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E D U C A T I O N

2005 - 2013 PhD; University of Chicago, Department of History, Chicago.

2003 - 2004 M.A; Central European University, Nationalism Studies Program,
Budapest.

1999-2003 M.A; Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and
International Relations, Istanbul

1995 - 1999 B.A; Istanbul University, Department of International Relations, Istanbul.

A C A D E M I C I N T E R E S T S

Political History; Late Ottoman and Early Republican Turkish History; Turkish Politics;
Nationalism Studies; Labor Studies

- Dissertation: “Sultanists, Republicans, Communists: The Turkish National Movement in Istanbul, 1918-1923”, defended on June 27, 2013, (committee: Prof. Holly Shissler (adviser), Prof. Orit Bashkin, Prof. Cornell Fleischer), University of Chicago, Department of History
- M.A Thesis: “Empires and Nation-Building: Russification and Turkification Compared”, June 2004, (approved by Prof. Alexei Miller (advisor), Prof. Maria Kovac), Central European University, Department of Nationalism Studies
- M.A. Thesis: “Homogenizing a Nation: Turkish National Identity and Migration-Settlement Policies of the Turkish Republic, 1923-1939”, June 2003, (approved by Prof. Kemal Kirisci (advisor), Prof. Binnaz Toprak, Prof. Zafer Toprak), Boğazici University, Department of Political Science and International Relations

PUBLICATIONS

- “Military, Finance, and Economy in the late Ottoman Empire: Directorate General of Hedjaz and Military Railways and Ports, 1914-1919,” *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/19448953.2018.1506300>
- “Multinational Capital, Public Utilities, and Urban Change in the Late Ottoman Istanbul: Constantinople Tramway and Electric Company,” *Moderne Stadtgeschichte*, *Moderne Stadtgeschichte*, 1/2018, 68-80
- Co-authored with Erden Akbulut, “Türkiye 68’ini Kaynaklar Bağlamında İncelemek: TÜSTAV Arşivlerinde 1960’lı Yıllar ve 12 Mart Dönemi (Investigating Turkey’s 68 in the Context of Sources: 1960s and the Period of 12 March in the TÜSTAV Archives),” *Toplumsal Tarih*, No: 293, May 2018, pp. 140-144
- “100. Yılında Ekim Devrimi ve Türkiye’ye Etkileri – Konferans (Centenary of the October Revolution and its Effects on Turkey - Conference),” *Toplumsal Tarih*, No: 288, December 2017, pp. 16-17
- “Turkish National Movement, Mass Mobilization, and Demographic Change in Istanbul, 1922-1923,” in Esra Özyürek and Meltem Ersoy (eds.) *Contemporary Turkey at a Glance II: Turkey Transformed? Power, History, and Culture in Turkey*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2017, pp. 177-192
- “İşgal İstanbul’unda Müdafaa-i Milliye’nin Kuruluşu Üzerine Bir Değerlendirme: İttihatçılar, Komünistler, Sosyalistler (An Assessment on the Establishment of the Committee of National Defense),” *Kebikeç*, No: 41, 2016, pp. 67-94
- “Emperyalizm, İşgal ve İşçi Hareketi: Konstantinopol Tramvay ve Elektrik Şirketi (Imperialism, Occupation, and Labor Movement: Constantinople Tramway and Electric Company)” in Ahmet Bekmen and Barış Alp Özden (eds.) *Emperyalizm: Teorik ve Güncel Tartışmalar*, İstanbul: Habitus Kitap, 2016, pp. 313-341
- “Mütareke İstanbul’unda Tramvay İşçileri Hareketi: Türkiye Sosyalist Fırkası, İşgal Makamları ve Radikaller (Tram Workers Movement in the Istanbul of the Armistice Period: Turkish Socialist Party, Allied Authorities, and Radicals)” in Y. Doğan Çetinkaya and Mehmet Alkan (eds.) *Tanzimat’tan Günümüze Türkiye İşçi Sınıfı Tarihi 1839-2014: Yeni Yaklaşımlar, Yeni Alanlar, Yeni Sorunlar*, İstanbul: Tarih Vakfı Yayınları, 2015, pp. 206-230
- “Solcularla Mim-Mim’cilerin İlişkisi Üzerine Yeni Bilgiler (New Findings on the Relations of the Leftists and the Mim-Mim Members),” *Toplumsal Tarih*, No: 249, September 2014, pp. 69-73
- “Mütareke Döneminde İstanbul Tramvay İşçileri Hareketi ve Türkiye Sosyalist Fırkası (Istanbul Tram Workers and the Turkish Socialist Party in the Armistice Period),” *Toplumsal Tarih*, No: 245, May 2014, pp. 40-45

