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EDUCATION

- 2020 (expected) **Ph.D., Sociology** – University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Dissertation: “Righting a Death on the Job: The Politics of Fatal Work Accident Lawsuits in Turkey” (Expected defense April 2020)
Committee: Millie Thayer (Chair), Robert Zussman, Kathryne Young, Christopher T. Dole (Anthropology & Sociology, Amherst College)
- 2018 **M.A, Sociology** – University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2011 **M.A., Modern Turkish History** – The Ataturk Graduate Institute, Boğaziçi University, Turkey
- 2009 **B.Sc., Mechanical Engineering** – Yıldız Technical University, Turkey

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Economic Sociology; Law and Society; Culture; Political Sociology; Theory; Morality; Gender, Immigration and Work; Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Article:

- Forthcoming Yalçın Özkan. “Bringing a ‘Different Femininity’: Immigrant Women from Bulgaria and Local Co-workers on a Factory Floor in Turkey” (Conditionally accepted at *Qualitative Sociology*)

Edited Volume:

- 2012 Buğra, Ayşe and Yalçın Özkan. *Trajectories of Female Employment in the Mediterranean*. Hampshire & New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter:

- 2012 Buğra, Ayşe and Yalçın Özkan. “Modernization, Religious Conservatism and Female Employment through Economic Development in Turkey,” in *Trajectories of Female Employment in the Mediterranean*, 91-114. Hampshire & New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Other Publications:

- 2018 Yalçın Özkan. “İş Kaynaklı Ölümleri Tazmin Etmek: Adaletin Sağlanmasında Parasal Zarar Gideriminin Olanak Ve Sınırları,” (in Turkish: “Compensating for Work-Related Deaths: The Means and Limits of Monetary Restitution in Delivering Justice”) in *Türkiye’nin Büyük Dönüşümü (The Great Transformation of Turkey)*, edited by Savaşkan, Osman and Mehmet Ertan, 527-549. Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları.
- 2016 Yalçın Özkan. “Pierre Bourdieu’s Symbolic Violence as Depicted through the Wire,” *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. (<http://trails.asanet.org>)
- 2013 Yalçın Özkan. “Neoliberal Türkiye’de Emek, Hukuk ve Ölüm Örgüleri: İşçileri Atmak,” (in Turkish: “The Fragments of Labor, Law, and Death in Neoliberal Turkey: Throwing Workers Away”) *Kampflat* 2(4): 195-213.

Manuscripts in Preparation:

- Yalçın Özkan. “From Morals to Politics: Revisiting Zelizer’s ‘Moralized Markets’ Research” (Draft available)
- Yalçın Özkan. “Receiving Money as a Form of Justice: Work-related Deaths, Victim Workers’ Families, and (In)justice in Turkey” (Draft available)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2018 – 2019 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2018 The Page Scholarship—the Best Graduate Student Theory Paper Award, Sociology Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2018 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Sociology Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2015 Comprehensive Exam Research Fellowship, Sociology Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Political Sociology (Spring 2018)
Social Problems (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Social Problems (Fall 2013)
Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2019)
Sociology of Law (Fall 2014)
Foundations of Sociological Theory (Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2018)

Invited Lectures:

- 2015 “The Means, Gains, and Limits of Gezi Park Protests” in *Istanbul* taught by Christopher T. Dole and Monica M. Ringer. Amherst College. April 23.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Receiving Money as a Form of Justice: Work-related Deaths, Victim Workers’ Families, and (In)justice in Turkey.” Paper presented at the 114th Annual Meeting of **American Sociological Association**, August 10-13, 2019. New York City, NY.
- 2019 “Para Adaleti Nasıl Sağlar? İş-kaynaklı Ölümler, Hukuk ve Mağdur İşçi Aileleri” (in Turkish: How does Money Deliver Justice? Work-related Deaths, Law, and Victim Families). Paper presented at the 3rd **Relational Social Science Conference** organized by Koç University, June 13-14. Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2017 “Righting a Wrongful Death on the Job: The Politics of Fatal Work Accident Lawsuits in Turkey.” Paper presented at **Law & Politics in Turkey: Reform, Authority and Emergency** organized by Buffet Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University. October 26-28. Evanston, IL.
- 2015 “Encounters in the Factory: Work and Gender between Women Workers from Bulgaria and Bursa’s Locals.” Paper presented at The **MASSCON Graduate Symposium on Qualitative Sociology**, May 13. Boston, MA.
- 2015 “Encountering in the Factory: The Distinctness of Work Identity and Gender among Turkish Immigrant Women from Bulgaria during the 1980s.” Paper presented at **Eastern Sociological Association** Annual Meeting, February 26 – March 1. New York City, NY.
- 2011 “The Distinct and Gendered Work Ethic: Immigrant Women Workers from Bulgaria during the Industrialization Era of Bursa (1968-1978).” Paper presented at the 36th Annual Meeting of the **Social Science History Association**, November 17-20. Boston, MA.
- 2011 “Çarpışma ve Etkileşim: Fabrikadan İçeri Girmek” (in Turkish: Contestation and Interaction: Entering the Factory). Paper presented at the 12th **Turkish Social Science Association** National Social Science Congress, December 14-16. Ankara, Turkey.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2010—2013 Research Assistant, Social Policy Forum, Boğaziçi University, Turkey

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad-hoc Reviewer:

Gender & Society, Alternatif Politika (in Turkish)

Professional Meeting Service:

2015 “Undocumented Lives: Legal Status and Coming of Age in America.” Table
presider at Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, February 26 March
1, 2015. New York City, NY.

Departmental Service:

2014 – 2015 Graduate Representative on the Committee of Intellectual Activities

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Law and Society Association

LANGUAGE

Turkish (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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