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Education/Research History

UC Berkeley, Rhetoric Department
Fulbright Fellow, hosted by Assoc. Professor Samera Esmeir
2019-2020

CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY
The Committee for the Study of Religion
Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow
2010- 2012

Worked with Professor Bryan S. Turner

University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA
Ph.D. Sociology, June 2009
Dissertation: *Pious Science: The Gülen Community and the Making of a Conservative Modernity in Turkey*

M.A. Sociology, 2004

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
Ph.D. Sociology – Transferred to the Sociology Program, UC Santa Cruz - 2002

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
M.S. Gender and Women's Studies, 2000
Thesis title: *Women Engineers in Turkey: Gender, Education and Professional Life, A Case Study on METU*

Ifu/International Women's University, Hamburg, Germany
Gender, Culture and Technology, Summer 2000
DAAD Scholarship

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
B.S. Electrical and Electronics Engineering, 1996
Scholarship Student

Work Experience

Ozyegin University Faculty of Social Sciences Associate Professor	2017-Present
Assistant Professor	2013-2017
City University of New York, The Graduate Center The Committee for the Study of Religion Visiting Assistant Professor	2010-2012
Bahçeşehir University Department of Sociology Assistant Professor	2009-2010
University of California Santa Cruz, Department of Sociology Research Assistant	2002-2009
METU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office Research Assistant	1998-2002

Awards and Fellowships

Fulbright Academic Research Fellowship 2019-2020, UC Berkeley Rhetoric Department.

Visiting Researchers Scholarship by Embassy of France in Turkey, July-September 2017

Host Institution: Sciences Po CERI, Paris.

Sociological Review 2014 Prize for Outstanding Scholarship, to the article 'Legal Pluralism and the Sharia: a comparison of Greece and Turkey,' jointly written with Bryan S. Turner

Science Academy Award Program for the Young Scientists (BAGEP), 2015

In the fields of Sociology and Gender Studies, Istanbul, April 2015

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, awarded by the CUNY Graduate Center Committee for the Study of Religion, 2010-2012

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate Education Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Santa Cruz, CA, Winter 2008

Doctoral Student Sabbatical Fellowship, Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, UC Santa Cruz, Fall 2004

Non-resident Tuition Waiver, Department of Sociology, UC Santa Cruz, 2003-2004

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, UC Santa Cruz, 2003-2005, 2007

Educational Scholarship, DAAD German Academic Exchange Service, Germany, Summer 2000

Full Educational Support, Bilkent University, Includes monthly stipend and accommodation, Ankara, 1991-1996

Publications

Articles

Zengin Arslan, Berna. 2020. Salgının İcadı Olur mu? Agamben ve Büyük Körlüğü. *Toplum ve Bilim*, 152.

Zengin Arslan, Berna. 2020. Reading the Universe with Heart and Practicing Science as Religious Ethics: Reconciling Islam and Science in Contemporary Turkey. *Social Epistemology*. Vol. 34(3). SSCI.

Zengin Arslan, Berna and Bige Acimuz (under revision) Reforming Laïcité? Secularism, Islam and the Regulation of Religion in France. *Journal of Law, Religion and State*. Scopus.

Zengin Arslan, Berna. (working paper). Defining Alevism: Religious Recognition, State and Institutionalization of Alevism in Europe.

Zengin Arslan, Berna. 2018. The Making of New Muslim Femininities and Masculinities: Gendered Spaces and the Pedagogies of the Gülen Community, in Patriarchat im Wandel: Frauen und Politik in der Türkei, Asli Aksoy (ed) Campus Verlag.

Zengin Arslan, Berna. 2015. Aleviliği Tanımlamak: Türkiye’de Dinin Yönetimi, Sekülerlik ve Diyanet, (Defining Alevism: Management of Religion in Turkey, Secularism and the *Diyanet*) *Mülkiye Dergisi*. 39 (1): 135-158.

Turner, Bryan S., B. Zengin Arslan. 2014. Legal Pluralism and Shari’a: a comparison of Greece and Turkey. *Sociological Review*. Vol. 62 (3): 439-456. (SSCI) Citations: Web of science: 4, Google Scholar: 9

Turner, Bryan S., Zengin Arslan, Berna. 2013. State and Turkish Secularism: The Case of the *Diyanet* in The Religious and the Political A Comparative Sociology of Religion by Bryan S. Turner, Cambridge University Press.

