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#### Education

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- Ph.D 2015** Freie Universität Berlin, Department of Turcology  
Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies  
Dissertation Title: “Sanctifying Ottoman Istanbul: The Shrine of Abū  
Ayyūb al-Anşārī”  
Date of Viva: October 19, 2015  
Level of Distinction: *Summa cum laude*  
Supervisors: (Late) Claus Schönig, Birgit Krawietz, Christoph K.  
Neumann.
- M.A. 2008** Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.  
Thesis title: A Medieval Cosmography in an Ottoman Context: Maḥmud  
al-Ḥaṭīb’s Translation of the *Kharīdat al-‘Ajā’ib*  
Advisors: Derin Terzioğlu, Gottfried Hagen, Çiğdem Kafesçioğlu
- B. Sc. 2003** Department of History, Middle East Technical University, Ankara

## Experience

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2017- present	Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Özyeğin University Courses taught: HIST 311 Traveling, Maps and Wonders through the Ages HIST 103/104 World History I-II
2016	Visiting scholar, Das Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin
2010-2011	Lecturer for the graduate course: The Ottoman Worldview in the Early Modern Era I-II, Institut für Islamwissenschaft, Freie Universität Berlin
2006-2008	Teaching Assistant for HIST 103/104 The Making of the Modern World I-II, Boğaziçi University, Department of History
2003-2006	Research assistant of the Editor in Chief, Özcan Yüksek, Atlas Magazine

## Projects involved:

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Collaborative scholar in ERC Project (2018-2023) “Geographies and Histories of the Ottoman Supernatural Tradition” (GHOST) coordinated by Marinos Sariyannis, Foundation for Research and Technology, Institute of Mediterranean Studies, Crete, Greece.

Women’s Memory 2 (2017-2020), project coordinators Birsen Talay Keşoğlu, Aslı Davaz.

## Academic Publications

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[Forthcoming] The shrine of Abū Ayyūb al-Anṣārī: An early Islamic site of memory in Istanbul,” *Visions of Constantinople: City and Its People*. London: Peter Lang, 2022/23.

[Forthcoming] “Heavens, world, and human beings in Ottoman cosmographies,” *Living Bodies, Dead Bodies and the Cosmos*. Ancient Cultures of Science and Knowledge Series. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2022/23.

[Forthcoming] “The story of Alexander and the Dragon Island, *Medieval Animals: Primary Sources Reader*, ed. D. E. Heath, University of Wales Press, Medieval Animals series.

Ahmed Bican’s *Acaibü’l-Mahlukat* (Selected part English translation), *Aca’ib Occasional Papers on the Ottoman Perception on the Supernatural*, Vol. 2, 2021 (open-access).

‘*Ajā’ib wa gharā’ib* in the early Ottoman cosmographies,” *Aca’ib Occasional Papers on the Ottoman Perception on the Supernatural*, Vol. 1, 2020 (open-access).

“Osmanlı coğrafya literatürü ve Acâibü'l-Mahlûkât janrı,” *Türkiye Araştırmaları Literatür Dergisi* 33, vol. 17 (2019): 269-286.

“Kadınlık Hayatı,” in *Osmanlı ve Erken Cumhuriyet Kadın Dergileri, Talepler, Engeller, Mücadele*, vol.2, ed. Birsen Talay Keşoğlu (Istanbul: Libra Yayınevi, 2019), 115-143.

[Translation] Bruce Masters, *Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'nun Arapları (Arabs of the Ottoman Empire*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013), Istanbul: Doğan Kitap, 2017.

“Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'nda müstesna bir ziyaretgah: Eyüp Sultan,” in *Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Ottoman Istanbul May 25–26, 2015* (Istanbul: Istanbul 29 Mayıs University Press, 2016), 547–566.

“An Ottoman preacher's perception of a medieval cosmography: Maḥmūd al-Ḥaṭīb's translation of the *Kharīdat al-'Ajā'ib wa Farīdat al-Gharā'ib*,” *Al-Masaq: Islam and Mediterranean* 23, April, 1 (2011): 53–66.

## Other Publications

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“Köle Ticareti Üzerine”: An interview with Ismael Montana on Slave Trade, *Magma Dergisi* (January, 2021): 24-29

An interview with Cemal Kafadar on his new book “Kendine Ait bir Roma” (with Serkan Ayazoğlu), *K24*, August 17, 2017.

“Yitik Zamanın Haritaları,” *Magma Dergisi*, Baykuş Doğanın Gözüyle Tarih, vol. 19 (December, 2016): 1–15.

“Eyüp Sultan: Efsane ve Emanet,” *Magma Dergisi*, vol. 17 (October, 2016): 50–65.

An interview with Gregory I. McIntosh on Piri Reis, *Atlas* (March, 2013), 98–108.

“Hindistan'da Mit Zamanları,” *Atlas* (June, 2007), 96–116.

[Book review] “Süheyla Kadioğlu ve Batı'da Kadın Hareketleri,” *Varlık* (July, 2005).

“Piri Reis ve Haritaları,” *Atlas* (May, 2005), 102–122.

“Osmanlı Kartografyası: Sultanın Haritaları,” *Atlas* (April, 2005), 88–110.

## Presentations

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“Shared sanctity in Ottoman hagiographies“ Talk Series Religiöse Orte in der Türkei: Wandel, Wechsel, Fortbestand, November 9, 2022, Universität Hamburg.

“Demonic beings in Ottoman cosmographies,” Conference: Demons Good and Bad — An Interdisciplinary Perspective, October 27–28, 2022, Trinity College Dublin.

