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Graduate Student

Koç University

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EDUCATION

Ph.D, Sociology, Koç University, Istanbul, 2017-*continuing*

Concentrations: Environmental governance, political ecology, rural politics, urbanization, populism, welfare

M.A., Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, 2015

Thesis: The Supermarketization and the Rise of Private Agri-Food Governance: GAP Certification in Antalya

Thesis Advisor: Zafer Yenal, Ph.D

B.A., Turkish Language and Literature, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Researcher, 2017-2018 (with Burak Gürel and Bermal Küçük)

Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative (Forum on Authoritarian Populism and the Rural World)

Project title: Rural Roots of the Rise of Justice and Development Party in Turkey

Researcher, 2016-2017 (with Burak Gürel and Bermal Küçük)

Koç University,

Project title: Rural Resistance Movements in the 1960s and 1970s in Turkey

Researcher, 2015-2016 (with Nermin Abadan-Unat, et. al.)

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Boğaziçi University

Project title: Voting Behaviour of Euro-Turks and Turkey's Presidential Elections

Research Assistant, 2013-2015

TUBITAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) and Boğaziçi University

Project title: Socioeconomic Impacts of Organic Agriculture and Good Agricultural Practices

Supervisor: Zafer Yenal, Ph.D

Research Assistant, 2012-2013

Boğaziçi University

Project title: Masculinity in Drawn Stories

Supervisor: Cenk Özbay, Ph.D

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching assistant, 2017-continuing

Koç University

Instructor for Turkish for foreigners class, 2010-2011

Istanbul Technical University

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Sercan Taş (with Burak Gürel and Bermal Küçük), “Rural Roots of the Rise of Justice and Development Party in Turkey”, *accepted* and will be published with the following doi link: <https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2018.1552264>, *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 2018

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Sercan Taş “The Supermarketization and the State in Turkish Agriculture” (In preparation for submission).

Sercan Taş (with Burak Gürel and Bermal Küçük), “Land occupation as form of peasant resistance in Turkey (1960-1980) (In preparation for submission)

WORKING PAPERS

Sercan Taş (with Abadan-Unat, N., Cidam, V., Cinar, D., Kadirbeyoglu, Z., Kaynak, S., Ozay, B.), “Voting behaviour of euro-turks and Turkey’s presidential elections of 2014”, Working Paper, Bogazici University & Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. http://www.fes-tuerkei.org/media/pdf/einzelpublikationen/Voting%20_final_english.pdf

CONFERENCES

Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative (ERPI) 2018 Conference: Authoritarian Populism and the Rural World, The Hague, Netherlands

Paper title: Rural Roots of the Rise of the Justice and Development Party in Turkey

The XXVII European Society for Rural Sociology Congress, 2017, Krakow, Poland

Paper title: The Rise of Private Agri-food Governance and the Role of the State in Turkey

XIV. World Congress of Rural Sociology (IRSA), 2014, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

Paper title: The Supermarketization and the State in Turkish Agriculture

INVITED TALKS

Public Lectures Series at the International Center for Development and Decent Work, University of Kassel, Germany, 2017

Paper Title: Financialization in the Turkish Agricultural Sector

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative Research Grant (2017)
2. Koç University Graduate Scholarship (Full tuition and monthly stipend)
3. Conference Travel Grant, Boğazici University (2015)
4. TUBITAK Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) Graduate Student Scholarship (2013-2015)
5. Hüsnü Özyeğin Foundation Scholarship (2007-2011)

EMPLOYMENT

Child Protection Officer, International Medical Corps, 2016

Responsibilities include but not limited to: organizing workshops for Syrian parents for the better care of children, training field team for project implementation, reporting incidents.

Field Officer, CARE International, 2015

Responsibilities include but not limited to: regular visits to Syrian families in Syria-Turkey border region (Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa), supervising household assessment survey, distribution of vouchers, training field assistants.

JOB-RELATED TRAININGS

CARE International, Gender in Emergencies

UNHCR, Community-based Protection

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS

Fund-Raising Team Member, Amnesty International, 2009

Volunteer, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly, 2009

Intern editor, İletişim Publishing, 2010

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (Fluent), Ottoman Turkish (Text reading and writing), French (Beginner)

SOFTWARES AND PROGRAMMES

GIS ARCMAP, ARCGIS (Geographic Information Systems), SPSS