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Sosyoloji Bölümü, Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi, Ankara, Turkey

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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Texas

PhD, Department of Sociology, August 2007

PhD dissertation: “To Work or Not to Work: Women’s Experiences in Mexico and Turkey”

Portfolio Program, Women’s and Gender Studies, August 2007

Comprehensive exam fields (October 2004): Sociology of development and gender; passed with **Distinction**

Middle East Technical University, Ankara

MA in Sociology, June 2001

MA thesis: “The Lower Middle Class Neighborhood in the Metropolitan Context: The Case of Batıkent (Ankara)”

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, June 1998 with **High Honors**

Lycée Saint Benoit, İstanbul

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Historical and comparative sociology, intersectionality of class, ethnicity and gender, family, work, economic development and social transformation, qualitative research methods

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Assistant Professor (2010- ...)

Undergraduate course on Comparative Historical Methods and Sociological Debates (Fall 2012)

Graduate course on Sociological Perspectives on Literature (Summer 2010)

Graduate course on Family, Marriage and Kinship Dynamics in Turkey (Spring 2009)

Graduate course on Labor Market and Social Rights (Fall 2008)

Graduate course on Gender, Patriarchy and Class (Fall 2008)

Undergraduate course on Statistics in Social Sciences (Spring 2008)

Undergraduate course on Sociology of Work and Organizations (Spring 2008)

University of Texas, Austin, Lecturer

Experience as sole instructor, designing and teaching upper-level undergraduate seminars on Cross-Cultural Perspectives on the Family (Fall 2007)

University of Texas, Austin, Assistant Instructor

2 semesters of experience as sole instructor, designing and teaching lower-level undergraduate seminars on Introduction to the Study of Society (Fall 2006, Spring 2007)

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, Affiliated Researcher

Worked with Professor Marina Ariza (Sociology); August- December 2005

University of Texas, Austin, Teaching Assistant

Graded the assignments, papers and exams; and conducted the discussion sections (Introduction to the Study of Society, Social Research Methods, Social Theory, Sociology of Family); Fall 2001-Summer 2006

University of Texas, Austin, Supplemental Instructor Leader

Trained in active learning techniques and meet in groups to discuss lesson and teaching strategies and offered weekly discussion sections to large entry-level course, (Introduction to the Study of Society); 2003 Spring

Middle East Technical University, Research Assistant

Completed project proposals and reports in the Center for Black Sea and Central Asia

Middle East Technical University, Teaching Assistant

Conducted weekly discussion sections (Urban Sociology) and worked as a teaching assistant for a graduate seminar (Contemporary Theory of Sociology)

Middle East Technical University, Student Research Assistant

Compiled extensive newspaper research and conducted in-depth interviews, working with Professor Sencer Ayata (Sociology); 1996-1998

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Middle East Technical University Faculty Performance Award for 2010-2012 Academic Year, 2013

Middle East Technical University Faculty Performance Award for 2008-2010 Academic Year, 2011

Mustafa N. PARLAR Outstanding Performance in Education Award 2010, Mustafa N. Parlar Eğitim ve Araştırma Vakfı

Professional Development Award, School of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin (2007)

David Bruton, Jr. Graduate Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin (2006)

Professional Development Award, School of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin (2006)

Travel Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (2006)

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Field Research Award, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (2004-2005)

Summer Research and Training Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (2003)

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

INTERNATIONAL

Beşpinar, F.U. 2010. "Questioning Agency and Empowerment: Women's Work-Related Strategies and Social Class in Urban Turkey" in *Women Studies International Forum. Special issue on "Silences and Voices: Women's Agency in International Context,"* 33 (6): 523-532. DOI: 10.1016/j.wsif.2010.09.003.

NATIONAL

Kalaycıoğlu, S., Çelik, K. and **Beşpinar, F. U.** 2010. "Gitmek mi Zor Kalmak mı?: Avrupa'ya Erkek Göçü ve Geride Kalan Kadının Gözünden Göç Deneyimi" in *Hacettepe Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi Dergisi.* 27(1):123-146.

Ünlü-Çetin, Ş., **Beşpinar, F. U.** and Ünlü, H. 2010. "Köy Enstitüsü Mezunu Olmanın Babalık Davranış ve Deneyimlerine Etkisi" in *Eğitim, Bilim, Toplum,* 8 (32): 8-38.

Çelik, K., **Beşpinar, F. U.** 2011. "Farklı Nedenlerle Çalışma ve Çalışmanın Genç Üzerine Etkileri" in *Sosyal ve Beşeri Bilimler Dergisi,* 3(1): 59-69. ISSN: 1309-8012.

