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EDUCATION

2010-2017 Ph.D. European University Institute | Florence

History and Civilization Ph.D. Program

2010-2011 M.Res. European University Institute | Florence

History and Civilization

2008-2010 M.A. Istanbul Bilgi University

Institute of Social Sciences History M.A. Program

2004-2008 B.A. Marmara University | Istanbul

Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

Department of Political Science and International Relations

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2020 Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Present Koç University, Istanbul

College of Social Sciences and Humanities

Department of History

January 2020 Lecturer

Present Koç University, Istanbul

College of Social Sciences and Humanities

October 2016 – Postdoctoral Research Fellow

January 2020 Koç University, Istanbul

College of Social Sciences and Humanities (ERC project: UrbanOccupations OETR)

September 2016 Visiting Scholar

March 2017 Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence

The Center on Social Movement Studies (COSMOS)

(ERC project: Mobilizing4Democracy)



COURSES TAUGHT

Fall 2020 SOSC 110 | State and Society

Koç University, CORE program

Summer 2020 ETHC 109 | Environmental Ethics

Koç University, CORE program

Spring 2020 SOSC 101 | City and Society

Koç University, CORE program

Summer 2019 SOSC 110 | State and Society

Koç University, CORE program

Fall 2018 CSHS 557 | Selected Topics in History and Society: Approaching

Ottoman History

Koç University, Comparative Studies in History and Society MA

Program

ADVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE

May 2020 Gygaia Projects: Kaymakçı Archaeological Project (KAP), Manisa

Present 2nd Assistant to Excavation Director

March 2020 Gygaia Projects (gygaia.org)

Present Senior Researcher

April 2019 Europe's Neolithic Bridge: Documenting and Disseminating the

November 2020 Neolithic Heritage of Anatolia Project

(Supported by the EU-Turkey Intercultural Dialogue Program,

Yunus Emre Institute) Member of Advisory Board

PROJECT FUNDING

Nov. 2020- Principal Investigator (PI) ongoing

Project Title: "A Contribution to the debate on commercialization of agriculture in the Ottoman Empires Agricultural Production in

of agriculture in the Ottoman Empire: Agricultural Production in the Biga District, 1840-1860."

Duration: 30 Months

Funding Authority: The Scientific and Technological Research

Council of Turkey (TUBITAK – 1001)



FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Sept. 2019 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

June 2020 Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations

(ANAMED), Istanbul

Fall 2019 Andreas Tietze Memorial Fellowship

Vienna University

Sept. 2010 Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs PhD. Grant Sept. 2014 European University Institute (EUI), Florence

PUBLICATIONS JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Between History of Humanitarianism and Humanitarianization of History: A Discussion on Ottoman Help for the Victims of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1852," WerkstattGeschichte, Heft 68 (May 2015), pp. 13-27.

[with Christina Luke and Chris Roosevelt], "Lakes and Fluid Territories: Managing Land and Wetland in Ottoman Saruhan ca. 1500-1900," article in review.

"Humans in Animalscapes: Reconstructing Vermin (*Haṣarat*)-Human Interactions in Rural Anatolia (c. 1600-1850)," submitted to *Diyar – Journal of Ottoman, Turkish and Middle Eastern Studies*, Special Issue: Human-Animal Encounters in the Middle East, [accepted for publication in 2021].

[with Christina Luke], "Geographies of Law, Policy and Preservation of Antiquities in the Late Ottoman and Early Republican Periods," article in review.

PUBLICATIONS BOOK CHAPTERS

[with Christina Luke], "Of Wetlands and Reclamation Regimes: Climate Change, Social Upheaval and Political Practice in western Anatolia (1860-1920)," Winds of Change: Environment and Society in Anatolia, Koç University Press, forthcoming in 2021.

"Science, to Understand the Abundance of Plants and Trees': The First Ottoman Natural History Museum and Herbarium (1834-1848)," *Environments of Empire. Networks and Agents of Ecological Change*, Ulrike Kirchberger and Brett Bennett (eds.), The University of North Carolina Press, 2020, 85-102.

