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Political Science and Public Administration
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2008 New School for Social Research (NSSR), US
M.A., 2000 Bilkent University, Turkey
B. S., 1999 Middle East Technical University (METU), Turkey

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017 (Fall) Associate Professor, METU, Turkey
2015 (Summer) Visiting Scholar, Pittsburgh University, Department European Union
Center of Excellence and European Studies Center
2015-2017 Editor-in-Chief, *Praksis*
2015 (Spring) Visiting Scholar, Harvard University, Department of Sociology
2014-2015 Researcher, Researching Arab Mediterranean Youth: Towards a New
Social Contract (European Union's Seventh Framework Programme,
Grant Agreement no: 613174, Total Budget: 3 million Euros)
2012-2014 Researcher, Transatlantic Perspectives in a Changing Global Context:
Multilateralism Through Regionalism (European Union's Seventh
Framework Programme, Grant Agreement no: 318983)
2011-2016 Lead Researcher, Financialisation, Economy, Society and Sustainable
Development (European Union's Seventh Framework Programme,
Grant Agreement no: 266800, Overall budget: 10 million Euros).
2010- Present Chairperson, Latin and North American Studies, METU.
2009- 2017 Assistant Professor, METU, Turkey
2002- 2009 Research Assistant, METU, Turkey
2005 (Summer) Visiting Researcher, Centro de Investigaciones y Docencia
Económica, Mexico City, Mexico
2004-2005 Adjunct Lecturer, City College of New York, CUNY
1999-2002 Research Assistant, Bilkent University, Turkey
2001-2002 Researcher, Turkish Social Science Association,
(Return to Village and Rehabilitation Project in East and South East
Anatolia- Covers 12 Provinces), 2000-2001, Funding Agency: GAP
Administration, Overall Budget: 450,000,000,000 TL (App. 300,000
US Dollars).
2001- Present Editorial Board Member, *Praksis*

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2018- General Secretary, Turkish Social Science Association
2016- Member of Executive Board, Turkish Social Science Association

2006 (summer) Foreign Observer of the 2006 Federal Elections of Mexico, Instituto Federal Electoral, Mexico City.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS

Scientific Research Grant, Middle East Technical University (2015-2016-2017):
Project title: Micro-Credits and Rural Poverty: Chiapas Experience. (BAP 04-01-2017-001)
Project title: “Lived Experiences of Class in Turkey: The Middle Classes in the Making” (BAP. 04-01-2015-001)
Scientific Research Grant, Middle East Technical University (2014):
Project title: “Reflections of Urban Regeneration on Space: Comparing a Global City and a Capital City” (BAP. 04-02-2014-002)
Scientific Research Grant, Middle East Technical University (2014):
Project title: “Sustainable Rural Economy and Rural Poverty: Critical Evaluation of Rural Development Approaches and Policies”
(BAP 04-01-2014-003)
Scientific Research Grant, Middle East Technical University (2012-2014)
Project title: “Social, Economic and Ideological Results of Tekel Resistance” (BAP 04-01-2012-003)
Scientific Research Grant, Middle East Technical University (2012-2013)
“Transformation of Agricultural Structures and Rural Resistance in Turkey and Mexico” (BAP: 04-01-2012-003)
Scientific Research Grant, Middle East Technical University (2009)
Project title: “Regional Development and Neoliberalism in Turkey and Mexico”
(BAP. 04-01-2009-01)
Conference Travel Grant, Turkish Science Association, (2008)
Research and Conference Travel Grant, NSSR, (2006)
Janey Program in Latin American Studies, Summer Grant, New School University, (2005)
Eberstadt Dissertation Fellowship, New School University (2005-2006)
Honor, Political Theory Comprehensive Exam, (Minor Field), NSSR, (2004).
Tuition Scholarship, New School University, (2002-2006)
Ph.D. Scholarship, Higher Education Council of Turkey (2002-2006)
Conference Travel Grant, Turkish Science Association, (2002)
Graduate Study Honor Scholarship, Bilkent University, (2000-2002)
Graduate Study Achievement Scholarship, Bilkent University, (1999)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Boosting Competitiveness through Decentralization: A Subnational Comparison of Local Development in Mexico, (London, New York: Routledge, 2016) (paperback).

