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**EDUCATION:**

- May 2002 *Ph.D.* in Sociology, Columbia University, New York  
With Distinction  
*Dissertation:* “Local Intermediaries and Ottoman State Centralization: A Comparison of the Tanzimat Reforms in the Provinces of Ankara and Edirne (1839-1878)”
- June 1999 *M.Phil.* in Sociology, Columbia University, New York  
*Major Field:* Historical Sociology with Distinction  
*Minor Field:* Political Sociology
- May 1997 *M.A.* in Sociology, Columbia University, New York
- August 1995 *M.A.* in Ottoman History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul  
*Master’s Thesis:* “Social and Economic Life in Late 17<sup>th</sup> Century Istanbul: Sharia Court Records of 1697-1699 AD”
- July 1992 *B.A.* in Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

**GRANTS & AWARDS:**

- 2010-2013 Institute for Globally Networked Learning Workshop Leaders, National Endowment for Humanities (NEH)
- 2008 TÜBA Uluslararası Bilimsel Yayın Desteği [Publication Support from Turkish Sciences Academy]
- 2005-2006 Copeland Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Amherst College
- May 2002 Distinction, Ph.D. Dissertation, Columbia University
- December 2001 Graduate Fellowship, Center for Historical Social Sciences, Columbia University
- 2000-2002 Graduate Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP), Columbia University
- September 2001 Corner House Fund Award, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- 2000-2001 Dissertation Fellow, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- Jan 2000- Dec 2000 International Fellowship, American Association of University Women Fellowship (AAUW)
- June 1999- Dec 1999 Traveling Fellowship, Columbia University

1996- May1999  
September 1998  
1995-1996

President's Fellowship, Columbia University  
Distinction in Historical Sociology Qualifying Exam,  
Department of Sociology, Columbia University  
Graduate Fellowship, Turkish Ministry of Education

### **PROMOTIONS:**

2009

Associate Professor in Modern History (Rank granted by Higher Education Council, YÖK)

### **POSITIONS HELD:**

Jan-July 2006  
2002-present  
2000-2002  
1996-1999  
1992-1995

Copeland Fellow, Amherst College  
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Koç University, Istanbul  
Data Consultant, Electronic Data Services, Columbia University  
Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Columbia University  
English Teacher, Ministry of Education, Istanbul

### **COURSES THOUGHT:**

CSHS 517 Ottoman State and Society  
CSHS 502 Research Design  
Hİst 433 State and Society in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire  
HIST 350 Religion and Politics in Europe  
HIST 413 Comparative Study of Revolutions  
HIST 351 Comparative Perspectives on the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire  
HIST 350 State, Empire and Nation  
HIST 301 History of the Turkish Revolution  
HIST 309/INTL 340 State and Society in the Middle East  
HIST 204 The Ottoman World in Transition, 1566-1839  
HIST 216 History of the Middle East

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

#### **Book:**

Yonca Köksal and Davut Erkan, Sadrazam Kıbrıslı Mehmed Emin Paşa'nın Rumeli Teftişi [Grand Vizier Kıbrıslı Mehmed Emin Pasha's Inspection in Rumelia], Istanbul: Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Yayinevi, 2007, 578 p.

#### **Articles:**

With Dilek Barlas, "Teaching a State Required Course: History of the Turkish Revolution", *Turkish Studies*, Sept 2011, forthcoming.

“Tanzimat ve Tarih Yazımı” [Tanzimat and Historiography], *Doğu Batı: Osmanlılar I*, 51 (2010): 193-216.

"Transnational Networks and Kin States: The Turkish Minority in Bulgaria, 1878-1940," *Nationalities Papers*, 38/2 (2010): 191-211.

“19. Yüzyılda Kuzevbatı Bulgaristan: Sessiz Toprak Reformu” [Silent Land Reform in Northwestern Bulgaria in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century], *Toplumsal Tarih*, 2008, 170: 24-30.

“Rethinking Empire and Nationalism: State Projects and Local Identities in the Nineteenth Century Ottoman Empire,” *American Behavioral Scientist*, June 2008, 51 (10): 1498-1515.

