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## EDUCATION

### University of Washington, Seattle WA

Ph.D. in Sociology, 2003-2009

Dissertation Title: *Poverty, Property and Power: Making Markets in Istanbul's Informal Low-Income Settlements* (FURS Funded)

Supervisors: Katherine Beckett and Reşat Kasaba

### University of Washington, Seattle WA

MA in International Studies, 1999-2002

(Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> among cohort)

### Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

BA in Sociology, 1995-1999

(Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> among cohort)

## EMPLOYMENT

### Boğaziçi University, Department of Sociology

Assistant Professor, 2010-

### UN Habitat and NYU Stern Urbanization Project

Researcher for the Land and Housing Survey in a Global Sample of Cities, 2015

### University of Washington, Department of Sociology/Department of Political Science

Teaching Assistant and Graduate Student Instructor, 2003-2009

### University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies

Teaching Assistant, 2000-2002

## RESEARCH AREAS

Urban Sociology/Studies  
Sociology of Development  
Social Theory

Economic Sociology  
Sociolegal Studies  
Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Boğaziçi University**

Introduction to Sociology; Social Change and Development; Urban Sociology;  
Political Economy of Housing; Questions of Design and Method in Social  
Research

### **University of Minnesota, Istanbul Exchange Program**

Political Economy of Urban (Re)Development in Istanbul

### **University of Washington**

Instructor, 2007-2010

Social Control and the City; Law, Politics and Power; Political Economy of  
Urban Inequality in Istanbul

### **University of Washington**

Teaching Assistant, 2000-2007

Various courses in Sociology and International Studies Departments as well as  
the Law, Society and Justice Program. (List of courses available upon request.)

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

### Boğaziçi University

- Academic advisor for sophomore students, 2010-
- Academic advisor for outgoing Erasmus/Exchange students, 2010-
- Member of the Student Activities Commission, 2011-14
- Co-organizer of the *Annual Hrant Dink Memorial Lecture*, 2016
- Co-organizer of *Local Politics, Capital and Space Symposium*, 2014

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2018. "Türkiye’de Kentsel Dönüşümün Dönüşümü: Hukuki ve Kurumsal Çatışmalar Üzerinden Bir Açıklama Denemesi" *IdealKent Dergisi* 24(9): 364-386.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2018 "Politics of Urban Regeneration in Turkey: Possibilities and Limits of Local Regeneration Initiatives in a Highly Centralized Country" *Urban Geography* 39(8): 1152-1176.
- Yıldırım, Irem and Tuna Kuyucu. 2017. "Neoliberal Penalty and State Legitimacy: Politics of Amnesty in Turkey in the AKP Period" *Law & Society Review* 51(4): 859-894.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2016. "The Paradox of Social Housing Policy in Turkey?", *Modus Operandi*, sayı:4.

- Kuyucu, Tuna and Didem Danis. 2015. “Similar Processes, Divergent Outcomes: A Comparative Analysis of Urban Redevelopment Projects in Three Turkish Cities”, *Urban Affairs Review* 51(3): 381-413.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2014. “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in Remaking Istanbul’s Informal Settlements”, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 38(2): 609-627.
- Kuyucu, Tuna and Özlem Ünsal. 2010. “Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer: An Analysis of Two Cases of Urban Renewal in Istanbul” *Urban Studies*, 47(7): 1479-1499.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2005. “Ethno-religious ‘Unmixing’ of Turkey: 6-7 September Riots as a Case in Turkish Nationalism.” *Nations and Nationalism*, 11(3): 361-380.

