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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, SUNY-Binghamton University, 2008

M.A. in Political Science, Ankara University, 2001

B.A. in Economics, Ankara University, 1998

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, General Faculty, University of Virginia, 2023-

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Ankara University, 2011-2017

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Ankara University, 1999-2011

AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

Philipp Schwartz Initiative Research Fellowship (December 2019-December 2022), University of Duisburg-Essen

International Fellowship (July-August-September 2015), Wits Center for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand

Research Fellowship (July-August 2012), Turkish Institute of Higher Education, [Center for African Studies, University of Cape Town]

Ph.D. Fellowship (2003-2008), Turkish Institute of Higher Education

Young Social Scientists Award by Turkish Social Sciences Association, 2003, Ankara

RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

World History, World-Systems Analysis, Empires, Colonialism, Social Contract, Global Africa, Critical Race Theory, Turkishness, Kurdish Studies, Hannah Arendt, Frantz Fanon

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

The Turkishness Contract, John William Day (tr.), (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2024), (under contract).

The Turkishness Contract: Formation, Functioning, and Crisis (in Turkish), (Ankara Dipnot Press, 2018).

The Ottoman Empire: The Genealogy of a World Empire (in Turkish), (Ankara: Dipnot Press, 2011).

Mehmet Ali Aybar as a Political Thinker (in Turkish), (İstanbul: İletişim Press, 2002).

Edited Volumes

Stokely Carmichael, *Black Power: Selected Writings* (in Turkish), (Ankara: Dipnot Press, 2019).

Steve Biko, *Black Consciousness: Selected Writings* (in Turkish), (Ankara: Dipnot Press, 2014).

İsmail Beşikçi (in Turkish), (İstanbul: İletişim Press, 2011), co-edited with Ozan Değer.

Defenses and Letters of Mehmet Ali Aybar (in Turkish), (İstanbul: İletişim Press, 2003).

Articles and Book Chapters

“The Turkishness Contract and the Formation of Turkishness”, Ayca Alemdaroglu and Fatma Müge Göcek (eds.), *Kurds in Dark Times: New Perspectives on Violence and Resistance in Turkey*, (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2023), p. 90-118.

“The Double Nature of Modern States and Nationalism: Contract and Colony” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, n. 398/399 (June-July, 2022).

“The Formation of the Ottoman Empire from a World-Centric Perspective”, Selim Karahasanoğlu and Deniz Cenk Demir (eds.), *History from Below: A Tribute in Memory of Donald Quataert*, (İstanbul: İstanbul Bilgi University Press, 2016), p. 123-153.

“The Kurdish Struggle and the Crisis of the Turkishness Contract”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 42(4-5) (2016), p. 397-405.

“The Signing of the Turkishness Contract (1915-1925)” (in Turkish), *Mülkiye Dergisi*, 38/3 (2014), p. 47-81.

“The Virtuous Life of Nelson Mandela” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, n. 297 (Jan., 2014).

“Apartheid, Shame, and Intellectual” (in Turkish), Duygu Türk and Zafer Yılmaz (eds.), *Siyasal’da Bir Ömür*, (Ankara: Mülkiyeliler Birliği, 2014).

“Kurdistan/Turkey and Algeria/France: Colonial Methods, Violence, and Intellectuals” (in Turkish), Güney Çeğin and İbrahim Şirin (eds.), *Türkiye’de Siyasal Şiddetin Boyutları*, (İstanbul: İletişim Press, 2014).

“Crises of Turkishness and Whiteness: Comparative Notes on Turkey and South Africa” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, n. 289-290 (May-June, 2013), p. 103-111.

“İsmail Beşikçi as a Discomforting Intellectual,” *Borderlands e-journal*, v. 11, n. 2 (2012).

“ ‘Turkishness Contract’ and Turkish Left,” *Perspectives* (2012), p. 23-27 (available at: http://www.tr.boell.org/downloads/BARIS_UNLU_eng.pdf).

“A Brief History of Turkishness” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, n. 274 (Feb., 2012), p. 23-34.

“Frantz Fanon: Thinker of the Oppressed and the Dispossessed” (in Turkish), *AFRİKA: Ankara University Journal of African Studies*, v. 1, n. 1 (2011), p. 9-41.

“La Formation de L’Empire Ottoman comme Fusion de Différents Temps-Espaces,” H. Antoniadis-Bibicou, Maurice Aymard, André Guillou (eds.), *ACTES: L’Homme et son Environnement dans le Sud-Est Européen*, (Paris: Editions de l’Association Pierre Belon, 2011), p. 232-247.

