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## EDUCATION

- 2012**                    **Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology**  
*University of Wisconsin, Madison*  
Thesis: Ethical Horizons at “Home” for German-Turkish Return Migrants
- 2006**                    **M.A. Cultural Anthropology**  
*University of Wisconsin, Madison*
- 2002**                    **Cornell-Heidelberg Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship**  
*University of Heidelberg, Germany*
- 2001**                    **B.A. Comparative Religion (with “Distinction in All Subjects”)**  
*Cornell University*
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## RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

- Migration and Transnationalism
- Social Inequality (Gender, Ethnicity, Citizenship)
- Political Anthropology
- Anthropology of Ethics and Religion
- Europe and the Middle East (especially Turkey and Germany)

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2015-present**            **Assistant Professor, Social Sciences Faculty**  
Özyeğin University, Turkey
- 2015-2017**                **Team Leader, Student Life Office**  
Özyeğin University
- 2012-2015**                **Lecturer, Sociology Department**  
Boğaziçi University
- 2014**                        **Lecturer, Anthropology Department**  
Yeditepe University, Turkey
- 2008**                        **Teaching Assistant, Anthropology Department**  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

## PUBLICATIONS

- under review. Cultivating membership abroad: Analyzing German pre-integration courses for Turkish marriage migrants. *Migration Studies*. (SSCI)
- under review. (In)Hospitality Experiences of Syrian Women in Istanbul: Renegotiations of Social Status, Culture and Belonging. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. (with Maissam Nimer) (SSCI)
- under review. Migration Regime and “Language Part of Work”: Experiences of Syrian Refugees as Surplus Population in the Turkish Labour Market. *Critical Sociology* (with Maissam Nimer). (SSCI)
- forthcoming. Language learning through an intersectional lens: Gender, migrant status and gain in symbolic capital for Syrian refugee women in Turkey. *Multilingua: Journal of Cross-Cultural and Interlanguage Communication*. (with Maissam Nimer) (SSCI)
2020. Beyond Legal Status: Exploring Dimensions of Belonging among Forced Migrants in Istanbul and Vienna. *Social Inclusion* 8(1). (with Ivan Josipovic and Ursula Reeger) (SSCI)
2020. ‘We can’t integrate in Europe. We will pay a high price if we go there’: culture, time and migration aspirations for Syrian refugees in Istanbul. *Journal of Refugee Studies* 33(2). (with Ayhan Kaya) (SSCI)
2020. “Integration in Turkey - Country Report,” RESPOND - Multilevel Governance of Mass Migration in Europe and Beyond Project (#770564, Horizon2020) **Working Paper Series**, Available at <<https://www.respondmigration.com/>>.
2019. *In Pursuit of Belonging: Forging and Ethical Life in European-Turkish Spaces*. London and New York: **Berghahn Books**.
2018. Citizenship Ethics: German-Turkish Return Migrants, Belonging and Justice. *Cultural Dynamics* 30(3): 154-172.
2017. “Legal and Anthropological Approaches to Migration Policy in Turkey” in Hasan Arapgirlioglu et al., *Researches on Science and Art in 21st Century Turkey*. Ankara: **Gece Kitapligi**. (with Kutluhan Bozkurt)
2015. “Educational Strategies of Turkish Migrants from Germany: The Quest for Cultural Capital in Turkey” in Almut Küppers, Barbara Pusch and Pinar Uyan-Semerci (eds.), *Education in Transnational Spaces: Theory, Practice and Research based on German-Turkish Examples*. **VS Springer Verlag**.
2014. Negotiating Modernity and European-ness in the Germany-Turkey Transnational Social Field. *Insight Turkey* 16(4), 143-158.
2013. Cultivating and Contesting Order: “European Turks” and Negotiations of Neighborliness at “Home.” *Anthropology of the Middle East* 8(2): 1-20.
2008. Citizenship and Intersectionality: German Feminist Debates about Headscarf and Antidiscrimination Laws. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State, and Society* 15(4): 481-513. (with Myra Marx Ferree) (SSCI)

## ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS

### *Research Fellowship*

2017-2020 **EU HORIZON 2020**  
 Primary Investigator of *RESPOND – Multilevel Governance of Mass Migration in Europe and Beyond*. H2020-SC6-ENG-GLOBALLY-2017.  
 Project Reference: 770564

### *Dissertation Writing Fellowship*

2011-2012 **Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS)**  
 Dissertation Writing Grant

### *Field Research Fellowships*

2008-2009 **Fulbright-Hays**  
 Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Grant

2008-2009 **The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research**  
 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

2008-2009 **American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT)**  
 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

2008-2009 **Fulbright IIE (declined)**

2007 **Social Science Research Council (SSRC)**  
 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship

2007 **Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS)**  
 Summer Research Grant

2005 **Scott Kloeck-Jenson International Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant**

### *Graduate Research Fellowships*

2010 **Center for German and European Studies (CGES) Graduate Fellowship.** Theme: “Work, Family and Education in Europe: Challenges of Globalization and Gender”

2007 **Center for German and European Studies (CGES) Graduate Fellowship.** Theme: “Family Dynamics in a Changing Europe”

2005 **Center for German and European Studies (CGES) Graduate Fellowship.** Theme: “Gender, Genre and Political Transformations”

2001-2002 **Cornell-Heidelberg Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship.**  
 Mannheim Center for Social Science Research (MZES), Germany

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2020 *Creating Spaces of Care and Honor in Istanbul: Reclaiming Cultural Values and Familial Roles through Syrian Hospitality.* **IMISCOE Research Initiative “Norms and Values in Migration and Integration” (NOVAMI), Malmö WORKSHOP, Zoom, 18-19 May.**

