

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Al-Quds University**, East Jerusalem, Palestine

Oct 2021 – Present

**Visiting Assistant Professor**

**Al-Quds Bard College for Arts and Sciences**, East Jerusalem, Palestine

Al-Quds University, 2018/2019 AY

**Visiting Lecturer**

**Central European University**, Budapest, Hungary

Roma Graduate Preparation Program, 2015/2016 AY

**Lecturer**

**The American University in Cairo**, Egypt

Department of Political Science (Jan-Apr 2014)/Middle East Studies Center (Sep-Dec 2014)

**Visiting Research Fellow**

**EDUCATION**

**Central European University**, Budapest, Hungary

Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations

**PhD in Political Science**, June 2018

Dissertation: *Women's Islamic Movements and Politico-Religious Empowerment: Accommodation, Dissent, and Transgression in Turkey and Egypt (1995-2016)*, with magna cum laude.

Supervisors: Lea Sgier, Nadia Al-Bagdadi; external reader: Deniz Kandiyoti

**Central European University**, Budapest, Hungary

Department of Political Science

**MA in Political Science**, June 2011

Thesis: *Exploring the Backstage of Women's Movements: Contextual and Characteristic Aspects of Four Women's Organizations in Turkey*

Supervisor: Lea Sgier

**Koc University**, Istanbul, Turkey

College of Administrative Sciences and Economics

**BA in International Relations**, June 2009

## COURSES

- **First-Year Seminar (FYSEM): What is Critique?** Al-Quds Bard College, Core Department, Spring 2022.
- **Research and Analytical Methods**, European Studies MA Program, Al-Quds University, Fall 2021.
- **Women’s, Minorities’ and Children’s Rights**, Al-Quds Bard College, Human Rights and International Law Department, Spring 2019.
- **Principles and Theories of International Relations**, Al-Quds Bard College, Political Science Department, Fall 2018.
- **Second-Year Seminar (SYSEM): Freedom and its Critiques I & II**, Al-Quds Bard College, Core Department, 2018-19 AY
- **Introduction to International Relations and Political Science, Level I & Level II** (MA-level equivalency), Central European University, Roma Graduate Preparation Program, 2015-16 AY.
- **Scope and Methods** (MA-level, Teaching Assistant), Central European University, Political Science Department, Fall 2012.

## RESEARCH FOCUS

*Social Movements and Democratization*  
*Women, Religion and Law*  
*Qualitative Research Methods*  
*Political Theory*  
*Middle East and North Africa*

## PUBLICATIONS and PROJECTS

with Elvan Algün, Nilgün Arın, Semih Evciman, Şeyda Aysun Oğuz, (transcribers). *Kadınlar Dünyası (Sayı 101-110): Osmanlı ve Erken Cumhuriyet Kadın Dergileri (Talepler, Engeller, Mücadele) Cilt 5*. Editor: Birsen Talay Keşoğlu. Libra Books, Istanbul, 2021.

“Mısır’da Aile Yasası Reform Çabaları ve İslami Feminizm” *Havle Women’s Association Publications*, 2022 (forthcoming)

*Daring to Cross Boundaries: Women’s Accommodation, Dissent and Transgression in Politico-Religious Debates in Turkey and Egypt*. (Book in progress)

“Hate is within us”, *The CEU Weekly*, Issue 69, March 2016, <http://ceuweekly.blogspot.hu/2016/03/hate-is-within-us-reflections-of-2016.html>

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish (native), English (advanced), Arabic (intermediate), Ottoman Turkish (advanced reading level)

## PRESENTATIONS and PUBLIC SPEECHES

“Institutionalized Islam in Personal Status Laws and Challenged Position of Women as ‘the Other,’” the 3rd International Congress of PLURIEL, (*postponed* to May 24- 27, 2022 in Beirut, Lebanon)

“Islamic Feminism in the Field: Efforts to Reform the Personal Status Law in Egypt”, Localization of Feminism Conference (*Online*), Havle Women’s Association, Turkey, Dec 19, 2020.

“Revolution in Egypt and Women’s Movements” (*Mısır’da Devrim ve Kadın Mücadelesi*), Labor and Justice Platform, Guest Talk Series, Istanbul, Turkey, Apr 5, 2019.

“Visibility of Dissent in Women’s Politico-Religious Acts”, Al-Quds Bard College, Faculty Research Seminar, Nov 21, 2018.

“Women’s Politico-Religious Dissent and Transgression in Egypt and Turkey (1995-2016)”, American University of Beirut, Lebanon, Feminism in Crisis? Gender and the Arab Public Sphere Conference, Jan 18, 2018.

“Shifts in Discourse and Policies on Women in Turkey and Responses under State-Emergency”, “Hate speech” and responses in Turkey Conference, organized by Rafto Foundation for Human Rights (Norway) and School of Public Policy, CEU, Dec 7, 2017.

“Women’s Islamic Movements and Politico-Religious Empowerment: Transgression in Turkey and Egypt (2008-2016)”, European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG), Lausanne University, Switzerland, Jun 8-10, 2017.

“Appropriation of Religious Discourse and Local and Transnational Networks” & *Panel Co-organizer: A Conversation on Networks and Transmission within Four Different Disciplines* at “The Middle East and the Islamic World in the Mirror of Humanities and Social Sciences”, Joint International Conference organized by DAVO and DMG, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany, Sep 24-26 2015.

“Context and Visibility: Women’s Islamic Discourse and Movements in Egypt and Turkey (2000-2015)” *Featured Panel Organizer: “Women’s Mobilization in Turkey, Egypt and Libya: Changing Relations with the States and Discursive Positioning in the Last Decade”* at European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG), Uppsala University, Sweden, June 11-13, 2015.

“Doing fieldwork in conflict-ridden and authoritarian countries” (facilitator and speaker), Interpretive Research Forum, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, Mar 6, 2015.

“Islamic women’s groups against ‘Islamist’ AKP: Life-style, headscarf, and police violence in Turkey (2002-2014)”, Guest Talk Series, Middle East Studies Center (MESOC), The American University in Cairo, Egypt Dec 8, 2014.

“Walking the ‘Straight Path’ on Identity Minefields: Muslim Women’s Political Activism in Turkey and Egypt (2000-2014)” European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Glasgow University, Scotland, UK, Sep 3-6, 2014.

“Gender Politics and Religion: Activism and Discursive Work of Islamic Women’s Groups in Turkey” at Emerging Role of Women in Muslim Societies: Opportunities and Challenges, International Islamic University/Riphah International University Joint Conference, Islamabad, Pakistan, Nov 28-29, 2013.

“Redefining Democracy and Islam: Struggle of Islamic Women’s Movements on Gender Equality in Egypt and Turkey,” Political and Social Perspectives of Turkey with respect to its Past and Present, International and Interdisciplinary Conference Eötvös Lorand University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary, Dec 3, 2012.

## **GRANTS and HONORS**

Central European University Doctoral Fellowship, 2011-2017  
Central European University Doctoral Research Support Grant, 2014  
European Consortium for Political Research Conference Grant, 2014  
Central European University Master's Fellowship, 2010-2011  
Koç University Dean's Honor Roll  
Koç University Merit Scholarship, 2004-2009