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Birthday 08.05.1971
Family Status Single

RESEARCH AREAS

- Decolonial and Postcolonial Perspectives
 - Feminist Political Theory
 - Violence and Post-Violence
 - Gendered Embodiments and Subjectivities
 - Ethnography of the State, Bureaucracy and Social Policy
 - Visual Studies
 - Qualitative Methods
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ACADEMIC/WORK EXPERIENCE

2005-18 Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Anthropology/Sociology Department at Boğaziçi University

2017 Visiting Scholar in the Center for Research on Antisemitism at TU Berlin

2016 Visiting Scholar in the Globalization Committee at City University of New York

1999-2005 Instructor of Sociology in the Anthropology/Sociology Department at Boğaziçi University

1994-99 Teaching Assistant in the Department of Sociology at Indiana University-Bloomington

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

- Member of the Broadcasting Board of the women's television channel JinTV since 2018.
 - Columnist for the monthly women's newspaper Nawaya Jin since 2018
 - Columnist for the daily newspaper Özgür Gündem between 2013-17.
 - Columnist for Nokta, a weekly magazine on current affairs and politics, between 2006-7.
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EDUCATION

2005 Indiana University-Bloomington
PhD in Sociology
Minor: Gender Studies
Thesis Title: Belonging to the Modern: Women's Suffering and Subjectivities in Urban Turkey
Committee: Thomas Gieryn, William Corsaro, Leah VanWey, Nicola Evans

- 1998 Indiana University-Bloomington
M.A in Sociology
Thesis Title: None of Us Is Innocent: Constructing Gender and Nation in Turkey - The Sezen Aksu Event.
Committee: Martin Weinberg, Jason Jimerson
- 1994 Boğaziçi University-Istanbul
B.A in Sociology (Graduated with Highest Honors)
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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Patrimonies Program Fellow since 2020
- Academy in Exile and IIE SRF Joint Fellowship, Forum Transregionale Studien and Turkish Language and Literature Department at the University of Duisburg Essen, 2018-20
- Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science Fellowship in Princeton, New Jersey (declined), 2018
- Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Research Fellowship, Center for Research on Antisemitism at TU Berlin, 2017
- Boğaziçi University Academic Promotion Reward, 2016
- Boğaziçi University Research Project Award, 2011
- Boğaziçi University Research Project Award, 2006
- Middle East Award for Population and Social Science, 2001
- Middle Eastern Research Competition MERC Award, 2000
- American Research Institute in Turkey ARIT Fellowship, 1999

THIRD PARTY FUNDED PROJECTS

- Remaking of the Kurdish Liberation Movement in the Middle East
Applicant and Project Director
Funder: Social Research Center of Diyarbakır
<http://www.ssamer.com>
Funding Years: 2014-15
- Remaking of Masculinities in the Context of Neoliberal Restructuring
Applicant and Project Coordinator
Funder: Boğaziçi University Foundation
<https://www.buvak.org.tr>
Funding Year: 2013
- Commemoration in Argentina
Project Advisor and Reporter
Funder: Center for Memory and Justice
<https://hakikatadalethafiza.org>
Funding Year: 2011
- A Study of Social Policy Transformation in South East Turkey
Applicant and Project Coordinator
Funder: Social Policy Forum at Boğaziçi University
<https://spf.boun.edu.tr>
Funding Years: 2006-7
- Health Sector Reform in Turkey: An Ethnography of the State
Funder: Social Policy Forum at Boğaziçi University
Project Director
<https://spf.boun.edu.tr>
Funding Year: 2005

EDITORIAL BOARDS

2013- Co-editor of Jadaliyya Turkey Page
2013- Editorial Review Board for Kurdish Studies Journal

LANGUAGES

Turkish	native
English	excellent
German	very good
Kurdish	beginner

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Mother, Politician and Guerilla: The Emergence of A New Political Cosmology in Kurdistan Through Women's Bodies and Speech (expected publication date 2022).

“İŞİD Çerçeve Metni” (*A Framework for Understanding ISIS*) together with Muhammed Cihad Ebrari. Diyarbakır: SAMER Publications, 2015.

Dealing with the Past: the Argentinian Experience, Istanbul: Anadolu Kültür Truth, Justice and Memory Studies, 2011.