Boosting Competitiveness through Decentralization: A Subnational Comparison of Local Development in Mexico, (Burlington: Ashgate Publishing, 2012).

Edited Books

Understanding Latin America: Neoliberalism, Resistance, and the Left, (Istanbul: Yordam Books, 2007) (in Turkish)

Book Chapters

“The State, Crisis, and Transformation of Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Finance in Turkey” in Thomas Marois and Galip Yalman (eds.) *Political Economy of Financial Transformation in Turkey* (London: Routledge, 2019).

"From Tekel to Gezi Resistance in Turkey: Possibilities for a United Collective Social Rights Movement" in Raquel Sosa Elizaga (ed.) *Facing An Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology* (London: Sage, 2018).

“Taksim Square from the Ottoman Reformation Era to Gezi Resistance” in Christoph Berntharth (ed.) *Planning, Appropriation, Rebellions 1945-2015* (Leipzig: Spector Books, 2016)

“Tekel Resistance against Precarity: From Corporate Moment to Becoming ‘Victims of Privatization’” in Emre Özçelik ve Erol Taymaz (eds.) (İstanbul: İmge Kitabevi, 2015) (with Galip Yalman) (In Turkish)

“Zapatista Autonomous Municipality Experiences” in Ilhan Kerim Gültekin and İbrahim Gündoğdu (eds.) *Revolutionary-Peoples Local Administrations: Experiences from Spaces of Hope and Struggle* (Patika: Ankara, 2013) (in Turkish)

“The New Right” in Attila Aytekin and Gökhan Atılğan (eds) *Concepts and Ideologies in Political Science*. (İstanbul: Yordam, 2012) (in Turkish)

“Transition to Neoliberalism and Decentralisation Policies in Mexico” in Alfredo Saad-Filho and Galip Yalman (eds.) *Economic Transitions to Neoliberalism in Middle-Income Countries: Policy Dilemmas, Economic Crises, Forms of Resistance*. (London: Routledge, 2010)

“Looking at Latin America from Turkey: An Historical Background” in *Understanding Latin America: Neoliberalism, Resistance, and the Left*. (Istanbul: Yordam Kitap, 2007) (in Turkish)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Climate Changes yet Business as Usual: Parable of Sustainable Rural Cities in Chiapas, Mexico, *Climate and Development* doi 10.1080/17565529.2019.1586635.

Changing Modalities of Built Environment in Turkey: Three Mass Housing Projects from Ankara, *Journal of Urban Affairs* DOI: 10.1080/07352166.2018.1533378 (with Galip Yalman and Özlem Çelik)

"Labour Containment Strategies and Working Class Struggles in the Neoliberal Era: The Case of Tekel Workers in Turkey" *Critical Sociology* doi: 10.1177/0896920517711489 (with Galip Yalman).

"Boaventura de Sousa Santos, Para Descolonizar Occidente: Mas Alla del Pensamiento Abismal, Buenos Aires, CLACSO/Prometeo Libros, Coleccion "Perspectivas", 2010, 139 pp." *Estudios Latinoamericanos* 36 (2015): 141-149 (with Raquel Sosa Elizaga)

"Global Processes and Local Consequences of Decentralization: A Subnational Comparison in Mexico" *Regional Studies*, 49(7) (2015): 1126-1139.

"Agricultural Policies and Rural Resistance in Mexico" *METU Studies in Development* 41 (2) (August 2014): 151-177.

"Uneven Access to Local Power: Entrepreneurial Domination in the Design of Local Development in Chihuahua, Mexico" *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 36(6) (November 2012): 1166-1182.

"Anti-Imperialism from National Developmentalism to Global Neoliberalism: The Latin American Experience" *İstanbul Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi* (October 2009) (in Turkish).

