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EDUCATION

PhD in History, 2013

Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Freiburg, Germany

Thesis Title: “Politics of Alliance and Rivalry on the Ottoman-Iranian Frontier: The Babans (1500-1851)”

Supervisor: Maurus Reinkowski, **Second Advisor:** Hamit Bozarslan

MA in History (Minor in Political Science), 2005

Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin

BSc in Public Administration and Political Science, 1999

School of Political Science, University of Ankara; Turkey

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transnational History, Diplomatic History, Ottoman-Iranian Borderlands, Trans-border societies, Ottoman History and Historiography, Socio-Political History of Ottoman Iraq, History of Ethnic and Religious Minorities in the Middle East, History of Modern Iran, Intellectual History of Islamic World, History of Sufism, History of Shi'i World, Cultural History of Persianate World, Global Micro History

PUBLICATIONS

I. Articles and Book Chapters

“ ‘Land of the Kurds’ or ‘Land of the Rocks’? Changing Perceptions of Kurdistan in Ottoman and European Sources,” in Fatma Müge Göçek and Ayça Alemdaroğlu, eds., *Kurds in Dark Times: New Perspectives on Violence and Resistance in Turkey*, (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2023), 33-62.

- “The road to Sèvres: Kurdish elites and question of self-determination after the first world war,” *International Journal of Conflict and Violence*, 16 (2022): 1-13.
- “Origins of the ‘Kurdish Question’? Yezdansêr Revolt (1854-55),” in Candan Badem, ed., *Routledge Handbook of the Crimean War* (London: Routledge, September 2021), 357-70.
- “Negotiating Political Power in the Early Modern Middle East: Kurdish Emirates between the Ottoman Empire and Iranian Dynasties (Sixteenth to Nineteenth Centuries),” in Hamit Bozarslan, Cengiz Gunes, and Veli Yadirgi, eds. *The Cambridge History of the Kurds* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, April 2021), 45-72. (Translated into Sorani Kurdish in 2023)
- “ ‘Semavi Bir Ceza’: 19. Yüzyıl Osmanlı-İran Sınırında Veba” (‘Une punition du Ciel’: Plague on the Ottoman-Iranian Frontier in the 19th Century), *Toplumsal Tarih* 54 (June 2020): 54-60.
- “Kurds and their history: An interview with David McDowall,” *Kurdish Studies* 8, no.2 (2020): 233-244.
- “Resistance to Centralization in the Ottoman Periphery: The Kurdish Baban and Bohtan Emirates,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 55, no.4 (2019): 519-39. (SSCI)
- “Osmanlıcı, Konformist ve Liberal Bir Muhalif: Şerif Paşa” (An Ottomanist, Conformist and Liberal Antagonist: Şerif Pasha) in Y. Çakmak and T. Şur, ed., *Kürt Tarihi ve Siyasetinden Portreler* (İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2018), 131-142.
- “Change and Continuity in the Perception of the Kurdish Lands in European and Ottoman Sources,” *The Journal of Mesopotamian Studies (JMS)* 3 (2018): 77-93.
- “ ‘Fermanî’s-Sultan boş beyne’el-Ekrad’: Osmanlı Doğusu’nda Şakiler ve Batılı Seyyahlar” (‘Sultan’s Decree is Null among the Kurds’: Bandits, Robbers, and Western Travelers in the Ottoman East), *Kebikeç* 45 (2018): 7-34.
- “Fragile Frontiers: Sayyid Taha II and The role of Kurdish Religio-Political Leadership in the Ottoman East during World War I,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 54, no.3 (2018): 361-81.
- “Three Stages of Political Transformation in the 19th Century Ottoman Kurdistan,” *Anatoli* 8 (2017): 43-58.
- “Iraq: Past and Present,” *Oxford Bibliographies Online* (2017): 1-15.
- “Osmanlı Zihin Dünyasında Bir Doğu Ülkesi: Diyar-ı Acem yahut İran” (An

- Eastern Land in the Mental World of the Ottomans: Diyar-ı Acem or Iran), *Muhafazakâr Düşünce* 11, no.43 (2015): 97-112.
- “Şeyh, Şah ve Sultan: Kürtlerde Tasavvuf ve Devlet arasındaki İlişkiler” (Sheikh, Shah and Sultan: Relations between Mysticism and State among the Kurds) *International Symposium of Seyyid Taha-i Hakkari*, Hakkari University, 24-26 May, 2013, pp. 231-38 (Hakkari: Hakkari University Press, 2014)
- “19. Yüzyıl Batı Seyahatnamelerinde Kürt Kadınının İmgesi” (Images of Kurdish Women in the 19th-Century Western Travelogues), *International Kurdish Women’s Conference*, Hakkari University, 1-5 October, 2009, pp. 258-64. (Hakkari: Hakkari University Press, 2011)