### Book Chapters

- Kuyucu, Tuna (2017) “Two Crises, Two Trajectories: The Impact of the 2001 and 2008 Economic Crises on Urban Governance in Turkey” in Adaman, Fikret, Bengü Akbulut and Murat Arsel (eds.) *Neoliberal Turkey and Its Discontents: Economic Policy and the Environment under Erdoğan*. London: I.B. Taurus. Pp: 44-74.
- Ünsal, Özlem and Tuna Kuyucu. 2010. “Challenging the Neoliberal Urban Regime: Regeneration and Resistance in Başibüyük and Tarlabası” in Levent Soysal, İpek Türeli and Deniz Göktürk (eds.) *Orienteering Istanbul: Cultural Capital of Europe?* New York: Routledge. Pp: 51-70.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2010. “Mass Housing Administration and Urban Transformation Projects as Tools of Property Transfer” (in Turkish), İpek Akpınar (ed.) *Osmanlı Başkentinden Küreselleşen İstanbul’a: Mimarlık ve Kent, 1910-2010*. İstanbul: Osmanlı Bankası Arşiv ve Araştırma Merkezi. Pp: 122-134.
- Hechter, Michael; Tuna Kuyucu and Audrey Sacks. 2006. “Nationalism and Direct Rule” Kumar, Krishan and Gerard Delanty (eds) *The Sage Handbook of Nations and Nationalism*. London: Sage Publications. Pp: 84-93.

### **NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2012. “Profiles: Çağlar Keyder-Interviewed by Tuna Kuyucu”, *Development and Change*, 43(1): 361-373.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2011. “Excluding and Controlling the Urban Poor: The Role of Housing Markets and Urban Governance Strategies”, *OpenDemocracy.org*. (www.opendemocracy.org)
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2009. “Housing Development Administration” Pelin Derviş ve Meriç Öner (ed.) *Mapping Istanbul*. İstanbul: Garanti Gallery, 154-155.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2008. “Liberalism, Legal Domination and Urban Transformation” (in Turkish) *İstanbul Dergisi*, no. 64.

- Kuyucu, Tuna and Ulus Atayurt. 2008. “Başbüyük is Resisting!” (in Turkish) *İstanbul Dergisi*, no. 64.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- *Kadir Has Üniversitesi Gelecek Vaat Eden Bilim İnsanı Ödülü*, 2017 yılı.
- *Outstanding Teaching Award* from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Bogazici University, for the 2015-6 academic year.
- *International Scholarship* from the Urban Studies Foundation (USF) for the 2016-17 academic year. Amount: 22000 GBP
- 12-month long grant from *BAP* (Bogazici Universitesi Bilimsel Arastirma Projeleri/Bosphorus University Scientific Research Projects). Project no:10500. Amount: 29235 TL (9950 USD)
- 18-month long grant from *BAP* (Bogazici Universitesi Bilimsel Arastirma Projeleri/Bosphorus University Scientific Research Projects). Project no: 6331. Amount: 45000 TL (15000 USD)
- *Outstanding Teaching Award* from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Bogazici University for the 2010-11 academic year.
- *FURS* (Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies-in the UK) *Fellowship* to conduct doctoral research. October 2007-October 2008. Amount: 16000 GBP.
- *Schwartz Fellowship* awarded by University of Washington’s Near and Middle Eastern Languages and Civilizations Center to conduct doctoral research. Amount: 3000 USD.
- Departmental research grant from the Department of Sociology, University of Washington. Amount: 2000 USD
- Graduate Student Travel Grant from Law and Society Association to attend the 2007 Annual Meeting of LSA.
- Shortlisted for the University of Washington’s “Excellence in Teaching Award” for the 2008-2009 academic year.
- *Book Award* from the Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, for outstanding work as a graduate student. June 2002.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “The Great Failure: An Institutional Inquiry into Why Urban Regeneration Initiatives in Istanbul Fail”  
*2017 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, USA, April 2017.*
- “The Great Failure: An Institutional Inquiry into Why Urban Regeneration Initiatives in Istanbul Fail”

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkish Political Economy Society Workshop, Sabancı University, December 2016.*