<https://hakikatadalethafiza.org/en/kaynak/dealing-with-the-past-argentinean-experience/>

EDITED VOLUMES

“Resistance Everywhere:” *The Gezi Protests and Dissident Visions of Turkey*, edited by Anthony Alessandrini, Nazan Üstündağ, and Emrah Yildiz. Tadween Publishing, 2014.

Türkiye’de ve Avrupa’da Sağlık Reformu (Health Reform in Turkey and Europe) edited by Çağlar Keyder, Nazan Üstündağ, Tuğba Ağartan and Çağrı Yoltar. Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2007.

ARTICLES

In refereed Journals

“Mother, Politician, Guerilla: The Emergence of a New Political Imagination in Kurdistan through Women's Bodies and Speech” *differences* 30.2 (2019), 115-145.

“Antigone as Kurdish Politician: Gendered Dwellings In The Limit Between Freedom and Peace” *History of the Present*, Spring 2019:9.1 , 113-141.

“State Pornography and Erotic Resistance” *South Atlantic Quarterly*: 118 (1) (2019), 95-110.

“Self-Defense as a Revolutionary Practice in Rojava, or How to Unmake the State?” *South Atlantic Quarterly*: 115 (1), (2016), 197-210.

“Travmayla Yüzleşmek ve Siyaset” (Trauma and Politics) *Birikim* 262 (2011), 21-27.

In edited books

The Theology of Democratic Modernity: Labor, Truth and Freedom” in *Dialogues for A Democratic and Free Life* edited by Havin Güneşer and Reimar Heider. New York: PM Press 2020: 235-260.

“The Kurdish Movement” in *Authoritarianism and Resistance in Turkey* edited by Özyürek E., Özpınar G., Altındış E. New York: Springer. 2018: 142-168.

“New Wars and Autonomous Self-Defense in Kurdistan” in *To Dare Imagining: Rojava Revolution* edited by Dilar Dirlik, David Levi Strauss, Michael Taussig, Peter Lambert Wilson. New York: Autonomedia. 2016: 84-97.

“1990’lar Nasıl Hatırlanmalı?” (How To Remember the 1990s?) in *1990’larda Kürtler ve Kürdistan* (Kurds and Kurdistan in 1990s) edited by Bülent Bilmez, Tahir Baykuşak, Ronayi Önen, Ayhan Işık İstanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları. Sempozyum, Panel Dizisi. 2015: 12-25.

“Feminist Bir Bakış Açısından Barış Süreci” (The Peace Process from a Feminist Perspective) in *Çatışma Süreçleri ve Barış* (Processes of Conflict and Peace) edited by Murat Aktaş. İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları. 2014: 357-382.

“Dünyada Barış Süreçleri ve Çözüme Giden Yolda AKP ve Kürt Hareketi’nin Çatışan Toplumsal Tahayülleri” (*Peace Processes in the World and the Conflicting Social Imaginations of the Justice and Development Party and the Kurdish Movement towards Peace*) in *Çatışma Çözümleri ve Barış* (Processes of Conflict and Peace) edited by Murat Aktaş. İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları. 2014: 177-202.

“Farklılarımızla Beraber Yaşamak ya da Bizi Bu Fark Yaraları Öldürür”(Living Together with Our Differences or It is these Wounds of Difference that Kill Us) in *Sıcak Haziran* (The Warm June) Edited by Nuray Sancar. İstanbul: Evrensel Yayınevi. 2013: 244-264.

“Kürt Erkek Bedenlerinin Genel İktisadı” (The General Economy of Kurdish Male Bodies) in *Erkek Millet Asker Millet* (*Male Nation Soldier Nation*) edited by Nurseli Yeşim Sumbüloğlu. İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları. 2013:184-212.

“A Travel Guide to Northern Kurdistan” in *Anywhere but Now: Landscapes of Belonging in the Eastern Mediterranean* edited by Samar Kanafani, Munira Khayyat, Rasha Salti and Layla Al-Zubaidi. Berlin: Heinrich Boell Foundation. 2012: 95-114.

“Kurdische and türkische Gemeinden in Esenyurt: Feindschaft und Gastfreundschaft im Alltag” in *Perspectiven auf die Türkei* edited by Ataç, Küçük, Şener. Berlin: Westfaelisches Dampfboot 2008: 252-276.

“Türkiye’de Sağlık Sisteminin Dönüşümü: Bir Devlet Etnografisi” (Health Reform in Turkey: A State Ethnography) (co-authored with Çağrı Yoltar) in *Türkiye’de ve Avrupa’da Sağlık Reformu* (Health Reform in Turkey and Europe) edited by Keyder, Üstündağ, Ağartan and Yoltar. İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları. 2007: 20-53.

