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EDUCATION

- 9/2019 – present** **Koç University**, Istanbul, Turkey
PhD in Sociology
- 9/2010 – 8/2012** **Sabancı University**, Istanbul, Turkey
MA in Cultural Studies
- Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayşe Gül Altınay
Thesis title: “At the Crossroads of Education and Politics: Kurdish Women Students in Istanbul”
- 9/2004 – 6/2010** **Boğaziçi University**, Istanbul, Turkey
B.A. in Philosophy
B.A. in Political Science and International Relations
(Double Major Program)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 9/2019 – present** **MiReKoc, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey**
Research Assistant
- 11/2017 – 9/2019** **Third Sector Foundation of Turkey (TUSEV)**, Istanbul, Turkey
Project Coordinator at Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project (Değişim için Bağış Projesi)
- 6/2017 – 5/2018** **Artı TV**
Host and Presenter of Artı Sanat TV Programme
- 9/2016 – 11/2017** **Hrant Dink Foundation, ASULIS Discourse, Dialogue and Democracy Laboratory**, Istanbul, Turkey
Project Coordinator at Media Watch on Hate Speech Project
- 11/2015 – 9/2016** **Hrant Dink Foundation, ASULIS Discourse, Dialogue and Democracy Laboratory**, Istanbul, Turkey
Research Coordinator at Media Watch on Hate Speech Project
- 9/2010 – 6/2015** **Sabancı University, Foundations Development Directorate**, Istanbul, Turkey
Teaching Assistant for HUM 202: Major Works of Western Art

- 9/2013 – 6/2014** **Sabancı University, Foundations Development Directorate**, Istanbul, Turkey
Co-supervisor for PROJ 102: Istanbul for All: An Alternative City Guide
- 9/2012 – 1/2013** **“Disability from Different Perspectives” Project, Sabancı University**, Istanbul, Turkey
Researcher at sub-working group, “Access to Information and Services”

HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 9/2019 – present** Full Scholarship, PhD in Sociology, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 7/2017** Outbound Project Award as part of Professional Fellows Program for the “Bridging the Difference through Dialogue: Increasing the Capacity of the Civil Society in a Polarized Turkey” Project Proposal
- 4/2017 – 6/2017** Legislative Fellow at Essential Partners, Cambridge, USA (as a participant of “Professional Fellows Program” administered by American Councils for International Education under the auspices of a grant from the U.S. Department of State)
- 12/2013** First Prize, Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Awards, Sabancı University Gender and Women’s Studies Forum
- 9/2010 – 6/2012** Full Scholarship, Master of Arts Program in Cultural Studies, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 6/2010** High Honors degrees, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, and Political Science & International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

COMPLETED PROJECTS

“Bridging the Difference through Dialogue: Increasing the Capacity of the Civil Society in a Polarized Turkey”, Outbound Project funded by American Councils for International Education, July 8-15, 2018, Istanbul.

As part of the project, John Sarrouf, Director of Program Development at Essential Partners, in Cambridge, USA visited Turkey. The project aimed at enabling the exchange of information and experience of Essential Partners and experts from Turkey regarding peacebuilding, dialogue and conflict transformation. Meetings were held with civil society professionals, experts from think tanks and research centers, and academics working on a variety of subjects including peacebuilding, conflict transformation, discrimination, migration, humanitarian aid to refugees, and social cohesion. Two workshops were held, one to introduce Essential Partners’ method for facilitating constructive conversations between conflicting groups to civil society professionals, especially those working on social cohesion between Syrian and host communities in Turkey, the other to introduce ways to foster peaceful online discourse to media professionals. We are currently working on planning the second phase of the project in which civil society professionals will be trained with the theory and practice of the Reflective Structured Dialogue method and encouraged to use the method in their daily work.

PAPERS PRESENTED

“Singing at the Limits of the Speakable: Kurdish Women Dengbêjs Mobilizing Memory, Resistance, and Agency”, paper presented at “Women Mobilizing Memory: Collaboration and Co-Resistance” Workshop organized by the Women Mobilizing Memory Working Group of Columbia University Center for the Study of Social Difference, September 8-12, 2015, New York City, USA.

