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Education:

2012 Ph.D. (History and Civilizations)—with distinction

École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris

Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Gilles Veinstein (Collège de France)

Committee members: Prof. Simona Cerutti (EHESS); Prof. Martha Mundy (LSE); Prof. Michael Ursinus (University of Heidelberg); Prof. Hocine Benkheira (EPHE, Paris); Associate Prof. Isik Tamdogan (CNRS, Paris)

Date of defense: June 8, 2012 — *Avec les félicitations du jury à l'unanimité*

2005 DEA. (History and Civilizations)

École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris.

2003 M.A (History)

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.

1999 BA. (History Education)

Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir.

Areas of Specialization

Ottoman & Islamic legal and social history (1300 -1800); the genealogies of the Ottoman legal structures, sovereignty and state-making; social and legal history of slavery and kinship in the early modern Ottoman Empire; historical and cultural geographies of the early modern *Islamicate* world; gender and legal theory.

Employment History

Current Academic Position

Since January 2016 Assistant Professor of Early Modern Ottoman History
Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

Past

2015-2017 *Koç University*

Instructor of Ottoman History, History of Gender, and Kurdish Language
Department of History and School of Languages, College of Social
Sciences and Humanities (CSSH)

2014-2015 *Université Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne)*

Postdoctoral researcher
European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Research Grant project
Title: *Mediterranean Reconfigurations* (ConfigMed)
Director: Prof. Wolfgang Kaiser

2013-2014 *Nantes Institute for Advanced Study, Nantes/France*

Residential Postdoctoral Fellow
Project Title: *Labor, Slavery and Kinship in Early Modern Ottoman
Society*

March-Sept. 2013 *University of Bonn, Germany*

Residential Postdoctoral Fellow
Käte Hamburger Centre for Advanced Study
Law as Culture Program
Project Title: *Islamic Jurisprudence as Language of Debate from Mamluk
to Ottoman Tradition*

Sept. 2012-Feb. 2013 *Humboldt University*, Berlin, Germany

Residential Postdoctoral Fellow
Käte Hamburger Centre for Advanced Study
Re:Work, Work and Human Life Cycle in Global History
Project Title: *Between Person and Property: Towards a Socio-legal History of the Slave Mother in Early Modern Ottoman Society.*

2010-2012 *Ludwig-Maximilians Universität (LMU)*, Munich

Institut für den Nahen und Mittleren Osten
Graduate Instructor

Membership in Research Teams

Since May 2017 French National Research Agency

Project Title: *Citoyenneté et propriété au nord et au sud de la Méditerranée (XVIe-XIXe siècles)* (PROCIT, 2016-2020)

Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales
Project Coordinator : Simona Cerutti
(CRH-EHESS/CNRS ; TELEMME-AMU/CNRS ; IRMC-CNRS/AE)

Since 2016 European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant Project

Project Title: *The Fashioning of a Sunni Orthodoxy and the Entangled Histories of Confession-Building in the Ottoman Empire, 15th-17th Centuries*

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Project Coordinator: Tijana Krstic

Since 2011 French National Research Agency (ANR) project

Project Title: *Local Belonging and Its Rights in Early Modern Mediterranean Societies*

Université Aix-Marseille
Project Coordinators: Prof. Simona Cerutti and Prof. Isabelle Grangaud

Since 2015

Dictionary Project: *The Vocabularies of Belonging in the Early Modern Mediterranean (Les mots de l'appartenance-PALOMED)*

Under the direction of Prof. Simona Cerutti (EHESS, Paris)
Editorial Staff member

Entries in preparation: *Tebaa, Çiftbozan, Şenlendirmek*

Publications

Monograph

Rendre la justice à Amid: procédures, acteurs et doctrines dans le contexte ottoman du XVIIIème siècle (Brill: Leiden, 2016) (The Ottoman Empire and its heritage series)

Edited volume

Justice in Ottoman Society: Institutions, actors, and legal practices (Institut français d'études anatoliennes) [with Işık Tamdoğan; forthcoming]

Contributors: Zouhair Ghazzal (University of Loyola), Martha Mundy (LES), Nil Tekgül (Bilkent University), Isabelle Grangaud (Université Aix-Marseille), Panagiotis Krokidas (University of Athens), Alp Yücel Kaya (Ege University)

Articles and Book Chapters

“On Freedom, Kinship, and the Market: Reflections on Property and Law in the Ottoman Slave System,” article in press for the next issue of *Quaderni Storici* titled *Fuori mercato: appartenenza locale e beni nel Mediterraneo* (Spring 2017)

“Property between life and death: A legal debate over the property of a missing person (*gâib*) in the eighteenth-century Ottoman Amid,” article in press in Huri İslamoğlu and Safa Saraçoğlu (eds.), *Justice, statecraft and law: A New Ottoman Legal History* (Syracuse University Press)

