CURRICULUM VITAE

**Dr. Burcu Mutlu**

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**EDUCATION:**

**2011- 2019** Ph.D., History; Anthropology; Science, Technology and Society (HASTS), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

**2005 - 2009** M.A., Sociology, Bogazici University.

**2000 - 2005** B.A., Political Science and International Relations (ENG), Marmara University.

**RESEARCH AREAS:**

Anthropology of Reproductive Technologies and Biobanking; Medical Anthropology; Feminist Science &Technology Studies (STS); Family, Kinship and Gender; Transnational Mobilities.

**ACADEMIC WORK:**

**Sep 2021-** Full-time Lecturer, Faculty of Social Sciences, Özyeğin University.

**Summer 2021** Part-time Lecturer, Faculty of Social Sciences, Özyeğin University.

**Fall&Spring 2020-21** Part-time Lecturer, Department of General Education, Istanbul Bilgi University.

**Jan-Dec 2020** Researcher, TÜSES.

**Apr-Nov 2019** Postdoctoral Researcher, Orient-Institut Istanbul.

**Spring 2018** TA,MIT STS.

**Jun 2017- Sep 2018** Doctoral Associate, Science, Religion and Culture Program, Harvard Divinity School.

**Spring 2017** TA,MIT STS.

**Fall 2017** TA,MIT Anthropology.

**Spring 2016** TA,MIT Anthropology.

**Nov 2014- May 2015** Visiting Fellow, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Near East University.

**Fall 2013** TA MIT Anthropology.

**Spring 2013** TA,MIT STS.

**Fall&Spring 2010-11** TA, Department of Sociology, Istanbul Sehir University

**Feb 2010- Jun 2011** RA,Department of Sociology, Istanbul Sehir University.

**AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**2018** Kelly Douglas Travel Fund

**2017**  MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant

**2016** The Graduate Consortium in Women’s Studies Mother Board Writing Prize, for “Morally Accounting for Sex Selection Online in Turkey”

**2015-2016** NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (STS), Award No: 1456130

**2014**  MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant

**2006-2008** TÜBİTAK, National Scholarship for Graduate Study

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**Journal Articles:**

**2017** “Morally Accounting for Sex Selection Online in Turkey.” *BioSocieties* 12(4): 543- 567 (SSCI, impact factor 2018: 2.958).

**2018**  “Gizleyerek Aile Olmak: Yurtdışında Yasaklı Biyoteknolojilerle Çare Arayışları [Making Families in Secrecy: Seeking Forbidden Biotechnologies Abroad As Last Resort].” (Special Issue on Science, Technology and Society), *Toplum ve Bilim* [Society and Science] 144: 161-193.

**2018**  “Cinsellik, Üreme/Doğurganlık, ve Sağlık Politikaları Üzerine Sohbet [A Conversation on the Politics of Sexuality, Reproduction, and Health].” (with Neslihan Şen, Nilay Erten, Nurhak Polat, Seda Saluk and Şafak Kılıçtepe). *Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar* [Feminist Approaches in Culture and Politics] 33-34:123-154.

**2009** “Kariyer de Yaparım, (Tüp) Bebek de! [ I make a Career as well as a (Tube) Baby].” *Amargi* 15: 37-39.

**Book Chapters:**

**2021** “Crafting Moral Agency in Transnational Egg Donation: The Case of Turkish Egg Donors.” In Hilal Alkan, Ayse Dayi, Sezin Topçu and Betül Yarar (eds), *The Politics of the Female Body in Contemporary Turkey: Reproduction, Maternity, Sexuality.*I.B Tauris.

**2020** (with Seda Saluk). “ Türkiye’de Üreme Sağlığı ve Kürtaj Tartışmaları” [Reproductive Health and Abortion Debate in Turkey.] In *Modern Türkiye'de Siyasi Düşünce: Feminizm*, Cilt 10, [Political Thought in Modern Turkey: Feminism, Vol. 10], İletişim.

**2011** “Türkiye’de ‘Üremeye Yardımcı’ Teknolojiler: Kadınların Tüp Bebek Anlatıları [ “Assisted” Reproductive Technologies in Turkey: Women’s Narratives of Tube Baby Technologies]. In A. Terzioğlu, C. Özbay and Y. Yasin (eds), *Neoliberalizm ve Mahremiyet: Türkiye’de Beden, Sağlık ve Cinsellik* [Neoliberalism and Intimacy: Body, Health and Sexuality in Turkey]. Istanbul: Metis.

