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Education

2009	City University of New York, Graduate Center, Sociology, PhD Program.
	Dissertation title: Exchanging Affect: The Migrant Domestic Workers Market in Turkey.
	Committee: Prof. Patricia Clough, Prof. Philip Kasinitz, Prof. Barbara K. Rothman.
2007	University of Ioannina,; Konitsa Summer School in Anthropology Ethnography and Folklore of the Balkans.
2005	City University of New York, Graduate Center, Sociology, MPhil.
2001	University of California, San Diego, Sociology, PhD Prog; First year coursework.
2000	Boğaziçi University, Sociology, Masters Program; First year coursework.
1998	Boğaziçi University, Sociology, BA (honors).
1998	Boğaziçi University, Political Science and Int. Relations, BA (honors).
1993	Üsküdar American Academy, Istanbul.

Work Experience

2016-2025	Associate Professor, İstanbul Technical University.
2017	Visiting Associate Professor, Boğaziçi University.
2010-2016	Assistant Professor, Istanbul Technical University.
2010	Visiting Assistant Professor, Boğaziçi University.
2009	Instructor; Yeditepe University
2008-09	Instructor, Istanbul Technical University (part-time).
2004	Instructor, Queens College (part-time).
2000	Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology,UCSD.
1998-00	Teaching Assistant, Bilgi University, Sociology Department.

Fellowship

2022-2024	TUBİTAK 1001; Post-Pandemic Migration Experiences, Work-Home Dynamics,and Domestic Relations:
	The Case of Migrant Domestic Worker; with Prof. Ulaş Sunata (Bahçeşehir Üniv.) & Prof. Umut Beşpınar (METU).
2015	Honorary Research Fellowship, Univ. of London Birkbeck, Dept. of Geography, Environment &
	Development
2010	MiReKoς, the Migration Research Program at Koς University, Filipina Domestics in İstanbul
2008	Istanbul Research Institute, Fellowship for Doctoral Research.
2007	American Research Institute in Turkey; Fellowship for Turkish Scholars.
2004-2006	LaGuardia Community College, CUNY; Writing Fellow, Writing in the Disciplines (WID) Program.
2003	University Fellowship, CUNY, Graduate Center.

2003 PSC/CUNY Tuition Award, CUNY, Graduate Center.

2000-2004 Council of Higher Education, Turkey (YÖK), Fellowship for Doctoral Education abroad.

Awards

2020 Şirin Tekeli Research Award, Sabancı University Gender and Women's Studies Center of Excellence (with

Prof. Demet Lüküslü).

2004 Rockefeller Fellow; Facing Global Capital, Finding Human Security: A Gendered Critique, organized by the

National Council for Research on Women & Center for the Study of Women and Society, CUNY,

Graduate Center.

Academic Publications

Books

2023 Temasın İmkanları: Değmek, Değer Üretmek, Dayanışmak, Metis Yayınları, İstanbul

Journal Articles

2024 'We Don't Want to Die': Diffuse Feminism against Femicide in Turkey. Third World Quarterly, 1–17.

https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2024.2413847

2018 "Affective Precarity", South Atlantic Quarterly, 117 (2): 420-429.

https://doi.org/10.1215/00382876-4374933

2015 "Motherhood as the Value of Labour: The Migrant Domestic Workers' Market in Turkey" Australian

Feminist Studies Vol: 30 No: 83 https://doi.org/10.1080/08164649.2014.998451

2007 Hired as a Caregiver, Demanded as a Housewife: Becoming a Migrant Domestic Worker in Turkey",

European Journal of Women's Studies, Vol. 14 No. 3 https://doi.org/10.1177/1350506807079011

Book Chapters

International

2015 "The Lie Which Is Not One: Biopolitics in the Migrant Domestic Workers Market in Turkey", *The Post-*

Fordist Sexual Contract: Working and Living in Contingency, Lisa Adkins, Maryanne Dever (eds). Palgrave

Macmillan.

2014 "The International Student's Reflections on the CUNY Years: Far Away, So Close", Women on the Role

of Public Higher Education: Personal Reflections from CUNY's Graduate Center, (eds.) Deborah Gambs &

Rose Kim, Palgrave Macmillan, New York.

"": We are the Legionaries!": Filipina Domestic Workers in Istanbul" Whose City is That?: Culture, Design,

Spectacle, and Capital in Istanbul, Dilek Ozhan Kocak & Orhan Kemal Kocak (eds.) Cambridge Scholars

Publishing, Cambridge.