"No Work for Anyone in this Country of Misery': Famine and Labour Relations in Mid-Nineteenth Century Anatolia," *Working in Greece and Turkey: A Comparative Labour History from Empires to Nation States* 1840-1940, Erdem Kabadayı and Leda Papastefanaki (eds.), Berghahn Books, 2020, 148-173.



"It's a Bad Fate to be Born Near a Forest': Forest, People and Buffaloes in mid-19th Century North-Western Anatolia," *Power and Nature: An Environmental History of the Ottoman Empire*, Onur Inal and Yavuz Köse (eds.), White Horse Press, 2019, 111-133.

"Coping with Scarcity and Famines in Ottoman Anatolia c. 1650-1850," *An Economic History of Famine Resilience*, Jessica Dijkman and Bas van Leeuwen (eds.), Routledge, 2019, 52-73.

Sheep go to Heaven, (Angora) Goats go to Hell': A Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Angora Goat Economy in the Province of Ankara (1889-1905)," *Weaving the History: Mystery of a City*, Gozde Çerçioglu-Yucel (ed.), VEKAM, 2018, 95-107.

"Koyunun Olmadığı Yerde Keçiye Abdurrahman Çelebi Derler': Ankara Eyaleti'nde Tiftik Keçisi Ekonomisinin Zaman-Uzamsal Analiz Denemesi (1889-1905)" *Tarihi Dokumak: Bir Kentin Gizemi, Sof*, Gozde Çerçioglu-Yucel (ed.), VEKAM, 2018, pp. 95-107.

"We have Become Refugees in our Own Country': Mobilizing for Refugees in Istanbul," Solidarity Mobilizations in the 'Refugee Crisis' – Contentious Moves, Donatella Della Porta (ed.), Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, 39-64.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

"Angora Goat Density Maps (1889-1905)," Interactive map project based on GIS applications, exhibited at Weaving the History: Mystery of a City, *Sof* exhibition, Ankara, Rahmi M. Koç Museum, May 12- September 16, 2018.

"İstanbul'un ilk Doğa Tarihi Müzesi: Galatasarayı Mekteb-i Tıbbiye-i Adliyyesi Numunehanesi (1839-1850), [Istanbul's Natural History Museum: The Museum of the Imperial Medical School of Galatasaray (1839-1850)]" article published in semi-academic/popular history journal *Toplumsal Tarih*, 311 (Kasım 2019), 34-41.

[with Nurçin İleri], "Tasniften Teşhire: Osmanlı'dan Cumhuriyet'e Doğa Tarihi Müzeleri, [From Taxonomy to Exhbition: Natural History Museums from the Ottoman Empire to Turkish Republic]" editorial published in semi-academic/popular history journal *Toplumsal Tarih*, 311 (Kasım 2019), 32-33.

"On Dokuzuncu Yüzyıl Ortasında Kuzeybatı Anadolu'da İnsanlar, Mandalar ve Ormanlar, [People, Buffaloes and Forests in Mid-Nineteenth Century Northwestern Anatolia]" article published in semi-academic/popular history journal *Toplumsal Tarih*, 310 (Ekim 2019), 42-47.

"Galatasaray Tıbbiye Mektebi'nin Kayıp Doğa Tarihi Müzesi, [The Lost Natural History Museum of the Imperial Medical School of Galatasaray]" Radio interview on Turkish radio channel Açık Radyo, as part of the weekly program on history of botany, *Botanitopya*, 24 November 2019.



"İstanbul'da Unutulmuş bir Müze: Galatasaray Mekteb-i Tıbbiyesi Doğa Tarihi Müzesi (1835-1850), [A Forgotten Museum in Istanbul: The Natural History Museum of Galatasaray College of Medicine (1835-1850)]" presented at Chamber Talks, İstanbul, İstanbul Research Institute, October 10, 2019.

