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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

September 2010 – present **Assistant Professor**
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey

EDUCATION

May 2010 **Ph.D. in Sociology**
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Dissertation Topic: “The Rise and Transformation of Religious
Politics: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparative
Perspective”

Dissertation Committee: Philip S. Gorski (co-chair), Jeffrey C.
Alexander (co-chair), Julia Adams, Peter Stamatov

May 2006 **M.Phil. in Sociology**
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Comprehensive Exam Field Papers:
“Theories of Assimilation”
“Citizenship and Immigrant Incorporation”

May 2004 **M.A. in Sociology**
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

May 2002 **B.A. in Sociology**
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

June 1998 German Abitur Diploma
Turkish High School Diploma
German School, Istanbul, Turkey

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Sabancı University Internal Grant for Research. “Science and Religion: The Religiosity of Scientists in Turkey” (with Çağla Aydın and A. Faik Kurtulmuş). June 2013-January 2015.
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Program) Research Grant. Berlin, Germany. June 1-August 31, 2012.
- Jean Monnet Teaching Module Grant. “Religion and European Integration.” September 2011-August 2014.
- 2011 Marvin B. Sussman Dissertation Prize. Department of Sociology, Yale University.
- 2009 Reinhard Bendix Award for Best Graduate Student Paper. American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Sociology Section. "The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison.”
- Dissertation Writing Fellowship. Yale University. September 2007 - June 2008.
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Program) Dissertation Research Grant. Berlin, Germany. October 2006 – July 2007.
- Junior Fellow. Center for Comparative Research, Yale University. 2006 - 2010.
- Junior Fellow. Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University. 2003 - 2010.
- Graduate Student Fellowship. Yale University. September 2002 - June 2005.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming in June 2017. “A Midsummer Night’s Coup: Performance and Power in Turkey’s July 15 Coup Attempt.” *Qualitative Sociology*. Vol. 40 No. 2.
2016. “The Political Incorporation of Anti-System Religious Parties: the Case of Turkish Political Islam (1994–2011).” *Qualitative Sociology*. Vol. 39 No. 2: 147-171.
2013. “The Rise and Transformation of German Political Catholicism (1848-1914) and Turkish Political Islam (1970-2011).” *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* Vol. 65. (Special Issue on “Religion und Gesellschaft”): 383-408.
2013. “Toward a Comparative-Historical Sociology of Religious Politics: The Case for Cross-Religious and Cross-Regional Comparisons.” Pp. 67-91 in *Religion on the Edge: De-Centering and Re-Centering the Sociology of Religion*. Eds. Courtney Bender, Wendy Cadge, Peggy Levitt, and David Smilde. New York: Oxford University Press.
2010. “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparative Perspective.” *Politics and Society* Vol.38 No.4: 517-551.
2008. “After Secularization?” (with Philip S. Gorski). *Annual Review of Sociology* Vol.34: 55-85.

BOOK REVIEWS

2016. Review of *Denial of Violence: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present, and Collective Violence Against the Armenians, 1789-2009* by Fatma Müge Göçek. *Contemporary Sociology* Vol.45 No.3: 309-311.
2015. Review of *Islam and the Politics of Secularism: The Caliphate and Middle Eastern Modernization in the Early Twentieth Century* by Nurullah Ardiç. *Review of Middle East Studies* Vol.49 No.1: 66-68.
2014. Review of *Multiple Modernities and Postsecular Societies* edited by Massimo Rosati and Kristina Stoeckl. *Insight Turkey* Vol.16 No.1: 210-214.
2005. Review of Fuyuki Kurasawa's *The Ethnological Imagination. Theory: The Newsletter of the Research Committee on Sociological Theory of International Sociological Association*, (Spring/Summer 2005): 12-14.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “The Unprecedented Alliance of Taksim Square.” *Oasis* Year 10 No. 19 (June 2014). Translated into Italian, French, and Arabic.
- “Occupy Gezi, Beyond the Religious-Secular Cleavage,” contribution to the SSRC blog *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere*, ed. Jonathan VanAntwerpen (http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/), post date: June 10, 2013.
- “The Debate on ‘Neighborhood Pressure’ in Turkey,” *Footnotes*, Newsletter of the American Sociological Association, February 2009.
- “Varieties of Anti-Religious Imagination,” contribution to the SSRC blog *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere*, ed. Jonathan VanAntwerpen (http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/), post date: April 30, 2008.
- “Critics as Mediators of Authenticity: Eichmann in Jerusalem,” *Yale Journal of Sociology*, Vol.3, (Fall 2003): 49-61.

