

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

- 2014 - 2019 Ph.D. Institute for History, Leiden University (cotutelle)
- 2010 - 2019 Ph.D. Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University  
Dissertation: *Negotiating Nature: Ecology, Politics, and Nomadism in the Forests of Mediterranean Anatolia, 1870-1920*
- 2006 - 2009 MA. Department of Modern Turkish History, Yıldız Technical University  
Thesis: *Peasantist Discourse in the Second Constitutional Period*
- 2002 - 2006 BA. Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics, Istanbul University  
(double major)
- 2000 - 2005 BA. Department of International Relations, Faculty of Political Sciences,  
Istanbul University

### Academic Experience

- 2017 - *Instructor.* Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, Özyeğin University
- 2022 - 2025 *Expert/Researcher.* “Reclamation of Rivers in the Mediterranean Anatolia: Environment, Politics, and Society in the late Ottoman Empire, 1850-1914”, project funded by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey under ARDEB 3501 Career Development Programme (Project no: 122K086)
- 2022 - 2023 *Project Coordinator.* “Bureaucracy, Capital, and Labour in Ottoman Forestry, 1839-1914”, project funded by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey under ARDEB 1002 Short Term R&D Funding Programme (Project no: 221K541)
- 2015 - 2017 *Teaching/Research Assistant.* Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University
- 2014 *Visiting Doctoral Researcher.* Institute for History, Humboldt University of Berlin
- 2009 - 2013 *Part-time Instructor.* Department of Modern Turkish History, Yıldız Technical University
- 2010 - 2011 *Researcher.* “The Roma’s Access to Citizenship Rights”, project of Zero Discrimination Association
- 2006 - 2008 *Research Assistant.* Department of Political Sciences and International Relations, Faculty of Economics, Istanbul University

## **Publications**

- Book Review. Meng Zhang, “Timber and Forestry in Qing China: Sustaining the Market”, *International Review of Social History* [forthcoming].
- “Being a Forestry Labourer in the late Ottoman Empire: Debt Bondage, Migration, and Sedentarization”, *International Review of Social History*, 2022, DOI: 10.1017/S0020859022000281.
- “Timber Smuggling and Forestry Politics in late Nineteenth-Century Western Taurus”, *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 56, No: 6, 2020, pp. 784-794.
- Book Review. Alan Mikhail, “Nature and Empire in Ottoman Egypt: An Environmental History”, *The British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, V. 42, No: 2, 2015, pp. 258-260.
- “İkinci Meşrutiyet Dönemi Türk Milliyetçiliğinin Temel Bir Referansı Olarak Köycü Söylem”, in *Halil İnalcık Armağanı II: Tarih Araştırmaları*, ed. Taşkın Takış, Istanbul: Doğu Batı, 2011, pp. 263-298.
- “İki Asker, İki Tarih: ‘Nutuk’ ve ‘İstiklal Harbimiz’ Metinlerinde Geçmiş Kurgusu”, *Müteferrika*, No: 35, 2009, pp. 115-140.

## **Presentations**

- “The Rationality of Irrationality: ‘Corruption’ in Ottoman Forestry Politics”, 3 July 2019. *Methods of State Assessment from the Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century to Today*, organized by Herder Institute and University of Birmingham, July 3-5, 2019, Marburg.
- “Beyond Resistance and Compliance: Adaptation Strategies of the Hill Communities in the Ottoman Empire, 1870-1910”, 12 June 2019. *SHS Annual Conference 2019*, organized by Social History Society and University of Lincoln, June 10-12, 2019, Lincoln.
- “Debates on Rural Education in the Late Ottoman Era (1912-1918)”, 22 August 2013. *35th International Standing Conference for History of Education - Education and Power: Historical Perspectives*, organized by ISCHE, Baltic Associations of Historians of Pedagogy and University of Latvia, August 21-24, 2013, Riga.
- “Social Mobilization and the Formation of National Identity: The Travels of Ottoman Intellectuals to Villages in Anatolia (1912-1918)”, 29 July 2013. *11th Annual International Conference on History*, organized by Athens Institute for Education and Research, July 29 – August 1, 2013, Athens.
- “Savaş ve Toplumsal Seferberlik: I. Dünya Savaşı’nda Osmanlı Entelektüellerinin Köy Seyahatleri”. *Lisansüstü Sempozyumu III: Osmanlı ve Cumhuriyet Tarihi Araştırmaları*, organized by Yıldız Technical University, May 14, 2012, Istanbul.
- “Osmanlı’da Köycü Romantizme Bir Örnek: Mesud Köy Ütopyası”. *Lisansüstü Sempozyumu II: Osmanlı ve Cumhuriyet Tarihi Araştırmaları*, organized by Yıldız Technical University, May 17, 2011, Istanbul.
- “Milli Mücadele Sonrası Siyasi Çatışmalar ve Tarih Yazımına Etkisi”. *Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği 5. Lisansüstü Konferansı*, organized by Erciyes University, October 20, 2007, Kayseri.

### **Fellowships & Grants**

- 2021 - 2022 *Research Grant*, Koç University Suna & İnan Kır aç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations
- 2015 - 2016 *Doctoral Fellowship*, Koç University Suna & İnan Kır aç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations
- 2014 - 2015 *International Joint Doctorate Fellowship Programme*, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
- 2013 *Grant for Participation in International Scientific Events*, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
- 2010 - 2013 *National Scholarship Programme for PhD Students*, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
- 2012 *Summer School Fellowship*, Central European University, The Council of Europe, “The Roma in Europe: Debates on Comparative Analysis / Political Strategy – a course for PhD students”
- 2006 - 2008 *National Scholarship Programme for MA Students*, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

### **Editorial Service**

- 2022 *Referee*, Migration Letters
- 2018 - *Member of Editorial Review Board*, Journal of Gypsy Studies
- 2016 - 2018 *Associate Editor*, Journal of Gypsy Studies

### **Courses Offered**

- HIST 201 & HIST 202 History of the Turkish Republic I & II,  zyeđin University
- HTR 311 & HTR 312 History of the Turkish Republic I & II, Bođaziçi University
- ATA 1031 & ATA 1032 Modern Turkish History I & II, Yıldız Technical University

### **Languages**

Turkish (native speaker), English (fluent), German (intermediate), Persian (beginner), Ottoman Turkish (fluent, *matbu/rika*)