- “Mayıs 1920 Tramvay Grevi: Türkiye Sosyalist Fırkası ve İşçi Hareketi Üzerine Bir Değerlendirme (Tram Strike of May 1920: An Assessment on the Turkish Socialist Party and the Labor Movement)”, *Kebikeç*, No: 36, December 2013, pp. 243-258
- “Turkey’s 1934 Settlement Law Targets Non-Turks Including Kurds” in Noah Berlatsky (ed.) *The Kurds (Genocide and Persecution)*, Michigan: Greenhaven Press, 2013, pp. 37-41.
- “Assimilation, Security and Geographical Nationalization in Interwar Turkey: The Settlement Law of 1934”, *European Journal of Turkish Studies*, Thematic Issue N° 7 , 2008, No. 7 | Demographic Engineering - Part I, URL : <http://www.ejts.org/document2123.html>
- “Assimilation of the Muslim communities in the first decade of the Turkish Republic (1923-1934)”, *European Journal of Turkish Studies*, Articles, Articles, 2007, URL : <http://www.ejts.org/document822.html>
- “Contextualizing ‘Turkification’: Nation-Building in the Late Ottoman Empire, 1908-1918”, *Nations and Nationalism* 11/4, (October 2005), pp. 613 – 636.
- “International Regulation for Genetic Resources and Developing Countries”, *Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi* 27 (October 2002), pp. 53 – 71.

BOOK REVIEWS

- “Y. Doğan Çetinkaya. The Young Turks and the Boycott Movement: Nationalism, Protest and the Working Classes in the Formation of Modern Turkey. London, New York: I. B. Tauris, 2014.” *Aurum Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi* 1 (2016), pp. 135-137

CONFERENCE / WORKSHOP PAPERS

- "Mütareke Döneminin Başlarında İstanbul'da Devrimci ve Sosyalist Hareketler, 1918-1920/Revolutionary and Socialist Movements in Istanbul during the Early Phase of the Armistice Period, 1918-1920," presented at the conference *Cihân Harbi'nin Sonu, Devrimler ve Tarih Yazımı /The End of the Great War, Revolutions, and History Writing*, organized by Tarih Vakfı (History Foundation), 17 November 2018, Istanbul
- "Anti-Imperialism, Third Worldism, and Youth Movements in Turkey's 1968," presented at the workshop '*We all wanna change the world' The Revolutionary Sixties in the Mediterranean and the Middle East*," 11-12 October 2018, Centre March Bloch, Berlin
- “Infrastructure Development, Workers, and Nationalism in Istanbul,” presented at the workshop *History of Technology in Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Cities at the Turn of the 20th Century*, 24-25 May 2018, Istanbul