“İsmail Beşikçi Phenomenon: The Making of a Parrhesiastes” (in Turkish), Barış Ünlü and Ozan Değer (eds.), *İsmail Beşikçi*, (İstanbul: İletişim, 2011), p. 11-44.

“Evolution of the Idea of Empire” (in Turkish), *Ankara University SBF Journal*, v. 65, n. 3 (2010), p. 238-266.

“Bicentennial of Haitian Revolution” (in Turkish), *Birikim*, n. 187 (Nov., 2004), p. 92-103.

“Discharge of Mehmet Ali Aybar from University” (in Turkish), Gündüz Vassaf (ed.), *Özgürleşmenin Sorunları*, (İstanbul: Tarih Vakfı Press, 2003), p. 289-302.

WORK in PROGRESS

“Contractual and Colonial Logics of Power: The Dual State”, book length project.

“On Contract and Colony: Hannah Arendt and Frantz Fanon”, article project.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

“Cultural Revolution and the Global Right: Perspectives from Academia in Turkey”, Wits Center for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, 6 October 2021.

“Cultural Revolution, Culture Wars and Academic Freedom”, International Online Conference on Academic Freedom as a Human Right at IHO, Ankara, 14 December 2020.

“The Kurdish Struggle and the Crisis of the Turkishness Contract”, İstanbul Seminars, İstanbul Bilgi University, İstanbul, 26-30 May 2015.

“A Comparative Analysis of the Crisis of Turkishness”, Quo Vadis Social Sciences: Artvin Çoruh University International Congress on Social Sciences, Artvin, 15-17 September 2014.

“Changing Conceptions of Empire: A Polanyian Perspective” (with Kaan Agartan), 10th International Karl Polanyi Conference, Bogazici University, İstanbul, 14-16 October 2005.

“Revisiting Modern Empires in the Light of the Mediterranean World” (with Kaan Agartan), 13th Annual World History Association Conference, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, 27-29 June 2005.

Invited Talks

“The Turkishness Contract and the Formation of Turkishness”, Virtual Lecture at KWI, Essen, 12 November 2020.

“The Life of the Mind and its Blind Spots: Whiteness and Masculinity in Hannah Arendt’s Thinking”, Internal Colloquium at Academy in Exile, Berlin, 6 October 2020.

“Turkishness Contract and the Performances of Turkishness” (in Turkish), Praksis Solidarity Academy at Education Union, Ankara, 18 February 2017.

“Academics for Peace and the Turkishness Contract”, Next Generation-Global Studies, University of Padova, Padova, 9 May 2016

“Academics for Peace Declaration, Intellectuals, and Academic Freedom” (in Turkish), Hacettepe University, Ankara (English translation is available at: <http://gitamerica.blogspot.com.tr/>), 12 April 2016.

“Turkishness Contract and İsmail Beşikçi” (in Turkish), İsmail Beşikçi Foundation, Diyarbakır, 9 April 2016.

“Whiteness Studies and the Formation of the Turkishness Contract”, Wits Center for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 12 August 2015

“At the Crossroads of Central Asian and Near Eastern Time-Spaces: Formation of the Ottoman Empire” (in Turkish), History Foundation, Ankara, 16 March 2012.

“İsmail Beşikçi, Speaking the Truth and Social Sciences in Turkey” (in Turkish), Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop, İstanbul, 26-28 May 2011.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Assist. Director, Center for African Studies, Ankara University, 2008-2012

Assist. Editor, *Ankara University Journal of African Studies*, 2011-2012

TEACHING

Undergraduate:

“Social and Political History of Turkey”, (Department of Turkistik, University of Duisburg-Essen), between 2020 and 2021.

“Atatürk’s Principles and History of Turkish Revolution”, (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2008 and 2016.

“Political Life and Institutions in Turkey”, (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2011 and 2016.

“Economic, Social and Political Structure of the Ottoman Empire”, (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2013 and 2016.

“The Formation of Modern Turkey, 1878-1938”, (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), 2014-2015.

Graduate:

“Staat und Gesellschaft”, (Department of Turkistik, University of Duisburg-Essen), between 2021 and 2022.

“Africa and World History”, (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2012 and 2016.

“The Formation of Modern Turkey: Turks, Kurds, and Armenians” (with Dr. Faruk Alpkaya), (Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University), between 2014 and 2016.