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*Curriculum Vitae (2015)*

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**Place & Date of Birth:** Istanbul, 1984

### **Education**

2010- present

#### **Koç University (Istanbul)**

PhD. Candidate & Research and Teaching Assistant (*with full scholarship*) in the Political Science and International Relations Department

2008- 2009

#### **Sciences Po Paris (Paris)**

M.A. "Politics and Society in Europe", specialty of Public Policy *with Jean Monnet Scholarship* (English dissertation on "The Europeanization of Women's NGOs in Turkey: *The cases of KADER and KAGİDER*")

2002- 2008

#### **Galatasaray University (Istanbul)**

B.A. Letters and Science faculty, Sociology Department  
(French dissertation on "Diaspora politics of Iraqi Turks in Turkey")

Sept. 2006- Jan. 2007

#### **Université Paris 5 Sorbonne (Paris)**

Exchange student on Sociology *with Erasmus Scholarship*

### **Research Interests :**

International Migration, Transnationalism, Diaspora Studies, Civil Society, Europeanization, Gender Studies.

### **Publications**

#### **Books**

İçduygu, Ahmet & Deniz Yükseker, Damla B. Aksel (Eds.) (2013) *Migration around Turkey: Old Phenomena, New Research*, Isis Press.

#### **Book Chapters**

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2015) "Migration Realities and State Responses: Rethinking International Migration Policies in Turkey", in Stephen Castles, Malena Arias and Derya Özkul (Eds.), *Social Transformation and Migration: National and Local Experiences in South Korea, Turkey, Mexico and Australia*, Palgrave Publishing.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2015) "Introduction" in Ahmet İçduygu and Biriz Karacay (Eds.), *Critical Reflections in Migration Research*, Istanbul: Koc University Press.

Danış, Didem & Damla B. Aksel (2014) "Türkiye-İrak sınır yönetiminde devlet ve yeni idare biçimleri" (State and New Governance Patterns in the Management of Turkish-Iraqi border), in Didem Danış and İbrahim Soysüren (Eds.), *Sınır Dışı ve Sınır Üzerine Disiplinlerarası Bakışlar* (Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Deportation and Border), Notabene Publishing.

Aksel, Damla B. & Didem Daniş (2014) "Diverse Facets of Europeanization at the Iraqi-Turkish Border" in Nurcan Özgür Baklacioğlu and Yeşim Özer (Eds.) *Migration, Asylum and Refugees in Turkey: Studies in the Control of Population at the Southeastern Borders of the EU*, Edwin Mellen Press.

Bayraktar, Damla (2014) "Türkiye'deki Kadın Derneklerinin Avrupalılaşması: Kader ve Kagider Örnekleri", in Şule Kut, Hasret Dikici Bilgin, Zeynep Alemdar, Umut Azak (Eds.), *Genç Araştırmacılar Tartışıyor. Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği VIII. Lisansüstü Konferansı Bildirileri Seçkisi*, İstanbul: Okan Üniversitesi Yayınları.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Deniz Yüksek & Damla B. Aksel (2013) "Intersections between Internal and International Migration Research: A Research Agenda for the Future", in *Migration around Turkey: Old Phenomena, New Research*, İstanbul: Isis Press.

### **Journal Articles**

Aksel, Damla B. (2015) "Devlet Eliyle Yurtdışına Çevre Göçü Örneği: İşçi Göçü Dönemi Uygulanan Afet Kotası", *İdeal Kent Dergisi*. 14.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2014) "Negotiating Readmission Agreement between the EU and Turkey: Two-to-Tango", *European Journal of Migration and Law*, 16(3). *SSCI Indexed Journal*.

Aksel, Damla B. (2014) "Kins, distant workers, diasporas: Constructing Turkey's transnational members abroad", *Turkish Studies*, 15(2). *SSCI Indexed Journal*.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2013) "Turkish Migration Policies: A Critical Historical Retrospective", *Perceptions*, Autumn 2013.

Bayraktar-Aksel, Damla (2012) "Transnationalism and hybridity in the art of Hussein Chalayan". *Trespassing Journal*: 1 (Spring 2012).

### **Reports & Deliverables**

Aksel, Damla B. & Jenny Andersson-Pucher, Angeliki Dimitriadi, Michaela Marouf, Maegan Hendow, Ahmet İçduygu, Ayşem Biriz Karaçay (2015) *Study on Smuggling of Migrants. Characteristics, Responses and Cooperation with Third Countries. Case Study 3: Pakistan-Turkey-Greece*. International Centre for Migration Policy Development.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2015) *Turkey and International Migration, 2014-2015*, Report Prepared for The Annual Meeting of the OECD Expert Group on Migration, Paris, October 12-14<sup>th</sup> 2015: İstanbul.

