

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**Work and Teaching experience**

- 2020- Faculty Affiliate and Executive Committee Member of Critical and Cultural Studies, Bogazici University, Istanbul
- 2021- 2022 Vice Chair of Dept. of Sociology, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul
- 2016- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul
- 2011-2012 Adjunct Lecturer, Dept. of Anthropology, Queens College, NYC
- 2006-2009 Graduate Teaching Fellow, Dept. of Anthropology, Lehman College, NYC

**Education**

- 2005-2015 PhD, Department of Anthropology, City University of New York, Graduate Center, New York (Dissertation supervised by Katherine Verdery, Talal Asad, Vincent Crapanzano, and Sally Engle Merry)
- 2002-2004 MA, Jagiellonian University, Center for European Studies, Kraków, Poland
- 1995-2001 BA, Bogazici University, Political Science and Int. Relations, Istanbul

**Academic Publications**

In preparation:

- Book manuscript, tentative title, *Moral Autopsy: Truths, Secrets, and the Judicial Afterlives of the Communist-era Secret Service Archives in Poland* (in preparation for Cambridge University Press Law and Society Series)
- "The Two Bodies of the Accused and the Moral Autopsy of History after State Communism" (in preparation for submission to *Representations*)
- With Meltem Ahiska, "Solidarity beyond Sovereignty Politics and Ethics" (in preparation for submission to *Radical Philosophy*)

Forthcoming:

- "Screening the Criminal Underworld of Capitalist Nation-State Making: *Dogs* and Memory of the 1990s in Poland," forthcoming in *Remembering the 1990s: Economic Change in East-Central Europe and Beyond after 1989* edited by Veronika Pehe and Joanna Wawrzyniak. Routledge.
- "Judicializing Communism: Transitional Justice and Nationalist Populism in the Uneven Time-Space of Eastern Europe" In *Law, Populism, and the Political* edited by Rafał Manko, Adam Sulikowski, and Przemysław Tacik. London: Routledge.

Published:

- A special dossier (4 essays) for Boğaziçi University Protests co-edited with Zeynep Gambetti for *South Atlantic Quarterly*, January 2022
- With Zeynep Gambetti, "Introduction: Universities as New Battlegrounds," *South Atlantic Quarterly*, January 2022 <https://doi.org/10.1215/00382876-9561615>
- "University Embodied: The Struggle for Autonomy and Democracy," *South Atlantic Quarterly*, January 2022 <https://doi.org/10.1215/00382876-9561643>
- "Beyond Transparency: The Communist-era Secret Police Archives in Postsocialist Eastern Europe," *Archives and Records*, 41:3, December 2020, 236-253. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23257962.2020.1815524>

- "Anti-Fascist Strategy Today: Historical Lineages of Anti-Communism and "Militant Democracy" in Eastern Europe." In *Back to the 1930s: Crisis, Repetition, and Transition in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries* edited by Jeremy Rayner, George Souvlis et al., Palgrave, 2020, 215-233.
- "Facing History: Sovereignty and the Spectacles of Justice and Violence in Poland's Capitalist Democracy," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, January 2019, 111-144  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0010417518000518>
- With Umut Türem, "The Banality of Exception? Law and Politics in 'Post-Coup' Turkey," *South Atlantic Quarterly*, January 2019, 175-187  
<https://doi.org/10.1215/00382876-7281684>
- "Neither Teleologies nor "Feeble Cries": Revolutionary Politics and Neoliberalism in Time and Space," *Dialectical Anthropology*, March 2018, 81-91  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10624-018-9496-7>
- "The Ends of Revolution: Capitalist De-Democratization and Nationalist Populism in the East of Europe," *Dialectical Anthropology*, Special Issue: Revolutions!, September 2017, 207-224  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10624-017-9464-7>
- "In the Free Market of Names: Polish Secret Service Archives and Authoritarian Populism," *Anthropology of East Europe Review*, Fall 2013, 30-45
- "Gezi Resistance and Forums," in *Anuari Del conflicta Social*. Barcelona: Revistes Científiques de la Universitat de Barcelona, 2013, 152-157
- "A Minor Story, the Global History: Being 'Loyal to the Strangers' of the Polish Communist Secret Service Archives," *Studia Sociologia* (special issue on politics of memory), December 2011, 7-18
- "İslam z Zachodem, dla Zachodu (Islam with the West, for the West)", *Znak*, February 2011, 10-18