“Comment al-hajj Mehmet s’est-il approprié un terrain récupéré à la suite de la décrue du Tigre? Le statut d’une terre vacante (*arz-ı mübâha*) devant un tribunal ottoman (Amid au XVIII^e siècle)” in Sami Bargaoui, Simona Cerutti and Isabelle Grangaud (eds.), *Appartenance local au nord et au sud de la méditerranée* (University of Aix-Marseille, IREMAM, 2016)

“Unacknowledged memory: The nineteenth-century Ottoman Empire and the ambivalence of national memory in the Turkish Republic,” in Christine Allison and Philip K. Kreyenbroek (eds.), *Remembering the Past in Iranian Societies* (Harrassowitz, 2013)

Encyclopedia Entry

“Marriage,” in François Georgeon, Nicolas Vatin and Gilles Veinstein (eds.), *Dictionnaire de l’Empire ottoman* (Fayard, Paris: 2015)

Book Reviews

Guy Burak, *The Second Formation of Islamic Law* (Cambridge University Press: 2015) published in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 49/4 (2016)

Ebru Sönmez, *İdris-i Bidlisî: Ottoman Kurdistan and Islamic Legitimacy* (Libra Publications: 2012) published in *International Journal of Kurdish Studies* 2/2 (2014)

James E. Baldwin, *Islamic law and empire in Ottoman Cairo* (Edinburgh University Press: 2017) book review in preparation for the next issue of *The Journal of Ottoman Studies*. [in preparation]

Popular History

“Cinler, devler ve siyâset: Feridun Bey’in Han Abdal Hikâyesi,” *Kürt Tarihi* 13 (2014), pp: 16-24

Editorial Activity

Scientific, and translation, editor for the Turkish translation of the book: Martha Mundy and Richard Saumarez-Smith, *Governing Property, Making the Modern State: Law, Administration and Production in Ottoman Syria* (I.B. Tauris: 2007). Turkish translation has been published under the titled *Modern Devlete Giden Yolda Mülk Siyaseti* (Tarih Vakfı Yurt Yayınları: İstanbul, 2013)

Referee work

Quaderni Storici (Italy)
International Journal of Turkish Studies (USA)
Turcica (France)
The Journal of Ottoman Studies (Turkey)

Teaching Experience

Boğaziçi University (Since Spring 2016)

Department of History

HIST 222	History of the Ottoman Empire (1300-1600)
HIST 321	History of the Ottoman Empire (1600-1876)

Koç University (2015-2016)

Department of History

HUMS 125	Empires of the Steppes
HIST 409	Gender, Culture, and Politics
HIST 204	History of the Ottoman Empire (1566-1839)

Koç University (2015-2017)

School of Languages

KURD 201	Kurdish for Beginners
KURD 202	Pre-intermediate Kurdish

Ludwig Maximilians Universität (LMU), Munich (2010-2012)

Law and Society in Ottoman Texts (Graduate Level Ottoman Paleography Seminar)
Advanced Readings on Empire (Graduate Level History Seminar)
Historical Methodology in Middle Eastern Studies (Undergraduate level)

The National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO), Paris (2005-2008)

Kurdish Language for beginners
Kurdish Language for advanced level students

Selected Conference Presentations and Academic Lectures

Conference Presentations

Invited participant in the international conference titled *Six years of re:work* for the panel titled “What is work/Labor” Humboldt University, Berlin, June 5-6, 2015.

Panel participants: Jürgen Koçka, Yavuz Aykan, Gadi Algazi, Mamadou Diawara, Gerd Spittler.

“Şeyh Bedreddin Diyarbekir’de: 19. yy Hukukî Dönüşümünü Yeniden Düşünmek,” invited lecture given at *Cuma Seminerleri*, Boğaziçi University Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish Studies, February 13, 2015.

“Law, labor and fictive kinship in early-modern Ottoman society,” paper presented at the international conference *Re-imagining the Social Order*, organized by Joanna Innes (University of Oxford). Paris, September 3-5, 2014.

“Pourquoi l’esclave-mère s’est-elle rendue au tribunal?”, paper presented at the international workshop *Liens familiaux et vie sexuelle en sociétés pluriconfessionnelles* organized by Prof. John Tolan, University of Nantes, November 6, 2013.

“When property becomes a person: law, slave-labor and ambivalence of local belonging in 18th century Diyarbekir,” paper presented at the international workshop *Work, labor and local belonging in early-modern global contexts*, organized by Yavuz Aykan and Işık Tamdoğan, Humboldt University, Berlin, June 15, 2013.

“Loving boys as fun in early-modern Ottoman erotic imaginary,” paper presented at the international workshop *Gender, Laughter, and Humor Across Cultures and Times*, organized by Jonas Liliequist, Umea University, Sweden, January 8-9, 2012.