“Doğu ve Güneydoğu Anadolu’nun Kalkınmasında Sosyal Politikalar” (The Role of Social Policy in the Development of East and South East Anatolia) in *Doğu ve Güneydoğu Anadolu’da Sosyal ve Ekonomik Öncelikler* (Social and Economic Priorities in East and South East Anatolia) edited by Orhan Kurmuş. İstanbul: TESEV Publications. 2006: 90-149.

“Die Konstruktion von Subjektivität: Geschichten von Esenyurt” in *İstanbul, Self Service City* edited by Esen and Lanz (edS.). Berlin: bbooks. 2005 : 363-377.

In other Journals

“1980-1984 Diyarbakır Zindanı üzerine bir söyleşi” (An Interview on 1980-1984 Diyarbakır Prison). *Toplum ve Kuram* 8, (2013), 112-143.

“Gezi Park Resistance and the Peace Process” *Perspectives* 4-14, (2013), 26-50.

“Esenyurt’ta Kürt ve Türk Cemaatleri: Gündelik Yaşamda Hasımlık ve Konukseverlik” (Kurdish and Turkish Communities in Esenyurt: Everyday Hostilities and Hospitalities). *Toplum ve Kuram* 3, (2010), 17-38.

“Ehlileştirilmiş Yoksulluğumuz Millileştirilmiş Yolsuzluğumuz” (Domesticated Poverty, Nationalized Corruption) *Cogito* 35, (2003), 126-131.

BOOK REVIEW

“The Genocidal Will: *Remnants of Auschwitz: The Witness and the Archive* by Giorgio Agamben and *The Historical Perversion* by Marc Nichanian” in *Rethinking Marxism* 25:4, (2013), 606-609.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Concluding Remarks, Exile and Academic Freedom Today. Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut, Essen. 2018.

“Women in the Kurdish Movement: The Mother, The Politician and the Guerilla,” Historical and Comparative Perspectives on Kurdish Politics Conference. Keyman Modern Turkish Studies. Northwestern University, Chicago. 2016.

“State Pornography and Erotic Resistance: A History of the Kurdish Gendered Bodies through Images” Law and Image Symposium II: Representing the State. University of London-Birkbeck, London. 2016.

“Aesthetics of Resistance: Image Making and Rule Breaking in the Kurdish Public Protests” Rethinking Crowds: Violence, Law and Democracy. Istanbul. 2013.

“Naming Pain: Politics of Witnessing vs. Politics of Recognition” Women's Reproductive Health Group 2011 Meeting. Beirut, Lebanon. 2011.

“The Search for Truth” Comparative Perspectives on Constitution Making, Political Transitions and Secularism: Turkey, United States and India. Columbia University, New York. 2011.

“Pornographic States” Gender, Sexuality and the Question of Islamicate Across Turkish-Persian Landscapes The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University. 2010.

“Politics of Truth in A Geography of Violence” Anywhere But Now: Symposium and Screenings on Human Flows and Geographies of Belonging in the Eastern Mediterranean Heinrich Böll Foundation. Beirut, Lebanon. 2009.

“Narratives of Violence: Gendered Temporalities and Corporalities” 10th Biennial European Association of Social Anthropologists Conference, Ljubljana. 2008.

“From Violence in the Village to Exclusion in the City: The Stories of the Kurdish Internally Displaced Women” International Symposium: Forced Displacement in Turkey and the World: International Principles, Experiences and Solution Proposals, Istanbul. 2006.

“An Ethnography of Health Care Reform in Turkey” International Workshop on Health Care Reform. Social Policy Forum. Istanbul. 2005

“The Role of the Dramas of Corruption and Poverty in the Constitution of a Neo-liberal Regime in Turkey” The Beirut Conference on Public Spheres. Beirut-Lebanon. 2004.

“The Construction of Witnessing Voices and the Representation of Violence and Loss” Workshop on (Post) Conflict and Remaking of Place and Space: Economies, Institutions and Networks. Khartoum-Sudan. 2004.

“The Construction of the Village in the Memories of Displaced Kurdish Women” Politics of Memory Workshop. Bogazici University. Istanbul. 2003.

“Performing Modernity in a Local District of Istanbul.” Comparative Cultural Politics Project Istanbul Workshop. University of Michigan – Bogazici University. Istanbul. 2001.