BOOK CHAPTERS

INTERNATIONAL

Zuhur, S., **Beşpinar-Ekici, F. U.** 2007-2008. "Sexuality" in The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World (vol.5) (J. L. Esposito, ed.), online edition, Oxford, UK, Oxford University Press.

Beşpinar, F.U. 2011. "Women in Turkey: Caught between Tradition and Modernity" in *Women in the Middle East and North Africa: Agents of Change*, edited by Fatima Sadiqi and Moha Ennaji, pp. 173-187, New York: Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-415-57321-4.

Saktanber, A., **Beşpinar F. U.** 2012. "Youth", in M. Heper and S. Sayari (eds.), *Handbook of Modern Turkey*, Routledge. ISBN-10: 0415558174.

Çelik K., **Beşpinar, F. U.**, Kalaycıoğlu, S. 2013. "Experiences of Stay-Behind Women in International Migration" in *Migration, Familie und Soziale Lage: Beiträge zu Bildung, Gender und Care*, edited by Thomas Studer and Erol Yıldız, Heidelberg: Springer. ISBN: 978-3-531-18011-3.

Beşpinar, F. U. *Forthcoming*. “Gender Movements in Turkey” in *Turkey and the Politics of National Identity: Social, Economic and Cultural Transformation*, edited by Shane Brennan and Marc Herzog, I.B. Tauris. ISBN: 9781780765396.

Beşpinar, F.U. *Forthcoming*. “Between Ideals and Enactments: Experience of “New Fatherhood” among Middle Class Men in Turkey” in *Gender and Sexuality in Muslim Cultures*, edited by Gul Ozyegin. Ashgate.

NATIONAL

Beşpinar, F.U. 2008. “Bir Sosyal Bilimcinin “Diğer”ini Anlama Çabası: Çeviri, Yorum ve Söyleşi” in *Sanat Felsefe Bilim Teknoloji İdeoloji: Symbolae in Honorem Hasan Ünal Nalbantoğlu (Art, Philosophy, Science, Technology, Ideology: Symbolae in Honorem Hasan Ünal Nalbantoğlu)*, edited by Adile Arslan Avar, Devrim Sezer, İstanbul: İletişim Publications.

BOOKS

NATIONAL

Ayata, A., Acar, F., Rittersberger-Tılıç, H., **Beşpinar, F.U.**, Çelik, K. 2009. An Analysis of the Demand for Different Forms of Human Trafficking in Turkey, Ministry of Interior Publication.

Erdemir, A., Korkmaz, C., Karaçalı, H., Erdem, M., Weitzhofer, T and **Beşpinar, F. U.** 2010. *Alevi Bakış Açısıyla Türkiye’de Ayrımcılık*. Ankara: Alevi Kültür Dernekleri.

Erdemir, A., Korkmaz, C., Karaçalı, H., Erdem, M., Weitzhofer, T and **Beşpinar, F. U.** 2010. *Türkiye’de Alevi Olmak*. Ankara: Alevi Kültür Dernekleri.

Beşpinar, F. U., Aybars, İ. 2013. Erken Yaşlarda Çocuk Refahı ve Kadın İstihdamı Politika Belgesi. UNICEF.

BOOK REVIEWS

Beşpinar, F.U. 2008. “Women’s Constant Endeavour to be a ‘Real’ Police”, review of Geneviève Pruvost, *Profession: Policier. Sexe: Féminin*. By Geneviève Pruvost. (Paris: Éditions de la Maison des Sciences de L’homme, 2007), *Current Anthropology*, December. DOI: 10.1086/592746.

Beşpinar, F. U. 2013. “Women, Leadership, and Mosques: Changes in Contemporary Islamic Authority” in *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, 19(1/2): 231-234.

GRADUATE THESES SUPERVISED

Msc Theses Supervised

A.1 Construction of ‘New Worker’ in the Post 1980 Turkey: An Analysis of Discourse of Türk-İş, Hak-İş and Disk. Msc Thesis. **Volkan Deli.** (2010)

A.2 Construction of Gay Identity among Different Classes : a Case Study in Ankara. Msc Thesis. **Haktan Ural.** (2010)

A.3 Questioning Effects of Patient Empowerment Antecedent by Information and Communication Technologies in Breast Cancer Patients: a Case Study from Turkey. Msc Thesis. **Oya Deniz Beyan.** (2010)

A.4 Economic, Social and Political Participation of the Youth in Urban South-Eastern Anatolia. Msc Thesis. (co-supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sencer Ayata) **Caner Özdemir.** (2010)