2008 "Die dort oben – die da unten: Die Beschäftigung von Migrantinnen ls Haushaltsbedienstete in Istanbuler

gated communitys", Facetten internationaler Migration in die Türkei: Gesellschaftliche

Rahmenbedingungen und persönliche Lebenswelten, Barbara Pusch & Tomas Wilkoszewski (eds.), Ergon-

Verlag, Würzburg.

2007 "Turning Labour into Love: The Employment of Migrant Domestic Workers in Turkey", Migration and

Mobility in Enlarged Europe, A. Senganata Münst, Sigrid Metz- Göckel, Mirjana Morokvasic-Müller (eds.)

Barbara Budrich Publishers, Leverkusen Opladen.

Turkish	
2023	"Duygulanımın Özerkliği: Göçmen Ev İşçisi Emeğinin Metalaşması", <i>Temasın İmkanları: Değmek, Değer</i>
0000	Üretmek, Dayanışmak, Ayşe Akalın (der), Metis Yayınları, İstanbul.
2023	Zarftan Mazrufa: 'Yaygın Feminizm'in Dijital Etkileşimselliği, <i>Türkiye'de Dijital Medya ve Feminizm</i> , Gülüm
2016	Şener ve Aslı Kotaman (der)., UM:AG Araştırmacı Gazetecilik Vakfı Yayınları, Ankara.
2016	"Biz Lejyonerlerizi": İstanbul'daki Filipinli Ev İşçileri", <i>İstanbul Kimin Şehri?: Kültür, Tasarım, Seyirlik ve Sermaye</i> , Dilek Özhan Koçak, Orhan Kemal Koçak (der.), Metis Yayınları, İstanbul
2015	"Mapping the Migrant Domestic Workers Market in Turkey: The Filipina Community", Waves of Diversity: Socio-Political Implications of International Migration in Turkey. Zeynep Gulru Goker, Aysem Biriz Karacay, Deniz Sert (eds), Isis Yayinevi, Istanbul.
2014	"Arzulayan Bedenler: Kadın, Göçmen ve Kağıtsız Olmaya Dair", <i>Yeni İstanbul Çalışmaları</i> , Ayfer Bartu & Cenk Ozbay (eds.) Metis Yayınları, istanbul.
2012	"Açık, Döner, Mühürlü Kapılar: Yirminci Yüzyılda Batı/Doğu Ekseninde Emek Göçünün Seyri",
	Küreselleşme Çağında Göç, N. Aslı Şirin Öner, S.Gülfer Ihlamur (eds.), İletişim Yayınları, İstanbul.
2009	"'Yukardakiler-Aşağıdakiler': Istanbul'daki Güvenlikli Sitelerde Göçmen Ev Hizmetlisi İstihdamı"
	Türkiye'ye Uluslararası Göç: Toplumsal Koşullar, Bireysel Yaşamlar. Barbara Pusch & Toman
	Wilkoszewski (eds.) Kitap Yayinevi, Istanbul.
Book Reviews	
2016	Worker-Mothers on the Margins of Europe: Gender and Migration between Moldova and Istanbul by
2010	Leyla J. Keough, <i>New Perspectives on Turkey</i> , 55.
2007	The Pedagogical State by Sam Kaplan, <i>Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe</i> , 7(2): 37-38.
2005	A World in Chaos: Social Crisis and the Rise of Postmodern Cinema by Carl Boggs &Tom Pollard,
	Contemporary Sociology, 34(4):390
2005	Working Feminism by Geraldine Pratt, <i>Gender and Society</i> , 19 (6):861-862.
Non- Academi	c Publications
2019	"Köle Değil, Kırılgan Emekçi: Nadira Kadiova'nın Hatırlattığı", Bir+Bir Forum,
	https://www.birartibir.org/goc-ve-multecilik/490-kole-degil-kirilgan-emekci
2018	"Doing Care, the Migrant Way: Transnational Mothering", Bitter Things: Narratives and Memories of
	Transnational Families", Exhibition booklet edited by Malve Lippmann and Can Sungu, Archive Books,
	Bi'bak, pp. 18-28.
2015	"Hayatin Iktidarinin Cinsiyet", <i>Birikim</i> , Sayı: 320.
2015	"Ferhunde Ozbay'in Nüfus Sosyolojisi, <i>Bianet</i> ,
	https://bianet.org/yazi/ferhunde-ozbay-in-nufus-sosyolojisi-169344
2008	"Migration to Istanbul in the post-Soviet period", Becoming Istanbul Exhibition, Galeri Garanti,
	Frankfurt, November.
2007	"Duygulanımsal Emek Üzerine Notlar", <i>Birikim,</i> May.
Invited Talks	
2018	Closing Remarks, Migration, Social Transformation and Differential Inclusion in Turkey: Young Scholars
	and Early Academics Conference, Istanbul Policy Center, Sabancı University

