

EDUCATION

Boğaziçi University

Doctor of Philosophy, Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History

2015 – 2025

Dissertation Title: *The Politics of Hygiene: Public Health and Urban Transformation in Late Ottoman Empire*
(Advisor: Prof. Cengiz Kırılı)

Co-winner of MESA's Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in Humanities (2025)

Koç University

Master of Arts, Comparative Studies in History and Society

2012 – 2015

A degree coordinated by the Departments of Sociology and History

Thesis Title: *An Analysis of the Ottoman Carpet Industry, 1843-1914: Workers, Merchants and the State*

(Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Can Nacar)

Nominated for Dean's Outstanding Success Award

Boğaziçi University

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations

2007 – 2012

Graduated with high honors.

University of Maastricht

Maastricht, the Netherlands

Erasmus Student Exchange Program

Fall, 2010

EMPLOYMENT

Boğaziçi University

Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History

2019 – present

Research Assistant & Instructor for HTR 311-312 courses

Koç University

Department of History & Sociology

2012 – 2014

Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant

Boğaziçi University

Department of Political Science and International Relations

Research Assistant

2011

- Worked as a Research Assistant in Assistant Professor Selcan Kaynak's research entitled "Social Networks and Political Participation in Turkey".
- Made literature reviews, co-organized a seminar, conducted interviews and collected data.

Several right-based NGOs and cultural institutions in Turkey

- Directed and contributed to cultural, civil society, and dialogue initiatives in Turkey and Europe.
- Managed cross-border and rights-based projects promoting democratic engagement, gender equality, and cultural exchange.
- Produced and edited bilingual (Turkish–English) publications and exhibition materials for major cultural programs.
- Coordinated international collaborations, donor relations, and grant reporting with European partners and institutions.
- Oversaw the design and implementation of training, exchange, and public humanities programs linking researchers, activists, and artists.

Hürriyet Newspaper, Foreign News Service

Assistant Trainee

June – August, 2010

- Writing news for the foreign news column of the paper, reviewed foreign news agencies daily, made translations between English and Turkish.

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, WORKSHOPS

Publications

Book Chapters:

- **Forthcoming:** “Death and Disease Unleashed: Cesspools, Sewers, and the Urban Environment of Inequality in Late Ottoman Istanbul” in *Istanbul Unbound: Environmental Approaches to the City*, eds. Onur İnal & Mehmet Kentel (Utah University Press, 2026)
- “Purification or Commodification?: Milk, Ghee, and Hygiene in Late Ottoman Istanbul” in *Animals on the Move: Tracing Livestock in the Ottoman Empire from Farm to Tablet o Waste*, eds. Can Nacar & Yonca Köksal (İstanbul: Koç University Press, 2025), 169-201.
- “Altyapıları Görünür Kılmak: Geç Osmanlı İstanbulu’nda Tifo, Kolera ve Toplumsal Eşitsizlikler” (*Bitmeyen Hikaye: Küresel Salgın Çağında Tarihe Yeniden Bakmak* içinde, ed. İsmail Yaşayanlar, Tarih Vakfı Yurt Yayınları, 2022)

Articles:

- “Halis Mi Mahlut Mu? Ticari Ve Ahlaki Gözetim Kesişiminde Geç Osmanlı İstanbulu’nda Gıda Tahlilleri”. *Toplumsal Tarih Akademi*, no. 6 (June 2025): 35-53.
- “Geç Osmanlı İmparatorluğu’nda Hıfzıssıhha’nın Mekân, Toplumsal Cinsiyet ve Ahlak Bağlamında Bir İncelemesi,” *Toplumsal Tarih* 375, March 2025.
- “Kent Hijyeni, Emek ve İktidar: Hasköy’den Sağmalcılar’a Tarihsel Bir Bakış,” *Ayrıntı Dergi* 47 (2024): 93-105.
- “Onuncu Yılında Ottoman History Podcast: Bir Kamusal Tarih Girişimi” (with Chris Gratien), *Toplumsal Tarih*, Haziran 2020, pp. 12-17

Blog articles:

- “Science and the City: An Overview and Bibliography” (with Marianne Dhenin), *The Metropole* (The Official Blog of the Urban History Association), March 2023. <https://themetropole.blog/2023/03/01/science-and-the-city-an-overview-and-bibliography/>

Book Reviews:

- Susanna Ferguson, *Labors of Love: Gender, Capitalism, and Democracy in Modern Arab Thought*. Stanford University Press, 2024. *Toplumsal Tarih Akademi*, no. 7 (December 2025).

