

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PRESENT POST

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2014 - Professor at the Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey.  
2009 - Member of the Ethics Committee, METU  
2002 - Faculty Member Affiliated with Eurasian Studies MS Program, METU

### POST HELD

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2009 - 2014 Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, METU  
Associate Professor (Title) February 2008  
2010 - 2013 Faculty Board Member of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, METU  
2005 - 2012 PhD Committee Member at the Department of Sociology, METU  
2005 - 2009 Executive Board Member of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, METU  
2002 - 2009 Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology, METU  
2003 - 2004 Vice-Chairperson at the Department of Sociology, METU,  
2002 - Instructor at the Department of Sociology, METU  
1996 - 2002 Research Assistant at the Department of Sociology, METU  
1992 - 1996 Lecturer at the Department of Sociology, Uludağ University, Bursa, Turkey

## ACADEMIC HISTORY

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2012	Visiting Researcher, Indiana University, Indiana, USA
2004	Visiting Scholar, University of California - Berkeley, USA
2003	Visiting Scholar, University of Manchester, UK
2001	Post-Doctoral Research, Ben-Gurion University, Beer Sheva, Israel
Topics:	<i>Russian Jews; Turkish Jews</i>
1997 - 1998	PhD Research, University of Manchester, UK
1995 - 2001	PhD in Sociology, METU, Ankara, Turkey
Title of thesis	<i>Rethinking Ethnic Identity Formation: The Case of the Ahıska (Meskhetian) Turks in Turkey and Kazakhstan</i>
1990 - 1991	MA in Political Science, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
Title of thesis	<i>The Dynamics of the Legitimacy Crisis in the Post-1980 Turkish Politics: The Role of the President within Parliamentary System</i>
1986 - 1990	BA in Sociology, METU, Ankara, Turkey
1979 - 1986	Baccalauréat, Lycée Charles de Gaulle, Ankara, Turkey

## LANGUAGES

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Turkish (native)  
French (fluent)  
English (fluent)  
Italian (fair)  
Russian (beginner)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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<b><i>Ethnicity and Nationalism</i></b>	Post-Soviet Nationalisms, Ethnic/National Identity Formation, Diaspora.
<b><i>Migration Studies</i></b>	Ethnic Migration, Forced Migration (i.e. Soviet Deportations), Transnationalism.
<b><i>Secularism Studies</i></b>	Secular State in Muslim-majority and Muslim-minority Societies, Secularism in Western Societies and Turkey.
<b><i>Museum Studies</i></b>	Sociology of the Museum, Identity Construction in Social History Museums.
<b><i>Regional Interests</i></b>	Post-Soviet Space (especially Central Asia, Ukraine and the Caucasus) and Turkey.
<b><i>Studied Communities</i></b>	Meskhetian (Ahıska) Turks, Crimean Tatars, North Caucasian Communities (i.e. Adighe, Abhaz), Azeris/ <i>Borçalı</i> Turks, Adjarians, Kists, Turkish Speaking Communities of Central Asia, Turkish Jews and Bulgarian Turks.

## **FIELD RESEARCH**

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2019	Field Research in Kiev (Ukraine) (3 months)
2017	Field research in Tbilisi (Georgia) (1 week)
2016	Field research in Lvov (Ukraine) (1 week)
2016	Field research in Kiev (Ukraine) (1 week)
2016	Field research in Kherson region (Ukraine) (1 week)
2016	Field research in Tbilisi (Georgia) (1 week)
2015	Field research in Baku (Azerbaijan) (1 week)
2015	Field research in Tbilisi (Georgia) (3 weeks)
2015	Field research in Batumi (Georgia) (2 weeks)
2012	Field research in Indiana and Ohio (USA) (6 weeks)
2012	Field research in Krasnodar, Rostov and their surrounding villages (Russian Federation) (3 weeks)
2011	Field research in Almaty and Astana, Kazakhstan (2 weeks)
2010	Field research in Abhazia (Georgia) and Adygea (Russian Federation) (3 weeks)
2010	Field research in Crimea, Ukraine (2 weeks)
2006	Field research in Crimea, Ukraine (2 weeks)
2005	Field research in Almaty, Sariagac (Kazakhstan) (2 weeks)
2005	Field research in Uzbekistan (2 weeks)
2005	Field research in Bursa and Antalya (4 weeks)
2004	Field research in Almaty, Kazakhstan (2 weeks)
2003	Field research in Almaty, Kazakhstan (3 weeks)
2002	Field research in Almaty, Kazakhstan (3 weeks)
2002	Field research in Crimea, Ukraine (2 weeks)
2001	Field research in Crimea, Ukraine (2 weeks)
1996	Field research in Almaty (3 weeks)
1995	Field research for the PhD in Bursa (2 months)
1994	Field research for PhD in Bishkek and surrounding villages, Kyrgyzstan (1 month)
1994	Field research for PhD in Almaty and surrounding villages, Kazakhstan (1 month)

## **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS (selected)**

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2020	TÜBİTAK-ULAKBİM (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) Grant for Supporting International Scientific Publications
2019-2020	Ukrainian Association Research Grant
2019	Research Grant, Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB)
2019	TÜBİTAK-ULAKBİM (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) Grant for Supporting International Scientific Publications
2018-2020	Council of Higher Education- Project Base International Exchange Programme- <i>Mevlana</i> Grant
2015-2016	Research Grant, YTB (Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities), Republic of Turkey Promotion