#### Book Reviews and Selected Academic and Public Commentaries

- With Seda Altug, "Boğaziçi Direnişi: Otoriterizm ve üniversite mücadeleleri," *Saba*, 8, Haziran 2021, 12-21.
- With Seda Altug and Ayca Cubukcu, "An Interview with Bogazici University Faculty on Contemporary Protests," *Jadaliyya*, 5 March 2021  
<https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/42457>
- With Zeynep Gambetti, Bülent Küçük, and Seda Altug, "Neoliberal authoritarianism at its best: Boğaziçi University academics defy Erdoğan's rector appointment," *Duvar*, 7 January 2021  
<https://www.duvarenglish.com/neoliberal-authoritarianism-at-its-best-bogazici-university-academics-defy-erdogans-rector-appointment-news-55763>
- "Koi trojański Erdogana ma zniszczyć uczelnię, która nie podporządkowała się władzy" Interview with Marta Burza, 19 February 2021  
<https://weekend.gazeta.pl/weekend/7,177340,26803450,kon-trojanski-erdo-ana-ma-zniszczyc-uczelnie-ktora-nie-podporzadkowala.html>
- Book review, "Memory Laws, Memory Wars: The Politics of the Past in Europe and Russia by Nikolay Koposov" (*H-Nationalism*, Sept 2019)
- "Faces Exposed, Faces Concealed: Exploring the Politics of History in Poland" Behind the Scenes, CSSH Blog, May 2019:  
<https://cssh.lsa.umich.edu/2019/05/10/faces-exposed-faces-concealed-exploring-the-politics-of-history-in-poland/>
- "Legal Frames of Memory. Transitional Justice in Central and Eastern Europe," *H-SOZ-U-KULT*, 29.04.2014 (review essay, on-line available)
- "The coup inside out," *LeftEast*, August 2016  
<https://lefteast.org/turkey-coup-inside-out/>

### **Other Professional Experience**

- Screener/Reviewer of the U.S. Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation and Postdoctoral Research Grants for Eastern Europe and the Middle East (November 2016 onwards)
- Reviewer for the academic journals *American Ethnologist*, *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, *Critical Times*, *Slavic Review*, *The Polish Review*, and *New Perspectives on Turkey*
- Member: American Anthropological Association, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, American Ethnological Society, Soyuz: Postsocialist Cultural Studies, Nomos: Centre for International Research on Law, Culture and Power.

### **Courses Taught:**

Social Anthropology; Political Anthropology; Sociology/ Anthropology of Law; Revolutions, States, and Social Movements; Transitional Justice, Violence, and Politics; The Purges and Conspiracies of Power; Contemporary Issues in Eastern Europe

### **Grants and Fellowships**

- 2021 -- Management Committee of COST Action, "Slow Memory: Transformative Practices for Times of Uneven and Accelerating Change"
- 2021-- Management Committee of COST Action, "Traces as Research Agenda for Climate Change, Technology Studies, and Social Justice"
- 2016-2019 The Rectorate's and Dean's Travel Grants, Bogazici University
- 2014-2015 Research Assistant at the Advanced Research Collaborative, City University of New York, Graduate Center
- 2013-2014 Dissertation Fellowship, City University of New York, Graduate Center
- 2013 Research Fellow at the New Europe College, Bucharest
- 2012-2013 Doctoral Fellow at the Center for Place, Culture and Politics, City University of New York, Graduate Center
- 2010-2011 The National Science Foundation for Doctoral Dissertation Research
- 2009-2010 The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Doctoral Dissertation Research

### **Selected Academic Paper Presentations/Conference Activities/Workshops**

- Presented the paper, "Probing the Traces of Communism: Law, Specters, and Authoritarian Politics of Transitional Justice in Poland," Nomos Inaugural Conference, *Law, Authoritarianism, Revolution: Critical Legal Theory for Troubled Times*, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, 13-14 May 2022.
- Presented the paper, "Law, Conspiracy, and History Politics of Authoritarian Populism in Poland and Turkey," *Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies* Virtual Convention, 1-3 December, 2021.
- Presented the paper, "'Why did they accuse me?': Truth, Responsibility, and Reckoning with the Communist Past in Poland." *American Anthropological Association* Conference, 17-21 November Baltimore (Online attendance)
- Presented the paper, "Entangled Histories of Violence: Rethinking Transitional Justice and Memory with Capitalist Transformation in Poland." *Memory Studies Association* Conference in Warsaw (online meeting), July 2021.
- Attended to the Online Workshop on Patchwork Ethnography organized by Gökçe Günel et al. January 21, 2021.
- Presented the paper, "The Uneven Time-Space of Authoritarian Populism in Eastern Europe," organized by Heinrich Böll Stiftung, *The Rise of Right-wing Populism and How Social Movements Fight against Them*, Istanbul, November 2019
- Presented the paper, "'The Great Betrayal.' The 'Secrets' of Poland's New Capitalism," organized by European Network of Remembrance and Solidarity, *Myths, Memories and Economies: Post-Socialist Transformations in Comparison*, Warsaw, October 2019

