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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Turkey
- 2016-2017 Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute for Sociology, University of Tübingen, Germany
- 2015-2016 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2014 Visiting PhD Student, Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- 2013 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Services) Research Fellow, Chair of Sociology and Social Structure Analysis, University of Bamberg, Germany
- 2008-2009 Fox International Fellow at MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University

### EDUCATION

- 2016 PhD, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2009 MA, Valedictorian. Political Science and International Relations. Boğaziçi University.
- 2006 BA, Political Science and International Relations. Boğaziçi University.
- 2001 Istanbul Anatolian High-School (*Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kulturministerkonferenz* - German Language Diploma).

### FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociology of education, immigration and assimilation, social stratification and inequality, race and ethnicity, research methods, work and employment, political sociology, comparative historical sociology.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming The Variation in Educational Aspirations among Immigrant Students in Germany. *Research in the Sociology of Education*.
- Under review Mechanisms of and Barriers to the Educational Integration of Immigrant Youth in Germany. *International Migration Review*.
- 2016 Variation in Workers' Responses to Subcontracted Work: A Qualitative Case Study. *Economic and Industrial Democracy*. Online First: doi:10.1177/0143831X15624244.
- 2011 **Acar, Taylan**, Robert Chiles, Garrett Grainger, Aliza Luft, Rahul Mahajan, Joao Peschanski, Chelsea Schelly, Jason Turowetz and Ian F. Wall. [The](#)

[Wisconsin Capitol Occupation and Protests: Creating Community, Making Waves.](#) *Contexts* 10(3), 50-55.

- 2010 [Linking Theories of Framing and Collective Identity Formation: Women's Organizations' Involvement with the Supramed Strike.](#) *European Journal of Turkish Studies*, 11.

#### Book Chapters

- 2010 Dönüşen Sağlıkta Çalışmanın Halleri [New Work in the Transforming Health Care System] in [Sınıftan Sınıfa: Fabrika Dışında Çalışma Manzaraları \[From Class to Class: Scenes of Working Outside the Factory\]](#), Ayşe Buğra (ed), İletişim, pp. 149-178.

#### Book Reviews

- 2009 *Chinese Modernity and Global Biopolitics: Studies in Literature and Visual Culture* by Sheldon H. Lu. 2007. *Tarih: Graduate History Journal*, Inaugural Issue, 139-141.

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

School effects in the German secondary education: A longitudinal analysis of immigrant-native achievement gaps

School and Classroom-Level Composition and Educational Performance of Immigrant Students: Evidence from the German National Educational Panel Study (NEPS).

Mustafa Emirbayer, Chelsea Schelly and Taylan Acar. Of the Politics of Space and Time: Wisconsin State Capitol as a Social World.

The Effects of the Parental Network Configuration on the Educational Performance of Students with Migration Background in Germany.

#### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS

- 2016 NCID Emerging Diversity Scholar, National Center for Institutional Diversity, University of Michigan.
- 2016 UW-Madison Sociology Department Small Grant Award.
- 2015 Favorite Instructor Award. UW-Madison Residence Halls.
- 2014-2016 Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP).
- 2015 Institute for Research on Poverty, Conference Travel Award, Fall.
- 2015 RC28 Spring Conference Travel Award, Tilburg, May 28-30.
- 2015 CES 22<sup>nd</sup> Int'l Conference of Europeanists Travel Award, Paris, France, July 8-10.
- 2015 UW-Madison Sociology Department Conference Travel Award.
- 2015 UW-Madison Graduate School Conference Presentation Award.
- 2015 Mellon-Wisconsin Dissertation Writing Camp Fellowship Winter Intersession.
- 2014 UW-Madison Center for German and European Studies, Dissertation Writing Award.
- 2014 Visiting PhD Student Award at European University Institute, Florence Italy.

- 2014 UW-Madison Sociology Department Small Grant Award.
- 2013 Center for German and European Studies, UW-Madison, Research Travel Award.
- 2013 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Dissertation Research Grant.
- 2013 Boren Graduate Student Fellowship at University of Bonn, Germany.
- 2013 UW-Madison Sociology Department Small Grant Award.
- 2013 A. Eugene Havens Award, UW-Madison Community and Environmental Sociology.
- 2012 Favorite Instructor Award. UW-Madison Residence Halls.
- 2012 UW-Madison Sociology Department Small Grant Award.
- 2010 Nave Short-Term Field Research Grant. The Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program at UW-Madison, Summer.
- 2008-2009 Yale University, Fox International Fellowship at the Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies.
- 2006-2008 TÜBİTAK (The Scientific & Technological Research Council of Turkey), Scholarship Program for Turkish Graduate Students.

#### **OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2015 Project Assistant, vizHome Personal Health Information Management Project.
- 2014 Consultant, Thermopylae Consulting Firm. Supervisor: Carlos Guice.
- 2013 DAAD *Nachwuchs-Wahlbeobachter Reise* (German Academic Exchange Program, German Federal Republic Parliamentary Election Observer Trip), Berlin, Germany.
- 2013 Survey Consultant, European Union Center of Excellence, UW-Madison.
- 2011-2012 Project Assistant for the European Union Center of Excellence, UW-Madison. Supervisor: Elizabeth Covington.
- 2010 Kearney, Matt and Taylan Acar, *Social Economy of Community Health*. Research on the national and state-based Federally Qualified Health Centers.
- Fall 2009 Project Assistant in New Developmental State Project at UW-Madison Law School. Supervisor: Sumudu Atapattu.
- 2007 Coordinating Research Assistant. [\*In Search of a Turkish Middle Class: Economic Occupations, Political Orientations, Social Life-Styles, Moral Values.\*](#) Principal Investigator: [Hakan Yılmaz](#); Grant by OSIAF (Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation) and Bogazici University Research Fund.
- 2003 Researcher. *Working Conditions, Mental and Physical Illnesses of IETT (Istanbul Public Transportation) Workers*. Joint research project by INSEV (Human Health and Education Foundation) and *Belediye-İş Sendikası* (Turkish Municipalities and General Services Workers' Union).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### As Instructor:

*Social Statistics*, Bogazici University, Department of Sociology, Fall 2017.