2012	Fund, TİKA (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency) and DİB (Presidency of Religious Affairs). TÜBİTAK-ULAKBİM (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) Grant for Supporting International Scientific Publications.
2012	Research Grant, AKM (Atatürk Cultural Center)
2010	TÜBİTAK-ULAKBİM (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) Grant for Supporting International Scientific Publications.
2010-2012	Research Grant, AKM (Atatürk Cultural Center), TDK (Turkish Language Institution), YTB (Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities)
2007	TÜBİTAK-ULAKBİM (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) Grant for Supporting International Scientific Publications (x2)
2004	Post-Doctoral Grant, TUBA (Turkish Academy of Sciences) Visiting Scholar at the University of Manchester and University of California-Berkeley
2003	TUBA (Turkish Academy of Sciences) Grant for Encouraging International Scientific Publications
2001	Post-Doctoral Grant, Israeli Council for Higher Education
1997	TUBA (Turkish Academy of Sciences) PhD Research Scholarship
1996	TIKA (Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency) & KORA (Centre for Black Sea and Central Asia) Research Grant (used for the fieldwork of the PhD in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan)
1991	University of Bilkent, MA Scholarship

## **INTERNATIONAL LECTURES AND SEMINARS**

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### **Erasmus and Erasmus + Staff Exchange**

2019	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Department of Sociology, Ukraine <b>Titles of lectures</b> <i>The Development of Secularism and Secularization in Western Societies: Theoretical Debates and Different Cases</i> <i>The Experience of Secular State and Secularization in Non-Western Societies: Theoretical Debates and Different Cases</i>
2018	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Department of Psychology, Georgia <b>Title of the seminar</b> <i>Secularism and Religious Revival in Post-Soviet Georgia: Theory and Practice</i>

- 2015 University of Bern, Department of Social Anthropology, Switzerland  
**Title of the lecture**  
*'Homeland or Death' - Crimean Tatars: Identity, Culture and Politics*  
**Title of the seminar**  
*Exploring Turkey: Anthropological Perspectives*
- 2012 University of Vienna, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Austria  
**Title of the lecture**  
*Soviet and Post-Soviet Experiences of the Two Deported Turkic Communities: Meskhetian Turks and Crimean Tatars*  
**Title of the Seminar**  
*Identity, Nation and State-Building in Central Asia after 20 Years of Independence*
- 2010 Université de Bordeaux, Department of Sociology, France  
**Title of the Seminar**  
*Le Retour des Tatars de Crimée dans leur Patrie et Renouveau Culturel*
- 2007 University of Gröningen, Department of Sociology, The Netherlands  
**Title of the Seminar**  
*Deportation, Displacement and Resettlement: Clashing Claims of the Ethnic Origin and Territory: Meskheti-Javakheti (Georgia)*

## **INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books/Edited Books/Reports**

- 2022 **Rusya-Ukrayna Savaşının Sosyolojik Açıdan Tahlili** (Sociological Analysis of Russia-Ukraine War), Report, Ankara: AVİM
- 2018 **25 Years of Turkey - Ukraine Diplomatic Relations: Regional Developments and Prospects for Enhanced Cooperation** (ed. with Turgut Kerem Tuncel), Ankara: AVİM Conference Book, 22.
- 2006 **The Meskhetian Turks: An Introduction to their History, Culture and Resettlement Experiences** (with Ç. B. Harding; M. Hoover; I. Kuznetsov; S. Swerdlow), Washington: Cultural Orientation Resource Center - Center for Applied Linguistics.

## Articles

- 2024 “Transformation of Identity among Slavic Muslim Pomaks in Bulgaria and Georgian Muslim Ajarains in Georgia: A Comparative Analysis” (with Alter Kahraman), **Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies**. Published online: May 2024. **SSCI-Q2**
- 2021 “Georgian Path to Secularism: A Case of Cultural Defense” (with Serhat Keskin and Hazar Ege Gürsoy), **Politics, Religion & Ideology**. Published online: 2 November 2021. Printed version: 2021. 22 (3-4): 392-414. **SSCI-Q1**
- 2019 “Conversion of Muslim Georgians (Ajarians) to Orthodox Christianity in Georgia: Different Narratives and Perceptions” (with Pınar Köksal and Alter Kahraman), **Europe-Asia Studies**. Published online: 24 January 2019. Printed version: 2019. 71 (2): 290-314. **SSCI-Q1**
- 2018 “Religious Revival and Deprivatization in Post-Soviet Georgia: Reculturation of Orthodox Christianity and Deculturation of Islam” (with Pınar Köksal and H. Ege Gürsoy), **Politics & Religion**. Published online: 13 August 2018. Printed version: 2019. 12 (2): 317-345. **AHCI-SSCI-Q3**
- 2013 “Ethnification and Nationalization of Religion in Post-Soviet Georgian Nation-State Building Process: Source of Discrimination and Minority Rights Violations?”, **International Journal of Human Rights**, 17 (7-8): 810-828.
- 2012 “Nation-State Building in Kyrgyzstan and Transition to Parliamentary System” (with İsmail Aydınğün), **Parliamentary Affairs**, Published online in August 2012. Printed version: 2014. 67(2): 391-414. **SSCI-Q2**
- 2010 “Perception of Homeland among Crimean Tatars: Cases from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Crimea”, (with Erdoğan Yıldırım), **Bilig**, 54: 21- 46. **SSCI-Q4**
- 2007 “Crimean Tatars Return Home: Identity and Cultural Revival” (with İsmail Aydınğün), **Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies**, 33(1): 113-128. **SSCI-Q1**
- 2007 “Kazakistan’da Tarihi Canlandırın ve Milli Kimliği İnşa Eden Müzeler” (Museums Which Revive History and Construct National Identity in Kazakhstan), **Bilig**, 41: 89-108.
- 2007 “Islam as a Symbolic Element of National Identity Used by the Nationalist Ideology in the Nation and State Building Process in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan”, **Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies**, 27: 69-83. **AHCI**