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

- “The Political Incorporation of Anti-System Religious Parties: The Case of Turkish Political Islam.” Religion, Politics, and Society Lecture Series. School of Religious Studies. McGill University. Montreal, Canada. November 16, 2016.
- “Is Turkey a Postsecular Society? Secular Differentiation, Committed Pluralism, and Complementary Learning in Contemporary Turkey.” Democracy and Religious Pluralism in Comparative Perspective Conference. Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society. University of California Berkeley. October 27, 2016.
- “Staging a Coup: Authenticity, Legitimacy, and Power in Turkey’s July 15 Coup Attempt.” Center for Cultural Sociology Workshop. Yale University. September 16, 2016.

- “Is Turkey a Postsecular Society? Secular Differentiation, Committed Pluralism, and Complementary Learning in Contemporary Turkey.” Institute of Advanced Study Workshop. University of Warwick, U.K. June 22, 2016.
- “Is Turkey a Postsecular Society? Secular Differentiation, Committed Pluralism, and Complementary Learning in Contemporary Turkey.” Democracy and Religious Pluralism Conference. Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life. Columbia University. February 12, 2016.
- “German Political Catholicism (1848–1914) and Turkish Political Islam (1970–2011) in Comparative Perspective.” Rethinking Political Catholicism: Empirical and Normative Perspectives Conference. John Cabot University, Rome. May 22, 2014.
- “The Political Incorporation of Anti-System Religious Parties: The Case of Turkish Political Islam (1994-2008).” Department of Sociology, The New School for Social Research, New York. December 5, 2011.
- 2011 Sussman Lecture*: “Toward a Comparative Historical Sociology of Religious Politics: The Case for Cross-Religious and Cross-Regional Comparisons.” Department of Sociology, Yale University. May 5, 2011

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- “Is Turkey a Postsecular Society? Secular Differentiation, Committed Pluralism, and Complementary Learning in Contemporary Turkey.” Social Science History Association 41st Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada. November 19, 2016.
- “Science and Politics in ‘New Turkey’: Science Policy and Commercialization under the AKP Governments (2003-2015).” Social Science History Association 40th Annual Meeting. Baltimore. November 12, 2015.
- “Debating Creation and Evolution in Turkey.” Social Science History Association 39th Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. November 9, 2014.
- “Secularist Politics in the German Empire and the Turkish Republic: A Comparative Perspective.” Secularism in Turkey Conference. Istanbul Policy Center. November 22, 2013.
- “The Political Incorporation of Anti-System Religious Parties: The Case of Turkish Political Islam (1994-2011),” American Sociological Association 107th Annual Meeting. Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology Paper Session: Party, State, and Society in Comparative and Historical Perspective. Denver. August 19, 2012.
- “İlimlileşme Kuramından Kültürel Sosyolojiye: Türkiye’de Siyasal İslam’ın Entegrasyonu.” Toplumsal Araştırmalar Merkezi. Galatasaray Üniversitesi. İstanbul. April 4, 2012.

- “German Political Catholicism and Turkish Political Islam in Comparative Perspective.” *Citizenship, Democracy, and Diversity: Comparisons*. Boğaziçi University, Istanbul. March 8, 2012.
- “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparative Perspective.” *Faraway, So Close? Reaching Beyond the Pro/Contra Controversy on Turkey’s EU Accession*. Freie Universität Berlin, Germany. February 4, 2011.
- “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparative Perspective.” Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University. January 6, 2010.
- “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparative Perspective.” Department of Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul. January 5, 2010.
- “Comparative Historical Perspectives on Religious Politics.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Session on Religion in Sociology: Comparative-Historical Approaches and Case Studies. Denver. October 24, 2009.
- “Comparing the Past and Present of Religious Politics.” American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Sociology Section Mini-Conference: Comparing Past and Present. Berkeley. August 12, 2009.
- “The Incorporation of Religious Politics: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison,” American Sociological Association 104th Annual Meeting. Regular Session: Comparative Political Participation. San Francisco. August 9, 2009.
- “Ideology, Identity, and Religious Politics.” ASA Junior Theorists Symposium. Session on Politics. University of California, Berkeley. August 7, 2009.
- “The Incorporation of Religious Politics: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison.” Religion and Politics Colloquium, The MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics, and Society, Yale University. February 24, 2009.
- “The Incorporation of Religious Politics: German Political Catholicism in the Wilhelmine Era,” *Frontiers of Comparative Sociological Research: A Graduate Student Conference*. Center for Comparative Research, Yale University. January 24, 2009.
- “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison.” American Sociological Association 103rd Annual Meeting. Section on Sociology of Religion Paper Session: Religion and Politics. Boston. July 31, 2008.
- “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison.” Society for Comparative Research Graduate Student Retreat Conference. The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University. May 24, 2008.
- “The Politicization of Religion: Political Catholicism and Political Islam in Comparison.” Workshop in Cultural Sociology. The Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University. February 8, 2008.