A.5 Masculinity and Honour Perception: a Case Study in Tepebağ District Adana-Turkey. Msc Thesis. **Altan Sungur.** (2011)

A.6 Taksim Republican Square: a Field Study on Socio-Economic, Form, Use and Meaning Dimensions. Msc Thesis. **Meriç Kırmızı.** (2011)

A.7 Transnational Marriages: Family-Forming Migration from Turkey to Germany. Msc Thesis. **İşıl Bayraktar.** (2011)

A.8 Women's Lives behind a Migration Story: Male Migration from Fatsa (Turkey) to Nagoya (Japan). Msc Thesis. **Esra Demirkol.** (2011)

A.9. A Comparison of Middle and Lower Class Housewives. Msc Thesis. **Neşe Ünal.** (2012)

A.10. Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping: A Case Study on Turkish NGO's Self Perception. **Sayın Vedat Alkurt.** (2013)

A. 11. Education and Experience in Nursing: A Comparison between Vocational School and University Graduates. Msc Thesis. **Rana Çavuşoğlu.** (2013).

A.12. Neoliberal Transformation and Professional Middle Classes: Case of Engineers in Turkey. **Yeliz Günal.** (2013).

A.13. Workplace Discrimination Against White Collar Lesbians and Gays and Their Coping Strategies: A Case Study from Ankara, Turkey. **Aysun Öner.** (2013).

PhD Thesis Supervised

B.1. Constructing Local Masculinities: A Case Study from Trabzon, Turkey. **Mehmet Bozok.**(2012)

B.2. New Forms of Discrimination and Exclusion; Gadjofication of Romani Communities in Turkey. **Önder Özhan** (2013).

RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

Post-2015 Development Agenda. Short-term consultancy for **UN** Turkey, conducted with Sibel Kalaycıoğlu, Helga Rittersberger Tılıç, Ayşe İdil Aybars and Barış Sürücü. October 2012 – March 2013.

Policy Document On Child Well-Being And Women's Employment. Short-term consultancy for **UNICEF** Turkey, conducted with Ayşe İdil Aybars. May 2012 – January 2013.

Single Parent Families in Turkey: This project examines single parent family dynamics in Turkey. T.C. Başbakanlık **Aile Araştırmaları ve Sosyal Araştırmalar Genel Müdürlüğü**. 2011.

Supporting Turkey's Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking and Promote Access to Justice for All Trafficked Persons: Evaluating the Administrative Capacity of the National Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking. **European Union, IOM, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and METU** (Ayata, Ayşe; Ergun, Ayça; Beşpınar, F. Umut). February 2009-November 2009.

Supporting Turkey's Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking and Promote Access to Justice for All Trafficked Persons: Understanding of the demand for different forms of human trafficking. **European Union, IOM, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and METU** (Ayata, Ayşe; Rittersberger-Tılıç, Helga; Beşpınar, F. Umut; Çelik, Kezban). February 2008- February 2009.

Social Safety Nets in Turkey: This project analyses the transformation of social safety nets in the 2000s in urban Turkey. The report was written on the request by **World Bank**. August-November 2008.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Women's Movements in Turkey, ISA Conference of the Council of National Associations, Ankara, May 2013.

The Case of Imported Grooms, with Kalaycıoğlu and Rittersberger-Tılıç, Turkish Migration in Europe. Projecting the Next 50 Years, December 2012.

“Unequal Negotiation” To “Forced Consent”: Workers’ Different Strategies in Two Settings, with Kalaycıoğlu, and Topal, European Sociological Association, September 2011..

Kafka’s Turbulent Society in the Trial: A Durkheimean Investigation, with Çağatay Topal, European Sociological Association, September 2011.

Türkiye’de Değişen İş ve İşçilik Deneyimleri, 12. Ulusal Sosyal Bilimler Kongresi, December 2011

Farklı Nedenleri ile Çalışma ve Çalışmanın Genç Üzerine Etkileri, with Kezban Çelik. Sosyal Bilimler Araştırmaları Konferansı, SOSBİLKO, April 2011

Stay-Behind Women’s Experiences: Gender Dimension of International Migration in a Traditional Local Community in Turkey, with Kezban Çelik ve Sibel Kalaycıoğlu. 10th International Conference on Migration and Family, University of Basel, June 10-12 2010

80 Darbesi Sonrası Eşleri Cezaevinde Olan Kadınların Gündelik Hayatlarının Dönüşümü, Alanur Çavlin ile. 11. Ulusal Sosyal Bilimler Kongresi, December 2009