“Qu’est-ce qu’une ümm-i veled?”, paper presented at the international workshop *l’atelier international sur l’esclavage dans l’Empire ottoman*, organized by Hayri Gökşin Özkoray, Collège de France, Paris, November 23, 2012.

“On the authority of the Qadi’s judgment,” paper presented at the international workshop *Justice in Ottoman Society: Institutions, Actors and Practices*, organized by Yavuz Aykan and Isik Tamdogan, French Anatolian Research Center (IFEA), January 5-6, 2012.

“La livata avant l’homoséxualité: discussion de la sodomie par les juristes ottomans du 17ème siècle,” paper presented at the symposium *Les sexualités de transgression dans le monde islamique*, organized by Yavuz Aykan, Maggy Grabundzija, Mohammed Mezziane, Gianfranco Rebutini, EHESS, Paris, May 31, 2010.

Academic Lectures

“Lire le *çiftbozan* avec l’*Ius migrandi*,” invited lecture given at the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, in the seminar *Citoyennetés : analyses comparatives au nord et au sud de la Méditerranée*, 19 May 2017.

“Act, agent, and the law: The archeology of the concept of “the spreader of corruption” from Qarakhanid to early modern Ottoman jurisprudence,” invited lecture given at Sabancı University’s History Seminar Series, Sabancı University, Istanbul, April 10, 2017.

“Slavery, Kinship and the Law in 17th-Century Istanbul,” invited lecture given at the Social Sciences and Humanities Seminar Series. Koç University, March 14, 2017.

“*Siyasa* justice revisited: Law and territoriality in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire,” invited lecture given at Boğaziçi University, Department of History, October 15, 2015.

“De l’acte à la personne: l’apostasie et la fiction juridique dans le droit ottoman à l’époque moderne,” invited lecture given at the *École normale supérieure (Rue d’Ulm)* in the seminar *Penser la Méditerranée à l’époque moderne et contemporaine (XVIe – XXe siècle)*, January 16, 2014.

“The Criminal type of person as subject of law in early-modern Ottoman *fiqh*,” invited lecture given at the University of Nantes, Department of the History of Law, April 4, 2014.

“*Go to your brother’s house, I divorced you!* Debating madness and law in 18th century Ottoman Amid,” invited lecture given at the *Käte Hamburger Centre for Advanced Study, Law as Culture Program*, University of Bonn, September 26, 2013.

“The council of Amid (*Divân-ı Amid*): On the judicial authority of the provincial governor (*vâli*) and *mazalim* justice in 18th century Ottoman Diyarbekir,” invited lecture given at the Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg, University of Bonn, History and Society in Mamluk Era, May 13, 2013.

Invited lectures and conference presentations

Invited to the international conference *Les épreuves de l'incertain* organized by Marc-Henry Soulet, Nantes institute for advanced study, Nantes, France, May 30-31, 2017.

Invited to the international conference *Küresel Tarih Yazımının Meseleleri, Erken Modernite ve Osmanlı Tarihçiliği*, organized by İklil Erefe and Şefik Peksevgen, Özyeğin University, Istanbul, June 2, 2017.

Invited to the international workshop *Rethinking Ottoman Sunnitization*, Central European University, Budapest, 24-27 August, 2017.

Invited to the international symposium *Mediterranean(s) in the making: Perceptions and Realities*, 3rd Turkish-German Frontiers of Social Science Symposium, Humboldt Foundation and Koç University, November 9-12, 2017.

Invited to the workshop for the preparation of the dictionary *Les mots de l'appartenance – PALOMED* that will be held at the Monastery of Carmen de la Victoria, Granada, Spain, October 23-27, 2017.

Workshops Organized:

Organization of the international workshop *Eléments de preuve et litiges commerciaux en Méditerranée (XV^e – XIX^e siècle) / Elements of proof and commercial litigations in the Mediterranean (15th – 19th century)* with Francisco Apellaniz, Wolfgang Kaiser and Johann Petitjean, l'Université Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne, June 18-20, 2015.

Organization of the international workshop *The Ties of Local Belongings: Persons and things* with Isik Tamdogan, French Anatolian Research Center (IFEA), Istanbul, January 14-15, 2014.

Organization of the international workshop *Work, Labor, and Local Belonging in Early Modern Global Contexts* with Isik Tamdogan, Humboldt University, Berlin, *Re:work center*, June 14-15, 2013.

Organization of the international workshop *Justice in Ottoman Society: Institutions, Actors and Practices* with Isik Tamdogan, French Anatolian Research Center (IFEA), Istanbul, January 5-6, 2012.

Organization of the international workshop *Les sexualités de transgression dans le monde islamique*, with Maggy Grabundzija, Mohammed Mezziane, Gianfranco Rebutini, EHESS, Paris, May 31, 2010.

Languages:

Turkish & Kurdish: Bilingual
English: Fluent
French: Fluent
Ottoman Turkish: Instructor of Ottoman Paleography
Arabic, German & Spanish: Reading knowledge

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