- 2004 “The Role of Language in the Formation of Turkish National Identity and Turkishness” (with İsmail Aydıngün), **Nationalism and Ethnic Politics**, 10 (3): 415-433.
- 2002 “Meskhetian (Ahıska) Turks: Source of Conflict in the Caucasus?”, **International Journal of Human Rights**, 6(2): 49-64.
- 2002 “Creating, Recreating and Redefining Ethnic Identity: Ahıska/Meskhetian Turks in Soviet and Post-Soviet Contexts”, **Central Asian Survey**, 21 (2): 185-197.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2018 “Turkish - Ukrainian Relations throughout History: Continuities and Strategic Requirements”, **25 Years of Turkey-Ukraine Diplomatic Relations: Regional Developments and Prospects for Enhanced Cooperation**, (with Turgut Kerem Tuncel) Turgut Kerem Tuncel, Ayşegül Aydıngün (ed.), Ankara: AVİM Conference Book 22: 13-34.
- 2008 “State Symbols and National Identity Construction in Kazakhstan”, **The Past as Resource in the Turkic Speaking World**, Ildiko Beller-Hann (ed.), Wünzburg: Ergon Verlag, 139-158.
- 2007 “Resettlement and Belonging among Ethnic and Cultural Kin: Meskhetian Turks in Turkey”, **The Meskhetian Turks at a Crossroads**, Tom Trier and Andrei Khanzin (eds.), Berlin: Lit Verlag, 340-377.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2009 “The Identity of Nations”, by Monserrat Guibernau, **Ethnic and Racial Studies**, 32(3): 575-576. **SSCI**
- 2002 (with İsmail Aydıngün), “The Turkish Language Reform: A Catastrophic Success”, by Geoffrey Lewis, **Language in Society**, 31(4): 645-647. **SSCI**

## **NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books/Edited Books**

- 2024 **2023 Depremleri Sonrası Hatay Kimliğine ve Kültürel Mirasına Sosyolojik Bir Bakış (A Sociological Outlook on Hatay Identity and Cultural Heritage After the 2023 Earthquakes)**, (ed. with Serhat Keskin), Ankara: Dorlion

- 2020 **Sovyet Sonrası Ukrayna’da Devlet, Toplum ve Siyaset: Değişen Dinamikler-Dönüşen Kimlikler** (State, Society and Politics in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Changing Dynamics – Transforming Identities (ed. with İsmail Aydıngün), Ankara: AVİM-Terazi
- 2016 **Gürcistan’daki Müslüman Topluluklar – Azınlık Hakları, Kimlik, Siyaset** (Muslim Communities in Georgia- Minority Rights, Identity, Politics) (ed. with Ali Asker and Aslan Yavuz Şir), Ankara: AVİM-Terazi
- 2014 **Ahıska Türkleri – Ulusötesi Bir Topluluk, Ulusötesi Aileler** (Ahıska Turks- A Transnational Community, Transnational Families) (with İsmail Aydıngün), Ankara: Ahmet Yesevi Üniversitesi
- 2012 **Bağımsızlıklarının Yirminci Yılında Orta Asya Cumhuriyetleri - Türk Dilli Halklar, Türkiye ile İlişkiler** (Central Asian Republics after Twenty Years of Independence- Turkish Speaking Communities, Relations with Turkey) (ed. with Çiğdem Balım), Ankara: AKM
- 2004 **Kırım Tatarlarının Vatana Dönüşü: Kimlik ve Kültürel Canlanma**, (The Return of the Crimean Tatars to their Homeland: Identity and Cultural Revival), (with İsmail Aydıngün), Ankara: AKM

#### Articles

- 2013 “Sovyet Sonrası Kazakistan’da Toplumsal ve Siyasal Dönüşüm”: Kısa Bir Değerlendirme” (Social and Political Transformation in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan: A Brief Analysis), **Yeni Türkiye, Türk Dünyası Özel Sayısı I**, 53, 1009-1016.
- 2013 “Ahıska Türklerinin Dünü, Bugünü ve Yarını” (Ahıska/Meskhetian Turks: Past, Present and Future), **Yeni Türkiye, Türk Dünyası Özel Sayısı II**, 54, 2665-2674.
- 2008 “Ahıska Türklerinin Gürcistan’a Dönüşü” (The Return of Meskhetian Turks to Georgia), **ASAM Bakış**, 6, 19 pages.
- 2006 “Ahıska Türklerinin Gürcistan’a Dönüşünde Son Durum” (Latest Situation Regarding the Return of Meskhetian Turks to Georgia), **Stratejik Analiz**, 7 (77): 53-58.
- 2004 “Kırım Tatarlarının Ana Vatana Dönüşü ve Kültürel Canlanma Sürecinde Dil ve Eğitim” (The Return of the Crimean Tatars to their Homeland: Language and Education in the Process of Cultural Revival), **Hacettepe Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi Dergisi**, 21 (1): 107-122.



1999 “A Deported Nationality: Ahıska Turks”, **Perceptions**, SAM, 105-114.

### Book Chapters

2024 “Tarihî, Siyasi ve Sosyolojik Gerçekler Işığında Rusya Federasyonu’nun Ukrayna’yı İşgaline Dair Farklı Anlatıların Analizi: “Nazisizleştirme”, “Silahsızlandırma” ve “Rusların Korunması” (The Analysis of Different Narratives Related to the Invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation in the Light of Historical, Political and Sociological Facts: “Denazification”, “Disarmament” and “Protection of Russians”), **Ukrayna (Ukraine)** İsmail Aydıngün and Valriy Morkva (eds.), Ankara: Atatürk Araştırma Merkezi, 603-636.

2023 “Ahıska Türkleri Sürgünü ve Anma Kültürü (14 Kasım 1944)” (The Deportation of Ahıska Turks and the Commemorative Culture), **Türklerin ve Akraba Toplulukların Acı Yıl Dönümleri- 19. Yüzyıldan Günümüze Sürgünler, Katliamlar, Etnik Temizlik Politikaları ve Soykırımlar** (Sad Anniversaries of Turks and Kin Communities- From the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present- Deportations, Massacres, Ethnic Cleansings and Genocides), Mehmet Hacısalihoğlu (ed.), Ankara: Atatürk Araştırma Merkezi, 431-448.

