

ESRA ÖZYÜREK

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D. in Anthropology, 2002

M.A. in Anthropology, 1996

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

B.A. in Sociology and Political Science, 1993

EMPLOYMENT

- 2013-present Reader in Contemporary Turkish Studies, European Institute, London
School of Economics
- 2007-2013 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of California,
San Diego
- 2003-2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of
California, San Diego
- 2002-2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of
Pittsburgh

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

- University of California Center for New Racial Studies Research Grant**, 2013-2014
- DAAD, German Academic Exchange Research Fellowship to Germany**, Winter 2014
- Alexander von Humboldt Follow-up Research Fellowship to Germany**, Fall 2013
- Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship to Germany**, 2009-2011
- Fulbright Senior Lecture/Research Scholarship to Germany**, 2009
- Junior Faculty Development Grant**, University of California, San Diego, 2007
- Comparative Studies on Turkey Research Grant**, Institute for Turkish Studies, 2007
- Berlin Prize**, Residential Fellowship, American Academy in Berlin, Fall 2006
- Bi-annual Barkan Prize for the best article**, Turkish Studies Association, 2005
- Hellman Faculty Award**, University of California, San Diego, 2005
- Rackham Dissertation Grant**, University of Michigan, 2001-02
- Dissertation Writing Grant**, Institute for Turkish Studies, 2000-01
- Block Grant**, University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology, 2000-01
- Mischa Titiev Fellowship**, University of Michigan, Dept of Anthropology, 1999-00
- Barbour Asian Women Fellowship**, University of Michigan, 1995-96
- Ramsdell-Radcliffe Fellowship**, University of Michigan, 1994-95
- Middle East Awards Doctoral Fellowship**, Population Council, 1994-95
- Pre-dissertation summer research grant**, National Science Foundation, 1994
- Angus Campbell Fellowship**, Institute for Social Research, Univ. of Michigan, 1993-94

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Level: Introduction to Four Field Anthropology, Socio-cultural Anthropology, Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East, Global Islam, Islam and Muslims in the West, Religious Conversion, Contemporary Religious Movements, Debating Multiculturalism.

Graduate Level: Anthropology of Islam, Anthropology of the State, Cultures of Late Capitalism, The Secular and the Sacred, Grant Proposal Writing Practicum, MA Thesis Writing Practicum.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Being German, Becoming Muslim: Race, Religion, and Conversion. Princeton University Press, forthcoming.

The Politics of Public Memory in Turkey (edited volume). Syracuse Univ. Press, 2007.

Nostalgia for the Modern: State Secularism and Everyday Politics in Turkey. Duke Univ. Press, 2006.
(also in Turkish translation by Boğaziçi University Press, 2008)

(in Turkish) *Remembering and Forgetting: Social Memory in Turkey*. (edited volume) Istanbul: İletişim Publishing House, 2001.

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

“Creating Parallel Communities of Perpetrators: Muslim-only Holocaust Education and Anti-Semitism Prevention Programs in Germany.” Under review, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.

“Turkish Converts to Islam and German Converts to Christianity Challenge National Identities.” In *Religion, Identity, and Politics: Germany and Turkey in Interaction*, edited by Haldun Gulalp and Gunther Seufert. Routledge. Forthcoming in June 2013.

“Converted German Muslims and Their Ambivalent Relations with Born Immigrant Muslims.” In *Islamophobia/ Islamophilia: Beyond the Politics of Enemy and Friend*, edited by Andrew Shryock. Bloomington: Indiana Univ. Press, 2010.

“Turkish and Christian: Secularist Fears of a Converted Nation.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 29(3): 398-412, 2009.

“ ‘The Light of Alevi fire was Lit in Germany and then spread to Turkey’: The Debate about the Relationship between Alevism and Islam.” *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, March 2009.

“Convert Alert: Turkish Christians and German Muslims as Threats to National Security in the New Europe.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 51(1): 91-116, 2009.

“Beyond Integration and Recognition: Diasporic Constructions of Alevi Muslim Identity between Germany and Turkey.” In *Transnational Transcendence*, edited by Tom Csordas. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008.

“Political Memory as Battleground: Islamist Subversions of Republican Nostalgia.” In

Politics of Public Memory: Production and Consumption of the Past in Turkey, edited by Esra Özyürek. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2007.

“The Politics of Cultural Unification, Secularism, and the Place of Islam in the New Europe.” *American Ethnologist*, 32:4, 509-12 (November 2005).

“Wedded to the Republic: Public Intellectuals and Intimacy Oriented Publics in Turkey.” In *Off Stage/ On Display: Intimacies and Ethnographies in the Age of Public Culture*, edited by Andrew Shryock, 101-130. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.

“Miniaturizing Atatürk: Privatization of the State Imagery and Ideology in Turkey.” *American Ethnologist*, 31:3, (August 2004).

(in Turkish) “The Headscarf Knot in the Parliament.” In Ayşe Gül Altınay (ed.) *Homeland, Nation, and Women*. Istanbul: İletişim, 2000, 339-57.

“Feeling Tells Better Than Language: Emotional Expression and Gender Hierarchy.” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 16 (Summer 1997): 41-52.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Being German, Becoming Muslim: Conversion, Islamophobia, and Belonging in Germany” Department of Anthropology, University of California at Irvine, April 2013.

“Changing Belief When Religion is Racialized” Workshop on Belief and Disbelief, Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, April 2013.