"Grassroots Movements and Decentralization Policies in Latin America" *Birikim* 208 (August 2006), 31-36 (in Turkish)

"Decentralization Reforms in Mexico: The Intersection of Neoliberalization and Democratization Processes" *Praksis*, 14 (Winter/Spring 2006), 149-169 (in Turkish)

"A Key to Understand Turkey in the Globalization Process: The New Right" *Praksis*, 7 (Summer 2002), 63-84 (in Turkish)

Under Review Manuscripts

"Economic Reforms and Women's Empowerment in Saudi Arabia" (revise and submit) *Women Studies International Forum* (revise and submit)

"Articulation of Unmet Demands: Collective Will Formation Behind the Gezi Resistance in Turkey" (underreview)

Commissioned Reports

Comparative Perspective on Financial System in the EU: Country Report on Turkey, Metu WP2 Team: <http://fessud.eu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Turkey-Studies.pdf>

Case study paper relating financialisation of the built environment to changing urban politics, social geographies, material flows and environmental improvement/degradation in Ankara, Fessud Working Paper Series: 116
<http://fessud.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Ankara-case-study-Financialisation-of-the-built-environment-Fessud-working-paper-116.pdf>

Financialisation of Built Environments in Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Ankara: Housing Policy and Cooperative Housing, 2016 (FESSUD Working Paper Series; No. 167).

Newspaper/Newsletter Articles

“Those Who Could Not Topple Down Chavez Now Targeting Maduro”, *Birgün* 28/01/2019 (in Turkish)

“The (Familiar) Story of the Elections in Brazil”, *Birgün* 1/11/2018 (in Turkish)

“The New Struggle Venue of the Right Wing Politics in Brazil: High Courts”, *Birgün* 15/4/2018 (in Turkish)

“What is Revolution in Cuba”, *Birgün*, 11/12/2016 (in Turkish)

Erdoğan’s Trip to South America, *Birgün*, 7/2/2016 (in Turkish)

“A Specter is Haunting Turkey, the Specter of Gezi Park” *Global Dialogue: Newsletter for the International Sociological Association 2014* 4(4).

“The Oaxaca Protests” *Radikal*, 11/05/2006 (in Turkish)

“In Search of a Way to Combine Identity Politics with Class Interests: The Zapatista Movement in the Eve of a Turning Point” *Birgün*, 07/22/2005 p.12 (In Turkish)

CONFERENCES

15th International Historical Materialism Conference, London , 8-11 November 2018.

19th ISA World Congress of Sociology, Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities. Toronto, Canada 15-21 July 2018.

9th International Conference in Political Economy, Pula, 12-14 September 2018.

14th International Historical Materialism Conference, London, 9-12 November 2017.

8th International Conference in Political Economy, Berlin, 13-15 September 2017.

13th International Historical Materialism Conference, London, 10-13 November 2016.

7th International Conference in Political Economy, Lisbon, 6-9 September, 2016.

12th National Social Science Congress, Ankara. November 23-25 2015.

12th International Historical Materialism Conference, London, November 5-7, 2015.

4th World Congress for Middle East Studies, Ankara, August 18-22, 2014.

13th National Social Science Congress, Ankara. December 14-15, 2013.

10th International Historical Materialism Conference, London, November, 2013.

14th Mediterranean Research Meeting, Mersin, Turkey. March 20-13, 2013.

2nd South-South Forum on Sustainability and Rural Reconstruction for, Chongqing, China. December 8-10, 2012.

2nd North American Historical Materialism Conference, New York, NY. January 13-17, 2010.

11th National Social Science Congress, Ankara. September 14-15, 2009.

2nd IIPPE International Research Workshop, Procida, Naples. September 10-12, 2008.

7th METU Conference on International Relations. Hegemony or Empire? Prospects for Contemporary World Order. METU Ankara. June 18-20, 2008.

West Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. San Diego. March 18-21, 2008.