2019 *An Anthropologist on EU Migration Policy and the RESPOND Project.* **Dublin City**

- University - Brexit Institute**, Dublin, Ireland, Oct. 30-31.
- 2019 *Analysing Gender and Vulnerability in Integration Policy Arenas* (panel organizer). **Unpacking the Challenges and Opportunities for Migration Governance**. Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK October 17-19 (with Naures Atto).
- 2019 *Gendered Experiences of Migration and Vulnerabilities in Protection Regimes* (workshop) and *Bringing Place into the Equation: Exploring Social Integration of Refugees in Istanbul and Vienna* (paper). **IMISCOE Annual Conference**, Malmo University, Sweden, June 26-29.
- 2019 *Refusing Hospitality: Women's Work and Community Belonging for Syrian Refugees in Istanbul*. **Regional Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, June 6-7.
- 2019 *Cultural Uneasiness from Across the EU Border: Analysing European Migration Aspirations for Syrian Migrants in Turkey*. **Council for European Studies Annual Conference**, Madrid, Spain, June 19-21.
- 2019 *Collaborative Life Writing and Ethical Transformation: Bringing Ethnography and Memoir into Conversation*. **International Auto/Biography Association Annual Meeting**, Madrid, Spain, June 19-21.
- 2018 *Researching Migration Governance: A Presentation of the Structure and Early Results of the RESPOND Project*. **Conference on the Occasion of International Migrants Day**, Aydin University, Istanbul, Turkey, December 18.
- 2018 *RESPONDING to the Religious Dimension of Migration Governance and Integration. The Impact of Religion Challenges for Society, Law and Democracy*, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, April 24-26 (with Ursula Reeger).
- 2018 *Anthropological Research Methods for Refugee Studies*. **RESPOND Kick-Off Meeting**. Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, April 3.
- 2018 *Ethical Community and Reciprocity Narratives: (Re-)Integration for Turkish Return Migrants from Germany and Syrian Migrants to Turkey*. **25th International Conference of Europeanists, Council of European Studies Annual Conference**, Chicago, March 28-31.
- 2014 *Multiculturalism, Love and "Forced Marriage": Analyzing Pre-Integration for Turkish Marriage Migrants to Germany*. **From a Cradle of Civilization to a Globalizing Transit Region: Migration and Cross-Border Identities in Turkey and its Neighboring Regions**. **SRII Workshop**, Istanbul December 15-16.
- 2014 *Negotiating Modernity, European-ness and "Home" in the Germany-Turkey Transnational Social Field*. The Migration Transition of Turkey—from an emigration to an immigration country. New realities, new policy challenges. **Turkish Migration Studies Group at Oxford and Hacettepe University Migration and Politics Research Centre**, Ankara, March 28.
- 2013 (panel co-organizer and presenter) *Belonging and Justice: German-Turks and the Ethics of Citizenship*. For the panel: "Migration and Ethical Life." **American Anthropological Association 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, Chicago, November 22.
- 2013 *Citizenship Ethics and Belonging For German-Turkish Return Migrants*. Research

- Activities at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul Autumn Lecture 2013. **Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul**, October 22.
- 2013 *More Than Formal Education? German-Turkish Return Migrants and Schooling in Turkey*. **Bildungsinstitutionen im transnationalen Raum Deutschland-Türkei Conference**. Orient Institute, Istanbul, October 10.
- 2013 *Cosmopolitanism and Justice: German-Turks and the Ethics of Citizenship*. European Union Institute and International Relations Department Jean Monnet Conference: “Transnational Fields and Mobility: Migration, Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism.” **Istanbul Bilgi University**, Istanbul, April 16.
- 2012 *Contesting Order and Freedom: Negotiations of Neighborliness for German-Turkish Return Migrants*. For the panel: “New Directions in the Anthropology of Europe: The SAE Student Paper Prize.” **American Anthropological Association 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, November 17.
- 2012 *Debating ‘German Order’: European Migration and Transformations of Belonging in German-Turkish Returnee Communities*. **Migration Research Program (MiReKoc) Seminar**. **Koç University**, Istanbul, November 5.
- 2011 (panel co-organizer and presenter) *Debating Order and Freedom: Community Ethics and Neighborliness for German-Turkish Return Migrants*. For the panel: “Traces and Tidemarks: Categories of Anxiety and Belonging in Turkey.” **American Anthropological Association 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, Montreal, Canada, November 16.
- 2011 *Negotiating Belonging at “Home:” Ethno-Nationalism and Postnationalism for German-Turkish Return Migrants*. I.N.T.E.G.R.A.T.I.O.N. Institutional and Life-Course Perspectives on Migration. Organized by the joint research group “Migration and Social Inequality” of the **Hans-Boeckler Foundation and the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)**. Bremen, Germany, January 20-22.

## LANGUAGE ABILITY AND LANGUAGE TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

### *Languages*

- English (native speaker)
- Fluent Turkish
- Fluent German  
(2,5 on the Deutsche Sprachprüfung fuer den Hochschulzugang (DSH))
- Basic French

### *Language Training Fellowships*

- 2006-2007 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)  
for study of Turkish Language
- 2006 (summer) Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)  
for study of Turkish at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul Turkey.
- 2006 Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS)

2005-2006	Graduate Summer Language Study Grant Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for study of Turkish Language
2005 (summer)	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for study of Turkish at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul Turkey.
2005	Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS) Graduate Summer Language Study Grant
2004-2005	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for study of Turkish Language

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member of IMISCOE
- Member of the Council for European Studies
- Member of the Regional Studies Association
- Member of the American Anthropological Association