II. Encyclopaedia Entries

- “Kurds,” *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History* (Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2023)
- “Sharaf al-Din Bidlisī,” *Encyclopaedia of Islam, Three (EI3)* (Leiden: Brill, 2023)
- “Manbij,” *EI3* (Leiden: Brill, 2023)
- “Bābān,” *EI3* (Leiden: Brill, 2022)
- “Bājalān,” *EI3* (Leiden: Brill, 2022)
- “Āqā Khān Kirmānī,” *EI3* (Leiden: Brill, 2022)
- “Sherif Pasha’s ‘Memorandum on the Claims of the Kurd People’ to the Conference of Peace in Paris in 6 February 1919,” in Sebastian Maisel, ed., *The Kurds: an Encyclopedia of Life, Culture, and Society* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2018), 328-30.
- “Report by the British Consul on the Sheikh Ubeydullah Revolt in 1880-1881,” in Sebastian Maisel, ed., *The Kurds: An Encyclopedia of Life, Culture, and Society* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2018), 321-23.
- “Treaty of Sèvres, 10 August 1920,” in Sebastian Maisel, ed., *The Kurds: An Encyclopedia of Life, Culture, and Society* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2018), 326-27.

IV. Review Essays

- “Biography, Global Microhistory, and the Ottoman Empire in World History,” *Journal of World History* 29, no.3 (September 2018): 438-45.
- “A New Historiography on the Ottoman Arab and Eastern Provinces,” *Insight*

Turkey 17, no.4 (Fall 2015): 231-240.

V. Book Reviews

- “Between Muslims: Religious Difference in Iraqi Kurdistan by J. Andrew Bush,” *Kurdish Studies* 9, no.1 (2021): 135-7.
- “The Kurds: an Encyclopedia of Life, Culture, and Society edited by Sebastian Maisel,” *Kurdish Studies* 7, no.1 (2019): 93-5.
- “Iran and Russian Imperialism: The Ideal Anarchists, 1800– 1914 by Moritz Deutschmann,” *Ab Imperio* 3 (2018): 423-24.
- “Political Reform in the Ottoman and Russian Empires: A Comparative Approach by Adrian Brisku,” *Middle Eastern Studies* 55, no.1 (2019): 159-60.
- “The Peace Process between Turkey and the Kurds: Anatomy of a Failure by Burak Bilgehan Özpek,” *Kurdish Studies* 6, no.2 (2018): 260-63
- “I. Mahmud-Nadir Şah Mektuplaşmaları: 3 Numaralı Nâme-i Hümayûn Defteri,” (Correspondence between Mahmud I and Nadir Shah: Collection of Imperial Letters, Booklet Number 3) *The Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (JOTSA)* 2, no.2 (2015): 424-6.
- “Picknick mit den Paschas: Aleppo und die levantinische Handelsfirma Fratelli Poche (1853-80) by Mafalda Ade,” *Insight Turkey* 15, no.1 (2014): 213-5.

VI. Translations

Stefan Winter, “Les Kurdes du Nord-Ouest syrien et l’Etat ottoman, 1690-1750” (Turkish translation: Kuzeybatı Suriye’nin Kürt Ağaları: Rüstem Ağa ve Oğulları, 1695-1744), *Kürt Tarihi* 19 (2015): 20-27.

FORTHCOMING

Co-author, *Contributions to Zagrology: C.J. Edmonds and V.F. Minorsky Correspondence (1928-1965)* (Leiden: Brill, 2023)

“De Çaldıran à Sèvres: Les Kurdes dans l’Empire ottoman,” in Hamit Bozarslan, ed., *Histoire du Kurdistan* (Paris: Éditions Perrin, 2024)

“Kurdish Naqshbandi-Khalidi Sheikhs of Damascus in the Nineteenth Century,” in Stefan Winter, ed., *Syrian-Kurdish Intersections in the Ottoman Period* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press)

“Genesis and Trajectory of Kurdish Nationalism towards the End of Ottoman Empire,” in Hans-Lukas Kieser and Khatchig Mouradian, eds., *I.B. Tauris Handbook of the Late Ottoman Empire: History and Legacy* (London: I.B. Tauris)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

I. Books

Power, Politics, and Privilege: Kurdistan between Ottoman Empire and Iran
(Under contract, Cambridge University Press)