- “Two Crises, Two Trajectories: The Impact of the 2001 and 2008 Crises on Urban Governance in Turkey”  
*Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, USA, August 2016.*
- “Belediye Eliyle Kentsel Yenileme: Bursa, İzmir ve Diyarbakır Sümerbank Fabrikalarının Dönüşüm Süreçleri”  
*II. Uluslararası Kent Araştırmaları Kongresi, İTÜ, Mayıs 2016.*
- “Two Crises, Two Trajectories: The Impact of the 2001 and 2008 Crises on Urban Governance in Turkey”  
*Spotlight on İstanbul: Building and Rebuilding the Periphery, Major Collaborative Research Initiative-York University, İstanbul, December 2015.*
- “Has Turkey Turned into a Constructocracy? Assessing the Impact of Economic Crises on the Economics and Politics of Construction in Turkey”  
*II. International İstanbul University Political Science Conference, İstanbul, December 2014.*
- “Similar Processes, Divergent Outcomes: Analyzing Urban Redevelopment Processes in Three Rapidly Growing Turkish Cities” (with Didem Danış)  
*21<sup>st</sup> International Seminar on Urban Form, Porto, July 2014.*
- “Neoliberalism and Urban Processes: The transformation of Sümerbank Factories in Kayseri, Denizli and Malatya” (delivered in Turkish with Didem Danış)  
*Local Politics, Capital and Space Workshop, Boğaziçi University, March 2014.*
- “Reflections of Neoliberalism on Middle-Scaled Towns: The transformation of Sümerbank Factories in Anatolian Cities” (delivered in Turkish with Didem Danış)  
*4. Symposium of Urban and Regional Research Network Symposium, Mersin University, November 2013.*
- “AKP’s New Low-Income Housing Regime as a Case of Anti-Social Housing Policy”  
*Re-Ordering the Social – Producing Change: Contemporary Ethnographies of Turkey in an Interconnected World, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, October 2012.*
- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of İstanbul’s Informal Settlements”  
*Annual Meeting of the Royal British Geographical Society, Edinburgh, UK, August 2012.*
- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of İstanbul’s Informal Settlements”  
*Ordering the Social, Producing Change: An International Workshop, İstanbul, Turkey, June 2011.*
- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of İstanbul’s Informal Settlements”

*Council of European Studies, Eighteenth International Conference, Barcelona, Spain, June 2011.*

- “An Anti-Social Housing Project: Perpetuating Poverty and Marginality through ‘Urban Transformation’ in Istanbul”  
*Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, USA, November 2010.*
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Gentrification: An Analysis of Two Urban Renewal Projects in Istanbul”  
*Right to the City Conference, European Science Foundation, Vadstena, Sweden, October 2008.*
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer: Two Cases of Urban Renewal in Istanbul” (with Özlem Ünsal)  
*Orienteering Istanbul: Cultural Capital of Europe? Conference, University of California, Berkeley, USA, August 2008.*
- “Perpetuating Poverty Through Formalization of Informality: Slum Clearance and Urban Renewal Projects in Istanbul”  
*Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada, June 2008.*
- “Neoliberalism and Urban Governance: ‘Urban Transformation Projects’ in Istanbul”  
*The Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany, July 2007.*
- “‘Urban Transformation’ or Neoliberal Rent-Seeking: Political Economy of Urban Renewal and Slum Clearance Programs in Istanbul”  
*Liberalism, Governance, and the Geographies of Law Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, May 2007.*
- Discussant for the Panel “Changing State-Society Relations in Turkey”  
*Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Anchorage, USA, November 2003.*
- “6-7 September Riots: A Window to Turkish Nationalism”  
*Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Washington D.C., USA, November 2002.*

## INVITED LECTURES

- “Peeping into the State: How the Failed Coup in Turkey Broke the State’s Spell and What This Means for Us, the Mortals?”  
*Sociology Seminar Series, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, November 2016*
- “Two Crises, Two Trajectories: The Impact of the 2001 and 2008 Crises on Urban Governance in Turkey”  
*Urbanization, Planning and Development Seminar, Department of Geography & Environment, London School of Economics, London, October 2016*
- Panelist for “HEYU! Urbans: 6 Cities, 6 Thinkers”  
*Amsterdam Central Library, Amsterdam, May 2016.*