"Mesele Üç Beş Ağaç mı? 19. Yüzyılın Ilk Yarısında Anadolu'da İklim Değişikliği, Kıtlıklar ve Toplumsal Tepkiler, [Is it just a bunch of trees? Climate Change, Famines and Social Reaction in Anatolia in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century]" presented at Marmara University Research Center for International Relations (MURCIR), Istanbul, February 28, 2018.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS (INVITED CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ONLY)

"A Bottom-Up History of the Poor in the Mediterranean: Pauper Letters, Charity and Labor in Constantinople (1690-1770)" Early-Modern Mediterranean History Seminar Series, Istanbul, 29 Mayıs University, January 07, 2021.

"Scientists, Bureaucrats and Plants: A Connected History of the Natural History Museum of Galatasaray – 1835-1875", University of Vienna, October 14, 2020.

"İstanbul'da Unutulmuş bir Müze: Galatasaray Mekteb-i Tıbbiyesi Doğa Tarihi Müzesi (1835-1850)," Arka Oda Toplantıları, İstanbul, İstanbul Research Institute, October 10, 2019.

"Humans in Animalscapes: Reconstructing Human-Animal Interactions in Rural Anatolia (1600-1850)," presented at Middle Eastern Animals – Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Early-Modern to Contemporary Times Workshop, Vienna, University of Vienna, June 27-28, 2019.

"Poverty and Charity between Solidarity and Competition in Constantinople (1700-1750)," presented at Les Marchés de la Misère workshop, Lyon, October 17-19, 2018.

"Economies of Collecting, Transporting, Conserving and Exhibiting Natural History Objects in the Ottoman Natural History Museum 1835–1850," presented at Working on Things: On the Social, Political, and Economic History of Collected Objects conference, Berlin, November 21-22, 2016.

(with Jochen Kleres), "Moving Beyond Existing Borders? Mobilizing for Refugees in Istanbul and Berlin," presented at Berlin Istanbul Lecture Series: Urban Space and Refugees, Istanbul, October 27-28, 2016.

"Before the Crescent and the Cross: Humanitarian Ideas and Practices in the Ottoman Empire (c. 1800- 1860)," presented at Humanitarianism in Historical Perspective Workshop, European University Institute, Florence, November 25, 2015.



"Indian Flowers, Plants and Insects in Ottoman Natural History Museum (1836-1848)," presented at Cultural Encounters and Interactions: Ottoman, Mughal and Vijaynagar Empires and Beyond, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 7-9, 2015.

"Science, to Understand the Abundance of Plants and Trees': Colonialism, Westernization and the First Ottoman Natural History Museum and Herbarium (1834-1848)," presented at Ecological Networks and Transfers in Colonial Contexts, c. 1850-1920 conference, University of Kassel, June 26-27, 2015.

"For the Sake of 'A Bunch of Trees'? Gezi Protests as Struggle for Environmental Justice," presented at Movimenti del Mondo – Series of Debates and Documentaries, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, May 21, 2015.

"Another war, between 'Barbarism' and 'Humanitarianism': Ottoman Discourses on Prisoners of War during WWI," presented at The First World War and Its Heritage conference, organized by International Congress on War History Studies (ICOWHIS), Çanakkale, November 6-8, 2014.

(with Kıvanç Atak). "Bringing the 'Gezi Spirit' down to Earth: Meanings of Space, Class and Politics in and around the Gezi Park," presented at Contentious Politics and Space: Constraints and Opportunities Workshop, organized by Centre on Social Movement Studies (COSMOS), Florence, May 29-30, 2014.

"Social Knowledge and Self-definition of the Poor in Early Eighteenth Century Constantinople," presented at Writing the Lives of the Poor conference, organized by German Historical Institute London (GHIL), London, November 28-30, 2013.

LANGUAGES

Turkish [Native] | English [Advanced] | Italian [Upper-intermediate] | French [Upper-Intermediate] | Spanish [Upper-Intermediate] | Ottoman Turkish [Matbu' (printed) and Rik'a (handwriting) reading] |