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Qualifications

2012 **PhD in Sociology**, City, University of London, London, UK. Thesis Title: ‘Identity formation of Turkish Cypriot, Kurdish and Turkish young people in London in a transnational context’, **Supervisors:** Professor Dr John Solomos and Dr Milena Chimienti, **Examiners:** Professor Dr Les Back and Professor Dr Alice Bloch

2005 **MA in Cultural Studies**, Centre for Cultural Studies, Goldsmiths College, University of London, London, UK

2002 **BA in Media and Communication Systems**, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Research Grants

2016 Research Grant- Heinrich Böll Stiftung

2014- 2016 TÜBİTAK (research council of Turkey) Individual Research Grant, Coordinator and Researcher

2007 City, University of London Research Studentship

Present Appointment

2015- present Teaching Fellow- Koç University, School of Social Sciences and Humanities.

Courses: ‘Migration and Globalization’, ‘Identity, Culture and Power’, ‘Sexism and Discrimination’, ‘International Migration and the Crisis’ (International Summer School for postgraduate and doctoral students) Istanbul

Previous Appointments

2014- 2016 **Research Fellow** Syrian refugees living outside the refugee camps in Turkey and Turkey’s integration policy, TÜBİTAK-BİDEB funded research project, Migration Research Centre (MireKoc), Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

2013- 2014 **Lecturer and Research Associate**, Regent’s University London, ‘Issued in Contemporary Studies: Sociology of Migration’, London

2013- 2012 **Research Fellow- The Europeanisation of Everyday Life: Cross-Border Practices and Transnational Identities among EU and Third-Country Citizens (EUCROSS)**, Department of Sociology, University of York, UK

2007- 2013 **Teaching Fellow, City, University of London**, Department of Sociology, ‘Introduction to Sociology’, ‘Understanding the Modern World’, ‘Foundations of Sociology’, ‘Social Research Methods’, ‘Introduction to Media Studies’, ‘Media, History and Politics’, ‘The Global Media Systems’, ‘Transnational Communications in Europe’, London

2009- 2010 **Research Fellow**-International Civil Society Forum on Conflicts, Politics and International Relations Department, University of Kent, UK

2008- 2009 **Research Assistant**- Young Undocumented Migrants, Centre for Refugee Studies, University of Oxford, UK

Autumn 2008 Research Assistant- Euro-Islam Project: Muslim migrants' experiences after September 11, London, Liverpool Hope University, UK

Spring 2006 Research Assistant- Tarlabası Community Centre, Centre for Migration Studies, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Teaching Experience

2015- present Instructor, Koc University, Department of Sociology, *Courses:* 'Migration and Globalization', 'Identity, Culture and Power', 'Race, Ethnicity and Migration', 'Sexism and Discrimination', 'International Migration and the Crisis' (International Summer School for postgraduate students), Istanbul

2013- 2014 Lecturer, Regent's University London, undergraduate module: 'Sociology of Migration', London

2007- 2013 Teaching Fellow/Instructor, City, University of London, Sociology, undergraduate modules: Department of Sociology, 'Introduction to Sociology', 'Understanding the Modern World', 'Foundations of Sociology', 'Social Research Methods', 'Introduction to Media Studies', 'Media, History and Politics', 'The Global Media Systems', 'Transnational Communications in Europe', London

Existing Publications

Book

2018 '*Cabuk Cabuk*': *Africans in Istanbul*, Pencere Yayınları, ISBN: 978-605-7922-01-4 (Turkish/English)

2016 *Ulusasını Kimlikler: Londra'da Kıbrıslı Türk, Kürt ve Türk göçmen çocukları*, İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları, ISBN: 978-605-399-444-2.

Journal Articles

2018 'Integration processes of Syrian refugees in Turkey: Class-based Integration', *Journal of Refugee Studies*, doi:10.1093/jrs/fey057. (SSCI)

2018 'Transnational Activities of Syrian Refugees: Hindering or Supporting Integration', *International Migration*, doi: 10.1111/imig.12489. (SSCI)

2018 'Mülteci entegrasyonu, göç politikaları ve sosyal sınıf: Türkiye'deki Suriyeli mülteciler örneği', *Journal of Social Policy Studies (Sosyal Politika Çalışmaları Dergisi)*, Vol. 18, Issue: 40/2, Nov 2018.

