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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, SUNY-Binghamton University, 2008
Dissertation Title: *The Genealogy of a World-Empire: The Ottomans in World History*
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M.A. in Political Science, Ankara University, 2001

B.A. in Economics, Ankara University, 1998

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Ankara University, 2011-2017

Assist. Director, Center for African Studies, Ankara University, 2008-2012

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Ankara University, 1999-2011

AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

Philipp Schwartz Initiative Research Fellowship (December 2019-December 2021),
University of Duisburg-Essen

International Fellowship (July-August-September 2015), Wits Center for Diversity Studies,
University of the Witwatersrand

Research Fellowship (July-August 2012), Turkish Institute of Higher Education, [Center for
African Studies, University of Cape Town]

Ph.D. Fellowship (2003-2008), Turkish Institute of Higher Education

Young Social Scientists Award by Turkish Social Sciences Association, 2003, Ankara

RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

World History, Empires, Kurdish Studies, Global Africa, Whiteness Studies, Privilege Studies and Turkishness

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

The Turkishness Contract: Its Formation, Functioning, and Crisis (in Turkish), (Ankara: Dipnot Press, 2018).

The Ottoman Empire: The Genealogy of a World Empire (in Turkish), (Ankara: Dipnot Press, 2011).

Mehmet Ali Aybar as a Political Thinker (in Turkish), (İstanbul: İletişim Press, 2002).

Edited Volumes

Stokely Carmichael, *Black Power: Selected Writings* (in Turkish), (Ankara: Dipnot Press, 2019).

Steve Biko, *Black Consciousness: Selected Writings* (in Turkish), (Ankara: Dipnot Press, 2014).

İsmail Beşikçi (in Turkish), (İstanbul: İletişim Press, 2011), co-edited with Ozan Değer.

Defenses and Letters of Mehmet Ali Aybar (in Turkish), (İstanbul: İletişim Press, 2003).

Articles and Book Chapters

“The Formation of the Ottoman Empire from a World-Centric Perspective”, Selim Karahasanoğlu and Deniz Cenk Demir (eds.), *History from Below: A Tribute in Memory of Donald Quataert*, (İstanbul: İstanbul Bilgi University Press, 2016), s. 123-153.

“The Kurdish Struggle and the Crisis of the Turkishness Contract”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 42(4-5) (2016), p. 397-405.

“The Signing of the Turkishness Contract (1915-1925)” (in Turkish), *Mülkiye Dergisi*, 38/3 (2014), p. 47-81.

“The Virtuous Life of Nelson Mandela” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, n. 297 (Jan., 2014).

“Apartheid, Shame and Intellectual” (in Turkish), Duygu Türk and Zafer Yılmaz (eds.), *Siyasal'da Bir Ömür*, (Ankara: Mülkiyeliler Birliği, 2014).

“Kurdistan/Turkey and Algeria/France: Colonial Methods, Violence, and Intellectuals” (in Turkish), Güney Çeğin and İbrahim Şirin (eds.), *Türkiye’de Siyasal Şiddetin Boyutları*, (İstanbul: İletişim Press, 2014).

“Crises of Turkishness and Whiteness: Comparative Notes on Turkey and South Africa” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, n. 289-290 (May-June, 2013), p. 103-111.

“İsmail Beşikçi as a Discomforting Intellectual,” *Borderlands e-journal*, v. 11, n. 2 (2012) (available at: http://www.borderlands.net.au/vol11no2_2012/unlu_intellectual.htm).

“ ‘Turkishness Contract’ and Turkish Left,” *Perspectives* (2012), p. 23-27 (available at: http://www.tr.boell.org/downloads/BARIS_UNLU_eng.pdf).

“A Brief History of Turkishness” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, n. 274 (Feb., 2012), p. 23-34.

“Frantz Fanon: Thinker of the Oppressed and the Dispossessed” (in Turkish), *AFRİKA: Ankara University Journal of African Studies*, v. 1, n. 1 (2011), p. 9-41.

“La Formation de L’Empire Ottoman comme Fusion de Différents Temps-Espaces,” H. Antoniadis-Bibicou, Maurice Aymard, André Guillou (eds.), *ACTES: L’Homme et son Environnement dans le Sud-Est Européen*, (Paris: Editions de l’Association Pierre Belon, 2011), p. 232-247.

“İsmail Beşikçi Phenomenon: The Making of a Parrhesiastes” (in Turkish), Barış Ünlü and Ozan Değer (eds.), *İsmail Beşikçi*, (İstanbul: İletişim, 2011), p. 11-44.

“Evolution of the Idea of Empire” (in Turkish), *Ankara University SBF Journal*, v. 65, n. 3 (2010), p. 238-266.

“Bicentennial of Haitian Revolution” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, n. 187 (Nov., 2004), p. 92-103.

“Discharge of Mehmet Ali Aybar from University” (in Turkish), Gündüz Vassaf (ed.), *Özgürleşmenin Sorunları*, (İstanbul: Tarih Vakfı Press, 2003), p. 289-302.