Zengin Arslan, Berna. 2013. Christopher Dole. "Healing Secular Life: Loss and Devotion in Modern Turkey". *New Perspectives on Turkey*. No.49: 177-181 (SSCI, Book Review)

Turner, Bryan S., B. Zengin Arslan. 2011. Shari’a and Legal Pluralism in the West. *European Journal of Social Theory*. Great Britain. 14. No. 2: 139-159. Citations: Web of science: 11, Scopus: 10, Google Scholar: 30 (SSCI)

Zengin Arslan, Berna. 2002. Women in Engineering Education in Turkey: Understanding the Gendered Distribution. *International Journal of Engineering Education*. Great Britain. 18. No.4: 400-408. (SCI-expanded) Citations: Web of science: 18, Google Scholar: 56

Zengin Arslan, Berna, S., Yetkin. 2001. A Presentation on Turkish Immigrants in Austria: Transgressions and Transnational Identities. *Toplum ve Bilim*. Birikim Publications: Ankara, 89: 242-249. (In Turkish)

Reprints

Turner, Bryan S., B. Zengin Arslan. 2015. Legal Pluralism and Shari’a: a comparison of Greece and Turkey, in The Sociology of Shari’a: Case Studies from around the World, Possamai, A., J. Richardson, and B.S. Turner (eds.), Springer.

Turner, Bryan S., B. Zengin Arslan. 2013. Shari'a and Legal Pluralism in the West. In The Sociology of Islam: Collected Essays of Bryan S. Turner, by B. S. Turner and K.M. Nasr, Ashgate Publishing Company.

Books

Zengin, Berna. 2010. Women Engineers in Turkey Gender, Technology, Education and Professional Life, Lambert Academic Publishing: Germany. Citations: Google scholar: 3

This book is reviewed:

Koydemir, Selda and C. Blake. 2011. *International Journal of Gender, Science and Technology*. 3. No. 2: 343-349.

Şen, Mustafa, et. al. 2005. Youth, European Union and Contradicting Feelings: I Want Your Body, But Never Your Soul. Youth's Opinion on Turkey's EU Accession and Membership Process, Dipnot Yayinlari: Ankara. (In Turkish, Written by the Project Research Group)

Referee Service

Social Epistemology, Sociology of Islam, New Perspectives on Turkey, Feminist Elestiri (Feminist Critique)

Invited Talks

Monopolizing Islam: The Diyanet, Secularism and the State in Turkey, Multiple Secularities KFG, Leipzig University, September 3, 2018.

The Mind Has No Sex? Women in Engineering in Turkey, Ozyegin University, Talk for First Year Students, October 13, 2017.

State and Turkish Secularism: The Case of the *Diyanet*, Ozyegin University, Faculty of Social Sciences International Relations Seminar Series, February 25th, 2015.

Gender and Technology: Engineer Women in Turkey, Kadir Has University, April 1st, 2014.

Legal Pluralism and Islamic Law: A Comparison of Greece and Turkey (In Turkish). Ozyegin University Law Faculty Seminar Series, December 12th, 2013

Sovereignty, Legal Pluralism and Shari'a: A Comparison of Greece and Turkey (with Bryan S. Turner), The Graduate Center Committee for the Study on Religion Talk Series. February 9th, 2011.

Conservative Modernity in Turkey and the Making of a Pious Elite. Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center (MEMEAC), NY. March 3rd, 2011.

The Gülen Community Schools and the Cultural Politics of Islam in Turkey. The Graduate Center Committee for the Study on Religion Talk Series. December 8th, 2010.

http://jenniekaukman.com/clipfiles/365_FIFTH.pdf

The Concept of the 'Other' in Sociology, TEVITOL High School Workshop in Social Sciences, April 24th, 2015.

Newspaper Interviews

‘Cemaatin Hiç Bitmeyen Sınavı’ (The Endless Contest of the Gulen Community), Taraf Gazetesi, December 2013

Fethullah Gülen Cemaati/Okulları Üzerine-1 and 2 (On the Schools of the Gulen Community), Gaile June 2010

Conference Papers and Seminars

Alevi Recognition in Europe, HSSA Workshop Approaches to Identity. UC Berkeley, November 1, 2019.

Reforming Laicite? The Reform Project (*Projet de Reforme*) in France (with Bige Acimuz). ISSR-SISR Barcelona, July 2019.