“New Encounters and Solidarity: Remembering, Witnessing and Resisting State Violence in Turkey”, paper presented at “Mobilizing Memory for Action” Workshop organized by the Women Mobilizing Memory Working Group of Columbia University Center for the Study of Social Difference, September 14-21, 2014, Istanbul, Turkey.

“Kurtarılmış Bir Kürt Gibi Hani’: Doğu ve Güneydoğu Anadolu’daki Kürt Kadınlarının Eğitimle İlişisini Yeniden Düşünmek”, 4. Dicle Koğacıoğlu Makale Ödülleri, 28 Aralık 2013, Sabancı Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Turkey.

“Insecure Subjectivities, Fearful Memories: Kurdish Women Students Remembering the War in Eastern Turkey”, paper presented at Young Researchers Conference: Gendered Memories of War and Political Violence, December 7-8, 2012, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

“Weaving Identity through Past and Present: Kurdish Women Students in Istanbul”, paper presented at 10th International “Border Crossings” Student Conference, April 26-29, 2012, Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey.

INVITED TALKS

“Rising Hate Speech Against Syrian Refugees in Turkey’s Print Press”, Bosch Alumni Network Conference, October 14, 2017, Belgrade, Serbia.

“Towards A New Discourse Against Discrimination: Monitoring Hate Speech in Turkey’s Media”, “Nationalism, Narrow-mindedness, Aggression: Does the 20th Century Reoccur? Answers, Perspectives and Ideas from the International Adult Education Community”, International Workshop organized by DVV International, November 17-18, 2016, Tbilisi, Georgia.

“Media Watch on Hate Speech in Turkey”, presentation at "The Current Situation of Civil Society in Turkey and Perspectives on Transnational Collaboration" Panel as part of "Commitment Without Borders - Transnational Network against Antisemitism" Meeting, October 14-15, 2016, Berlin, Germany.

“Türkiye Yazılı Basınında Nefret Söylemi ve Ayrımcılığı İzlemek”, Disiplinler Arası Boyutlarıyla Türkiye’de Ayrımcılık, Nefret Söylemleri ve Nefret Suçları” Konferansı, 14 Nisan 2016, Istanbul Kemerburgaz Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Turkey.

“Medyada İnanç Temelli Nefret Söylemi”, “İfade Özgürlüğü ve İnanç Özgürlüğü: Türkiye Vakası” Konferansı, Ankara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi, 18 Şubat 2016, Ankara, Turkey.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Kurtarılmış Bir Kürt Gibi Hani’: Doğu Ve Güneydoğu Anadolu’daki Kürt Kadınlarının Eğitimini Yeniden Düşünmek”, in Ayşecan Terzioğlu and Cenk Özbay (eds), *Dicle Koğacıoğlu Kitabı: Türkiye’de Cinsiyet Kültürleri*, Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2019

REPORTS

Trans Kadın Cinayeti Haberlerinde Ayrımcı Söylem Raporu, October 2017, Istanbul: Hrant Dink Vakfı Yayınları, (co-authored with Burak Demiryakan).

“Access to Information and Services” in *Towards a Barrier-Free Turkey: Where Do We Stand? The Status Quo and Proposals* Trans. Elif Kalaycıođlu, pp. 19-119, 2013, Istanbul: Sabanci University Press, (co-authored with Zeynep Yelçe and Bora Burat).

CERTIFICATES

Participation in 3rd edition of “Global Goals Jam: Design 2030 Now” organized by the Digital Society School (Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences) and UNDP to contribute to the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals, September 21-23, 2018, ATOLYE, Istanbul.

Completion of ‘Dialogue Across Differences: An Introduction to Reflective Structured Dialogue’ Workshop by Essential Partners, May 16, 2017, Cambridge, USA.

Completion of ‘The Power of Questions: Inquiry with Impact’ Workshop by Essential Partners, May 4, 2017, Cambridge, USA.

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

Turkish: Native

English: Fluent

French: Pre-Intermediate