

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**3. Title** : Assistant Professor

**4. Education** :

Degree	Department / Program	University	Year
B.A.	Political Science and International Relations	Boğaziçi University	1997
M.A.	Middle Eastern Studies (Political Science and Cultural Anthropology)	University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)	1998
PhD	Turkish Political History	Leiden University	2007

### 5. Academic Titles

Assistant professor

### 6. MA / PhD Theses Supervised

#### 6.1. MA Theses Supervised

#### 6.2. PhD Theses Supervised

### 7. Publications

#### 7.1. Articles published in international referred journals (indexed in SCI and SSCI)

“Crossroads (1970) and the origin of Islamic Cinema in Turkey,” *Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television*, co-writer: Dilek Kaya, published online on April 1, 2015.

doi:10.1080/01439685.2015.1027557

“National and transnational dynamics of women's activism in Turkey in the 1950s and 1960s: The story of the IWC branch in Ankara,” *Journal of Women's History*, forthcoming , co-writer: Henk de Smaele.

#### 7.2 Papers presented in international conferences and articles published in books (Proceedings)

“The Beginnings of Islamic Cinema in Turkey: Using the Mainstream to Convey the Marginal,” paper presented at NECS - European Network for Cinema and Media Studies Conference, June 20-22, 2013, Prague, with Dilek Kaya (Bilkent University).

“Resecularization in Turkey after June 2013: Is a new secularism possible?” paper presented at *MESA 2014 Conference* (Middle East Studies Association of North America), Washington DC, November 22-25, 2014.

“Reforming Islam through or despite the Directorate of Religious Affairs? Rethinking the ‘Control’ Aspect of Secularism in the Single-Party Period in Turkey,” *The 4th World Congress for Middle East Studies*

(WOCMES), ODTÜ, Ankara, August 18-22, 2014.

### 7.3. International books or book chapters

*Islam and Secularism in Turkey: Kemalism, Religion and the Nation State*, I.B. Tauris, London, 2010.

“The New Happy Child in Islamic Picture Books in Turkey,” in Christiane J. Gruber and Sune Haugbolle, *Visual Culture in the Modern Middle East: Rhetoric of the Image*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013, pp. 127-143.

“Secularists as the Saviors of Islam: Rearticulation of Secularism and the Freedom of Conscience in Turkey (1950),” in Berna Turam, ed., *Secular State and Religious Society Two Forces in Play in Turkey*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

“Islamitische organisaties van Turkse immigranten in Nederland,” in Sipco Vellenga et al, eds., *Mist in de polder, Zicht op ontwikkelingen omtrent de islam in Nederland*, Aksant, Amsterdam, 2009.

“A Reaction to Authoritarian Modernization in Turkey: The Menemen Incident and the Creation and Contestation of a Myth, 1930–31,” in Touraj Atabaki, ed., *The State and the Subaltern: Modernization, Society and the State in Turkey and Iran*, I.B. Tauris, London, 2007, pp. 143-158.

### 7.4. Articles published in national scientific journals

“Dinle Dost Devlet: Ali Fuat Başgil’e Göre Laiklik,” *İstanbul Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi*, no: 51, Ekim (2014): 37-51.

“Muhafazakâr Milliyetçiliğin Bitmeyen Davası: ‘Mahzun Mabel’ Ayasofya,” *Toplum ve Bilim*, Sayı: 131, (2014): 236-263.

### 7.5. Papers presented in national scientific conferences and published proceedings

#### 7.6 Other publications

“Islam and Turkish Immigrants in the Netherlands,” *Turkish Studies*, vol. 3, no. 7 (Fall 2008): 136-62.

“Kubilya: Icon of Secularism,” *ISIM Review*, no. 38 (Spring 2008): 21-22.

“Secularism in Turkey as a Nationalist Search for Vernacular Islam: The Ban on the Call to Prayer in Arabic (1932-1950),” *REMMM, La Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, no. 123 (2008): 161-77.

#### **Edited books:**

Şule Kut, Hasret Dikici Bilgin, Zeynep Alemdar, Umut Azak, *Genç Araştırmacılar Tartışıyor*, İstanbul: Okan Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2014.

#### **Articles in other national journals:**

“Beyond the Headscarf: Secularism and Freedom of Religion in Turkey,” *TPQ – Turkish Policy Quarterly*, vol. 11, no. 4, (Winter 2013): 91-99.

“Ermeni-Türk Diyalogu için Sivil bir Girişime Dair İzlenim Notları,” *Ayrıntı Dergi*, Mart-Nisan 2015.

“Ezan, Türban ve Vicdan Özgürlüğü,” *Birikim*, no. 227 (2008): 83-96.

“Varlık Vergisi ve ‘Türkleştirme’ Politikaları üzerine,” *Virgöl*, no. 31 (June 2000): 56-57.

#### **Book reviews published by national journals:**

"Almanya ve Türkiye'de Ulusal Kimliğin ve Devletin Dönüşümü Konferansı Üzerine," *Toplum ve Bilim*, no. 85 (2000).

**Book chapters published by national publication houses:**

"Otoriter Modernleşmeye bir Tepki: Menemen Olayı, 1930," *Devlet ve Maduniyet: Türkiye ve İran'da Modernleşme, Toplum ve Devlet*, Touraj Atabaki, der., içinde, İstanbul: İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2010.

"Sâmiha Ayverdi," in Ağmet Çiğdem, ed., *Modern Türkiye'de Siyasi Düşünce* (Political Thought in Modern Turkey), Vol. 5, İletişim Yayınları, İstanbul, 2003, pp. 248-255.