- “Multinational Capital and Urban Transformation in the Late Ottoman Empire: The Case of Constantinople Tramway and Electric Company,” presented at the workshop *Infrastructure and the Making of Urban Space: Critical Approaches*, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, 21-22 September 2017
- “Allied Occupation, National Resistance, and Turkification in Istanbul, 1918-1923,” presented at the workshop *Cities on the Move: Turkey and Yugoslavia in the Interwar Period*, University of Basel, Basel, 14-16 September 2017
- “Uluslararası Sermaye, Şehir ve Elektrik: İstanbul'da Silahtarağa Elektrik Santralının Kuruluşu (International Capital, City, and Electricity: Establishment of the Silahtarağa Power Plant in Istanbul),” presented at the workshop *Avrupa Emek Tarihcileri Ağı, Fabrika Tarihi Çalışma Grubu Atölye Çalışması: Fabrika Tarihinin İmkan, Metot ve Kaynakları (European Labor History Network, Workshop of Factory History Working Group: Opportunities, Methods, and Sources of Factory History)*, İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi, İstanbul, 10 December 2016
- “Class, Nation, and Workers: The Silahtarağa Power Plant in Istanbul, 1914-1928”, presented at the *First Conference of the European Labor History Network (ELHN)*, Turin, 14-16 December 2015.
- “Foreign Capital, Allied Occupation, and Class Politics in Istanbul: Constantinople Tramway and Electric Company (Istanbul Consortium), 1908-1923”, presented at the *Annual Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference*, Washington D.C., 22-25 November 2014.
- “Turkish National Movement, Mass Mobilization, and Demographic Change in Istanbul, 1922-1923”, presented at the international conference *Contemporary Turkey at a Glance II – Turkey Transformed? Power, History, Culture*, Istanbul, 18-19 October 2014
- “Towards a Military-Financial Complex in the Late Ottoman Empire: Directorate-General of Military Railways and Ports, 1914-1918”, presented at the international conference *Not All Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, 1914-1918*, Istanbul, 9-12 April 2014.
- “İşçi Hareketi ve Osmanlı/Türkiye Sosyalist Fırkası (Labor Movements and Ottoman/Turkish Socialist Party)”, presented at the 12. *Ulusal Sosyal Bilimler Kongresi* (12th National Social Sciences Congress), Ankara, 14-16 December 2011.
- “Individual Autonomy and the Kurdish Question: De-politicizing National Cleavages”, presented at the *Annual Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference*, Boston, 21-24 November 2009.
- “Assimilation and Security in the Settlement Policies of Interwar Turkey”, presented at the *Annual Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference*, Washington D.C., 22-25 November 2008.

- “Assimilation of the Muslim Communities in the First Decade of the Turkish Republic, 1923-1934”, presented at the *21st Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference*, University of Chicago, 12-13 May 2006.
- “Contextualizing ‘Turkification’: Nation-Building in the Late Ottoman Empire, 1908 - 1918”, presented at the *10th Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Understanding Nationalism: Identity, Empire, Conflict*, Columbia University, 14-16 April, 2005.

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- September 2018 – Assistant Professort, FMV Işık Lisesi, Department of International Relations
- February 2014 – September 2018 Assistant Professor, Altınbaş/Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Department of Social Sciences
- September 2008 – June 2009 Co-coordinator of the Middle Eastern History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- September 2004 – August 2005 Teaching Assistant, Istanbul Bilgi University, Department of Political Science and International Relations
- December 1999 – August 2003 Research Assistant, Istanbul University, Department of International Relations

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- POLS 305, Political Theory I, FMV Işık University, Fall 2018
- POLS 350, Ottoman Diplomatic History, FMV Işık University, Fall 2018
- POLS 205, Diplomatic History I, FMV Işık University, Fall 2018
- HUM 232, Nation, Empire, and Colonialism, Altınbaş University, Spring 2018
- SUI 561, Modern Çağda İmparatorluklar ve Milliyetçilikler (Empires and Nationalisms in Modern Age), Altınbaş University, Fall 2017
- HIST 202, History of the Modern Middle East, Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Spring 2016
- SUI 564, Osmanlı’da Siyasal Düşünce (Ottoman Political Thought), Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Spring 2016