*Population Studies*, Bogazici University, Department of Sociology, Fall 2017.

*Introduction to Sociology*, Bogazici University, Department of Sociology, Summer 2017.

*How Race and Ethnicity Shape American Social Life*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology: Fall 2015 & Spring 2016.

### Teaching Assistant:

*Contemporary American Society*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, Fall 2012.

*Marriage and Family*, UW-Madison, Department of Sociology, Spring 2011.

*From Central Asia to Afghanistan*, UW-Madison, Department of Languages and Cultures of Asia, Spring 2010

### Teaching Assistant & Writing Instructor

*Survey of Sociology*, UW-Madison, Department of Sociology, Fall 2010

### Other:

Guest Lecturer, *Sociology of Gender*, UW-Madison, Department of Sociology: Fall 2010

Grader, *Classical Sociological Theory*, UW-Madison, Department of Sociology: 2010-2011; 2014-2015 & Spring 2016

Boğaziçi University, Political Science and International Relations Department, Teaching Assistant, 2006-2008

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

### 2017:

(Invited) "School effects in the German secondary education: A longitudinal analysis of immigrant-native achievement gaps." Sociology Department Colloquium, May 24, Tübingen.

(Invited) "The Mechanisms of and Barriers to Educational Integration of Immigrant Youth in Germany." LEAD Graduate School & Network, January 31, Tübingen.

### 2016:

"Immigrant-Group Variation of Peer Network Effects on Educational Performance in Germany." *Western United States Research Workshop on the European Union*. University of Washington, April 29-30, Seattle.

### 2015:

"Social Network Formation among Immigrant Students: School-Level Variation of Network Effects on Educational Performance in Germany." *Migration Without Borders Conference*, Michigan State University, October 9-10, East Lansing.

"Lower Returns or Poor Composition? The Interaction between Parental Socioeconomic Status and Migration Background in Germany." 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association. August 21-25, Chicago.

"The Role of Social Networks in Educational Performance of Immigrant Students in Germany," 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Europeanists. July 8-10, Paris.

“The Role of Social Networks in Educational Performance of Immigrant Students in Germany,” RC28 Social Stratification Conference. May 28-30, Tilburg.

**2014:**

“The Role of Social Networks in Educational Attainment of Migrant Students in Germany.” 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, August 16-20, San Francisco.

(Invited) “The Role of Social Networks in Educational Attainment of Migrant Students in Germany.” Social Policy Forum, Boğazici University, August 4, Istanbul.

“The Role of Social Networks in Educational Attainment of Migrant Students in Germany.” BAGSS Graduate Student Conference. February 16-17, Bamberg. =

**2012:**

“Work in the Transforming Health Care: A Qualitative Case Study from Turkey.” 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, August 17-20, Denver, CO.

**2010:**

“Linking Theories of Framing and Collective Identity Formation: Women’s Organizations’ Involvement with the Supramed Strike.” 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, August 14-18, Atlanta.

“The Phenomenon of Subcontracted Work in Turkish Health Care: A State Ethnography.” 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, DePaul University, March 6, Chicago.

**2009:**

“Health Care Service in Turkey: From a Right to a Commodity,” 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Citizenship Studies: Representing Citizenship, Wayne State University, March 27, Detroit.

(Invited) “The Political System of Turkey: The Historical Evolution and Contemporary State of the Turkish Social Welfare”. Invited Seminar to Oslo University Faculty and Graduate Students, May 27, Istanbul.

“The Ongoing Reform Process in Turkish Health Sector: Experiences and Future Prospects”. Kokkalis Graduate Student Workshop, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, February 8-9.

**ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Member (2009-2016); Stewards’ Council Member (2010-2012); Vice President (2012-2013), *Teaching Assistants’ Association* (TAA), Graduate Student Union at UW-Madison.

Table Presider, Section on Sociology of Education Refereed Roundtables, 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of ASA, August 16-20, San Francisco

UW-Madison Sociology Department, Graduate Student Mentor, 2010-2013.

Member of Coordination Committee, *Wisconsin Resists*, 2011-2012.

Member, Education and Science Workers’ Union (*Eğitim-Sen*) at Bogazici University, Istanbul, 2006-2008.

Boğaziçi University, Political Science and International Relations Department. Website Coordinator, Supervision of Graduate Applications, Coordinating Assistant for the Administrative Affairs, 2006-2008.

Editorial Board, *İşçi Kardeşliği* Monthly Journal (Labor Fraternity), 2004-2008.

## **ACADEMIC REVIEW WORK**

Peer Reviewer: American Sociological Review; Gender and Society; Mobilization; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Economic and Industrial Democracy; PLOS ONE, New Perspectives on Turkey

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of the Social Problems, Council for European Studies, ISA-Research Committee 28.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

English, German (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (reading), Turkish (native)

## **REFERENCES**

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