Opening Talk, "Bitter Things: Narratives and Memories of Transnational Families", Exhibition organized by

2018.

Bi'Bak at Depo, Istanbul.

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Conference Presentations

International	
2025	"Coverance through shifting. The ease of Turkey." Chifting States, EASA Anthropologies of the State
2025	"Governance through shifting: The case of Turkey", Shifting States: EASA Anthropologies of the State
2022	Network Conference, Amsterdam 22-24 October.
2023	"Anticipated Death, Irrepressible Anger: Young Feminists in Turkey" Fourth Helsinki Conference on
	Emotions, Populism, and Polarised Politics, 11-13 December, University of Helsinki, Finland.
2023	"The (Im)mobility of Migrant Domestic Workers: What's Temporality Got to Do with It?" (E)motion in
	Changing Worlds, 3-5 November, 2023, The Department of English Literature of the School of
	English, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
2023	"The Young Feminists and their Anger: An Old Story with a New Twist", ATGENDER Spring
	Conference: Feminist Pedagogy of/beyond Borders, 4-6 September, Kadir Has University, Istanbul.
2022	"Anger and Feminism: The Young Feminists of Turkey and Their New Kind of Anger, Affect and Ideology:
	Politics in the Impasse, Department of Geography at University of Durham, July 11-12.
2022	"I Have a Struggle and I'm not Alone!": Affective Bonds Among Young Feminist in Turkey, Challenging
	Social and Cultural Transformation: Gender and Youth Activism in New Authoritarian Regimes Workshop,
	May 27-28, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany (with Prof. Demet Lüküslü).
2021	Rethinking Gender, Youth and Politics: Young Feminists in Turkey, Panel: Rethinking the Definitions and
	Locations of Youth Politics in the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa, American Anthropological
	Association Annual Meeting November 17-21, Baltimore, US (with Prof. Demet Lüküslü).
2020	"This is an Ordeal!: Young Feminists in Turkey Unpacking 'the Opposition' in Undemocratic
	Regimes: The Role, Transformation and Challenges of the Oppositional Actors in Turkey and Beyond
	Workshop, November 27, University of Turin (with Prof. Demet Lüküslü).
2017	" 'The Power of Your Voice' (?): Gender Equality Campaigns on change.org", Understanding Turkey:
	Vision, Revision, and the Future, April 28-29, The Abbasi Program, Stanford University.
2015	"Spatially Without, Temporally Within: the Regularization of Migrant Domestic Workers in Turkey",
	International Workshop on Social Transformation and International Migration in Turkey, Bogazici
	University 8-9 January.
2014	"Corporeal Borders: The Regularization of Migrant Domestic Workers in Turkey", The Borders of
	Crimmigration 9-10 November, Leiden.
2014	"Affective Labor: A Better Term in Contemplating Migrant Domestic Labor than Emotional Labor?",
	Gender, Work & Organization, 8th Biennial International Interdisciplinary Conference, 24th - 26th June,
	Keele University, UK.
2014	"Paying Premiums as Ransom: The Regularization of Migrant Domestic Workers in Turkey, MLN
	Conference -A Sea of Troubles?: Problematising Migration Law, Birkbeck College School of Law, Mar 28-29.
2014	"The Regularization of Turkmen Caregivers in Turkey", The Central Asian Migrant Experience in Turkey
	and Russia Workshop, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, 15-17 Ocak.
2013	"Bodies as Borders: Regularizing Migrant Domestic Workers in Turkey", Undocumented Migrants, Ethnic
	Enclaves and Networks: Opportunities, traps or class-based constructs. Status and status mobility
	stream, Dec 6, London Metropolitan University.
2013	"Little High, Little Low: Living Istanbul as a Filipina Domestic Worker", Turkisch-German Frontiers of
	Humanities Symposium (TUGFOH) 27-30 November, Koc University.