- “Politics of Urban Regeneration in Turkey: Possibilities and Limits of Local Regeneration Initiatives in a Highly Centralized Country”  
*Atatürk Enstitüsü Cuma Seminerleri*, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, İstanbul, February 2016.
- “Has Turkey Turned into a Constructocracy? Assessing the Impact of Economic Crises on the Economics and Politics of Construction in Turkey”  
*Urban Lab Istanbul*, Rice University, Istanbul, March 2015.
- “Post-2002 Istanbul: A Playground for Urban Growth Coalitions”  
*Istanbul Field Visit*, Edinburgh University, Istanbul June 2014.
- “Post-2002 Istanbul: A Playground for Urban Growth Coalitions”  
*Department of Architecture, Pratt Institute*, Brooklyn USA, December 2013.
- “The Right to Housing of the Urban Poor in Istanbul”  
*Violation of Housing Rights*, International Council on Human Rights Policy, Geneva, Switzerland, December 2013.
- “Drowning in ‘Mud of the Field’: Understanding the City with Qualitative Methods” (delivered in Turkish with Didem Danış)  
*Qualitative Studies Workshop*, Chamber of Architects, Istanbul, March 2013.
- “Solving the Social Housing Paradox: How and Why Does Social Housing Kill Being Social?” (delivered in Turkish)  
*Saturdax Talks*, Tütün Deposu, Istanbul, March 2013.
- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of Istanbul’s Informal Settlements” (delivered in Turkish)  
*Istanbul Seminars*, Bilgi University, Istanbul, March 2013.
- “From Sümerbank to Sümerpark: The Redevelopment of Brown Field Sites in Anatolian Cities” (with Didem Danis, delivered in Turkish)  
*KİM Seminerleri*, Yıldız Teknik Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Aralık 2012.
- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of Istanbul’s Informal Settlements” (delivered in Turkish)  
*Wednesday Seminars*, Mimar Sinan University, Istanbul, November 2012.
- “TOKİ and Urban Transformation Projects as ‘Anti-social’ Policy Tools” (delivered in Turkish)  
*4. İstanbul Meetings*, Chamber of Urban Planners, Istanbul, October 2012.
- “The Changing Housing Economy and Geography of Istanbul: Policies, Prospects, Problems”  
*Mobility Today Workshop*, Sabanci University, Istanbul, October 2012.
- “TOKİ and Urban Transformation Projects as ‘Anti-social’ Policy Tools” (delivered in Turkish)  
*Turkey Discusses Its Social Politics*, Koç University, Istanbul, June 2012.
- “Capitalism in the Housing Sector and Re-definement of Housing Rights” (delivered in Turkish)

*Citizenship Regime in Turkey: Rights and Duties in Urban Life*, Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul, November 2011.

- “Excluding and Controlling the Urban Poor: The Role of Housing Markets and Urban Governance Strategies”  
*Penalizing People in Extreme Poverty*, International Council on Human Rights Policy, Geneva, March 2011.
- “Mass Housing Administration and Urban Transformation Projects as Tools of Property Transfer” (delivered in Turkish)  
*3. Istanbul Symposium, Garanti Kultur and Osmanli Bankasi Muzesi*, Istanbul, October 2010.
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer” (delivered in Turkish)  
*Faculty of Architecture Seminar Series*, Bilgi University, Istanbul, March 2009.
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer: The Contradictions of Redefining Property in İstanbul’s Gecekondu Areas”  
*Social Sciences Seminar Series*, Koç University, Istanbul, March 2009.
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer: The Contradictions of Redefining Property in İstanbul’s Gecekondu Areas”  
*Social and Political Sciences Speaker Series*, Sabancı University, Istanbul, February 2009.
- “Social Housing Projects in Search of Their 'Social': The Case of Bezirganbahçe” (delivered in Turkish)  
*Department of Sociology Seminar Series*, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, November 2008.
- “The Bezirganbahçe Public Housing Project as a Case of ‘Closed’ Settlement”  
*Gated Communities Workshop*, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, October 2008.
- “Popular Resistance Against ‘Urban Transformation Projects’ in İstanbul: The Experience of İstanbul Neighborhood Associations Platform” (with Erdoğan Yıldız)  
*Grassroots Movements Against Gentrification Conference*, organized by City Mine(d), Barcelona, April 2008.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Editorial Board Member of *Social Forces*
- Member of the *American Sociological Association*
- Manuscript reviewer for *Urban Studies*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *Urban Geography*; *City and Community*; *Social Forces*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Development and Change*; *New Perspectives on Turkey*

## REFERENCES



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