

Curriculum Vitæ

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Education

- 2014 **PhD**, Cultural Anthropology Program, CUNY Graduate Center.

Thesis Title: *Claiming the Right to the City: Towards the Production of Space from Below.*
- 2011 **Master of Philosophy**, Cultural Anthropology Program, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2002 **B.A.**, Department of Sociology with **Honors**, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

Professional Appointments

- 2019- Middle East Technical University, Department of Sociology, Assistant Professor
- 2016-2017 Bilkent University, Department of Architecture; Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Adjunct Lecturer
- 2015-2016 Middle East Technical University, Department of Sociology, Adjunct Lecturer.
- 2009-2011 New York City College of Technology, Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow.
- 2005-2009 Brooklyn College, Department of Anthropology and Archeology, Adjunct Lecturer.
- 2007, 2009 Baruch College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Adjunct Lecturer in summer semesters.
- 2006 Brooklyn College, Department of Sociology, Adjunct Lecturer in the summer semester.

- 2006 Brooklyn College, Department of Judaic Studies, Adjunct Lecturer in the spring semester.
- 2002-2004 Middle East Technical University, Department of Sociology, Departmental Research Assistant.

Book Chapter

- 2018 “Confronting ‘Aggressive Urbanism’: Frictional Heterogeneity in the ‘Gezi Protests’ of Turkey,” in Kalb, D. & Mollona, M (eds.) *Worldwide Mobilizations: Class Struggles and Urban Commoning*, New York: Berghahn Books, pp. 31-51.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2014 **Growth and Revolt: Resisting Urban Redevelopment in Turkey.** *Sociologia Urbana e Rurale*. Special Issue, “The creative destruction of the Mediterranean city.” Vol. 104. pp. 44-66.
- 2013 **Reclaiming the Right to the City: Reflections on the Urban Uprisings in Turkey.** *CITY: Analysis of Urban Trends, Culture, Theory, Policy, Action*. Vol. 17.3. pp. 274-278.
- 2013 **The Vortex of Rights: ‘Right to the City’ at a Crossroads.** *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. Vol. 37.3, May. pp. 923-940.
- 2011 **From US With Love: Community Participation, Stakeholder Partnership and the Exacerbation of Inequality in Rural Jamaica.** *New Proposals: Journal of Marxism and Interdisciplinary Inquiry*. Vol. 4, No. 2, May. pp. 45-58.

Public Writings

- 2013 **From ‘Urban Renewal’ to Urban Uprising and Back Again: Gezi Protests Amid ‘Economic Growth’.** *Reviews & Critical Commentary (CritCom)* of Council for European Studies at Columbia University. 3 October.
<http://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/critcom/from-urban-renewal-to-urban-uprising-and-back-again-the-gezi-protests-amid-economic-growth/>

Invited Talks

- 2017 **Struggle for Public Space and the Contested Spaces of Democracy.** Le Droit a la Ville au Sud: Expériences Citadines et Rationalités de Gouvernement, Inaugural Session. Université Paris-Diderot-CESSMA, Paris. 15 November.

- 2015 **Rethinking Political Resistance and Spatial Appropriation through Gezi Protests.** The Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University. 13 November.
- 2015 **The Value of the Right to the City.** The Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara. 17 February.
- 2014 **Dialectics of Claiming the Right to the City: From Spontaneous Appropriation of Space to Organized Resistance.** The Department of Geography, Université Paris-Diderot, Paris. 8 December.
- 2014 **From Taksim Commune to Park Forums: Towards a Politics of Value.** The Department of Town and Regional Planning, University of Sheffield. 27 October.
- 2014 **Growth and Revolt: The ‘Construction’ of Gezi Protests in Turkey.** Ecologies of Protest Workshop at the Department of Geography, Durham University, Durham. 16 January.

Academic Presentations & Conferences

- 2010 **The Right to the City: The Politics of Scale and Scale of Politics.** The 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans. 19 November. Presenter, and Session Chair.
- 2009 **From US with Love: Decentralized Democracy, Local Participation and Nature Conservation in the Global South.** In the invited session, "Ethnographic Means to Political Ends: Anthropological Contributions to Understanding the Interrelations Between Contemporary Conservative and Neoliberal Movements." The 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia. 4 December.
- 2009 **What Does the Local Participate in? Governance of Neoliberal Nature Production in Jamaica.** Society For Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico. March 17-21.
- 2008 **When Uneven Development Turns Green: The Production of Neoliberal Nature in Cockpit Country, Jamaica.** "Interrogating Diversity: Representation, Power, and Social Justice," March 21-22, Washington D.C.
- 2005 **Conditional Respect in Other’s Culture: Politics of Difference and Mixophobia in European Cultural Politics.** Annual meeting of Eastern Sociological Society, March 17-20, Washington D.C.

Courses Taught (Latest to the oldest)

Urban Metabolism: Tools from the Social Sciences for Architects and Designers. Bilkent University, Department of Architecture, Ankara.

Comparative Studies of Culture and Society. Başkent University, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Ankara.

Urban Politics. Başkent University, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Ankara.

Sociology of Everyday Life and Political Economy (Graduate Course), Middle East Technical University, Department of Sociology, Ankara

Urban & Transnational Anthropology, City University of New York, Brooklyn College

Practice of Ethnography, City University of New York, Brooklyn College

Urban Anthropology, City University of New York, Baruch College

The Peoples of the United States: Sociology of Race and Race Relations, City University of New York, Brooklyn College

Ottoman Empire and Turkish Modernization, Judaic Studies, City University of New York, Brooklyn College

Introduction to Sociology, City University of New York, Baruch College

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, City University of New York, Brooklyn College and Baruch College

Introduction to Four Sub-Fields Anthropology, City University of New York, Brooklyn College

Professional Memberships

International Advisory Board, *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies* (2016-Present)

Assistant Editor, *CITY: Analysis of Urban Trends, Culture, Theory, Policy, Action.* (2013-Present)

Association of American Geographers (2011-2013)

American Anthropological Association (2009-2013)

Society for Applied Anthropology (2009)

Academic Services

International Advisory Board, *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies* (2016-Present)

Assistant Editor, *CITY: Analysis of Urban Trends, Culture, Theory, Policy, Action*. (2013-Present)

Co-organizer with Dr. Neil Smith (2011) “Take Back the Land: Building a Movement Through Land and Housing Occupation” Panel discussion with Max Rameau at The Center for Place, Culture, and Politics, CUNY, Graduate Center. 8 November.

Co-organizer with Dr. Alex Schwartz (2011) “Take Back the Land: Building a Movement Through Land and Housing Occupation” Panel discussion with Max Rameau at the Department of Urban Policy Analysis and Management, The New School. 10 November.

Session Chair (2010) “Contesting Rights to the City Under Neoliberal Restructuring” Society for Urban, National and Transnational/Global Anthropology, the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans. 19 November.