- Presented the paper, "The "Great Purge:" Law, State, and Class Formation in Post-Cold War Authoritarian Populisms," IUAES 2019 Inter-Congress, World Solidarities, Poznan, August 2019
- Presented the paper, "Misadventures of Transitional Justice: Law, Violence, and Sovereignty after the Cold War," *Association for Slavic, East European, and European Studies*, Zagreb, June 2019
- Presented the paper, "Historical Lineages of Anti-Communism and "Militant Democracy" in Eastern Europe," *Historical Materialism* conf., Athens, May 2019
- Delivered keynote, "The Great Purge: Thinking about Law and Politics in Times of Authoritarian Populism," *International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs*, "Fascism? Populism? Democracy?: Critical Theories in a Global Context," organized by the University of Brighton, Bogazici University, and the University of California, Berkeley, January 2019 <http://arts.brighton.ac.uk/re/cappe/calendar/icctp-conference-critical-theories-in-a-global-context>
- Co-organized the panel "Horizons of Anthropology: Engaging the Work of Vincent Crapanzano" and presented the paper "Regime Change, Accusations of Betrayal, and the Opacity of the Other," *American Anthropological Association*, San Jose, November 2018
- Discussant, *Writing Society: Politics and Ethics of Research in Precarious Times: International Symposium and Scholarly Writing Workshop*, Sabanci University, Istanbul, October 2018
- Attended the New School Institute for Critical Social Research, Jean Comaroff and John Comaroff Seminar, *Theory from the Global South*, 10-16 June 2018
- Presented the paper, "Toward Non-Sovereign Solidarities," CUNY Graduate Center, Center for Place, Culture, and Politics Conference on *Insurgent Solidarities: Histories, Formations, and Futures*, April 2018
- Presented the paper, "Performing Justice: The Body of the Accused and the Politics of History in Postsocialist Poland," *SOYUZ* conference on Performance at Yale University, March 2018
- Organized the panel "Anthropology Matters: Engaging the work of Katherine Verdery," *American Anthropology Association*, Washington D.C., December 2017
- Co-organized the panel, "The Ends and the Beginnings of the Russian Revolution of 1917," *American Anthropology Association*, Washington D.C., December 2017
- "Formations of Law and Authoritarian Populism in the Periphery of Europe," paper presented with Umut Türem, Northwestern University, Buffett Center, *Law and Politics in Turkey*, Chicago, October 2017
- Co-organized the panel, "The Evidence of Power: Law, Accountability, and Visibility" and presented the paper, "The Evidence of Betrayal: Law, Accountability, and the Ethics of State Building in Postsocialist Poland," American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, November 2016
- Co-organized the workshop "People's Movements: Violence and Solidarity in the Southeastern Peripheries of Europe, an Encounter" and presented with Umut Türem the paper, "Probing the Connections between Turkey and Eastern Europe: People's Movements, Nation-State, and Periphery," Bogazici University, Istanbul, 15-20 July 2016
- "Misadventures of Transitional Justice: Right-wing Lustration in 'Postcolonial' Poland," paper presented at Princeton University, *Imperial Reverb: Exploring the Postcolonies of Communism* conference, 13-15 May 2016 <https://imperialreverb.princeton.edu/program/>
- Co-organized the panel "The Actant Archive: On Surveillance, Subversion and Self-Fashioning" and presented the paper "Disappearing Archives, Enduring Suspicions: Politics of Truth-Making and Precarity in Poland" at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, 17-22 November 2015. See the review essay of the panel by the Association of Political and Legal Anthropology: <http://politicalandlegalanthro.org/2015/09/22/aaa-2015-preview-the-actant-archive-on-surveillance-subversion-and-self-fashioning/>
- Co-organized the panel, "Trial by Fire: Truth, Violence, and Accountability" and presented the paper, "Naming the Communist Agent: Suspicion, Truth, and Surveillance

Files in Trial” at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. 3-7 December 2014

-- “Two Bodies of the Accused: Ethics of Knowledge and Memory and the Polish Secret Service Files,” presented at European Network of Remembrance and Solidarity, *Legal Frames of Memory: Transitional Justice in Central and Eastern Europe*, Warsaw, December 2013

-- “Facing History after State Socialism: Spectacles of Secrecy, Transparency, and Violence in Poland,” presented at Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop and Sabanci University, *Coming to Terms with War, Genocide, and Political Violence*, Istanbul, 31 May-2 June 2013