Transition to Neoliberalism in Middle Income Countries: Policy Dilemmas, Economic Crises, Mass Resistances. Turkish Social Science Association. Ankara. February 14-15, 2008.

TMMOB Sanayi Kongresi 2007: Geçmişten Geleceğe Sanayileşme, Planlama ve Kalkınma, Makina Mühendisleri Odası, Ankara. December 14-15, 2007.

The Janey Program in Latin American Studies and the Observatory on Latin America (OLA), The New School, Social Democracy in a Globalized World, New York, NY. April 26-27, 2007.

Johns Hopkins University, Program in Latin American Studies, Re-positioning el pueblo: Critical Approaches to the Popular in Latin American History, Culture, Art and Society, Baltimore, Maryland. April 20, 2007

New York University, The Latin America: History, Economy and Culture Workshop, New York, NY. January 28, 2007.

New York University, The Latin America: History, Economy and Culture Workshop, New York, NY. December 18, 2006.

Johns Hopkins University, Program in Latin American Studies, Critical Possibilities: Imagination and Contestation in Latin America, Baltimore, Maryland. April 21, 2006.

The Southeastern Council Latin American Studies, 53rd Annual Meeting, Latin America in the Age of Globalization, Charlotte, NC. April 6-8, 2006.

Latin American Studies Association, XXVI International Congress Decentering Latin American Studies, San Juan, Puerto Rico. March 15-18, 2006.

The Graduate Faculty, New School University, Political Communities in Question: Evolution, Context, and Practice, New York, NY. April 21-22, 2005.

The Graduate Faculty, New School University, Words, Images and the Framing of Reality, New York, NY. April 18-19, 2005.

Critical Perspectives on Third World Development, Graduate Student Conference (Organizer, with Emrah Göker) New York, NY. October 29, 2004.

The Graduate Faculty, New School University, In the Name of Democracy: Boundaries of the Political, New York, NY. May 1-2, 2003.

Sheffield University, Towards a New Political Economy of Development: Globalisation and Governance, Sheffield. July 4-6, 2002.

INVITED TALKS

“Climate Changes yet Business as Usual: Parable of Sustainable Rural Cities in Chiapas, Mexico” University of Amsterdam. Latin American Center, Amsterdam, 22 February, 2019.

Vice-Presidential Plenary Session on “Overcoming inequalities: actors and experiences”, Fourth International Sociological Association Conference, “Facing an Unequal world: Challenges for Global Sociology”, Yokohama, Japan. July, 12-18 2014.

Invitation to the Plenary session “Possibilities for New Forms of Resistance in the Neoliberal Era: Unification of All Rights Movements during Tekel Workers' Resistance in Turkey” Third International Sociological Association Conference of National Associations, Sociology in Times of Turmoil, Ankara, Turkey. May 13-16, 2013.

“Neoliberalization by Decentralization: A Subnational Comparison of Local Development in Mexico”. University of Wisconsin, Department of Sociology. Jan 25, 2008.

“Descentralización y Sus Impactos Sobre Políticas Locales y Nacionales en Mexico,” Instituto de Estudios Políticos Avanzados, Universidad de Guerrero , Acapulco. June 13, 2006.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Italian (intermediate), French (basic)

COURSES TAUGHT

Research Methods (Graduate, CUNY) (Fall 2004, Fall 2005)

Introduction to Politics (Undergraduate, METU) (Spring 2008- Present)

Society and Culture (Undergraduate, METU) (Fall 2008)

Foundations of Social Research (Undergraduate, METU) (Fall 2008-Present)

Prothesis Seminar, (Graduate, METU) (Fall 2008-Present)

Comparative Governments (Undergraduate, METU) (Spring 2009-Present)

Comparative Political Analysis (Undergraduate, METU) (Spring 2010-Present)

Past, Present and Future in Latin America (Graduate, METU) (Fall 2011- Present)

Law and Political Economy in Sustainability(Graduate, METU Cyprus) (Spring 2016, Fall 2017)

Advanced Readings in Comparative Political Economy (Graduate, METU) Fall 2017-Present).