“Genealogies of Guilt: Debating Turkish Anti-Semitism in Germany” Center for Middle East Studies, New York University, April 2013.

“German Converts to Islam and Racialization of Religion in Germany” Kroc Center for Peace Studies, Notre Dame University, April 2013.

“Creating Parallel Communities of Perpetrators: Muslim-only Holocaust Education and Anti-Semitism Prevention Programs in Germany” Center for Jewish Studies, University of Illinois, March 2013.

“Being German, Becoming Muslim: Conversion, Islamophobia, and Belonging in Germany” Keynote Speech for Sandrizona Conference on Linguistic Anthropology, University of Arizona, February 2013.

“Being German, Becoming Muslim: Why is Salafism so Attractive for German Converts to Islam” Abbasid Center for Islamic Studies, Stanford University, February 2012.

“Remaining German while Joining the Ummah: Why are Salafi mosques most attractive to

- German converts to Islam?" Religion in the European Union Workshop. University of Toronto, November 2011.
- "Religious Conversion as a Challenge to European Nationalism" Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, February 2011.
- "Turkish and Christian: Challenging Turkish Secularism and Nationalism" Walsch School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, February 2011.
- "Making Germans out of Muslims: Holocaust Education and anti-Semitism Trainings for Immigrants." Anti-Semitism Research Center, Technical University, Berlin, November 2010.
- "Religious Pluralism, Immigration, and Politics.' Navigating Religion and World Affairs: An Atlantic Forum, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Berlin, June 2010.
- "Ethnically German and Muslim: Religious Conversion and the Formation of Indigenous Islamic Communities in Europe" Islamophobia/Islamophilia Beyond the Politics of Enemy and Friend Workshop. University of Michigan, October 2007.
- "Converted German Muslims and Prospects for a German Islam" German Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego, October 2007.
- "Turkish Christians and German Muslims: New Religious Minorities of the New Europe" Thinking through Turkey: Theorizing the Political Workshop. CRASSH, Cambridge University, June 2007.
- "Turkish Christians: Nationalism and Memory in the Making of a New Religious Community" Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, May 2007.
- "German Muslims and Turkish Christians: Conversion and the Creation of New Religious Minorities in the New Europe" Sabanci University, Istanbul, May 2007.
- "Islam in the New Europe" American Academy in Berlin, November 2006.
- "Islamaphobia in the New Europe" Council of European Studies Meetings, Chicago, April 2006.
- "Alevi Muslim Identity between Europe and Turkey" Religions: History, Theory, and Practice Conference, University of California Irvine, March 18, 2006.
- "Beyond Integration and Recognition: Dialogic Construction of Alevi Muslim Identity in the New Europe" Colloquium at Anthropology Department, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 13, 2006.
- "Nostalgic Kemalists and Privatization of Politics in Turkey" States of Welfare Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 10-11, 2006.

- “Private” Keywords Roundtable Series organized by Women’s Studies Department, UC Irvine, March 8, 2006.
- “Nostalgia for the Modern: State Secularism and Everyday Politics in Turkey” Colloquium at Anthropology Department, UC Irvine, March 2, 2006.
- “Enchanting the Deceased Body of the Founding Father in Turkey” American Association Meetings, Washington DC, November 2005.
- “Nature, State, and Global Connection During the 2001 Economic Crisis” Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2004.
- “The Headscarf Issue in the Turkish Parliament: Reflections on Center of Power in a Democracy” Cultural Anthropology Society Meeting, Portland, April 2004.
- “‘It Felt Just Like an Earthquake’: Nature, State, and Citizenship During the 2001 Economic Crisis in Turkey” American Ethnological Society Meeting, Atlanta, April 2004.
- “Wedded to the Republic: Intimacy Oriented Publics in Turkey” American Ethnological Society Meeting, Rhode Island, Providence, April 2003.
- “Nostalgia for the Modern and Privatization of Atatürk’s Cult in Turkey” American Anthropological Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2001.
- “Atatürk as a Souvenir: Privatization of the Cult and Nostalgia for a Patriarchal State” Middle East Visiting Lecture, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, April, 2001.
- “Hand in Hand with the Republic: Political Culture in Turkey” American Anthropological Association Meeting, San Francisco, November 2000.
- “Civil Society and Political Symbolism during the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Turkish Republic” Middle East Studies Association Meetings, Orlando, November 2000.
- “Exhibiting the Republic and Creating a Citizen during the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Turkish Republic” Cultural Politics in Eastern Europe and the Middle East Workshop, Nowy Wisnicz, Poland, May 2000.

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“Entangled Stories: Life History Narratives of the Elderly Turkish Republicans,” University of Michigan and University of Chicago Annual Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, “Anthropologies and Histories of Language” Chicago, April 2000.

“His Eyes are Full of Tears : Language and Belief in a Turkish Islamist Group,” University of California, Berkeley Women and Language Conference, Berkeley, California, May 1996.

“From Elifba to Alfabe: From Ottoman to Modern Turk” at the Middle East Studies Association Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, November 1994.

SERVICE

Students Advised

Main advisor to PhD Students: Esin Duzel, Natasa Garic, Genevieve Okada
Dissertation committee member for over dozen students in Anthropology, History, and Communication Departments
Mentor to close to ten honors students from departments of Anthropology and International Relations.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Journal of Anthropological Theory – Editorial Board Member
MERIP (Middle East Report) – Editorial Committee Member
American Anthropological Association
American Ethnological Society
Middle East Studies Association
Council of European Studies
German Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Turkish – native
English- near native
German – fluent