

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- Ph.D. 2016
(Expected) **University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Department of Sociology
Minor in Development Studies and Social Change
Topic of Dissertation: *The Making of Green Energy: The Cultural
Politics of Natural in the Turkish Black Sea Coast*
Advisor: Michael Goldman
- M.Phil. 2006 **Cambridge University**, Cambridge, UK
Department of Sociology
Dissertation Title: *Neo-Liberal Elements in the Transformation of
Islamism in Turkey: Changing Conceptions of Social Justice*
- B.A. 2005 **Sabanci University**, Istanbul, Turkey
Social and Political Sciences
Erasmus Student Exchange: **University of Aarhus**, Arhus, Denmark
Department of Political Science, Spring 2004

Publications

“The Work of A Few Threes: Gezi, Politics, and Space” *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Forthcoming. (Special issue on urban revolts) (co-authored with Ozan Karaman).

Sudan Sebepler: Türkiye’de Hidro Enerji ve HES karşıtı Hareketler [Reasons of Water: Hydro Energy and Anti-Dam Movement] Istanbul: Iletisim Publishers. Forthcoming. (co-edited with E. Evren and C. Aksu, in Turkish)

“Social Scientists Studying Social Movements” & “Laughter and the Political Landscape”) in D.Hartmann and C.Uggen (eds.) *The Social Side of Politics*. New York. W.W.Norton.

“Abundance and scarcity amidst the crisis of ‘modern water’: the changing water-energy nexus in Turkey” In L. Harris, C. Sneddon and J. Goldin (eds) *Critical Perspectives on Contemporary Water Governance: Scarcity, Privatization and Participation*, New York: Routledge, May 2013.

“Wire Goes to Collage”, *Contexts*, 10(12), 2011 (co-edited with Sarah Lageson, Kyle Green).

“Turkey In The Eye Of The Beholder: Tracking Perceptions On Turkey Through Political Cartoons” *Kontur* ,10, February 2005.

Honors and Rewards

- Wenner Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner Gren Foundation, 2013
- Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment and Life Sciences University of Minnesota, 2013
- Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Summer Grant, University of Minnesota, Summer 2010
- Graduate Research Partnership Program Grant, Uni. of Minnesota, Summer 2009
- MacArthur Scholar Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change, Uni. of Minnesota 2008-2013
- European Commission Jean Monnet Fellowship Cambridge University, 2005-2006.
- Sabanci University Honor Fellowship, Fall 2000 – Summer 2005

Conference Papers

“Commoning & the Emergence of the Political: Rethinking Ecological Activism in Turkey”
World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES) 2014,
Middle East Technical University, Ankara August 18-22, 2014.

“Dispossession of the Commons or Commoning the Dispossession”
Workshop on Dispossession and Collective Action: Neoliberal Restructurings of the Rural in Egypt, Morocco and Turkey.
Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin, October 25-26, 2013.

“Defending Rural Commons at the Age of Planetary Urbanism”
Workshop on Conflicts over Commons
Bosporus University, Istanbul, August 11-13, 2013.

“Accumulation by Greening: Small Hydropower Plant Developments (SHPs) in Turkey”
Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting
New York City, February 27, 2012

“Contesting Green Energy: Small Hydro Plant Development in Turkey”
University of Kentucky, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference
Lexington, KY, February, February 18-19, 2011.

“Neoliberal Subject at Work: Call Center Industry in Turkey”
University of Minnesota, Department of Sociology Workshop Series, Minneapolis,
Minnesota, May 5, 2010.

“Neoliberal Transformation of Islamism in Turkey: Changing Conceptions of Social Justice”
CRESC, Re-Thinking Cultural Economy Conference
University of Manchester, Manchester, UK, September 12, 2007.

Conferences Attended

Conference on Urban Revolutions at the Age of Global Urbanism
Jakarta, Indonesia, March 16-20, 2012

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting,
San Diego, November 18-21, 2010

Making Global Cities and the World Economic Crises
Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School, Shenzhen, China, Jan 4-9 2010

Teaching Experience

Instructor (Summer 2014)

Koç University, Department of Sociology
Soc 320: Closing the Great Divide: Nature and Society

Teaching Assistant (August 2008 – May 2012)

University of Minnesota, *Department of Sociology*
Soc 1001: Introduction to Sociology (two semesters)
Soc 4101: Sociology of Law
Soc 4321: Globalize This!: Understanding Globalization Through Sociology
Soc 3614w: Food, Culture and Society
Soc 3701: Social Theory
Glos 3415: Global Institutions of Power

Professional and Research Experience

Research Assistant (June 2010 – September 2010)

“Urban Turn / Green Turn Project”

University of Minnesota, Department of Sociology

- Prepare summaries of NGO reports and academic articles on green urbanism

Graduate Editorial Board (August 2010 – September 2011)

“Contexts Journal”

University of Minnesota, Department of Sociology

- Review and edit articles for publication write-up published article reviews

Research Assistant (July 2004 – October 2005)

“Democratization Program”

Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey

- Research assistant, religion-state-society project