2020 “Yayılmacı Jeopolitikanın Amaçlanmamış Sonucu: Rusya ‘Ruhu’nu Kaybediyor” (The Unintended Consequence of Expansionist Policy: Russia Loses its ‘Soul’), (with İsmail Aydıngün), **Sovyet Sonrası Ukrayna’da Devlet, Toplum ve Siyaset: Değişen Dinamikler-Dönüşen Kimlikler** (State, Society and Politics in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Changing Dynamics – Transforming Identities, Ayşegül Aydıngün and İsmail Aydıngün (eds.), Ankara: AVİM-Terazi, 411-440.

2020 “Bağımsız Ukrayna’da Değişen Rusya Algısı: Bir Kırılma Noktası Olarak 2014” (Changing Perception of Russia in Ukraine: 2014 as a Breaking Point), (with Yuliya Biletska), **Sovyet Sonrası Ukrayna’da Devlet, Toplum ve Siyaset: Değişen Dinamikler-Dönüşen Kimlikler** (State, Society and Politics in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Changing Dynamics – Transforming Identities, Ayşegül Aydıngün and İsmail Aydıngün (ed.), Ankara: AVİM-Terazi, 331-365.

2020 “Bağımsız Ukrayna’yı Anlamak” (Understanding Independent Ukraine), **Sovyet Sonrası Ukrayna’da Devlet, Toplum ve Siyaset: Değişen Dinamikler-Dönüşen Kimlikler** (State, Society and Politics in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Changing Dynamics – Transforming Identities, Ayşegül Aydıngün and İsmail Aydıngün (ed.), Ankara: AVİM-Terazi, 1-12.

- 2016 “Gürcistan’da Din, Kimlik ve Müslüman Azınlıklar” (Religion, Identity and Muslim Minorities in Georgia), **Gürcistan’daki Müslüman Topluluklar – Azınlık Hakları, Kimlik, Siyaset** (Muslim Communities in Georgia- Minority Rights, Identity, Politics), Ayşegül Aydıngün, Ali Asker and Aslan Yavuz Şir (ed.), Ankara: AVİM-Terazi, 1-22.
- 2016 “Pankisi Vadisi’ndeki Kistler: Selefilik, Gelenekçilik, Kimlik ve Siyaset” (Kists in Pankisi Gorge: Salafism, Traditionalism, Identity and Politics), **Gürcistan’daki Müslüman Topluluklar – Azınlık Hakları, Kimlik, Siyaset** (Muslim Communities in Georgia- Minority Rights, Identity, Politics), Ayşegül Aydıngün, Ali Asker and Aslan Yavuz Şir (ed.), Ankara: AVİM-Terazi, 405-422.
- 2016 “Etnik Bir Demokraside Müslüman Azınlık Olmak: Yeni Başlangıçlar Mümkün Mü?” (Being a Muslim Minority in an Ethnic Democracy: Is It Possible to Make a Fresh Start?), **Gürcistan’daki Müslüman Topluluklar – Azınlık Hakları, Kimlik ve Siyaset** (Muslim Communities in Georgia- Minority Rights, Identity and Politics), Ayşegül Aydıngün, Ali Asker and Aslan Yavuz Şir (ed.), Ankara: AVİM-Terazi, 405-422.
- 2012 “Giriş” (Introduction) (with Çiğdem Balım), **Bağımsızlıklarının Yirminci Yılında Orta Asya Cumhuriyetleri - Türk Dilli Halklar, Türkiye ile İlişkiler** (Central Asian Republics after Twenty Years of Independence- Turkish Speaking Communities, Relations with Turkey), Ayşegül Aydıngün and Çiğdem Balım (ed.), Ankara: AKM, 1-15.
- 2012 “Avrasya’nın Merkezinden Dünyaya Açılan Ülke: Kazakistan” (Kazakhstan: A Country Which Opens Up to the World from the Centre of Eurasia) (with Hayati Tüfekçioğlu), **Bağımsızlıklarının Yirminci Yılında Orta Asya Cumhuriyetleri - Türk Dilli Halklar, Türkiye ile İlişkiler** (Central Asian Republics after Twenty Years of Independence- Turkish Speaking Communities, Relations with Turkey), Ayşegül Aydıngün and Çiğdem Balım (ed.), Ankara: AKM, 51-131.
- 2012 “Yeni Başlangıçlara Doğru” (Towards New Beginnings), **Bağımsızlıklarının Yirminci Yılında Orta Asya Cumhuriyetleri - Türk Dilli Halklar, Türkiye ile İlişkiler** (Central Asian Republics after Twenty Years of Independence - Turkish Speaking Communities, Relations with Turkey), Ayşegül Aydıngün and Çiğdem Balım (ed.), Ankara: AKM, 619-654.
- 2012 “Gürcistan: *De Jure* Üniter, *De Facto* Parçalı” (Georgia: *De Jure* Unitary, *De Facto* Fragmented) (with Ali Asker), **Bağımsızlıklarının Yirminci Yılında Azerbaycan, Gürcistan ve Ukrayna - Türk Dilli Halklar, Türkiye ile İlişkiler** (Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine after Twenty Years of Independence -

Turkish Speaking Communities, Relations with Turkey), İsmail Aydıngün and Çiğdem Balım (ed.), Ankara: AKM, 117-209.

- 2003 “Dil ve Grup Kimliği: Ahıska Türkleri” (Language and Group Identity: Ahıska Turks) (with Çiğdem Balım), **Günümüz Dilbilim Çalışmaları**, Kıran, A. E. et al, İstanbul: Multilingual, 236-244.

#### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS**

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- 2019 “The Impact of Deportation and Forced Migrations on the Identity of Crimean Tatars: A Transnational Community”, **XVI International Conference on “The Problems of Sociological Theory Development. Communities: Social Imagination, Practices, Constructions”**, 18-19 April 2019, Kyiv-Ukraine
- 2018 “Azerbaycan’daki Ahıska Türkleri : Gürcistan’a Dönüş Mümkün mü?” (Meskhetian Turks in Azerbaijan: Is Return to Georgia Possible?), *Milli-mənəvi dəyərlər: ənənə və müasirlik*, 1-2 May, Baku- Azerbaijan  
Published in **Ümummilli lider Heydər Əliyevin anadan olmasının 95-ci ildönümünə həsr edilmiş “Milli-mənəvi dəyərlər: ənənə və müasirlik” mövzusunda Beynəlxalq Elmi Konfransın Materialları**, 112-122. Bakı: Bilik Fondu
- 2017 “Growing Significance of the Georgian Orthodox Church: A Challenge to Secularism and a Source of Discrimination for Muslim Minorities?” paper presented in the panel entitled Minority Rights, Secularism and Ethnic Identity in an 'Ethnic Democracy': Muslim Minorities in Post-Soviet Georgia Part I, organized by Prof. Ayşegül Aydıngün. **Joint ESCAS-CESS Conference, Fifteenth Biennial Conference of the European Studies for Central Asian Societies and Sixth Regional Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society**, 29 June - 2 July, Bishkek-Kyrgyzstan
- 2014 “Why Turkic-Speaking Nations Need A Secular State?”, **Vth Congress of Sociologists of Turkic-Speaking Countries**, 25-26 April, Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- 2010 “Identity, Security, Conflict and Interests: What Self-Reflexive Sociology Can Do For Meskhetian Turks and Crimean Tatars?”, Paper presented in session organized by Prof. Edward Tiryakian entitled “Beyond Severe Ethnic Conflicts and Genocides: Cooperation, Reconciliation and the Peace Process”, **XVII World Congress of Sociology- Sociology on the Move**, 11-17 July, Göteborg, Sweden.

- 2010 “Crisis in National Identity and Ethnic Conflict in Contemporary Turkey”, Paper presented in session organized by Assoc. Prof. Recep Boztemur entitled “Crisis in National Identity and Secularism in Turkey”, **WOCMES- World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies**, 19-24 July, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2009 “The Strategic Importance of Enlarged Black Sea Region for Global Security: A Sociological Approach to Security, Frozen Conflicts, Energy Transportation and Integration to Europe”, **Risks and Threats to Security in the Enlarged Black Sea Region**, International Conference organized by **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and National Institute of International Security Problems of National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine**, 25 September, Kyiv, Ukraine.
- 2009 “The Impact of Civilizations on the Construction of Turkish National Identity”, paper presented at the Special Session **Nations at Civilizational Crossroads** organized by Edward Tiryakian and Willfried Spohn, the **39<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology – Sociology at the Crossroads**, 11-14 June, Yerevan, Armenia.
- 2009 Round Table Discussion, **Terra-Caucasus: A Region in Shaping** organized by Nikolai Genov and Levon Chorbajian, the **39<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology – Sociology at the Crossroads**, 11-14 June 2009, Yerevan, Armenia.
- 2008 “Kazakistan, Özbekistan ve Kırım’daki Kırım Tatarlarında Anavatan Algısı” (Homeland Perception of the Crimean Tatars in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Crimea) (with Erdoğan Yıldırım), **Second International Turcology Congress**, May 22-24, Simferopol, Ukraine.  
Published in **İkinci Uluslararası Türkoloji Kongresi Bildiriler Kitabı**, 2009, 442-444.
- 2007 “Kazakistan’da Tarihi Canlandıran ve Milli Kimliği İnşa Eden Müzeler” (Museums Which Revive History and Construct National Identity in Kazakhstan), **Kazakistan ve Türkiye’nin Ortak Kültürel Değerleri Uluslararası Sempozyumu**, 21-23 May, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 2006 “The Legislative Situation of the Deported Meskhetians in Turkey” **International Conference on Meskhetians**, 27-28 April, Tbilisi, Georgia.

- 2005 “Democratic Progress in Turkey and Methodological Problems in Studying Democracy”, **International Conference on Ukraine in the Black Sea-Caspian Region: Euro-Atlantic Values Expansion and Democratic Control**, 17 June, **Center for International Security and Strategic Studies**, Kyiv, Ukraine.
- 2004 Workshop on **Black Sea-Caspian Democratic Control Consortium**, **Center for International Security and Strategic Studies**, 27 November, Kyiv, Ukraine.
- 2004 “Post-Soviet Kazakhstan: Cultural Revival, National Identity and Ethnic Politics”, **29. Deutscher Orientalistentag**, 20-24 September, Halle, Germany.
- 2003 “Return to the Homeland and Cultural Revival: The Case of the Crimean Tatars” (with İsmail Aydingün), **Central Eurasian Studies Fourth Annual Conference**, 3-5 October, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA.
- 2001 “Meskhetian (Ahıska) Turks: Source of Conflict in the Caucasus?”, **Nationality and Citizenship in Post-Communist Europe**, International Conference organized by the **Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques with the Association for the Study of Nationalities**, 9-10 July, Paris, France.
- 2000 “The Ideological Roots of Turkish Nationalist Literature”, (with İsmail Aydingün) **Literature and Nationalism in the Middle East and North Africa**, 10-13 July, Edinburgh Institute for the Advanced Study of Islam and the Middle East, University of Edinburgh, UK.
- 2000 “State Policies and the Contextuality of Ethnic Identification: The Case of Meskhetian (Ahıska) Turk Migration to Bursa”, **MESA 2000 Meeting**, 16-19 November, Orlando-Florida, USA.
- 1999 “Language as a Tool of Survival: Meskhetian Turks” (with Cigdem Balım-Harding), **Association for the Study of Nationalities, Fourth Annual World Conference**, 15-17 April, Columbia University, New York, USA.
- 1998 “Punished, Deported, Exiled and Dispersed: the Case of the Meskhetian Turks”, **International Conference on the Genocide of the Peoples of the Caucasus**, 28-29 October, **International Society for Human Rights**, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 1998 “The Analysis of the Meskhetian Turkish Identity”, **APIG Conference on Linking Theory and Practice: Issues in the Politics of Identity**, 9-11 September, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK.