1990 Sonrası Avrupa Göçü için Geliştirilen Stratejiler ve Bu Stratejilerin Geride Kalan Kadın Üzerine Etkileri, Sibel Kalaycıoğlu ve Kezban Çelik ile. International Multidisciplinary Women's Congress 13-16 October 2009

İnsan Ticaretinin Görünen Yüzü: Türkiye'de Farklı Sosyal Aktörlerin Seks Ticaretine Bakışı, Kezban Çelik ile. International Davraz Congress on Social and Economic Issues Shaping The World's Future: New Global Dialogue, September 2009
<http://idc.sdu.edu.tr/tammetinler/goc/goc4.pdf>

International Workshop on the Implementation of Legal Norms: Violence Against Women in Turkey and Germany, Humboldt University, 22-23 January 2009

To Make It “Interesting” and “Digestible”: The Challenges of an Outsider Researcher in the North American Academia, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, 58th Annual Meeting, Boston MA, July 2008

Working Class Women's Work Experiences in Mexico and Turkey: Family, Labor Market and the State, American Sociological Association annual meetings, “Sex and Gender: The Gender Dynamics of Family and Work” session, Boston MA, August 2008

Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Local and International Actors Defining Women's Rights in Turkey, The Middle East Studies Association; Montréal, Canada; November 2007

Questioning Women's Empowerment: Work-Related Strategies in Urban Turkey, American Sociological Association annual meetings, “Gender and Work: Work and Family Integration in an International Comparative Context” session, New York City, August 2007

Working Class Women's Work-Related Strategies in Mexico and Turkey, Center for Women's and Gender Studies 14th Annual Conference, University of Texas at Austin, April 2007

Women's Agencies in Their Working Decisions - Experiences in Mexico and Turkey, Women and Work: Myths, Realities and Representations, City College Center for Worker Education, New York City, March 2007

Socio-economic and Cultural Constraints Behind Women's Labor Force Participation in Urban Turkey, Middle East and Central Asia: Politics, Economics and Society Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, September 2006

Burden of Achieving Motherhood and Employment Together: A Comparative Study from Mexico and Turkey, Caregiving and Carework: Theory and Practice Conference, Association for Research on Mothering, University of Toronto, Canada, May 2006

How to Upturn Women's Decreasing Labor Force Participation in Turkey: Social Policies as a Remedy, Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, April 2006

Brokers, Local Beneficiaries, and Empowering the Powerless: A Critical Assessment of NGOs, Civil Society, and Democracy in Turkey, with Deniz Gokalp ,Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Inter-Disciplinary Graduate Student Conference, New Jersey, USA, April 2006

Women's Labor Force Participation in Mexico and Turkey, Mellon Speaker Series, Population Research Center, University of Texas, April 2004

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Structural Transformation of the Workplace in the 2000's in Turkey

BAP-1 BAP-01-02 2010-01

Youth in South East Regions of Turkey

METU- BAP project, May 2009

To Work or Not to Work: Women's Experienced in Mexico and Turkey

Dissertation Field Research in Mexico and Turkey, Funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Jan.-Dec. 2005

Summer Field Research in Mexico, Funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, June-July 2003

The Lower Middle Class Neighborhood in the Metropolitan Context: The Case of Batikent (Ankara, Turkey)

M.A. Thesis Field Research, Jan. – Dec. 2000

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Social Policy Program Coordinator, METU, 2010- present

Faculty Executive Board, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, METU, 2011- present

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND OTHER PARTICIPATION

Mülkiye Dergisi, Editorial Board Member, 2012- present

Women's Studies International Forum, Manuscript Reviewer, 2010- present

Turkish Studies, Manuscript Reviewer, 2010

Mülkiye Dergisi, Manuscript Reviewer, 2009

International Multidisciplinary Women's Congress, Scientific Committee Member, 2009

Political Sociology Article Award Committee Member, American Sociological Association, 2008

International Review of Comparative Sociology, Manuscript Reviewer, 2006

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Conference Organization Committee Member, ISA Conference of the Council of National Associations, Ankara, May 2013.

Conference Organizer, Nüfusbilim Derneği ve ODTÜ Sosyal Politika Programı, Ulusal Nüfusbilim Kongresi, METU, October, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

European Sociological Association
American Sociological Association
Middle Eastern Studies Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Turkish Studies Institute

LANGUAGES

English- Fluent
French- Fluent
Spanish- Reading and speaking proficiency

TECHNICAL SKILLS

ATLAS.ti, SAS, SPSS and Stata user