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EDUCATION

- 2010 (expected) Ph.D. in sociology, University of Cambridge, UK
Sociology of respect: structural inequalities and the sense of worth
- 1999-2002 Ph.D. student in political science, Bilkent University, Turkey
Completed the qualifying exam on political theory, comparative and Ottoman-Turkish political history
- 1999 MA in political science, Bilkent University, Turkey
Dissertation Title: "Rethinking the Welfare Party of Turkey"
- 1998 B.Sc. in political science (major) and sociology (minor)
Middle East Technical University, Turkey

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Cultural and political sociology, sociology of gender, social inequality, political economy, youth, social change, political Islam, nationalism, the Middle East

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2002-2006 Turkish High Council of Education Fellowship
- 2003 Research Grant, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cambridge
- 2003 Research Grant, St. John's College, University of Cambridge
- 2001 British Council Research Grant
- 2000-2002 Turkish Academy of Sciences Doctoral Fellow
- 1999-2002 Ph.D. Scholarship, Bilkent University
- 1998-1999 Graduate Study Honour Scholarship, Bilkent University
- 1998 Honors Degree, Middle East Technical University

PUBLICATIONS

'Eugenics, Modernity and Nationalism', in *Social Histories of Disability and Deformity*, edited by David Turner and Kevin Stagg, London, New York: Routledge, 2006

'The Politics of the Body in Early Republican Turkey: The Regulation of the Human Body and Eugenic Discourse', *Body & Society* 11(3): 61-76, 2005

'Youth: A Matter of Opportunity' (in Turkish), *Birikim: Monthly Socialist Journal*, August 2005

'Masculinities on the Internet' (with Neslihan Demirtaş, in Turkish), *Toplum ve Bilim (Society and Science)*, Fall 2004

'Eugenics Thought' (in Turkish), in *Milliyetçilik: Modern Türkiye'de Siyasi Düşünce 4 (Nationalism: Encyclopedia of Political Thought in Modern Turkey 4)* İstanbul: İletişim 2002

Rethinking the Welfare Party (in Turkish), in TULP Working Papers Archive
<http://www.let.leidenuniv.nl/tcimo/tulp/research.htm>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

'Formations of femininity in Turkey: class, gender and age,' draft available.

'Nationalism and Cynicism,' draft available.

Class and the Sense of Place in a changing Urban Landscape: Low-wage workers of Bilkent, draft available.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Low-wage workers of Bilkent: Class and the Sense of Place in a Changing Urban Landcape, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 21-24, 2009, Boston, USA.

'Piety, Politics and Women in a Muslim Society,' presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting Regular Session, August 1-4, 2008, Boston, USA

'Formations of Femininity at the Intersection of Class, Gender and Age: Young Women in Turkey,' presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting Regular Session, August 11-14, 2007, New York, USA

'Conservatism and Cynicism in Turkey,' presented at the 12th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, USA, April 12-14, 2007

'Nationalism, Cynicism and 'Avoiding Politics' in Turkey,' presented at NY-LON Annual Conference 2007, Somerset, UK, March 7-11, 2007

'Nationalism, Neoliberalism and 'Avoiding Politics', Contentious Politics Workshop, Columbia University, January 29, 2007

'Bourdieu, Masculine Domination and Young Women's experiences,' NY-LON Workshop, NYU, November 4, 2006

'The 'Weight' of Gender: Young Women and Patriarchy,' presented at Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Ann Arbor, USA, September 28- October 1, 2006

'Respectability and Escaping 'Femininity': Young Women in Turkey', invited lecture, Turkish Studies Colloquium Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, September 28, 2006

'Revisiting the Silent Majorities: Young People in Turkey,' presented at Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Boston, USA, September 28- October 1, 2005

'Youth and Conservatism in Turkey,' invited lecture at the University of Cambridge, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, UK, January 31, 2005

'Eugenics in the Early Republican Turkey,' presented at the 'Controlling Bodies: the Regulation of Conduct 1650-2000' Conference, University of Glamorgan, UK, June 2002

'Rethinking the Welfare Party,' presented at VI. Turkish Academy of Social Sciences, Ankara, Turkey, November 1999

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2008
Spring 2008 Visiting Scholar, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University.
Designed and taught 'Gender and Social Change in Turkey through Cinema' at Barnard Center for Research on Women, Columbia University
- 2005- 2008 Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology and Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, New York University.
- 2004 Field research in Ankara, conducted 50 in-depth interviews
- 2001-2002 Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cambridge
- 2001 Assitant to Bryan Turner in the preparation of *Islam: Critical Concepts in Sociology* (four volumes). Volume I: Islam as Religion and Law, Volume II: Islam, State and Politics, Volume III: Islam, Gender and the Family, Volume IV: Islam and Social Movements. Routledge Curzon 2002.
- 1998-2001 Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Bilkent University. Tasks included supervising students in the course entitled 'Science and Society,' reading exam papers, assisting faculty members in research and teaching
- 1996 Internship at United Nations High Commission for Refugees
Research on the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iraq, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran, and on pending refugee resettlement files

VIDEOART WORK

- 'One More Time in the City (with Aras Ozgun)
Experimental short-film about social inequality in Ankara
GISAM1998
Debut at the Izmir Film Festival, 1998; shown at the 9th Ankara International Film Festival and the Goethe Institute, 1998
- '*Batak*' (with Basak Arikan and Aras Ozgun)
Experimental short-film motivated by Andre Gide's '*Paludes*', about 'escape and memory'
GISAM 1998

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Panel Organizer, 'Class, Gender and Ethnicity in the Restructuring of the Labor Markets in the Middle East', at 2009 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting,

Reviewer, *Theory, Culture and Society*, SAGE 2005-

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA) 2007-2009

Member, Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2007-

Member, Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) 2005-2008

Member, International Society for Sociology of Religion (ISSR) 2003-2007