- 1997 “Being Turk in a Turkic Country: The Case of the Meskhetian Turks”, **Third Manchester Conference on Central Asia and the Caucasus**, 3-5 February, Manchester, UK.
- 1996 “De la Préservation d’une Identité Ethnique à la Revendication d’une Identité Politique: le Rôle de Vatan Cemiyeti chez les Turcs d’Ahıska”, **AFEMAM&EURAMES**, 4-7 July, Aix-en-Provence, France.

## **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS IN TURKEY**

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- 2017 **Keynote Speech and panel presentation “Ahıska Türkleri: Küresel Dinamikler Işığında Göç, Kimlik ve Ulusötesicilik” (Ahıska Turks: Migration, Identity and Transnationalism in Light of Global Dynamics), Uluslararası Ahıska Türkleri Sempozyumu (International Conference on Ahıska Turks), 11-13 May, Erzincan University, Erzincan, Turkey.**  
Published in **International Conference on Ahıska Turks**, (1): 33-40; (2): 299-304.
- 2016 “Sosyolojik Bir Bakış Açısıyla Gürcistan Müslümanları” (Muslims of Georgia from a Sociological Perspective), **Gürcistan’da İslamiyetin Dünü, Bugünü, Yarını Sempozyumu (Symposium on the Past, Present and Future of Islam in Georgia)**, 6-8 May, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2015 “Kafkaslardaki Ermeniler: Göç, Kimlik, Siyaset” (Armenians in the Caucasus: Migration, Identity, Politics), **II. Uluslararası Türk Ermeni İlişkileri ve Büyük Güçler Sempozyumu (II. International Symposium on Turkish Armenian Relations and Great Powers)**, 6-8 May, Atatürk University, Erzurum, Türkiye
- 2009 “Kazakistan’da Tarihi Canlandıran ve Milli Kimliği İnşa Eden Müzeler” (Museums Which Revive History and Construct National Identity in Kazakhstan) **Geçmişten Geleceğe Türkiye’de Müzecilik III Sempozyumu (Symposium on Museology in Turkey: From Past to the Future)**, 21-22 May, Ankara, Turkey.
- 2007 “Ahıska Türkleri’nin Gürcistan’dan Türkiye’ye Orta Asya Üzerinden Göçü” (The Migration of Ahıska Turks from Georgia to Turkey), **Türkiye’ye olan Uluslararası Göçün Yönleri: Toplumsal Şartlar ve Kişisel Yaşam Dünyaları Sempozyumu (Facetten Internationaler Migration in die Türkei: Gesellschaftliche Rahmenbedingungen und Persönliche Lebenswelten)**, Goethe Institut and Orient-Institut İstanbul, 7-10 March, İstanbul, Turkey.

- 2005 “Le rôle de la langue et de l’éducation dans le processus de retour des Tatars de Crimée”, Colloque International “**nouvelles socialités à l’ère des fragmentations**”, Université de Galatasaray et XVIII<sup>eme</sup> Congrès International de l’Association des Sociologues de la Langue Française, 12-14 May, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2003 “Anavatana Dönüş ve Kültürel Canlanma: Kırım Tatarları Örneği” (Return to the Homeland and Cultural Revival: The Case of the Crimean Tatars) (with İsmail Aydıngün) **II. Ulusal Kültür Araştırmaları Sempozyumu – Türk(İye) Kültürleri (II: National Cultural Research Conference- Cultures of Turkey)**, 3-5 September, Van, Turkey.
- 2002 “Kültürünü Koruyan Bir Halk: Ahıska Türkleri” (A Community that has Preserved its Culture: Ahıska Turks), **VI. Milletlerarası Türk Halk Kültürü Kongresi (6<sup>th</sup> International Turkish Folklore Congress)**, 18-22 June, Ankara, Turkey.  
Published in: **VI. Milletlerarası Türk Halk Kültürü Kongresi Bildiri Kitabı**, Ankara: TC. Kültür Bakanlığı yayını, 23-33.
- 1994 “Orta Asya’da İslam ve Milliyetçilik” (Islam and Nationalism in Central Asia), **Dünya’da ve Türkiye’de Güncel Sosyolojik Gelişmeler**, 3-5 October, Ankara, Turkey.  
Published in **Dünya’da ve Türkiye’de Güncel Sosyolojik Gelişmeler**, Ankara: Sosyoloji Derneği Yay., 655-660.

## **TRANSLATION**

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- 1996 (From French to Turkish) “Osmanlı Beyliği Topraklarında Sufi Çevreler ve ‘Abdalan-I-Rum’ Sorunu (1300-1389)” (Les Milieux Soufis Dans Les Territoires Du Beylicat Ottoman Et Le Probleme Des ‘Abdalan-I Rum’(1300-1389)), in **Osmangazi ve Dönemi**, (ed) Atlansoy, Kadir; Sevim Sezai, Bursa Kültür Sanat ve Turizm Vakfı Yayınları, 53-72.