**Conference Proceedings:**

**2021** “Değişen ve Gelişen Teknolojinin Kadın Sağlığına Yansıması [Implications of Changing and Evolving Technology on Woman’s Health], I. Ulusal Kadın Sağlığı Kongresi [the 1st National Women’s Health Congress], Special Issue, Journal of Health Sciences. Haliç University. Istanbul.

**2015** “The Gendered Ethics of Secrecy and Disclosure in Transnational Sex Selection from Turkey to Northern Cyprus.” In V. Kantsa, L. Papadopoulou and G. Zanini (eds), *(In)Fertile Citizens: Anthropological and Legal Challenges of Assisted Reproduction Technologies*. Conference Proceedings. Alexandria Publishing House.

**PROJECT REPORTS:**

**2021** *Kimlik Temelli Tehdit Algılamaları, Ekonomik Güvencesizlik ve Türkiye’de Suriyeli Karşıtlığı [* Intergroup Threats, Economic Insecurity, and Anti-Syrian Attitudes among Turkish Citizens], TÜSES (funded by Heinrich Böll), (with Kerem Morgül ve Osman Savaşkan).

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**International Conferences:**

**Jun 2018** “The Moral Economy of Secrecy and Turkish Egg Donors.” Reproductive Sociology

Research Group (ReproSoc) Conference: ‘Remaking Reproduction, the Global Politics of Reproductive Technologies. Cambridge. UK.

**May 2018** “The Moral Economy of Secrecy in Trans/national Egg Donation between Turkey and Northern Cyprus.” The Science, Religion and Culture Symposium, Harvard Divinity School. Cambridge, MA, USA.

**April 2018** “Making Babies Abroad, Staging “Normal” Families at Home” The Annual Conference of Central States Anthropological Society. Bloomington, Indiana, USA.

**Nov-Dec 2017** “Non-Virgins, Non-Mothers!: Turkish Young Women’s Experiences of Donating Eggs in Secrecy Across Borders.” The Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association. Washington DC, USA.

**Oct 2017** “Techniques of Secrecy in Cross-Border Egg Donation: Crafting Moral (Gendered) Selves in Contemporary Turkey." The 6th Annual Graduate Student Conference on Religion: “Ways

of Knowing.” Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, USA.

**Aug-Sep 2017** “Cross-Border Travels for Test-Tube Babies: The (Re)making of Northern Cyprus as Turkey’s Ethical Grey Zone” the Annual Meeting of Society for Social Studies of Science.

Boston, MA, USA.

**Apr 2017** “Better than Adoption!”: The Invisibility of Gamete Donation and The Visibility of Pregnancy in the Context of Transnational Gamete Donation in Turkey.” The Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies 2017 Conference: "The Personal is still Political," MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA.

**Jul 2016** “Re-elaborating Kin Ties in Transnational Egg Donation: the Perspective of Turkish Egg Donors.” The European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference: Anthropological Legacies and Human Futures. University of Milano-Bicocca. Milan, Italy.

**Jul 2016** “Trans/national Reproduction: Turkish Egg Donors in a Northern Cypriot Clinic.” The Meeting of Reproductive Health Working Group in the Arab World and Turkey. Broumana, Lebanon.

**Apr 2016** “Reproductive Tourism” from the Perspective of Turkish Egg Donors.” Gender, Bodies & Technology Conference (an initiative within the Women’s and Gender Studies program at

Virginia Tech), Roanoke, Virginia, USA.

**May 2015** “The Gendered Ethics of Secrecy and Disclosure in Transnational Sex Selection from Turkey to Northern Cyprus.” (In)Fercit International Conference on Assisted Reproductive Technologies. Mytilene, Lesvos, Greece.

**Mar 2015** “The Moral Dilemmas of Disclosure in Transnational Sex Selection from Turkey to Northern Cyprus,” The Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies 2015 Conference: "Power& (In)Visibility," MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA.

**Feb 2014** “Online Moral Economy of Sex Selection in the Women’s Club, Turkey,” MIT Symposium on Gender & Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA.

**Oct 2013** “Technologically Mediated Family Secrets in Turkey: Morally Accounting for Sex Selection Online,” Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, USA

**Apr 2013** “IVF and Constructions of the Couples”, The Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies 2013 Conference: "Clash Zones: Identities in (R)evolution," MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA.

**Aug 2010** “Between Hope and Fear: Women’s Accounts of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Turkey,” Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, Tokyo, Japan.