- HIST 102, History of Turkish Republic, Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Lecturer, Spring 2017
- HUM 231, History of Modern Iran, Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Fall 2016
- HUM 222, Selected Topics in Turkish Literature, Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Fall 2016
- HIST 101, History of Turkish Republic, Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Fall 2016
- HIST 25607, From Ottoman Empire to Turkish Republic, 1839-1980, Lecturer, University of Chicago, Fall 2009
- NEHC 20503, Islamic History & Society-3: The Modern Middle East, Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, Spring 2009
- HIST 25804, Islamic History & Society-2: The Middle Period, Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, Winter 2009.
- IR 252, Turkish Politics II, Teaching Assistant, Istanbul Bilgi University, February – June 2005
- IR 251, Turkish Politics I, Teaching Assistant, Istanbul Bilgi University, September 2004 – February 2005
- IR 331, Nationalism and International Relations, Teaching Assistant, Istanbul Bilgi University, September 2004 – February 2005

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- Academic Coordinator, *Cihân Harbi'nin Sonu, Devrimler ve Tarih Yazımı /The End of the Great War, Revolutions, and History Writing*, organized by Tarih Vakfı (History Foundation), 17 November 2018, Istanbul
- Co-coordinator, “Infrastructure and the Making of Urban Space: Critical Approaches,” Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, 21-22 September 2017
- Academic Coordinator, “100. Yılında Ekim Devrimi ve Türkiye’ye Etkileri (Centenary of the October Revolution and its Effects on Turkey),” organized by Türkiye Sosyal Tarih Araştırmaları Vakfı (Social History Research Foundation of Turkey), İzmir, 4-5 November 2017
- Co-coordinator, “Emek ve Cumhuriyet: Türkiye İşçi Sınıfı Tarihine Eleştirel Bakışlar, 1923-1980 (Labor and Republic: Critical Approaches to the History of Working Class in Turkey, 1923-1980),” organized by Social History Research

Foundation of Turkey, Tarih Vakfı (History Foundation), Türkiye Devrimci İşçi Sendikaları Konfederasyonu (Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey), Istanbul, 28-29 October, 2017

- Co-coordinator, “Osmanlı İmparatorluğu’nda İşçi Sınıfının Oluşumu (The Making of the Working Class in the Ottoman Empire)”, organized by Social History Research Foundation of Turkey, History Foundation, Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey), Istanbul, October 17-18, 2015.
- Co-coordinator, “Osmanlı İmparatorluğu ve Türkiye Bağlamında Emek Hareketi Tarihinin Kaynakları (Examining Sources for Writing the History of the Labor Movement in the Late Ottoman Empire and the Turkish Republic)”, organized by Social History Research Foundation of Turkey, History Foundation, Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey, Istanbul, November 16-17, 2013
- Co-coordinator, 24th Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Chicago, May 8-9, 2009

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe / Forum Transregionale Studien, 2015-2016
- Research Fellowship, American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT), 2010-2011
- Graduate Fellowship for Research in the British Isles, the Nicholson Center for British Studies, November – December 2010
- *École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales* Scholarly Exchange Fellowship, University of Chicago, January – June 2010
- Summer Research Grant, University of Chicago, Department of History, May 2009
- Summer Research Grant, University of Chicago, Department of History, May 2007
- Century Fellowship, University of Chicago, April 2005
- “Contextualizing ‘Turkification’: Nation-Building in the Late Ottoman Empire, 1908-1918”, awarded the Annual ASEN/Nations and Nationalism Prize for the best article submitted by a post-graduate student, 2005
- M.A Degree granted with Distinction, Central European University, Department of Nationalism Studies, June 2004
- The Best Thesis Award, Central European University, Department of Nationalism Studies, June 2004

- Thesis Research Fellowship, Central European University, Department of Nationalism Studies, April 2004
- Tuition Waiver and Scholarship, Central European University, Department of Nationalism Studies, 2003-2004