İçduygu, Ahmet & Damla B. Aksel (2012) *Irregular Migration in Turkey*, International Organization for Migration: Ankara.

Kancı, Tuğba, & Damla Bayraktar, Bahar Rumelili, Fuat Keyman (2010) *Women in Turkey and Their Acts of European Citizenship*. Enacting European Citizenship (ENACT) Deliverable, The Open University.

Daniş, Didem, & Damla Bayraktar (2010) *Away from Iraq: Post 2003 Iraqi Migration to Neighboring Countries and to Turkey*, ORSAM Report No. 20.

### **Book Reviews**

Aksel, Damla B. (2015) "Review of *Diasporas and Homeland Conflicts: A Comparative Perspective*, Bahar Baser, Ashgate, 2015", *Changing Turkey in a Changing World*.

## **Projects**

*February-October 2015*

### **Researcher**

National researcher for “Learning for Female African Migrants’ Solidarity” (LeFAMSol) curriculum development project for hard to reach groups of adults, oriented towards cultural mediation and peer training.

*February-May 2015*

### **Researcher**

National researcher for International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) project entitled “Study on smuggling of migrants: characteristics, responses and cooperation with third countries” on the case study of Pakistan-Turkey-Greece migration route.

**Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals:** Turkish Studies, Ethnic and Racial Studies.

## **Conferences**

December 5, 2015. Türkiye’de Düzensiz Göç Marmara Bölge Çalıştayı. Eğitim Dairesi Başkanlığı Göç Araştırmaları Merkezi ve İstanbul İl Göç İdaresi Müdürlüğü, İstanbul Üniversitesi Kongre ve Kültür Merkezi. İstanbul.

October 12-14, 2015. The Annual Meeting of the OECD Expert Group on Migration, participation as the expert on migration from Turkey. Paris.

April 8-9, 2015. French Consulate General in Istanbul, Conference on 50th anniversary of the Bilateral Labor Recruitment Agreement signed between Turkey and France and doctoral workshop entitled The Studies of Young Researchers on Turkish Immigration to France: Migrants from Turkey and Their Relations with the Turkish State. İstanbul.

November 19, 2013. Gediz University Fall Seminar: To Open it or Not? New Ways of Governmentality in Iraqi-Turkish Border (co-authored with Didem Danış). İzmir.

September 9-13, 2013. International Metropolis Conference: Migration Realities and State Responses: Rethinking International Migration Policies in Turkey (co-authored with Ahmet İçduygu). Tampere.

August 22-23, 2013. University of Sydney, STIM Workshop: Migration Realities and State Responses: Rethinking International Migration Policies in Turkey (co-authored with Ahmet İçduygu). Sydney.

April 18, 2013. Columbia University, Association for the Study of Nationalities Convention: Kins, Distant Workers, Diasporas: Constructing Turkey’s Transnational Members Abroad. New York.

April 6, 2013. International Studies Association 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention: Triangular Nexus of Migration, Security and Economy: Evidence from Turkish-Iraqi Border (co-authored with Didem Danış). San Francisco. (*Travel grant obtained from The Scientific and Research Council of Turkey-TUBITAK*)

July 13, 2012. International Society for Third-Sector Research, “Democratization, Marketization and the Third Sector” Conference: Tracing the Boomerang Pattern in Turkey. Siena. (*Travel grant obtained from Turkish Third Sector Foundation and Koç University*)

December 17, 2011. Sabancı University, Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Prize Conference: Yarı zamanlı çalışanlar, tam zamanlı anneler: “Muhafazakar küresellik” döneminde kadınların istihdamı ve bakım hizmetleri (Part time employees, full time mothers: Women’s employment and care work in the rule of “conservative globalism), *with an honorable mention for the article prize*. İstanbul.

October 20, 2011. Galatasaray University, 9th “European days” at Galatasaray University, Conference on “Gender Questions in Europe and in Turkey”: Part time employees, full time mothers: Women’s employment and care work in the rule of “conservative globalism”. Istanbul.

June 17, 2011. Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA), 8th Convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association: Asylum and Migration Across the Turkish-Iraqi Border. Istanbul.

May 14, 2011. Koç University, Europeanization PhD Conference: Europeanization of migration policy and effects on civil society: The Turkish Case. Istanbul.