“Wondrous and strange in Ottoman imagination of cosmos,” Deutscher Orientalistentag, September 13, 2022, Freie Universität Berlin.

“In what ways do ideas about purity and filth correspond with notions of well-being, physical or spiritual health?” Roundtable discussion, The Mediterranean Seminar Summer Workshop: Purity, Pollution, Purification and Defilement, June 27-28, 2022, University of Haifa.

“Osmanlı kozmografyalarında evrenin oluşumu, dünyanın dengesi ve meteorolojik olaylar,” Bilimsel Etkinliğin Teorik ve Pratik Yönleri, Osmanlı Takvimleri Çalıştayı, March 21, 2022, Istanbul University.

“Wondrous and strange in Ottoman geographical texts,” Halcyon Days in Crete XI Symposium Enchantments and Disenchantments: Early Modern Ottoman Visions of the World, January 14-17, 2022.

“In pursuit of the lost grave: Discovery of Abu Ayyub’s memory in post-conquest Istanbul,” December 1, MESA Conference, 2022.

“Sanctifying Ottoman Istanbul: The shrine of Abū Ayyūb al-Anṣārī,” Boğaziçi University, Humanities Coordination Unit, October 30, 2019, Istanbul.

“Celestial phenomena, nature and man in the Ottoman cosmographies,” International Conference Concepts of Humans and Nature between Specificity and Universality, Johannes Gutenberg-Universitaet, July 15-17, 2019, Mainz.

“Ahmed Bican’s *Acaibü’l-Mahlukat*,” Shared Practices, Common Legacies: Workshop on Ottoman Science from a Global Perspective, University of Pennsylvania, April 5-6, 2019, Philadelphia.

“Looking into the early modern world of Ottoman ‘*ajāib*,” July 26, 2018, Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Rethymon, Crete.

“Ottoman reception of medieval Arabic cosmography,” September 14, 2017, Orient Institut Beirut.

“Representations of culture, religion and history in the world maps of the *Kharīdat al-‘Ajā’ib*,” Spatial Thought in Islamicate Societies 1000–1600: The Politics of Genre, Image and Text, Eberhard Karls Universität, March 30– April 1, 2017, Tübingen.

“Eyüp: A space of *ziyāra* in Ottoman Istanbul,” The Third International Conference on Ottoman Istanbul, May 25-16 2015, 29 Mayıs University, Istanbul.

“The ‘pure Islamic heart’ of Istanbul: Eyüp in Islamist and nationalist discourses,” World Congress for Middle East Studies (WOCMES), August 18-22, 2014, METU, Ankara.

“The Ottoman reception of the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople with regard to Islamic apocalypticism,” The Seventeenth Annual Mediterranean Studies Association Congress, May 28–31, 2014, University of Malaga, Marbella.

“Non-Muslim veneration of a Muslim grave in *Ḳoṣṭanṭīniyye*: The account of Abū Ayyūb al-Anṣārī in the Ottoman sources,” Netherlands Interuniversity School for Islamic Studies (NISIS) Islam and the Non-Muslim Other: Doctrines, Attitudes, and Practices, Spring School, March 26–30, 2012, IFEA, Istanbul.

“The transformation of sacred space in Jerusalem and Istanbul: A Comparative perspective,” Eschatologische Vorstellungen in Islam und Christentum Topologische Erkundungen, Christlich-muslimische Eschatologie Werkwoche, Dormition Abbey German Academic Program of Theology, January 4–13 2012, Jerusalem.

“The root *‘ajiba* and its derivatives as a way of astonishment in the Ottoman geographical works,” The Cultural History of Emotions in Pre-Modernity II Conference, September 29 – October 1, 2011, Sabancı University, Istanbul.

“Eyüp Sultan: The most sacred place in Istanbul,” The International Workshop on Prayer in the City: Islam, Sacred Space and Urban Life, June 26–27, 2009, Freie Universität Berlin.

“An Ottoman preacher’s perception of a medieval cosmography,” International Medieval Congress, July 7–10, 2008, University of Leeds, UK.

### **Organizational Activities**

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Co-organization of two academic events in celebration of the 10 th anniversary of Özyeğin University:

Sanjay Subrahmanyam, “Empires and Connected Histories in the 1680,” Özyeğin University, December 12, 2018.

Sanjay Subrahmanyam & Cemal Kafadar, “From Modernization to Early Modernity: Changing Perspectives in the Connected Histories of the Ottoman and Mughal Worlds,” Bomontiada Atelier Event Space, December 14, 2018.

### **Language Skills**

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Turkish: Native

English: Fluent

German: Intermediate (Dahlem Research School, FU Berlin)

French: Reading knowledge

Ottoman Turkish: Reading knowledge

Arabic: Basic (Islamic Studies, FU Berlin)

Persian: Basic (Ankara Persian Education and Research Center)

Judeo-Turkish: Reading knowledge (Oxford School Rare Jewish Languages)

## Scholarships and Grants

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ERC Project, Collaborating scholar grant, 2018-2023.

Short-term visiting scholar grant, Das Leibniz Zentrum Modern Orient, Berlin, 2016.

Dissertation completion grant (Abschlussstipendium), German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft -DFG), 2015.

Ph.D Scholarship, DFG, 2008–2011.

German-Israeli Summer School grant, Einstein Stiftung: The Transmission of Ideas between Religious Communities in the Medieval World of Islam, September 15–19, 2014, Freie Universität Berlin.

M.A. Scholarship, History of Science, Centre for Islamic Studies (ISAM), 2006–2007.

## References

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