to be filled on the application system
<https://basvuru.ytb.gov.tr/>
- Copy of Valid Passport
- Academic Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Proof of English, Spanish and/or Portuguese language if not a native speaker (not compulsory)
- Proof of employment for applicants working at universities or research centers
- Document certifying status of registration at a university program for doctoral student applicants



Application Calendar



Application Dates

1 August - 12 September 2022

Evaluation of Applications

1 August - 30 September 2022

Announcement of Results

14 October 2022

Commitment Signing Deadline

25 October 2022

Planned Research Period

15 November 2022 - 15 May 2023

Submission of Interim Report

15 March 2023

Submission of Field Research Report

15 June 2023

Receiving and Evaluation of Applications

- Applications will be received via <https://basvuru.ytb.gov.tr/>
- An academic committee will evaluate applications.
- An online interview will be held with the researchers for applications that have been found suitable for support.

Notification of Evaluation Results

- The results of applications will be notified to the researchers by e-mail.
- Researchers are required to submit their confirmation and signed Commitment Letters within a maximum of 10 days after the application results are announced.



Signing of Commitment Letters and the Research Process

- A Commitment Letter will be signed as an agreement between academicians/researchers who will benefit from the Research Support Program and YTB, which will include the details about the research content, publication/copyrights, etc. regarding the research support.
- After the Commitment Letter is signed within the afore-mentioned dates, researchers are expected to start their research within one month.
- An Interim/Progress Report should be submitted regarding the progress of the fieldwork in the 3rd month of the research period.
- Researchers are expected to submit a Field Research Report upon the completion of their research period; an Academic Board will review this report.
- The Field Research Report is expected to be prepared in either English, Spanish, Portuguese or Turkish.

*** For questions and comments about the program, please write to**

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