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EDUCATION

University of California Berkeley, Rhetoric Department

Fulbright Fellow, hosted by Assoc. Professor Samera Esmeir and Professor Charles Hirschkind
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, CA, USA

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

CURRENT POSITION

Özyeğin University Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
Associate Professor 2017-Present
Assistant Professor 2013-2017

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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 1996-2002

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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

DAAD German Academic Exchange Service Educational Scholarship, International Women's University
(Ifu) Gender, Technology, Culture, Germany, Summer 2000

Bilkent University, Full Scholarship, Tuition waiver, monthly stipend and accommodation, Ankara, 1991-
1996

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Zengin Arslan, Berna (under contract, 2022) "Establishing the *Diyanet*: Regulation of Religion from Ottoman Empire to Turkish Republic" (tentative title). *OUP Handbook of Religion in Turkey*, Caroline Tee, Fabio Vicini, Philip Dorroll (eds), Oxford University Press.

Zengin Arslan, Berna and Bryan S. Turner. 2022. "Against the 'Exception': Rethinking Turkish Secularism through the *Diyanet*" in *The I.B. Tauris Handbook of Sociology and the Middle East*. Fatma Müge Göçek and Gamze Evcimen (eds), Bloomsbury Publishing.

Zengin Arslan, Berna. 2022. "Bilime Feminist Eleştiri" in *Meraklısına Bilim 2021, Bilim Akademisi 10 Yaşında*, Sarkaç Seçkisi. (<https://sarkac.org/2022/03/bilime-feminist-elistiri-2/>)

Zengin Arslan, Berna. 2021. "Reforming Laïcité or Reforming Islam? Institutional and Legal Integration of Islam in France". in *Islam, Secularism and the Culture Wars in France Forum*. Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs. (<https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/reforming-islam-or-reforming-laicite-institutional-and-legal-integration-of-islam-in-france>)

Zengin Arslan, Berna and Bige Acimuz. 2021. "Reforming Laïcité or Reforming Islam? Secularism, Islam, and the Regulation of Religion in France", *Journal of Law, Religion and State*, 9 (147-177).

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. Cited: 2

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. Google scholar: 11

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., B. Zengin Arslan. 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. Google scholar: 23

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: 37 (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: 70

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: 5

Translated to 6 different languages, 2021 (French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Polish).

Book Review:

Köydemir, 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 Yayınları: Ankara. (In Turkish, Written by the Project Research Group)

EU PROJECTS

PLOTINA (Promoting Gender Balance and Inclusion in Research, Innovation and Training), Member of the Coordinating Team, February 2016-2020.

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

With PLOTINA, Özyeğin University is awarded 2nd at **KOÇ-KAM Award for Universities that Contributed to Gender Equality**, March 2021

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

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Fulbright Turkey Evaluator and Panel Member for the Doctoral and Master's Fellowship in Sociology

Reviewer

Journal of Intercultural Studies, Social Epistemology, New Perspectives on Turkey, Sociology of Islam, Feminist Studies, Asiatische Studien, Akdeniz Kadın Çalışmaları ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet Dergisi, Eğitim Bilim Toplum Dergisi.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Özyeğin University 2013-Present

Gender, Society and Politics; 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

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Gender Office Advisory Board Member, Özyeğin University, December 2021-Present

Coordinator of Sociology Courses, HSS, Özyeğin University, 2013-present

Organizer, *Critical Approaches in Social Sciences* Talk Series, Özyeğin University, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2013-2015, 2021-22

INVITED TALKS

Discussant, Özyeğin University IR Department Book talk by Barış Büyükokutan, *Bound Together*, November 2021.

Theories and Debates of Secularism in Europe, Lecturer, The Science Academy Summer School (Bilim Akademisi Yaz Okulu), June 2021.

Feminist Politics of Care (Feminist Bakım Politikası), Özyeğin University Faculty of Social Sciences Buluşmalar Seminer Dizisi, May 2021.

Feminist Bilim Eleştirisi ve Feminist Epistemoloji, Boğaziçi University Sociology Club, International Women's Day Special Program, March 2021.

Bilime Feminist Eleřtiri Neden Gerekli?, Medyascope/Bilim Akademisi Meraklısına Bilim Youtube Channel, January 2021.

Fransa'da Devletin Dini Yönetimi: Sekülerlik ve Reform, Bilimler Köyü Webinar, November 2020.

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, Özyeğın University, October 13, 2017.

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

'Other' in Sociology, TEVITOL High School Workshop in Social Sciences, April 24th, 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). Özyeğın 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://jennikaufman.com/clipfiles/365_FIFTH.pdf

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Claiming Epistemic Authority of Women in Science and Technology: Case studies of women engineers in Turkey, Gendering Epistemologies – Gender and Situated Knowledge: Perspectives from Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe Conference, Prag, October 2022 (Expenses are covered by the organizers).

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 Açımuş). 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 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

Islam and Science in Turkey Conference on Transnational Religious Movements, Dialogue and Economic Development, Turin, 10-11 December 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)

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)

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, 45 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.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Talk Series, **Reproductive Technologies, Gender and Medicine**, Özyeğin University, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Speakers: Burcu Mutlu, Özyeğin University; Angela Balzano, Bologna University; Sahar Sadjadi, McGill University, 2021/22.

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

Alevi Bektaşî Tarih Yazıcılığı Sorunlar, Mitler, Alternatif Okumalar. Speaker: Ayfer Karakaya-Stump, Discussant: Cemal Kafadar, Özyeğin 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, Özyeğin University Critical Approaches Talk Series III, Istanbul, April 2014.

Panel-**Religious Identities and New Global Tendencies**, Turkish Institute of Social Sciences 11. National Congress for Social Science. Ankara. December 9-11, 2009.

Conferences and Talk Series organized at CUNY Graduate Center, NY (with Bryan S. Turner)

Research Methods for the Study of Popular Religion Conference, May 2012.

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

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

Islam in Europe and America Conference, 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*. May 2011

Graduate Student Workshop with **Danielle Hervieu-Leger**. May 2011

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

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Cultural and Political Sociology, Studies of Secularism and Religion, Social Theory, Feminist Theory, Gender Studies, Feminist Studies of Science and Technology, Sociology of Islam, Islam and Alevism in Turkey and Europe, Anthropology of Secularism, and the State, Sociology of Contemporary Turkey, Science and Technology 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

MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2015- Present Young Science Academy, Turkey

2021-Present Academic Committee Member, Bilimler Köyü, Urla

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)

LANGUAGES

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