

## Dr. M. EMİR KÜÇÜK

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### ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### Boğaziçi University

#### Ataturk Institute for Modern Turkish History

Research Assistant

2022 – present

### EDUCATION

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#### Boğaziçi University

**Doctor of Philosophy, Ataturk Institute for Modern Turkish History** 2019 – 2026

Dissertation Title: *The Constantinople Tramway Company: Capital Accumulation, Horses, and the Making of Urban Infrastructure* (Advisor: Prof. Nadir Özbek)

#### Leiden University

Leiden, the Netherlands

**Erasmus+ Exchange Program**

2022 Spring

#### Boğaziçi University

**Master of Arts, Ataturk Institute for Modern Turkish History**

2016 – 2019

Thesis Title: *Urban Parks in Late Ottoman Istanbul*

(Advisor: Prof. Nadir Özbek)

#### Leiden University

Leiden, the Netherlands

**Erasmus+ Exchange Program**

2018 Fall

#### Boğaziçi University

**Bachelor of Arts in History**

2011 – 2016

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Research Assistant (part time) in the NWO-funded Project of “Ottoman Envoys to Europe: Negotiating Difference in the Diplomatic World, 1832-1914” at Amsterdam University, the Netherlands. (Under supervision of Dr. Houssine Alloul) (September 2023 – May 2024).
- Internship in the Archive Department at SALT Galata Research Center, Istanbul. (October 2017 – January 2018).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLICATIONS

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### Conference Presentation / Talks:

- “Dersaadet Tramvay Şirketi Atları 1871-1912: Emek, Sermaye ve Canlı Varlıklar” at a panel titled “ZOOPLIS: Interspecies Relations in Istanbul, Past and Present” (organized by the Turkish American Association for Scientific Studies (Türk Amerikan İلمي Araştırmalar Derneği) and the Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED) and Hayvânat (Istanbul Bilgi University Animal History Network), 18 November 2025.
- “Belgian Investment and Capital in the Constantinople Tramway Company” at the conference of “Pathways to Empire? Belgian Global Expansion 1830-1930” (Organized by KU Leuven and CegeSoma) in Leuven and Brussels, 11 – 13 September 2024.
- “Horses of the Constantinople Tramway Company” at Animals in Anatolian and Turkish History Conference (Organized by Penn State University’s Department of History and Koç University’s Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations), 16 - 17 May, 2024.
- “Kentte Hayvan Emeği: Dersaadet Tramvay Şirketi’nin Atları” 2023 Salt Research Grants Presentations, 8 December 2023. See: [https://youtu.be/3SkZECB1\\_Yk?si=pRcYAMK2aluYJO7I](https://youtu.be/3SkZECB1_Yk?si=pRcYAMK2aluYJO7I).
- “Horses: Working Animals for the Constantinople Tramway Company” at the European Society for Environmental History Conference (ESEH 2023) “Mountains and Plains. Past, present and future environmental and climatic entanglements” in Bern, Switzerland, 22 – 26 August 2023.
- “Urban Parks in Late Ottoman Istanbul” at the Third NEHT Workshop 2021 Environmental Histories of the Ottoman and post-Ottoman World the Anthropocene: From Empire to Nation-States, Vienna, Austria, 8 – 10 September 2022.
- “Waste Management of Late Ottoman Istanbul” at the European Society for Environmental History (ESEH 2022), in Bristol, United Kingdom, 4 – 8 July 2022.
- “Urban Pollution in late Ottoman Istanbul: The Case of Horse-Drawn Tramways” at Istanbul Unbound: Environmental Approaches to the City. Organized by Istanbul Research Institute and Pera Museum, Istanbul, 8 – 11 April 2021.
- “Horses of the Constantinople Tramway Company” in *Voices of Emerging Scholars at Columbia Global Centers Istanbul*. (Curated by Prof. Zeynep Çelik)

24 February 2021. See:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGar3f83oew&t=3309s>.

- “Public Gardens of İstanbul in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century” in the 14th International Conference of the European Association for Urban History (EAUH) in Rome, August 29 – September 1, 2018.

## **Publications:**

### Journals:

- “The Stables of the Constantinople Tramway Company” in the *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 8, no. 1 (Summer 2021): 415–20.
- “İstanbul’da Park ve Bahçelerin Kullanımı ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet” in *Beyond Istanbul. İstanbul yollarında kentsel politik ekoloji*. Beyond Istanbul. MAP Akademi. (April 2019).

### Book Chapters:

- “Geç Dönem Osmanlı İstanbul’unda İnşa Edilmiş Tabiat: Taksim, Tepebaşı ve Gülhane Bahçeleri” in *Osmanlı’dan Günümüze İnsanın Ayak İzleri: Müdahale, Etkileşim, Mücadele*, edited by Deniz Dölek Sever Ve Özlem Sert, (Istanbul: Tarih Vakfı and Alfa Yayınları, 2025).
- (with Onur İnal) “Osmanlı’dan Cumhuriyete Modernleşme, Kentleşme ve Çalışan Hayvanlar” in *Ekoloji: Bir Arada Yaşamın Geleceği*, edited by Didem Bayındır and Mine Yıldırım, (Istanbul: Tellekt Yayınları, 2022): 399 – 425
- “Unity from Struggle: The Cibali Tobacco Factory Workers and Their Strikes” in *Balat: Living Together*, edited by Tigran Amiryan, Sona Kalantaryan, and Gizem Kıyığı. (Yerevan: CSN LAB, 2022): 98 – 117.

### Blog Articles:

- “Urban Parks in Late Ottoman Istanbul”, in: TRAFÖ – Blog for Transregional Research, 07.09.2021, <https://trafo.hypotheses.org/29943>

## **GRANTS**

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- SALT Research Fund. 2023.
- The ESEH (The European Society for Environmental History) Travel Grant for the ESEH Conference in Bern, 2023.
- Türk Tarih Kurumu Doktora Bursu (Doctoral Scholarship of the Turkish Historical Association), January 2020 – August 2023.

- Istanbul Research Institute (IAE) Conference Grant for the ESEH 2022 in Bristol.