Defining Alevism: Religious Recognition, Secularism and the State in Europe, ISSR-SISR Barcelona, July 2019.

Secular states and the management of religion: a comparative analysis of the Alevi recognition in Europe and Turkey. WOCMES, 15-21 July 2018.

The Gulen Community Schools: The Politics of Science and Education, Politics from below in Turkey and beyond, The Centre for International Studies at Sciences Po, together with the Consortium of European Symposia on Turkey (CEST), 1-2 December 2016

Religion, State and the Women’s Souls: The Diyanet’s Psychology Services for Women in Turkey, Gender: Rethinking the Private and the Public, European Sociological Association, Dortmund University, 19-20 October 2016

Gulen on Science: A New Islamic Discourse? Conference on Transnational Religious Movements, Dialogue and Economic Development, Turin, 10-11 December 2015.

The Gulen Community and the International Science Contests: from the Soviet Science Olympiads to the ‘Turkish Language Olympiads’. 9th Pan-European Conference of the European International Studies Association (EISA), Sicily, Italy, September 23-26 2015.

Enchanting the Soul? Understanding the Popular Religious Psychology Books in Turkey, 12th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Prag, August 25-28, 2015.

Defining Alevism: The Management of Religion in Turkey, Secularism and the *Diyanet*, New Modalities for Democratic Autonomy for Minorities that do not entail Dismembering States: The Case of the Republic of Turkey Workshop, The British Council, Ankara, May 2015 (expenses are covered by the organizers)

The Gulen Community Schools: The Politics of Science and Education. 'Religion, Secularism and Politics in 21st Century Turkey' Panel, XVIII SISP Annual Conference, Perugia, Italy, September 11-13 2014.

Turkish Secularism and the *Diyanet*: Bureaucratization of Alevism in Turkey. Bureaucratization of Islam in Muslim States and Societies Workshop. Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld University, Germany, October 2014 (expenses are covered by the organizers)

The Making of New Muslim Subjectivities in the Gülen Community Science Schools: Religion, Science and Education. EASR 2014 Conference: Religion and Pluralities of Knowledge, University of Groningen, Netherlands, May 11-15 2014.

Sovereignty, Legal Pluralism and Shari'a: A Comparison of Greece and Turkey (With Bryan S. Turner). SSSR 2011 Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, October 27-30, 2011.

Re-Enchanting the Public Morality: The Gulen Community Schools and the Cultural Politics of Islam in Turkey, MESA 2010 annual meeting, San Diego, California, November 18-21, 2010.

Working on the Boundary of Science and Religion: Contemporary Islamic Engagements with Science and the Gulen Community in Turkey, 4S Annual Meeting, August 25 – 29, 2010 Komaba, Japan (accepted paper).

İslami Siyasette Yeni Bir Tarz: Kültürel Siyasetin Alanı olarak Gülen Cemaati Okulları. *Türk Sosyal Bilimler Derneği 11. Ulusal Sosyal Bilimler Kongresi.* Ankara. December 9-11, 2009.

Pious Science: The Making of a Conservative Modernity and Gulen Community Schools. *Koç University Social Sciences and Humanities Seminars.* April 2009.

Pious Science: Re-enchanting Modernity and the Gulen Community. *European University Institute, Robert Schumann Center - 10th Mediterranean Research Meeting.* Motecatini Terme, Italy, March 25-28, 2009 (expenses are covered by the EUI)

Pious Science in the Making: Reading Fethullah Gulen's Writings on Science and Religion. *Sacred and the Secular Conference.* Southampton, UK, September 19-21, 2008.

Understanding Contemporary Islamic Engagements with Science. *Science and Religion Conference,* Department of History, Lancaster University, UK, July 2007 (expenses are covered by the organizers)

Becoming Modern, Becoming Pious, and Becoming Woman: Gender Politics of the Gulen Community High Schools. *Crossroads - Debating Women's Rights, Racism and Religion,* Oslo, Norway, May 30-June 1, 2005

Women in Engineering Education in Turkey: Understanding the Gendered Distribution. *The Pacific Sociological Association,* San Francisco, CA, April, 2004

Women at Workplace in Male Dominated Professions: Engineer Women in Turkey. *Women, Work and Health,* Third International Congress, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2002 (expenses are covered by the organizers)

Engineering as a Gendered Field: Practicing With the Engineering Departments as a Woman. *GASAT10 -* Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2001 (expenses are covered by the organizers)

Türkiye'de Kadın Mühendisler. *Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Kadının Yüzyılı Konferansı,* Istanbul, 2000.

