

Curriculum Vitae

BERK EMEK

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EDUCATION

Koç University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Istanbul-Turkey

History, Ph.D.

2016-2021. Received Koç University GSSSH Academic Excellence Scholarship.

Dissertation Topic: State-Building in Multi-Ethnic Borderlands: Nationalizing Eastern Anatolia and Transylvania in Interwar Turkey and Romania

Central European University (CEU), Department of Political Science, Budapest-Hungary

Political Science, M.A.

2014-2015. Received Full Master's Scholarship.

Pavia University, Department of WPIR, Pavia-Italy

Pursued graduate-level coursework in World Politics and International Relations.

2012-2013 Fall Semester.

Koç University, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Istanbul-Turkey

International Relations, B.A.

Graduated in January 2012. Received Honor Awards based on SPA and GPA.

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native language)

English (Fluent)

Romanian (Professional working knowledge)

German (Working knowledge)

Ottoman Turkish (Advanced on printed texts)

Italian (Basic)

ARTICLES

“State-Building and Conflicting Interests in Multi-Ethnic Regions: A Comparison of Interwar Transylvania and Eastern Anatolia” (Under review)

“İki Savaş Arası Dönemde Bölgesel Güvenlik Risklerinin Uluslaşma Sürecindeki Türkiye ve Romanya'daki Devlet Politikalarına Etkisi” (Under review)

“Asırlık Tartışmaların Odağında Trianon Antlaşması” (*The Centennial Debate for the Treaty of Trianon*), *Toplumsal Tarih*, No.320, August 2020, pp: 44-49.

“100. Yılında Sevr” dosyası (*The Treaty of Sèvres on its Centenary*), *Atlas Tarih*, No.66, Kasım-Aralık 2020, pp: 52-57.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The University of Bucharest, Faculty of History, Bucharest- Romania
Visiting fellow at the Center for Turkish Studies (Centrul de Studii Turce)
2019-2020 Fall Semester.

Bilkent University, Department of Political Science, Ankara-Turkey
Visiting fellow for one-month archival research
2019 September.

Babeş-Bolyai University, History and Philosophy Faculty, Cluj-Romania
Pursued thesis-related field research as a visiting fellow
2017-2018 Fall Semester.

Graduate Teaching & Research Assistant

CSHS. 506 – Turkish State and Society (Master’s level- Prof. Dilek Barlas)

HIST. 404 – Historiography (Prof. Dilek Barlas)

HIST. 206- Europe since the French Revolution (Prof. Dilek Barlas)

HIST/ INTL. 410 – History of Ideologies: Nationalism, Socialism, and Fascism (Prof. Dilek Barlas)

HIST/ INTL. 337 – Religion and Politics in Europe (Assoc. Prof. Yonca Köksal)

HUMS. 107 – Hegemony, Power and the People (Assoc. Prof. Yonca Köksal)

RESEARCH FOCUS

Modern European History
International Relations and Diplomacy
Comparative Politics
Nationalism and Ethnicity Studies
Central and Southeastern European History
Interwar Period Social and Political History
Turkish Politics

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“The Road To Royal Dictatorship in Interwar Romania: Rising Fascism and the Case of the Iron Guard” at Fascism in Motion: Concepts, Agents and Global Experiences Online Workshop, 7-9 October 2021.

“The Reactions of Targeted Ethnic Groups to Turkification and Romanianization Policies in Interwar Turkey and Romania” at ASN Europe, Cluj, Romania, 1-3 July 2021 (postponed to July 2022).

“Ethnicity in the Process of State-building: A Comparison of Multi-ethnic Borderlands in Turkey and Romania during the Interwar Period” at 25th Annual ASN World Convention, 5-8 May 2021.

“Facing the Minorities: The League of Nations Minority Regime and its Reflections in Greater Romania” at Perspectives on Romania and Moldova International Virtual Student Colloquium 2021 organized by the University of Jena, 18-20 February 2021.