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS (International/National)**

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- 2019-2020 **State, Society and Politics in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Changing Dynamics and Transforming Identities**  
Sponsored by Ukrainian Association in Ankara and Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB)  
Head of Project and Project Person

- 2018-2020 **Migration of Crimean Tatars to Ukraine After 2014: Crimean Tatar Organizations and Turkey-Ukraine Relations**  
*Mevlana* Project sponsored by the Council of Higher Education: Project Based International Higher Education Exchange Program  
 Project Coordinator and Project Person
- 2017-2022 **Management of Ethnic and Religious Plurality in the Enlarged Black Sea Countries and its Impact on the Region: Cases of Bulgaria, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Georgia**  
 Sponsored by METU BAP  
 Project Coordinator
- 2015-2016 **Muslim Communities in Georgia- Minority Rights, Identity and Politics**  
 Sponsored by YTB (Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities), TİKA (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency), DİB (Presidency of Religious Affairs) and BTF (Republic of Turkey Promotion Fund).  
 Head of Project and Project Person
- 2016-2016 **Nation Building and Territorial Integrity in Post-Soviet Ukraine**  
 Sponsored by METU BAP  
 Project Coordinator
- 2014-2016 **Adjarians in Georgia: Clash of Religious and Ethnic Identities during the Process of Nation Building**  
 Sponsored by METU BAP  
 Project Coordinator
- 2014-2016 **Comparative Analysis of Sociological, Political and Legal Developments Related to IDPs in Post-Soviet Georgia**  
 Sponsored by METU BAP  
 Project Coordinator
- 2014-2015 **The Socio-economic Situation and Integration of Meskhetian Turks Who Migrated from Krasnodar Region (Russian Federation) to Different States of the United States of America in the Context of US Immigration Program**  
 Sponsored by METU BAP  
 Project Coordinator
- 2012-2012 **Migration and Social Integration: Meskhetian Turks as a Transnational Community in Krasnodar (RF) and Indiana and Ohio (USA)**  
 Sponsored by AKM (Atatürk Cultural Center) and Ahmet Yesevi University.  
 Project Person



- 2011-2012                    **Redrawing of Borders and Construction of Identities in Eurasia**  
Sponsored by AKM (Atatürk Cultural Center), TDK (Turkish Language Institution) and YTB (Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities).  
Project Coordinator/ Project Person/ Book Coordinator/editor
- 2010                            **The Determinants of Ethnic and Cultural Identity, and Homeland Perception among the Circassians who Returned to Abkhazia and Adygea**  
Sponsored by METU BAP  
Project Person
- 2010                            **The Issue of Crimean Tatars in the Light of the Strategic Significance of Crimea and Global Dynamics**  
Sponsored by METU BAP.  
Project Coordinator
- 2005-2006                    **Crimean Tatar Identity and Homeland Perception in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan**  
Sponsored by METU BAP.  
Project Coordinator
- 2005-2006                    **The Elements of Ethnic Identity among the Crimean Tatars**  
sponsored by METU BAP.  
Project Person
- 2004-2006                    **Between Integration and Resettlement: Meskhetian Turks**  
Sponsored by European Center for Minority Issues (ECMI) – Germany  
Country Coordinator for Turkey
- 2004                            **National Identity and Museology in Kazakhstan**  
Sponsored by METU BAP.  
Project Coordinator
- 2003                            **The Ethnic Structure in Kazakhstan and Kazakh Identity**  
Sponsored by METU BAP.  
Project Coordinator
- 2002                            **The Interaction of Turkic Cultures with Neighbouring Cultures**  
Sponsored by AKM (Atatürk Cultural Center).  
The project covered several countries from the Balkans, Black Sea and Central Asia.  
Project person at the research in Kazakhstan in 2002

2001-2002 **The Interaction of Turkic Cultures with Neighbouring Cultures**  
Sponsored by AKM (Atatürk Cultural Center).  
The project covered several countries from the Balkans, Black Sea and Central Asia.  
Project Person at the Research in Crimea in 2001 and 2002

### **THESIS SUPERVISED**

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- 2023 **The Historical Process of the Formation of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine in 2019: Church, State and State-Building**  
Serhat Keskin (Sociology)
- 2021 **A Sociological Analysis of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) as a Social Identity: A Case Study for Post-Soviet Georgian IDPs**  
Hazar Ege Gürsoy (Area Studies)  
*(2022 METU Graduate School of Social Sciences Thesis Award)*
- 2020 **Muslim Minorities of Bulgaria and Georgia: A Comparative Study of Pomaks and Ajarians**  
Alter Kahraman (Area Studies)  
*(2021 METU Graduate School of Social Sciences Thesis Award)*
- 2020 **Kist Community in the Pankisi Gorge: A Durkheimian Study of Social Change**  
Anıl Üner (Sociology)
- 2020 **Minority Rights in Ukraine Before and After the Illegal Annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation in 2014: The Case of Crimean Tatars**  
Yeliz Öz (Eurasian Studies)
- 2019 **Post-Soviet Migration Patterns in Kyrgyzstan and the Case of Uzbeks**  
Sevilay Yıldırım (Eurasian Studies)
- 2019 **The Repatriation Process of Meskhetian/Ahıska Turks to their Homeland in Georgia: Challenges and Prospects**  
Serhat Keskin (Eurasian Studies)
- 2017 **Church-State Relations in Post-Soviet Georgia: “Deprivatization” of Georgian Orthodoxy**  
Serhat Keskin (Sociology)

- 2017 **Nation and State Building in Israel (1948-1967): A Comparative Assessment**  
Belcim Taşçıoğlu (Middle East Studies)  
*(Israel and Judaism Studies Distinguished Dissertation Award and 2018 METU Graduate School Of Social Sciences Thesis Award)*
- 2016 **Crimean Tatar Factor and Euromaidan in Ukraine's Nation Building Efforts: Novelties and Changes After 2014**  
Fethi Kurtiy Şahin (Eurasian Studies)  
*(2016 Mustafa Parlar Thesis Award)*
- 2015 **Language Conflict and Claims for the Expansion of Language Rights in Lithuania: Contrasting Cases of Polish and Russian Minorities**  
Yury Katliarou (Eurasian Studies)
- 2014 **The Crimean Tatar National Movement in the Publications of Inner and Outer Diaspora: *Lenin Bayrağı, Emel* and *Dergi***  
Alter Kahraman (Eurasian Studies)  
*(2014 Mustafa Parlar Thesis Award)*
- 2013 **Perception of Homeland among Crimean Tatar Diaspora Living in Turkey as Reflected on the Diaspora Journal *Emel***  
Feyza Toprak (Eurasian Studies)
- 2012 **Nation-Building in Belarus**  
Maiya Famich (Eurasian Studies)
- 2012 **Pink Angels: Cultural Reproduction Through the Therapies Provided by a Jewish Women's Organization in *Or-Ahayim* Hospital in Istanbul**  
Derya Fazıla Ağış (Social Anthropology)
- 2012 **The Role of Judeo-Spanish in Sephardic Identity**  
Aslı Mustanoğlu Alten (Middle East Studies)
- 2010 **The Turks of Borçalı in Georgia: Ethnic Identity in Borderland**  
Said Ethem (Eurasian Studies)
- 2009 **Factors Shaping Ethnic Identity among Crimean Tatars, Russians and Ukrainians in Crimea**  
Yuliya Biletska (Eurasian Studies)
- 2008 **A Disappearing Community: Crimean Karaites**  
Duygu Varol (Eurasian Studies)