May 7-8, 2011. London Middle East Institute SOAS, A Middle East PhD Students International Conference & Poster Presentation: Poster Presentation on Europeanization of migration policy and effects on civil society: The Turkish Case. London. (*Travel grant obtained from Koç University*)

May 6, 2011. London School of Economics and Political Science, Turkish Studies PhD Conference: Europeanization of migration policy and effects on civil society: The Turkish Case. London. (*Travel grant obtained from Koç University*)

December 4, 2010. The Turkish Political Science Association, 8<sup>th</sup> Graduate Conference: The Europeanization of Women’s NGOs in Turkey: Cases of Kader and Kagider. Istanbul.

### **Research Experience**

*Jan. 2012-October 2015*

#### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANT, Koç University**

Teaching assistant to Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu for INTL 435 International Migration in a Global World (Fall 2012) and INTL 550 Politics, State and Society in the Mediterranean Basin (Spring 2013) courses. Research assistant to Prof. İçduygu; worked on quantitative and qualitative research related to migration in Turkey, including the co-authorship for International Organization for Migration 2011 Report and several articles on international migration in Turkey.

*Sept. 2010- Jan. 2012*

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Koç University**

Assistant to Assoc. Prof. Bahar Rumelili, ENACT (Enacting European Citizenship) Project under European Commission FP7 Programme; worked on Turkish women’s enactments of citizenship in the European Union.

*Sept. 2011- Jan. 2012*

#### **TEACHING ASSISTANT, Koç University**

Teaching assistant to Assoc. Prof. Reşat Bayer for INTL 101 Introduction to Political Science course.

*Sept. 2010- Jan. 2011*

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Koç University**

Research assistant to Dr. Şener Aktürk for “Regimes of Ethnicity: A Global Database of Ethnic Demography and Survey of State Policies on Ethnicity” Project; worked on collecting data on ethnic demography as well as country constitutions. Also worked for Dr. Aktürk’s research on independent movements in North African countries; collected archival data and discourses of political elites.

*Oct.- May 2010*

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Istanbul**

Collaborative project with Institut Français du Proche-Orient (IFPO), The Refugee Studies Center (RSC) University of Oxford, University of East London (UEL) and The American University in Cairo (AUC) to investigate patterns of population displacement in and from Iraq and the circumstances which facilitate/ inhibit return.

- Oct.-December 2009 **RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Istanbul**  
 Turkish field in a collaborative project of The Somalia Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF Somalia) with Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies Program of the American University of Cairo on the transit migration of Somali people.
- July 2007 **RESEARCH INTERN, Istanbul**  
 TUBITAK project held by Galatasaray University on "Identity construction of young population through the usage of technology and leisure time in Istanbul's disadvantage communities".
- June 2007 **RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Istanbul**  
 Public spaces and *public gardens* in Bağcılar.
- May 2006 **RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Istanbul**  
 Institut Français d'Etudes Anatoliennes research on "Street merchants of Istanbul: Urban presence of a commercial offer in perpetual spatial recomposition"

### Languages

**English** : advanced in reading, writing and speaking (TOEFL IBT 2010: 108)

**French** : advanced in reading, writing and speaking (DALF C1)

**Spanish**: beginner

### Other

- July 2015 **MIGRATION RESEARCH CENTER AT KOC UNIVERSITY, Istanbul**  
 Participated to summer school on "Diasporas and Transnational Communities"
- July 2014 **MIGRATION RESEARCH CENTER AT KOC UNIVERSITY, Istanbul**  
 Participated to summer school on "International Migration in the Post-Soviet State"
- May -December 2013 **TRT BROADCASTING CHANNEL, Istanbul**  
 Academic advisor to TRT Broadcasting Documentary on Gülcemal (*Gul Djemal*) Vessel, which was used for the transportation of immigrants during the late Ottoman Period and the early Republican Period.
- June 2013 **MIGRATION RESEARCH CENTER AT KOC UNIVERSITY, Istanbul**  
 Participated to summer school on "The Political Economy of Migration"
- October 2010 **TURKISH MINISTRY OF CULTURE GRANT**  
 Cinematography grant for the environmental dystopian screenplay project entitled "Barikat" (Barricade).
- July 2009 **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, London**  
 Participated to summer school on "Global Politics of Protest and Change"
- 2002-2007 **DETAY, Student journal of GSU**  
 Reporter, news editor between 2004-2006
- Feb.- June 2003 **European Union Certificate Program of CREDE at Galatasaray University**
- Dec 2002- June 2003 **TÜRKİYE EĞİTİM GÖNÜLLÜLERİ ASSOCIATION, Istanbul (NGO)**  
 Voluntary computer teacher