"İslami Radyolar ve Türbanlı Spikerler," (Islamic Radio Stations and their Veiled Presenters) in Nilüfer Göle, ed., *İslamın Kamusal Yüzleri*, Metis Yayınları, İstanbul, 2000, pp. 93-109.

**Other papers presented in national and international conferences:**

"Democracy and Secularism in Turkey: A Model for the Muslim World?," presented at the conference *Cultures of Freedom and Contending Visions of Justice and Governance: Voices from the Arab and Muslim Worlds*, University of Sydney, April 6-13, 2015.

"The Experiences and the Future of Secularism in Turkey" paper presented at the conference *Individus, Etat et Politique dans l'Espace Méditerranéen: Entre Islam et Sécularisation?*, Mundiapolis University, Casablanca, October 9-11, 2014.

"Kemalizmden Muhafazakâr Demokrasiye Laikliğin Serüveni: Başgil'in Rüyası," *Türkiye Siyasetinde Din, Laiklik ve Seküler Ahlâk Atölyesi*, Okan Üniversitesi Tuzla Kampüsü, Rektörlük Senato Salonu, 10 Nisan 2014.

"National and transnational dynamics of women's activism in Turkey in the 1950s and 1960s: The story of the IWC branch in Ankara," paper presented at the Conference "Changing Feminist Paradigms and Cultural Encounters: Women's Experiences in Eastern Mediterranean History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," June 7-9, 2013, Istanbul, with Henk de Smaele (University of Antwerp).

"A call for reconciliation between Islam and secularism in the 1950s: Ali Fuat Başgil's work on secularism," paper presented at LUCIS - Leiden University Centre for Study of Islam and Society conference: 'State and Religion in the Republic of Turkey', November 30, 2012, Leiden.

"'I Thank Allah': Islamic Education in Children's Picture Books in Turkey," paper presented at the conference held at Copenhagen University, Denmark, *Rhetoric of the Image: Visual Culture in Political Islam*, March 21-22, 2009.

"Turkish Secularism and its Myths: Commemorations of Kubilay the Martyr (1930-2004)," paper presented at the conference of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Washington DC., U.S.A., November 19-22, 2005.

"Myths of the Ottoman Empire in the Nationalist Discourses in Turkey: The Ayasofya Debate," paper presented at the conference of ASEN (The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism), *Nation and Empire*, the London School of Economics, London, April 19-21, 2005.

"Commemorating Kubilay, 'The Martyr of Revolution': Icons of the Secularist Ideology in Turkey," paper presented at the Workshop of the International Institute of Social History in Honour of Prof. Erik-Jan Zürcher, *The Triumphs and Travails of Authoritarian Modernisation in Turkey and Iran. Twentieth-Century History from Below*, Amsterdam, September 19-20, 2003.

"The Gendered Discourse in the Secondary School History Textbooks in Turkey," paper presented (with Başak Tuğ) at the conference *Gender in the Balkans*, University of Graz & University of Blagoevgrad, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, December 13-16, 2000.

"Islamic Radio Stations in Istanbul and their Veiled Presenters," in *Crossroads of History: Experience, Memory, Orality*, Proceedings of the XIth International Oral History Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, June 15-19, 2000, Vol. I, pp. 9-13.

## 8. Projects

## 9. Administrative Duties

## 10. Memberships

Middle East Studies Association

## 11. Awards and Scholarships

- 2014-2015 Grant of the European Union's Instrument for Stability through the Armenia-Turkey Normalization Process Support Grant Scheme for the Project "Turkish-Armenian Dialogue and School of Discourse Transformation"(Implementation of the Project in Yerevan and Istanbul: 12-21 January 2015)
- 2015 Turkey-Armenia Travel Grant of Hrant Dink Foundation, supported by European Union (March 2015).
- 2008-2009 Postdoctoral fellowship of *Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe*, a Research Programme of the Berlin Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung and the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin.
- 2007 Short-term fellowship at the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) in Leiden.
- 2001-2006 The NWO (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek/ The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research) grant for the doctoral research project.
- 1999-2001 Sabancı University grant for Graduate Study in Political Science.
- 1997-1998 British Chevening Scholarship Award to study for an M.A. degree in Near and Middle Studies at SOAS, University of London.
- 1996 Award offered by the Association of *Transeuropéenne* for a Summer University on the theme, "Neighborhood and the Construction of National Identities in the South-Eastern Europe," held at l'Université des Sciences Humaines de Strasbourg.

## 12. Undergraduate and Graduate Courses Taught during the last two years

Academic Year	Semester	Course Name	Weekly Hours		Number of Students
			Theoretical	Application	
2014-2015	Fall	IR 301 History of Turkish Politics	3	0	30
		Uİ 301 Türkiye Siyasi Tarihi	3	0	40
		IR 417 Gender and Politics	3	0	15
		Uİ 417 Toplumsal Cinsiyet ve Siyaset	3	0	15
2014-2015	Spring	IR 302 Modernization in Turkey	3	0	30
		Uİ 302 Türkiye'de Modernleşme	3	0	40
		IR 310 Film and Politics	3	0	15
		Uİ 310 Film ve Siyaset	3	0	20
2014-2015	Summer	IR 204 Research Methods	3	0	6
2015-2016	Fall	IR 301 History of Turkish Politics	3	0	30
		Uİ 301 Türkiye Siyasi Tarihi	3	0	40
		IR 201 History of Political Ideas	3	0	40
		Uİ 201 Siyasi Düşünceler Tarihi	3	0	40
2015-2016	Spring	IR 302 Modernization in	3	0	30

Turkey			
Uİ 302 Türkiye'de Modernleşme	3	0	40
IR 434 Minority Rights	3	0	5
Uİ 434 Azınlık Hakları	3	0	10

**\* Denotes  
graduate courses**