**National Conferences:**

**Dec 2020** “Feminist Bir Mesele Olarak Yeni Üreme Teknolojileri: Yumurta Donörlerinin Görünmeyen ‘Üreme Emeği’” [ New Reproductive Technologies a Feminist Issue: The Invisible Reproductive Labor of Egg Donors], Online Konferans: Feminizmin Yerelleşmesi [ Online Conference: Localization of Feminism], by Havle Kadın Derneği [Havle Women’s Association]. Istanbul.

**Sep 2019** “Yumurta Donasyonu Bağlamında Gizliliğin Ahlaki (Biyo)Ekonomisi [Moral (Bio)Economy of Secrecy in Egg Donation].” IX. Ulusal Sosyoloji̇ Kongresi̇: Toplum 4.0 [9th National Sociological Congress: Society 4.0]. Ankara Sosyal Bilimler Üniversitesi. Ankara.

**Sep 2019** “Türkiyeli Yumurta Donörlerinin Perspektifinden Gizliliğin Ahlaki (Biyo)Ekonomisi [Moral (Bio)Economy of Secrecy from the Perspective of Turkish Egg Donors].” STS Turkey 2019: Toplum için Bilim ve Teknoloji Çalışmaları Konferansı [Science and Technology Studies for Society Conference]. İTÜ. İstanbul.

**Dec 2016** “Ulusötesi Üreme Hareketlilikleri: Türkiye’den Yurtdışına “Tüp Bebek Turizmi

[Transnational Reproductive Mobilities: ‘Tube Baby’ Tourism from Turkey to Abroad]. 8. Ulusal Sosyoloji Kongresi: Farklılıklar, Çatışmalar ve Hareketlilikler Çağında Sosyoloji [8th National Sociological Congress]. ODTÜ, Ankara, Turkey.

**Invited Talks**

**Feb 2021** “Intimate Transgressions across Borders in Pursuit of Donor Gametes”, The Fertility and Reproduction Studies Group Seminer Series, School of Anthropology, University of Oxford. UK.

**Sep 2020** “Değişen ve Gelişen Teknolojinin Kadın Sağlığına Yansıması [Implications of Changing and Evolving Technology on Woman’s Health], I. Ulusal Kadın Sağlığı Kongresi [the 1st National Women’s Health Congress], Haliç Üniversitesi, Istanbul.

**May 2020 “**Secret Circumventions, FertileChoreographies:Transnational Family-Making

between Turkey and northern Cyprus.” Cultural Studies and SU Gender Speaker Series. Sabancı University, Istanbul.

**Feb 2019** “Gizleyerek Aile Olmak: Yurtdışında Yasaklı Biyoteknolojilerle Çare Arayışları [Making Families in Secrecy: Turkish Couples Seeking Forbidden Biotechnologies Abroad]”, Istanbul Sağlık ve Toplum Çalışma Grubu [Health & Society Working Group], Istanbul.

**Nov 2017** “Ethnographic Reflections from the Field”, Graduate Course: “Research Methods” taught by Assist. Prof. Osman Savaskan. Marmara University. Istanbul.

**Feb 2017** “The Politics of Secrecy in ‘Tube-Baby Tourism’ from Turkey to Northern Cyprus." The Science, Religion, and Culture Colloquium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA.

**International Workshops &Panels:**

**May 2019** (Workshop convenor & presenter) “A Preliminary Review of Literature: Body, Medicine, and Technology.” IRSCC Kick-Off Workshop. Orient-Institut Istanbul, Turkey.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- The Council on Anthropology and Reproduction

- IstanbuLab: Science Technology & Society

- Reproductive Health Working Group in the Arab World and Turkey

- STS Turkey

- Istanbul Health & Society Working Group

- Anthropology of Abortion Working Group (US-based)

**LANGUAGE**:

Turkish (Native speaker), English (Advanced)

**WORKS OF DIGITAL MEDIA:**

**5harfliler (a Turkish feminist blog):** <https://www.5harfliler.com/author/burcu-mutlu/>(since 2014)

**Sharjah Biennial 13:** <https://tamawuj.org:8453/tamawuj/tamawuj_post_detail?id=3077> (May 2017)

**MIT HASTS student blog:** <http://hasts.mit.edu/2014/12/17/how-do-you-prefer-your-eggs/> (May 2017)

**Digital Story:** <http://www.dijitalhikayeler.org/en/#/digital_stories_from_amargi_women/istanbul_> november\_ (Dec 2009)

[MIT Anthropology](http://anthropology.mit.edu/)