“Turning One’s Self into Spectacle: An Analyses of Subaltern Resistance.” Ege University Cultural Studies Seminar, İzmir. 1999.

TALKS AND LECTURES

“The Pornographic State and the Erotics of Resistance: A Photographic Account of Kurdish Bodies in Turkey” University of Duisburg, Essen. 2019.

“Antigone as Politician in Kurdistan” Columbia University, New York, commented by Rosalind Morris. 2017.

“Emerging Political Cosmologies in Kurdistan and the Middle East” London School of Economics, Anthropology Department. 2016.

“State’s Passion and Kurdish Bodies: A Photographic Account of the history of the Kurdish Liberation Struggle in Turkey” School of Visual Arts, New York City. 2016.

“Magic and Myth in the Kurdish Liberation Movement” New School For Social Research, New York City. 2016.

“The Limits Women Occupy to Speak Truth to Power in the Kurdish Struggle” Columbia University. 2016.

“New Wars and Autonomous Self-Defense” A Pilot Meeting for the Democracies of the Future. 14th Istanbul Biennial. 2015.

Key Note Speaker in 1990’larda Kürtler ve Kürdistan. (Kurds and Kurdistan in 1990s) Toplum and Kuram and Bilgi University. Istanbul. 2014.

“The Pornography of the State and The Erotics of Resistance: The General Economy of Kurdish Male Bodies in Turkey” Talks in University of Pennsylvania and Stanford University. 2011.

“A Travel Guide to Northern Kurdistan” Scheps Lecture Series. Columbia University, New York. 2009.

THESES SUPERVISED

Gül, Zeynel. 2015. *Changing Geographies of Subversive Politics in Istanbul*. M.A. Thesis.

Atalay, Ulaş Fırat. 2013. *Ülkücü Community in Zeytinburnu: Violence Around Words and Encounters*. M.A. Thesis.

Gönül, Evren. 2009. *Demanding Justice and Freedom at the Urban Margin: An Ethnography of Küçükarmutlu in Relation to Transgressive Politics of Space*. M.A. Thesis.

Hazalvut, Hazal. 2009. *The State, Narrative and the Body As Documents of Turkey's 1980 Military Coup*. M.A. Thesis.

Yanardağ, Pınar. 2009. *The Epidemic, The Prisonhouse and the Global City. Belonging and Identity in Bayrampaşa*. M.A. Thesis.

Karşlıoğlu, Seda. 2009. *Stories of the Past and Present: Politics of Belonging and Subjectivity in Gülsuyu Neighborhood*. M.A. Thesis.

Biehl Öztuzcu, Kristen Sarah. 2009. *Governing Through Uncertainty: "Refugeness" in Turkey*. M.A. Thesis

Can, Başak. 2008. *Gendered Labor, Embodied Suffering*. M.A. Thesis. 2009.

Öztuzcu, Kristen Biehl. *Governing through Uncertainty: Refugeness in Turkey*. M.A Thesis.

Yoltar, Çağrı. 2007. *An Ethnography of the State: The Green Card Scheme in Adiyaman*. M.A Thesis.

Erdem, Ilgın. 2007. *New Workers Confronting Old Rules: Industrial Vocational Education in Alibeyköy*. M.A. Thesis

Zengin, Aslı. 2007. *Sexual margins: A study on an ethnography of "The State" and women sex workers in İstanbul*. M.A. Thesis.

COURSES TAUGHT

At Boğaziçi University: Introduction to Sociology, Culture and Society, Cultures of Neoliberalism, Qualitative Methods, the Culture of the Arab Spring, Theories of Power and Resistance, Culture and Identity, Sociology of Gender, Contemporary Social Theory, New Wars (Graduate Level), State and Violence (Graduate Level), Theories of Materiality (Graduate Level), Uncanny Intimacies (Graduate Level).

At Indiana University, Bloomington: Social Change

EXTRACURRICULAR

- Spokesperson of Academics for Peace, Germany in 2018.
- Founding Member of Academics for Peace (2012)
<https://www.barisicinakademisyenler.net>
- Founding Member of Women for Peace Initiative (2009)
http://www.peacewomen.org/assets/media/baris_kadin_ingilizce_baski_2.pdf
- Founding Member of the Peace Parliament in Turkey (2006)
- Founding Member of Women's Citizenship Network in Turkey (2004)