RESEARCH RESIDENCY

International Fellow, Wits Center for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, July-August-September 2015.

Visiting Associate, Center for African Studies, University of Cape Town, July-August 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

“The Kurdish Struggle and the Crisis of the Turkishness Contract,” İstanbul Seminars, May 26-30, 2015, İstanbul Bilgi University, Turkey

“A Comparative Analysis of the Crisis of Turkishness”, Quo Vadis Social Sciences: Artvin Çoruh University International Congress on Social Sciences, September 15-17, 2014, Artvin, Turkey

“Changing Conceptions of Empire: A Polanyian Perspective” (with Kaan Agartan), *10th International Karl Polanyi Conference*, October 14-16, 2005, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

“Revisiting Modern Empires in the Light of the Mediterranean World” (with Kaan Agartan), *13th Annual World History Association Conference*, June 27-29, 2005, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco

Invited Talks

“Turkishness Contract and the Performances of Turkishness” (in Turkish), *Praksis Solidarity Academy at Education Union*, February 18, 2017, Ankara

“Academics for Peace and the Turkishness Contract”, Next Generation-Global Studies, University of Padova, May 9, 2016, Padova.

“Academics for Peace Declaration, Intellectuals, and Academic Freedom” (in Turkish), Hacettepe University, April 12, 2016, Ankara (English translation is available at: <http://gitamerica.blogspot.com.tr/>)

“Turkishness Contract and İsmail Beşikçi” (in Turkish), *İsmail Beşikçi Foundation*, April 9, 2016, Diyarbakır.

“Whiteness Studies and the Formation of the Turkishness Contract”, Wits Center for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, August 12, 2015, Johannesburg.

“At the Crossroads of Central Asian and Near Eastern Time-Spaces: Formation of the Ottoman Empire” (in Turkish), *History Foundation*, March 16, 2012, Ankara.

“İsmail Beşikçi, Speaking the Truth and Social Sciences in Turkey” (in Turkish) *Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop*, May 26-28, 2011, Istanbul.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Assist. Editor, *Ankara University Journal of African Studies*, 2011-2012.

Organizing Committee Member, *International Conference: Centennial of the Young Turk Revolution*, May 28-30, 2008, Ankara University, Ankara

ARTICLES IN PAPERS OF PUBLIC OPINION

“The ODTÜ Case: The Universal under Attack from ‘the Native and the National’” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, December 30, 2015 (available at: <http://www.birikimdergisi.com/guncel-yazilar/7413/odtu-vakasi-yerli-ve-milli-nin-evrensele-saldirisi#.WNJY1qIIHIU>)

“Performances of Turkishness”, *Birikim*, September 15, 2015 (available at: <http://www.birikimdergisi.com/guncel-yazilar/1254/turkluk-performanslari#.WNJZx6IIHIU>)

“I am not a Turk, but in Public I Play One”, *International Blvd*, October 23, 2015 (available at: <http://www.internationalboulevard.com/i-am-not-a-turk-but-in-public-i-play-one/>)

“Bonobo Resistance against Chimpanzee Politics” (in Turkish), *Demokrat Haber*, September 2013 (available at: <http://www.demokrathaber.net/guncel/sempanze-siyasetine-karsi-bonobo-direnisi-h22711.html>).

“Academy, Power, and Complicity” (in Turkish), *Demokrat Haber*, September 23, 2012 (available at: <http://www.demokrathaber.org/guncel/akademi-iktidar-ve-suc-ortakligi-h12032.html>)

“Haiti: From Revolution to Earthquake” (in Turkish), *Radikal 2*, February 7, 2010 (available at: http://www.radikal.com.tr/radikal2/devrimden_depreme_haiti-979064).

“Turkishness of Academia” (with Esra Sarioglu, in Turkish), *Radikal 2*, January 17, 2010 (available at: http://www.radikal.com.tr/radikal2/universitenin_turklugu-975353).

“Who Commits Genocide, Who Doesn’t?” (in Turkish), *Radikal 2*, November 15, 2009 (available at: http://www.radikal.com.tr/radikal2/kim_soykirim_yapar_kim_yapmaz-964721).

“What Goes up Must Come down” (with Esra Sarioglu, in Turkish), *Radikal 2*, August 23, 2009 (available at: http://www.radikal.com.tr/radikal2/her_cikisin_bir_inisi_var-951273).

TEACHING

Undergraduate:

“Atatürk’s Principles and History of Turkish Revolution” (in Turkish), (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2008 and 2016.

“Political Life and Institutions in Turkey” (in Turkish), (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2011 and 2016.

“Economic, Social and Political Structure of the Ottoman Empire” (in Turkish), (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2013 and 2016.

“The Formation of Modern Turkey, 1878-1938” (Erasmus Course in English), (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), 2014-2015.

Graduate:

“Africa and World History” (in Turkish), (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2012 and 2016.

“The Formation of Modern Turkey: Turks, Kurds, and Armenians” (in Turkish, with Dr. Faruk Alp kaya), (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2014 and 2016.