Kurd Sherif Pasha: A Liberal Ottoman Dissident in Europe (1865-1951) (in preparation)

II. Articles

“Pandemics on the Ottoman-Iranian Borderlands: State, Society, and Disease in Kurdistan” (in writing stage)

PROJECTS

“Elites in Mobility: Kurdish Notables in Ottoman Bureaucracy,” supported by Social Sciences University of Ankara, August 2023-July 2024

“Religious Encounters in an Age of Empire: Relations between the Naqshbandi-Khalidi Sufi Network and American Board Missionaries in the Ottoman East,” supported by the U.S. Fulbright Commission, August 2021-May 2022

“An Iranian Historiography of the Ottoman Empire (16th-19th Century),” supported by Social Sciences University of Ankara, June 2018-December 2020

“Contesting the Naqshbandi-Khalidi Order: A Transborder and Transnational Sufi Network in the Ottoman Empire from the 19th until the 20th Century,” Supported by Social Sciences University of Ankara, June 2017- May 2018

INVITED TALKS

“Kurds and Kurdistan in World History,” Spring Academy, *IBV*, November 21, 2020.

“Autonomy and Resistance in Ottoman Kurdistan,” *Ottoman History Podcast*, December 29, 2018

“Comment frapper une pièce de monnaie à Téhéran? Une lettre de l’ambassadeur ottoman sur la politique monétaire de l’Iran” *Collège de France*, March 24, 2016

“İki Devlet Arasında Bir Aile: Babanlar, 1500-1851 (A Family between two States: The Babans, 1500-1851),” *The History Foundation*, Ankara, December 5, 2014

“A Social and Political History of Sulaimaniya in the 18th and 19th Century,” *American University of Iraq in Sulaimani*, November 6, 2014

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Contesting the Politics of Sectarianism: Kurdish Sufis on the Ottoman-Iranian Frontier and Their Relations with Shi’is and Non-Muslims” *ACRPS Winter School on Communitarianism, Sectarianism, and the State*, Doha Institute, Qatar, January 4-14, 2020

“An Iranian Historiography of the Ottoman Empire from Safavids to Qajars,” *The Ninth European Conference of Iranian Studies*, Freie Universität Berlin, September 9-13, 2019

“An Imperial Social Space with Many Layers: Reconfiguration of Ottoman-Iranian Frontier by Khalidiyya Sufi Network” *The Production of Imperial Space: Empire and Circulations (18th-20th Centuries)*, SciencesPo, Paris, November 23-24, 2017

“So close yet so far: Political Rivalry between The Houses of Ardalan and Baban in Early Modern Period” *The First International Conference on The Common Heritage of Iran and Iraq*, Tehran, March 5-7, 2015

“Change and Continuity in the Perception of Kurdish Lands in Western and Eastern Literature,” *On the Outside Looking In: A Kurdish Studies Conference*, Orlando, FL, January 27, 2015

“Centralizing the Periphery of the Empire: Tanzimat and the case of Baban Emirate,” *Second International Kurdish Studies Conference*, University of Exeter, September 8-9, 2012

“Between Two Sects, Between Two States: Sulaimaniya on the Ottoman-Iranian Frontier,” *The International Society for Iranian Studies, The Ninth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference*, Istanbul, August 1-5, 2012

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Scholar-in-Residence, Full support for teaching and research by the U.S. Fulbright Commission, *Rowan University*, New Jersey, August 2021-May 2022

Research Fellow, Full support by German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD), *Free University of Berlin*, Fall 2020

Academic award for publication, *The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)*, Ankara, October 2018

Post-doctoral Researcher, Full support for research abroad by Social Sciences University of Ankara, at *the University of Tehran* and *Center for the Great Islamic Encyclopedia*, Summer 2017 and Summer 2018

Travel and accommodation Grants, *l'Institut Français du Proche-Orient*, Amman, Jordan, August-September 2016

Post-Doctoral Researcher, Full Support for Research Abroad by TÜBİTAK, *École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)*, Paris, France, April 2015-March 2016

Travel and Accommodation Grants, *The Afro-Middle East Centre (AMEC)*, Pretoria, South Africa, November 5-6, 2013

Research Fellow, *Institut d'études de l'Islam et des sociétés du monde musulman (IISMM)*, EHESS, Paris, France, May 2008

University of Texas Enhancement Scholarship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, *University of Texas at Austin*, Fall 2007