2018 'The politics of Syrian refugees in Turkey: A question of inclusion and exclusion through citizenship', *Social Inclusion*, 6(1): 176-187, DOI: 10.17645/si.v6i1.1323 (with Şebnem Koser Akçapar).

2017 'Turkey as a 'Safe Third Country'? The Impacts of the EU- Turkey Statement on Syrian Refugees in Turkey, *Perceptions Journal of International Affairs*, Winter 2017, Volume XXII, Number 4, ISSN: 1300-8641.

2017 'Göç politikaları ve insan güvenliği: Türkiye'deki Suriyeliler örneği', *Toplum ve Bilim*, sayı 140, Nisan 2017, ISSN: 1300-9354.

2017 'Giriş: Uluslararası göç, politika ve güvenlik', *Toplum ve Bilim*, sayı 140, Nisan 2017 (with Ahmet İçduygu), ISSN: 1300-9354.

2016 'Syrian refugees in Turkey: Towards Integration Policies', *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, Vol.15, No.3, Fall 2016, pp.59-69 (with Ahmet İçduygu), ISSN: 1303-5754.

Book Chapters

2018 ‘The processes of integration and education: The case of Syrian refugees and Syrian refugee children in Turkey’ in M. Pace and S. Sen (eds.) *Integrating the exiled: The case of Syrian refugee children in Europe and the Middle East*, Routledge, ISBN: 978-0-8153-4734-7

2017 ‘Bargaining over refugees: Turkey’s view’, in *Beyond the migration and asylum crisis: Options and Lessons for Europe*, F. Pastore (ed.), Aspen Institute Italia, pp.85-91 (with Ahmet Icduygu)

2014 ‘Inclusion’ and ‘Exclusion’: Transnational Experiences of Turkish and Kurdish Youth in London” in *Contemporary Turkey at a Glance: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Local and Translocal Dynamics*, Kaya, A., Keyman, E.F., Onursal Besgul, O., Kamp, K. (eds.), Springer Publishing, p.p. 191- 205, ISBN 978-3-658-04916-4

Working Papers

2017 ‘Challenges and opportunities of refugee integration in Turkey’, Working Paper, <https://tr.boell.org/de/2017/05/15/challenges-and-opportunities-refugee-integration-turkey> (with Metin Çorabatır).

2013 ‘Experiences of Turkish Cypriot, Kurdish and Turkish Youth in Creating Transnational Social Spaces in London Schools’, *Border Crossing: Transnational Working Papers*, No.1302, pp. 15-27,

http://www.regents.ac.uk/media/367024/1302_Turkish_Cypriot_Kurdish_Simsek.pdf

2010 ‘Transnational Communities & Conflict Policies: Work Package 3 Report’, *Infocon Deliverable*, December 2010, (with Hugh Miall and Anna Ormert)

http://issuu.com/liridon/docs/infocon_deliverable_3/1

2015 ‘Türkiye’de sığınmacı olmak: Belirsizlikler içinde yaşamak’, *Birikim*, December 2015, No: 320, p.p. 16- 23

2015 ‘İnsan odaklı mülteci politikaları mümkün’, *Alternatif*, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Issue 1, 6 November 2015, <https://tr.boell.org/tr/2015/11/06/insan-odaklimulteci-politikalari-mumkun>

2015 ‘Suriyeli sığınmacılar ve ‘misafir’ olma hali’, *Birikim*, March 2015, No: 311, p.p. 55- 63

Book Review

2013 ‘Minority Internal Migration in Europe’ by Nissa Finney and Gemma Catney (eds.), *Migration Letters*, 10(3), pp. 300- 305, ISSN: 1741-8984.

Work in press

2015 “Refugee voices in Turkey: Open the borders”, *OpenDemocracy*, 5th October 2015,

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/dogus-simsek/refugee-voices-in-turkey-open-borders>

2015 “Anti-Syrian racism in Turkey”, *OpenDemocracy*, 27th January 2015

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/arab-awakening/dogus-simsek/antisyrian-racism- in-turkey>

2011 “Behind the Hackney Riots: Nobody seems to listen to us”, *The Guardian*, 8th September 2011

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2011/sep/08/behind-the-riots-hackney-teenagers>

Work in Progress

Journal Article ‘Losers of neoliberalism’: Everyday racism against Syrian refugees in Turkey’, submitted to *Patterns of Prejudice*

Journal Article ‘Everyday Racism against Syrian Refugees and African migrants in Turkey’, will be submitted to *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

Journal Article ‘Syrian “refugee spillover” into Europe: An Analytical and Comparative Perspective’, will be submitted to *Political Geography*

Selected Invited Lectures and Seminars

2017 “Workshop on Art of Living Together”, **University of Kassel**, Kassel, Germany, 7-8 July.