- 2008 **Language Policies and their Effects on Ethnicity and Nationality in the Post-Soviet Space**  
İpek Doğanaksoy (Eurasian Studies)
- 2008 **International Organizations and Human Rights: The Case of International Organization for Migration (IOM) As Part of Counter-Trafficking Efforts in Turkey**  
Şermin Yıldız Çınar (Eurasian Studies)
- 2007 **The Reconstruction of the Past in the Process of Nation-Building in Kazakhstan**  
Ali Deniz Usta (Eurasian Studies)
- 2007 **Linguistic Rights of the Turkish Minority in Bulgaria**  
Cengiz Haksöz (Sociology)
- 2007 **Language Planning Policies in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan**  
Işıl Güney (Eurasian Studies)
- 2006 **The Russian Population in the Kazaks Steppes**  
Mustafa Can Teziç (Eurasian Studies)

#### **BIDEP 2216/DOSAP- POSTDOC RESEARCHER**

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- 2013-2014 Anastasia Zherdieva from Ukraine  
Research Title: *The Comparative Analysis of Crimean and Turkish Legends*
- 2012-2013 Anastasia Zherdieva from Ukraine  
Research Title: *Collection and Analysis of Crimean Tatar Legends in Turkey*
- 2010-2011 Yuliya Bilestka from Ukraine  
Research Title: *The Impact of the Policies of Turkey and different actors in Turkey on the Return process and ethnic identification of Crimean Tatars in Crimea.*
- 2006-2007 Nigar Rafatova from Kyrgyzstan  
Research Title: *Economic Activities of Ahıska/Meskhetian Turks in Turkey*

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (at METU)**

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##### **Graduate**

- EAS 501- Society and Culture in Eurasia  
SOC 529- Migration and Ethnicity in Eurasian Societies  
EAS 513- State and Nation Building in South Caucasus

## **Undergraduate**

SOC 100- Principles of Sociology  
SOC 101- Introduction to Sociology  
SOC 311- Sociology of Education  
SOC 497- The Secularization Debate: Comparative Perspectives and Case Studies  
SOC 498- Secular State and Islam  
SOC 419- Sociology of the Museum and Museology

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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Turkish Sociological Association

## **EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

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International Crimes and History: 2015- continues  
Journal of Central Asian and Caucasian Studies: 2010-2010  
Avrasya Dünyası (Eurasian World): 2017- continues  
Journal of Balkan and Black Sea Studies: 2018-continues

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

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- 2017 International Workshop on the *25 Years of Turkey-Ukraine Diplomatic Relations: Regional Developments and Prospects for Enhanced Cooperation* held by Turgut Kerem Tuncel (Center for Eurasian Studies-AVİM), Ayşegül Aydıngün, Pınar Köksal, H. Ege Gürsoy, Alter Kahraman (Eurasian Studies Master Program of the Middle East Technical University) and the Embassy of Ukraine in Turkey in 12 December
- 2006 International Workshop on *the Repatriation of Meskhetian (Ahıska) Turks to Georgia* held by the Centre for Black Sea and Central Asia (KORA), Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, in cooperation with TİKA (Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency). Organized by Ayşegül Aydıngün and Oktay Tanrıseven, 22-23 May.
- 2000 *First International Conference on Ahıska (Meskhetian) Turks: Identity, Migration and Integration* held by the Centre for Black Sea and Central Asia (KORA), Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, in cooperation with Memorial Human Rights Center, Moscow, Russia. Organized by Ayşegül Aydıngün in cooperation with Alexander Ossipov, 14-15 December.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES / PRESENTATIONS (selected)

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- 2016 **OHCHR, 32<sup>nd</sup> Session – Human Rights Council**, Statement on the Report Prepared by the Unofficial Turkish Delegation on the Situation of the Crimean Tatars since the Annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation (Representing Ukraine), July 17, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2016 “Gayriresmi Türk Heyetinin Kırım Raporu Üzerine Kısa Bir Değerlendirme” (A Brief Evaluation of the Unofficial Turkish Delegation Report on Crimea), **AVİM**, April 15, Ankara, Turkey.
- 2016 Statement on the Report Prepared by the Unofficial Turkish Delegation on the Situation of the Crimean Tatars since the Annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation, **OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting**, October 1, Warsaw, Poland.
- 2015 Member of the Unofficial Turkish Delegation in Crimea and co-Author of the Report on **The Situation of the Crimean Tatars since the Annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation**.
- 2013 “Kafkas ve Kırım Halklarının Zorunlu Göçleri- Anavatanlarından Ölümüne Sürgüne Edilenler” (Forced Migration of Crimean and Caucasian Communities – those deported from their Homelands to Death) (with İsmail Aydınğün) **NTV Tarih**, 49, 34-47.
- 2009 **Türkiye’de Bağımsızlık ve Milliyetçilik Anlayışı**, Bilgesam, Rapor, 8.