- Duygu Köksal and Anastasia Falierou, eds. *A Social History of Late Ottoman Women*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2013. *New Perspectives on Turkey*, volume 50 (2013). pp. 212-216
- Muzaffer Özgüleş, *Women Who Built the Ottoman World: Female Patronage and the Architectural Legacy of Gülnuş Sultan*. London & New York: I.B. Tauris, 2017, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, volume 59 (2018). pp. 169-173

Interviews:

- “[Toplumsal Cinsiyet Bağlamında Kenti Yeniden Düşünmek: ‘Osmanlı İstanbul’unda Kadın Bani Yapıları Haritası](#)”, SALT Blog, 2017 (with Murat Tülek and Firuzan Melike Sümertaş)

Book Translation:

- Samuel Dolbee, *Çekirgelerin Saltanatı: Osmanlı’da Sınır, Çevre ve İktidar* (FOL 2025). Translation from the English original, *Locusts of Power: Borders, Empire, and Environment in the Modern Middle East* (Cambridge University Press, 2023).
- Avner Wishnitzer, *Gece Çökerken: Osmanlı’da Gece Hayatı* (FOL, 2023). Translation from the English original, *As Night Falls: Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Cities After Dark* (Cambridge University Press, 2021).

Conference presentations/talks

- “Technologies of Purity and the Making of Public Toilets in Late Ottoman Istanbul,” *Ottoman Society at the End of Empire Workshop and Symposium*, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA (26-28 February 2026).
- “Struggle over the Dead: Sanitizing the Burial Practices in Late Ottoman Istanbul,” *SHIFA-ANA Workshop – Death and Disease in Anatolia*, ANAMED, Istanbul (**June 2025**)
- “Osmanlı İstanbul’unda Gıdayı Sıhhiyeleştirmek,” Salt Research Funds Presentations, Salt Galata (**December 2024**). Talk available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6WIWgmOjbQ>
- “Hıfz-ı Sıhhati Çözümlemek: Geç Osmanlı’da Kentsel Hijyene Dair Kamusal Söylemlerde Toplumsal Cinsiyet, Sınıf ve Ahlakın İşlevi,” Kadın Kadına Tarih Konferansı – 3, MGSÜ, İstanbul (**November 2024**).
- “Sanitization as a Tool of Outsourcing the “Contingencies?”: Tax-Farming, Cholera, and Food Regulations in the Late Ottoman Istanbul” MESA Annual Conference (**November 2024**).
- “Dead Bodies as a Sanitary Hazard: Necropolitics in Late Ottoman Istanbul,” CIEPO, Tirana, Albania (**June 2024**).
- “Rendering Infrastructures Visible: Death, Hygiene, and Social Inequalities in Late Ottoman Istanbul” *Istanbul Unbound: Environmental Approaches to the City Conference*, Istanbul Research Institute, Istanbul (**April 2021**).
- “2. Abdülhamid Dönemi’nde Kadın Halı İşçileri’nin Sınıf Tecrübelerine Bir Bakış: Ataerki ve Meşruiyet Kıskaçında Emek ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet”, *Osmanlı İmparatorluğu’nda İşçi Sınıfının Oluşumu Konferansı*, DİSK, TÜSTAV and Tarih Vakfı, Istanbul (**October 2015**).
- “Representations of Gender in Ottoman Archival Documents: Working Women, State-Subject Relations and Legitimacy” *Oxford University Graduate Conference: The Ottoman Empire in the Age of Modernity: Political and Cultural Representations*, Oxford University, Oxford, UK (**May 2014**).

Workshops

- Columbia Global Centers’ Voices of Emerging Scholars workshop participant (2024)
- European Studies on Environmental History (ESEH) NEXTGATE Writing Support Programme participant (2022)

ACADEMIC PODCASTS

Ottoman History Podcast (OHP)
Editor-in-chief

2026 – present

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- The Middle East Studies Association Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in the Humanities (co-winner 2025)
- Salt Research Funds (2024)
- Koç University Scholarship for Graduate Studies (2012-2014)
- Turkish Educational Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship (2007-2012)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

MESA, Member, 2024-present

Tarih Vakfı, Advisory Board Member, 2026-present

OTSA, Board Member, 2022-2024