“Minority Policies in Bulgaria and Turkey: the Struggle to Define A Nation,” *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, December 2006, 6(4): 501-521.

“Coercion and Mediation: Centralization and Sedentarization of Tribes in the Ottoman Empire,” *Middle Eastern Studies*, May 2006, 42(3): 469-491.

“Tanzimat Döneminde Bulgaristan: Kıbrıslı Mehmed Emin Paşa'nın Rumeli Teftişi,” [Inspection of Rumelia: Bulgaria in the Tanzimat Era], *Toplumsal Tarih*, Nov 2004, 131: 56-62.

“Reform in the Province of Edirne: Ottoman Archives on Local Administration during the Tanzimat,” in *Peri Thrakis*, Jan. 2002, 2: 173-191.

“Imperial Center and Local Groups: Tanzimat Reforms in Edirne and Ankara,” in *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Fall 2002, 27: 107-138.

“Tanzimat Döneminde Bulgaristan: Osmanlı'da Merkezi Devletin Oluşumu (1839-1878)” [Bulgaria in the Tanzimat Era: Formation of a Central State in the Ottoman Empire], in *Toplum ve Bilim*, Winter 2000, (83): 241-266.

Economic and Social Life in Late Seventeenth Century Istanbul: The Istanbul Court Records of 1696-1698 AD, unpublished MA. Thesis.

### **Chapter in Books:**

“Transnational Connections of Minorities in the Age of Nationalism: Turks in Bulgaria and Kurds in Turkey, 1878-1940,” in *Shifting Boundaries: Nationalism and Transnationalism in South East Europe*, eds. Kerem Öktem and Dimitar Bechev, Brill, forthcoming in 2011.

“Urban Space and Nationalism: Changing Local Networks in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire,” in *Spatial Conceptions of the Nation: Modernizing Geographies in Greece and Turkey*, eds. Nikiforos Diamandouros, Thalia Dragonas and Çağlar Keyder, NY: IB Tauris, 2010, pp. 27-43.

“Sosyal Kontrol Sistemleri: 19. Yüzyıl Osmanlı İmparatorluğunda Devlet- Toplum İlişkileri” [Systems of Social Control: State-Society Relations in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire], in

*Tarihsel Sosyoloji: Stratejiler, Sorunsallar ve Paradigmalar*, eds. F. Ergut & A. Uysal, Ankara: Dipnot Yayınları, 2007, pp. 111-142.

### **Conference Proceedings:**

“Land Reform in Northwestern Bulgaria during the Tanzimat Era,” *Perspectives on Ottoman Studies, Papers from CIEPO 18, Zagreb*, eds. Ekrem Causevic, Nenad Moacanin and Vjeran Kursar, Berlin: LIT Verlag Publishing House, 2010.

“State Reforms and Regional Variation: Tanzimat Policies in Rumelia and Ankara,” Conference Proceedings, *International Workshop: New Approaches to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Middle East and the Balkans—The Construction of the Ottoman Modern State, Papers and Discussions*, National Institute for the Humanities: National Museum of Japanese History, Sakura, Japan, June 2007, pp. 38-43 (in Japanese).

With Davut Erkan, “Tanzimat Döneminde Bulgaristan,” *Osmanlı ve Cumhuriyet Döneminde Türk-Bulgar İlişkileri Sempozyumu*, Osmangazi Üniversitesi: Osmanpazarı Belediyesi Yayınları, 2005, pp. 367-372.

“Inclusion and Exclusion: Ethnic Politics in Bulgaria and Turkey”, *The Oxford Symposium on (Trans)nationalism in Southeast Europe*, St Antony's College, University of Oxford, 17-19 June 2005. <http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/esc/esc-lectures/koksal.pdf>

“The Application of the Tanzimat Reforms in Bulgaria: State Building in the Ottoman Empire (1839-1878),” electronic publication of Kokkalis Program, Harvard University, 1999. <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/kokkalis/GSW1/GSW1/11%20Koksal.pdf>

### **Book Reviews**

“Turks in World History by Carter V. Findley,” Book Review, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Fall 2007, pp. 228-231.