2013	"The Migrant Domestic Worker and the Affective Autonomy of Her Mobility", American Sociological
	Association 108th Annual Meeting, Aug 10-13, New York, NY.
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2013	"The Committed Heart: Two Decades of Belonging and Displacement", Within and Beyond Citizenship:
	Lived Experiences of Contemporary Membership, University of Oxford, 11-12 April 2013.
2013	"Body, Affects, Displacement: The Value of Migrant Labor in Domestic Work", Corporeal Capitalism
	Workshop: Body Matters in IPE, University of Birmingham, Apr 17.
2013	"Regulating the Undocumented Migrant Domestics in Turkey: A Threshold or a Hoax?", International
	Studies Association, Apr 3-6, San Francisco.
2012	"The Exceptional Migrants?: The Regularization of Migrant Domestic Workers in Turkey", International
	Sociological Association World Forum, Aug 1-4 Buenos Aires.
2011	"Undocumentedness, Legality, Precarity: Mapping the Migrant Domestic Workers Market in Turkey",
	Council of European Studies Annual Meeting, Barcelona, June 20-22.
2010	"The Illegality of Legality: The Law of Work Permits for Foreigners in Turkey", EASA European
	Association for Social Anthropologists, the National University of Ireland Maynooth, Ireland, Aug 24-27.
2009	"The Migrant Domestic Workers Market in Turkey", All About (Turkish) Migrations and Identity, TIES-RTN
	Workshop, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Feb. 26-28.
2008	"Commodification of Intimacy: Care for the Elderly in the Migrant Domestic Workers Sector in Turkey",
	Waged Domestic Work and Making of the Modern World Conference, University of Warwick, May 9-11.
2008	"Producing Affects: Migrant Domestic Workers of Postsocialism in Turkey", Annual SOYUZ Symposium:
2000	Contemporary Critical Inquiry through the Lens of Postsocialism, Univ. of California, Berkeley, April 24-26.
2006	"A Day at the Park? Migrant Domestic Workers in Turkey on Their Days off", EASA Biennial Conference,
2000	University of Bristol, Sept 18 - 21.
2006	"Reterritorialized Identities: Consuming Socialism in Turkey" Annual SOYUZ Symposium: Walls and
2000	Bridges: Refiguring "Socialist" and "Postsocialist" Spaces in a Deterritorializing World, Bryant University,
	March 3-5.
2006	"Migration of Moldovan Domestic Workers: Liberation or 'Triple Burden'?", Documented and
2000	Undocumented Migration within Europe, University of Dortmund, January 12-14.
2005	"Love as a Commodity: Marriage in the Age of Transnationalism" Annual Meeting of Middle Eastern
2003	Studies Association, Washington, DC.
2005	"Love as a Commodity: Marriage in the Age of Transnationalism"
2003	Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Washington DC.
Special Presentat	
2015	"Temporal Borders, Ephemeral Bodies: The Regularization Scheme for Migrant Domestic Workers in
	Turkey", Borders, Citizenship & Mobility: An Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Geopolitics of Encounter
T .	by Nicolas De Genova, King's College London, June 5.
Turkey	
2018	"Teknik Üniversitede Toplumsal Cinsiyeti Tartışmak: Yöntemler, Gözlemler", Toplumsal Cinsiyet ve
	Eğitim Konferansı, Sabancı Üniversitesi, 11-12-13 Mayıs 2018
2011	"Göçmen Ev İşçileri: Moldovall ve Filipinli Göçmenler Üzerinden Bir Haritalandırma Çalışması",
	Uluslararası Göç ve Kadın Emeği Sempozyumu 28 Kasım, Ankara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi.
2008	"Illegal, Armenian (and Anatolian!): The Armenian Migrant Domestic Workers in Turkey", Hrant Dink
	Memorial Workshop Series: Frameworks of Diversity, Modalities of Interaction, Sabancı University, May
	30-June 1.
2007	"Close Connections between Domestic Work and Migrancy: Foreign Women Working in the Domestic
	Work Sector in Turkey", Aspects of International Migration to Turkey: Social Conditions and Personal Life
	Worlds. Orient Institut, Istanbul & Goethe Institut, Istanbul, March 8-10.