2017 “Syrian refugees in Turkey: Challenges and Shortcomings”, “International Workshop: Migration and Human Smuggling”, **George C. Marshall Center, European Centre for Security Studies**, Athens, Greece, 14-15 June.

2017 “Transnational socio-cultural networks of Syrian refugees in Turkey”, “International Workshop: Refugee Transfers in the Euro-Arab Mediterranean Zone: Trying the past with the present”, **Lebanese American University**, Byblos, Lebanon, 10-12 April.

2017 “Access to education: The case of Syrian children in Turkey”, FACE project final conference, **Roskilde University**, Roskilde, Denmark, 30-31 March.

2016 “Transnational activities of Syrian refugees in Turkey”, “Refugees in Crisis: State Policies and Personal Experiences”, **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, Israel, 17 November.

2016 (Keynote speaker) “Turkey and the Refugee Situation”, “Forced Migration: Research and Policy”, **ETH Zurich**, Zurich, Switzerland, 23 September.

2016 “Crossing Borders- Refugee and Asylum Policy in Europe”, “EU Quo Vadis” **Heinrich Böll Stiftung Foundation**, Berlin, Germany, 26- 27 May.

2016 “Syrian refugees living outside of camps in Turkey: Research experience and preliminary results”, **Boston Consortium Arab Region Studies’ Seminar**, Istanbul, 17 March.

2016 “Integration processes of Syrian refugees in Turkey”, FACE project workshop, **Roskilde University**, Roskilde, Denmark, 28 February.

2015 “The Situation of Syrian Refugees in Turkey”, “The Syrian Refugee Crisis: Policies of Receiving Countries and Crisis Impact on Displaced Syrians and Receiving Societies”, **Lebanese American University**, Beirut, Lebanon, 27-28 March 2015.

2013 “London’s Kurdish and Turkish communities: How do they relate to Britain and Turkey?”, **House of Commons of the UK**, London, UK, 4 June 2013

Selected Conference Presentations

2018 “Integration processes of Syrian refugees in Turkey: ‘Market-based Integration’, **The British Sociological Association’s Annual Conference**, New Castle, UK, 10-12 April 2018

2016 “Between Integration and Transnationalism: Syrian Refugees in Turkey”, “**Crossing Borders Conference**”, **University of Aegean and the Cooperative Institute for Transnational Studies**, Lesvos, Greece, 7- 10 July 2016

2016 “The Racialization of Syrian Refugees in Turkey”, “**New Urban Multicultures: Conviviality and Racism**”, **University of London, Goldsmiths College**, London, UK, 17 May 2016

2015 “Integration of Syrian forced migrants in Istanbul”, **Istanbul Human Security Conference, Coventry University and Kadir Has University**, Istanbul, Turkey, 20- 21 October 2015

2015 “Integration and Transnationalism: The case of Syrian Refugees in Turkey”, “**Rethinking Integration**”, **University of Birmingham**, 2 July 2015

2013 “The relationship between Neighborhood, Place and Identity among Kurdish and Turkish youth in London”, **European Sociological Association 11th Conference, University of Turin**, Turin. Italy, 28- 31 August 2013

2011 ‘Diversity of Experience: The Construction of Transnational Social Space among Turkish, Kurdish and Turkish-Cypriot Youth in London’ **European Sociological Association 10th Conference, University of Geneva**, Geneva, Switzerland, 7-10 September

2007 ‘The Challenge of Transnationalism to Government Policy in Britain: The Positive Outcomes of Generating Bonding Social Capital’ **Migrations and Social Policies in Europe Conference, University of Navarra**, Pamplona, Spain, 8-10 June 2007

Research and Teaching Trainings

- NVIVO Data Program: City, University of London, 14 September 2008
- Focus Group Techniques: City, University of London, 21 October 2007

- Teaching Training: Education Development Centre, City, University of London, 2007

Academic membership

- European Sociological Association (ESA)
- British Sociological Association (BSA)