“Romania’s Unwanted Policy: Ebb and Flow of the Minorities Treaty of Romania and the Role of the League of Nations”, at Britain, the League of Nations and the New International Order, a virtual conference organized by the University of Edinburgh, 20-21 November 2020.

“State-building and the Question of Ethnicity in Interwar Turkey and Romania” at the University of Bucharest- Center for Turkish Studies Fall’19 Guest Talks, Bucharest, Romania. 11 December 2019.

“The Quest for Permanent Peace: The Minority Policies and its Applicability in Post-WWI Romania and Turkey” at Peacemaking after the First World War 1919-1923, a conference organized by the National Archives, London, Great Britain, 26-27 June 2019.

“Nationalization and Homogenization Politics in Interwar Turkey and Romania: The Question of Ethnicity in Administration” at 29th ASEN Annual Conference: Nationalism and Self-Determination, Edinburgh, Scotland, 23-25 April 2019.

“Nationalism and Nation-state: A Cross-regional Analysis on Ethnic Discontent in Interwar Turkey and Romania” (*İki Savaş Arası Dönemde Türkiye ve Romanya'da ulus-devlet ve milliyetçilik: Etnik problemlere bölgesel bir bakış*) at Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Nazım Hikmet Kültür ve Sanat Araştırma Merkezi Lisansüstü Buluşmaları, Istanbul, Turkey, 22 March 2019.

“Nationalization and Homogenization Politics in Interwar Turkey and Romania: The Question of Ethnicity in Administration” at 1938 and the Politics of Homogenization: Protecting the Nation in Europe on the Eve of World War II, Prague, Czech Republic, 10-12 October 2018.

“Nationalization, Homogenization, and the Crisis of Democracy From Multi-Party Period to Royalist Takeover in Greater Romania (1918-1938)” at the 5th International Conference "Politics, Diplomacy, Culture", Craiova, Romania, 6-9 June 2018.

Association for the Studies of Nationalities (ASN) 2019, New York – Paper accepted; unable to attend.

11th Annual Romanian Studies Conference (SRS) 2019, Indiana University, Bloomington – Paper accepted; unable to attend.

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

T.C Cumhurbaşkanlığı Arşivleri (Presidency Archives), Ankara/Istanbul-Turkey

TBMM Kütüphanesi (TGNA Library), Ankara- Turkey

Genelkurmay ATASE Arşivi (Turkish General Staff Archives), Ankara-Turkey

The National Archives, Kew, London- United Kingdom

Arhivele Naționale ale României (The National Archives of Romania), Bucharest- Romania

Arhivele Ministerul Afacerilor Externe (The Foreign Ministry Archives), Bucharest- Romania

Consiliul Național pentru Studierea Arhivelor Securității (The State Intelligence Archives), Bucharest-Romania

Arhivele Statului Cluj (Cluj County Archives), Cluj-Napoca- Romania

GRANTS AND HONORS

- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) **Short-Term Research Grant**, 2022
- Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OEAD) **Ernst Mach Worldwide Grant**, 2021-2022
- Koç University **Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities Academic Excellence Award**, 2020-2021
- University of Bucharest **Center for Turkish Studies, Erasmus + Internship**, Fall 2019.
- British Institute Ankara **BIAA Turkish and Black Sea Studies Scholars' Fund**, Travel Grant for archival studies in London, June 2019.
- VEKAM & ASBÜ **Reading and Analyzing Ottoman Manuscripts Program**, September 2018.
- Harvard & Koç University **Intensive Ottoman Turkish Summer School**, Summer 2018.
- Koç University **GSSSH Academic Excellence Scholarship**, 2016.
- Central European University **Master's Fellowship**, 2014.
- Koç University **European Studies Certificate Program**, Fall 2011.
- Koç University **Dean's Honor Award & Vehbi Koç Scholars Award**, 2009-2011.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Romanian Studies- SRS

The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism- ASEN

The Association for the Study of Nationalities- ASN

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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Assoc. Prof. Yonca Köksal ykoksal@ku.edu.tr
Prof. Zafer Toprak toprakz@boun.edu.tr