“Kurdish Notables and the Ottoman State: Evolving Identities, Competing Loyalties, and Shifting Boundaries by Hakan Özoğlu,” Book Review, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Fall 2005, pp. 227-230.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS:**

“Networks of Social Control: Cohesion and Fragmentation in Historical Context” (with Karen Barkey) under preparation.

“Local Intermediaries and Overlapping Brokerage: A Comparison of Provincial Administration in Edirne and Ankara During Ottoman Recentralization in the Tanzimat Period (1839-1878),” Unpublished Manuscript.

## PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

“Strategies of Rule: Provincial Administration in the Tanzimat Era, “ 12th International Congress of Ottoman Economic and Social History (ICOSEH), 11-15 July 2011, Retz , Austria.

Workshop Leader, Collaboration and Technology in International Online Learning Environments —Constructing a New Paradigm, 3rd Conference of SUNY Center for Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), March 31 – April 1, 2011.

“A Network Perspective: Issues and Problem in Studying Provincial Reforms during the Tanzimat Era,” World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES), UAB Campus, Barcelona, July 19-24<sup>th</sup> 2010.

“Transnational Connections and Kin States: Turkish Minority in Bulgaria,” Istanbul Bilgi University, Seminars on International Relations, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

"The Impact of Europe on Ottoman Modernization during the Tanzimat Era (1839-1878)," *Workshop on Ottoman/Turkish Culture and Society*, PEECS, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Dec 11 2009.

“Between Old and New: Turkish Minority in Bulgaria, 1878-1940,” *ASN Annual Convention*, Columbia University, New York, April 23-25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

“Land Reform in Northwestern Bulgaria during the Tanzimat Era,” *CIEPO-International Committee Of Pre-Ottoman and Ottoman Studies* 18th Symposium Zagreb, August 25-30th, 2008.

“Urban Space and Nationalism: Changing Local Networks in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire,” *Workshop on Space and Nationalism*, organized by the Editorial Board of the book series “Social and Historical Studies on Greece and Turkey,” Chios, June 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

“The Nation-State Creating Transnational Groups: Cases of Bulgaria and Turkey,” *Oxford Symposium on Nationalism in a Transnational Context*, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University, July 6-8 2007.

"State Reforms and Local Networks in Ninetenth Century Ottoman Empire" International conference on the Application of the Tanzimat Reforms, University of Haifa, Israel, June 10-14, 2007.

"State Reforms and Regional Variance: Tanzimat Policies in Bulgaria and Anatolia," Workshop on New Approaches to the Nineteenth-Century Middle East and Balkans, Chiba University, Japan, January 13-14, 2006.

“Centralization and Intermediaries in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire,” Copeland Colloquium, Amherst College, April 12, 2006.

“Ottoman Bulgaria in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century,” *Social Science Seminar Guest Speaker Series*, Sabanci University, Istanbul, November 22, 2005.

“Systems of Social Control: The Ottoman State and the Question of State-Society Relations in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century,” *Historical Sociology: Strategies, Questions, Paradigms, 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of History*, METU, Ankara, 25-28 October 2005.

“Struggling to Define the Nation: Minority Politics in Bulgaria and Turkey,” *The Oxford Symposium on (Trans-)Nationalism in South East Europe*, South East European Studies at Oxford The Kokkalis Programme, Harvard University, St. Antony’s College, Oxford, 17-19 June 2005.

“Ethnic Politics after Empire: Muslim Minorities in Greece and Turkey,” *Annual Meeting of World History Association*, Al-Akawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco, June 26-29 2005.

“Reform in Ottoman Bulgaria,” Eskişehir, *Osmanlı ve Cumhuriyet Döneminde Türk-Bulgar İlişkileri Uluslararası Sempozyumu*, Osmangazi Üniversitesi May 11-13, 2005.

“Regional variance and State Reforms,” *Nineteenth Century Ottoman History Seminar*, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, December 6, 2004.

“Struggling to Define Nationhood: Ethnic Politics and Imperial Legacies in Bulgaria and Turkey,” *Nationalities and Pluralisms From Old to New Worlds*, Special Warsaw ASN Convention, Centre for East European Studies, Warsaw University, Poland, July 18-21, 2004.