- “Secularization Theory and Islam.” *38th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology*. Budapest, Hungary. June 27, 2008.
- “After Secularization?” (with Philip S. Gorski). Comparative Research Workshop. Center for Comparative Research, Yale University. October 29, 2007.
- “Anti-Catholicism (1848-1900) and Contemporary Anti-Islamicism (1973-2006) in Germany.” Comparative Research Workshop. Center for Comparative Research, Yale University. March 7, 2007.
- “The Headscarf Controversies in Germany and France: Challenging Contemporary Assimilation Theory.” *37th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology*. Stockholm, Sweden. July 5-9, 2005.
- “School and the Politics of Cultural Diversity.” Spring Conference. Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University. May 9, 2005.
- “The Meaning(s) of the Headscarf: Der Kopftuchstreit.” American Sociological Association 99th Annual Meeting. Section on Sociology of Law Paper Session: Law and Society. San Francisco. August 14, 2004.
- “Trial as Performance: Eichmann in Jerusalem.” Spring Conference. Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University. April 26, 2003.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses (taught at Sabancı University)

SPS 102 - Humanity and Society II (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016)

SOC 201 - Social Theory (Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

SOC 301 - Political Sociology (Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014)

SOC 300 - Sociology of Science (Fall 2016)

SOC 308 - Sociology of Religion (Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013)

SOC 350 - Science, Religion, and Society (Spring 2014)

Graduate Courses (taught at Sabancı University)

SOC 508- Religion and Politics (Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015)

PEER REVIEW FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

American Journal of Sociology (2009, 2010, 2013); *American Sociological Review* (2010); *Democratization* 2014; *International Sociology* (2012, 2013); *New Perspectives on Turkey* (2011, 2013); *Sociological Theory* (2008, 2015); *Sociology Compass* (2009); *Politics, Religion & Ideology* (2012); *Qualitative Sociology* (2015, 2016); *Theory and Society* (2014).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Network Co-Representative. Religion Network. Social Science History Association. November 2014-present.

Member of the Organizing Committee. Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop 2013: Coming to Terms with War, Genocide, and Political Violence. Istanbul, May 31-June 2, 2013.

Member of the Organizing Committee. Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop 2012: New Forms of Social Protest. Istanbul, May 25-26, 2012.

Editor. *Trajectories*, Newsletter of the American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Sociology Section (with Seio Nakajima). April 2012 – February 2014.

Member of Award Committee. 2010 Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award of the American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Sociology Section.

Conference Coordinator. *Exploring the Post-Secular*. Yale University, April 2-4, 2009.

Conference Coordinator. *Varieties of Secularism in A Secular Age*. Yale University, April 3-5, 2008.

Graduate Student Coordinator. The MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics, and Society, Yale University. September 2007- May 2009.

Student Editor, *Sociological Theory*, September 2004 – March 2005.

Member, *American Sociological Association*, January 2004 – present.

Member, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2009 – present.

Member, *American Political Science Association*, 2011 – present.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Historical Sociology, Sociology of Religion, Political Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Theory, Sociology of Science; Religion and Politics, Secularization and Secularism, Political Parties, Religion and Science, Citizenship, Race and Ethnicity, Nationalism, Immigrant Incorporation, Comparative Historical Research Design and Methodology; Turkey, Germany, Europe.

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), German (advanced)

REFERENCES

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