Research Fellow, *Bilkent University*; Ankara, Turkey, Spring 2007

Visiting Researcher, *Boğaziçi University*, Istanbul, Turkey, Fall 2006

Professional Development Fellowship, *University of Texas at Austin*, Fall 2005

Tuition and stipend, Iranian Studies Fellowship, *University of Texas at Austin*, 2004-05

Professional Development Fellowship, *University of Texas at Austin*, Spring 2004

PEER-REVIEW SERVICES

Cambridge University Press

British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies

Middle Eastern Studies

Journal of Genocide Research

Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies

Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (JOTSA)

Kurdish Studies

Iraniyat: Journal of Iranian Studies

Mukaddime: A Peer-Reviewed Journal of Middle East Studies

Derwaze: Kurdish Journal of Social and Humanities

Nûbihar Akademî: An International Journal of Kurdish Studies

Cihannüma: Journal of History and Geography Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

November 2019-Present: Associate Professor, Department of History,
Social Sciences University of Ankara, Turkey

August 2021-May 2022: Adjunct Professor, Department of History,
Rowan University, NJ, USA

September 2014-October 2019: Assistant Professor, Department of
History, *Social Sciences University of Ankara, Turkey*

August 2016 -September 2016: Lecturer for the Ottoman Turkish,
l'Institut Français du Proche-Orient, Amman, Jordan

Spring 2007: Visiting Instructor, *Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey*

Spring 2006: Teaching Assistant, American History 1492-1865,
University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA

Fall 2005: Teaching Assistant, American History 1865-Present,
University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA

Spring 2005: Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Islam, *University of
Texas at Austin, Texas, USA*

Fall 2004: Teaching Assistant, History of the Arab World, *University of
Texas at Austin, Texas, USA*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

October 2020-September 2023: Researcher, project titled “Sources of Kurdish History”, supported by *Swedish Institute* and *IBV*, Istanbul, Turkey

March-June 2019: International Consultant for Turkish, Kurdish, Farsi, and Arabic Books, *American Historical Review*, Bloomington, IN

March 2019, November 2022: External Panelist for project evaluation, *TÜBİTAK*, Ankara, Turkey

November 2018 - March 2020: Content Editor, *Kurdish Language Project*, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

September 2018-Present: Academic Consultant, *Turkish Republic National Treasury Museum*, Social Sciences University of Ankara, Turkey

September 3-8, 2018: Organizer, *Summer School: Reading and Analysing Ottoman Manuscripts*, Social Sciences University of Ankara, Turkey

August 2016-Present: Member of Organizing Committee, *Summer School: Reading and Analysing Ottoman Manuscripts*

August 2016: Member of Selection Committee, *UNHRC Educational Fund for Syrian Students*, Ankara, Turkey

2015-Present: Book Review Editor, *the Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (JOTSA)*, Indiana University Press

September-October 2015: Guest Editor, *Journal of Kurdish History*, Istanbul, Turkey

December 2010-2014: Director, *Bureau of the Middle East, Africa and South Asia for Turkey Scholarships Program*, Ministry of Culture, Ankara, Turkey

November 17-20, 2007: Chair, *Ottoman Provincial Organization panel*, Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting; Montréal, Canada

September 2006 – May 2007: Project Assistant, *Turkish Language Project*, McCombs School of Business and Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin; on location in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey

COURSES TAUGHT

I. Undergraduate Courses

World History I/ II
Politics and Society in South Asia
History of Sufi Islam
History of Iran
History of Civilizations
Introduction to Islamic History, 600-1900
History of the Middle East
History of Modern Turkey
Ottoman History, 1300-1920
Ottoman Turkish I-II
Gunpowder Empires: Ottomans, Safavids, Mughals
Islam and Politics
Ethnic and Religious Minorities in the Middle East
Early Modern Encounters

II. Graduate Courses

Islamic Historiography
Political History of South Asia
Middle Eastern Histories and Historiographies

PhD THESIS ADVISING

Fasih Dinç, “State and Society on the Ottoman- Iranian Frontier, 1870-1918”
(Ankara: Hacettepe University, 2020)

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native)
Kurmanji Kurdish (Native)
English (Fluent)
Arabic (Advanced reading and oral)
Persian (Advanced reading and oral)
French (Advanced reading and intermediate oral)
German (Advanced reading and intermediate oral)
Ottoman Turkish (Advanced reading)
Sorani Kurdish (Advanced reading and intermediate oral)

MEMBERSHIP

Association for Iranian Studies; Toronto, ON, June 2011-present

Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA); Tuscon, Arizona;
2005-present

REFERENCES

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