Conference/Panel Organization

Advisory Board Member, METU International Conference on Knowledge and Politics in Gender and Women' Studies Conference, Ankara, October 9-11, 2015.

Alevi Bektaşı Tarih Yazıcılığı Sorunlar, Mitler, Alternatif Okumalar. Speaker: Ayfer Karakaya-Stump, Discussant: Cemal Kafadar, Ozyegin University Critical Approaches Talk Series I, Istanbul, December, 2013.

Television as a Resonance Machine by Herman Gray and Women's Killings in Latin America by Rosa-Linda Fregoso, Ozyegin University Critical Approaches Talk Series III, Istanbul, April 2014.

Research Methods for the Study of Popular Religion Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, May 2012.

Bringing the Body Back in the Humanities and Social Sciences Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, February 2012. Speakers including Patricia Clough, Victoria Pitts-Taylor and Arthur Frank.

Black American Popular Religion Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, November 2011. Speakers including Michael Dyson, Josef Sorett, and Marla Frederick.

Islam in Europe and America Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, May 2011. Speakers including Saba Mahmood, Jose Casanova, Danielle Hervieu-Leger, Sherman Jackson, and Jocelyne Cesari.

Graduate Student Workshop with **Saba Mahmood**. Reading *Is Critique Secular? Blasphemy, Injury, and Free Speech*. CUNY Graduate Center, NY, May 2011

Graduate Student Workshop with **Danielle Hervieu-Leger**. CUNY Graduate Center, NY. May 2011

CUNY Graduate Center The Committee for the Study of Religion Talk Series, Fall 2010-Spring 2012.

Dini Kimlikler ve Yeni Küresel Eğilimler (Religious Identities and New Global Tendencies), Turkish Institute of Social Sciences 11. National Congress for Social Science. Ankara. December 9-11, 2009.

Teaching Experience

Ozyegin University 2013-Present

Politics and Sociology of Religion and Secularism, Introduction to Social Sciences, Introduction to Sociology

Bahçeşehir University

History of Sociological Thought (3rd year), Contemporary Sociological Theory (4th Year)
Changes in Contemporary Turkish Society I (2nd Year), Changes in Contemporary Turkish Society II (2nd Year), Turkish Sociologists (4th Year), Advanced Readings in Sociology (4th Year)

UC Santa Cruz

Teaching Assistant

Sociology of Health and Medicine, World Society (*twice*), Introduction to Sociology (*twice*), Contemporary Sociological Theories (*three times*), Global Organizations (for Politics Department)
Violence in the Family

EU Projects

PLOTINA (Promoting Gender Balance and Inclusion In Research, Innovation and Training), Coordinator, February 2016-2020.

European Commission, Horizon 2020, The EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation

Turkish Youth Speak up: Youth's Opinion on Turkey's EU Accession and Membership Process, Member of the Research Team,

European Union, European Horizons and Mosaic Program Phase 2, 2004/Horizons-Mosaic/004 2004-2005

Areas of Specialization

Sociology of Islam, Studies of Secularism and Religion, Islam in Turkey and Europe, Anthropology of Secularism and the State, Cultural and Political Sociology, Sociology of Contemporary Turkey, Science and Technology Studies, Feminist Studies of Science and Technology, Gender and Women's Studies, Sociology of Knowledge, Sociology of Law

Art Projects and Voluntary Work

Art Project Production Team Member, Video Fanzine "When the Walls Speak: Searching for Lost Women in the Corridors of Institutions" (in Turkish), Installed Video Artwork, METU, Ankara, March 8th, 2002

Art Project Assistant, "The Last Supper (*Hoc est Corpus Meum*)" Artist: Iskra Dimitrova, Interactive Installation, Hamburg, July-October, 2000

Art Project Production Team Member, Production and Publication of "Feminist Banners" over Internet, Hamburg, July-October, 2000

Art Performance Team Member "Hijacking Lara Croft", Hamburg, July 2000.

Database Programming, "Networking with International and National Women's NGOs" Project, Flying Broom Women's Organization, Ankara, June-July, 1998

Languages

Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (Intermediate)

Membership

American Sociological Association (ASA), European Sociological Association (ESA)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

European International Studies Association (EISA)