“Making Sense of Variance: The Tanzimat Reforms in the Balkans and Central Anatolia,” *Pouvoirs et Territoires en Turquie Contemporaine*, Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches administratives, politiques et sociales Faculté des Sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales Université de Lille II, Istanbul, June 13-20, 2004.

“Rethinking Empires and Nationalism: State Reforms and Local responses in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire,” *International Conference organized in honor of Charles Tilly*, on Mediterranean Themes, University of Crete, Rethimno, Greece, October 17-18, 2003.

“From Empire to a Nation-State: State Projects and Local Identities in the Nineteenth Century Ottoman Province of Edirne,” *Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association*, August 16-19, 2003.

“Innovation in Teaching a State Controlled Course: History of the Turkish Revolution,” *International Conference on Higher Education*, Kiev, Ukraine, May 16-19, 2003.

“Local Cooperation and Conflict: Tanzimat Reforms in the Province of Edirne (1839-1878),” *The Balkans: Mapping Identities*, Center for Advanced Study in Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct 18-20, 2002.

“Tribal Settlements in Ankara in the Tanzimat Period,” *Contentious Politics Workshop*, February 4, 2002, Columbia University, New York.

“State Officials and Intermediaries: State Expansion in Frontier Areas,” Regular Session in the *Annual Meeting of American Historical Association*, San Francisco, January 3-6, 2002.

“Coalition and Conflict: Non-Muslim Communities in the Province of Edirne in the Tanzimat Period (1839-1878),” *Workshop on “Localities and Empire: Approaches to ‘Ottoman/Greek’ Society and Culture*,” co-organized by *Princeton University Hellenic Studies Department, U.S. Embassy in Athens, Historical Archives of Vathi, Samos, Prefecture and Municipality of Samos*, September 14-17, 2001, Samos, Greece.

“Loose Networks and Prominent Brokers: Provincial Administration in Ankara, Tanzimat Reforms (1839-1878),” *Contentious Politics Workshop*, April 16, 2001, Columbia University, New York.

Discussant, Panel entitled Rethinking Ethnopolitical Mobilization in the Balkans, at *the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Association for the Study of Nationalities*, 5-7 April, 2001, Columbia University, New York.

“The Application of Tanzimat Reforms in Bulgaria: State-Building in the Ottoman Empire (1839-1878),” presented at *“New Approaches to Southeastern Europe” conference organized by Minda de Ginzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University*, February 12-14, 1999.

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION:**

Workshop on *The Concept of Multiple Modernities in the Historiography of the Ottoman Empire*, co-organized with Christoph Herzog (Orient Institut, Istanbul) and Alexandre Toumarkine (the Institut Francais d'Etudes Anatoliennes), Istanbul, November 10, 2007.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

Summer 2004 and 2005	Research at Public Record Office, London, UK
1999- 2002	Graduate Student Researcher, Prime Ministry Archives and Ataturk Library in Istanbul, Turkey
Summer 1997	Research Assistant, Prime Ministry Archives in Istanbul, Turkey
1994-1995	Research Assistant, Office of Istanbul Mufti, in Istanbul, Turkey

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

2010	Koç University: Koç Office of Learning and Teaching (KOLT) Advisory Committee
Jan-Sept 2010	Department of History Representative
2009	Strategic Planning Committee Member, College of Social Sciences and Humanities
2008 to present	Member of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities

2007 to 2008 Faculty Administrative Committee  
2006 to 2009 Coordinator for CSHS master program  
2005 to 2008 University Library Committee  
2003 to present ECTS coordinator for History Department  
Member of *Stratejik Arařtırmalar Merkezi*

**THESES SUPERVISION:**

MA Thesis at Koç University:

Advisor Seçil Uluşık (2010), Mehmet Polatel (2009),  
Gülhan Aygün (2009)  
Second Reader Nazlı Özkan (2010), Ayşe Nur Sülüş (2009),  
Şaziye Burcu Giray (2006)

**LANGUAGES:**

Turkish, Ottoman Turkish, reading knowledge of French

**AFFILIATIONS:**

Association for the Study of Nationalities  
American Sociological Association  
Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)  
American Association of University Women