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Education:

- Ph.D.** 2003-2008, Harvard University, Department of History and Center for Middle Eastern Studies. *Dissertation topic:* Commerce and Networks of Exchange between the Byzantine Empire and the Islamic Near East from the Early Ninth Century to the Arrival of the Crusaders. *Thesis supervisors:* Roy Mottahedeh, Angeliki Laiou, Michael McCormick.
- M.A.** 1) 2001-2003, Harvard University, Department of History and Center for Middle Eastern Studies.
2) 1998-2001, Boğaziçi University, Department of History. *Thesis topic:* The Byzantine-Turkish Encounter in Western Anatolia in the Late Thirteenth and the Early Fourteenth Centuries. *Thesis Supervisor:* Nevra Necipoğlu
- B.A.** 1992-1998, Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and International Relations.

Areas of research:

Middle Byzantine social and economic history; commercial history of the medieval Mediterranean; Byzantine pharmacology; Early Islamic social and economic history; Byzantine-Arab relations; representation of the Other in Byzantine and Arabic literature; Geographical imagination in the early Middle Ages.

Research languages:

Modern Languages: Turkish (native), English (advanced), Greek (intermediate/advanced), German (intermediate), French (intermediate), Modern Arabic (intermediate).

Research languages: Byzantine Greek, Classical Arabic.

Academic positions:

- 2016-Current Associate professor, Boğaziçi University, Department of History.
- 2008-2016 Assistant professor, Boğaziçi University, Department of History.
- 2006, Spring Cataloger at the Houghton Library (repository for rare books and manuscripts), Harvard University.
- 2005-2006 Research Assistant, Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies.
- 2004-2006 Teaching Assistant, Harvard University, Department of History, Department of Government, Department of Art History.
- 2000-2001 Teaching Assistant, Boğaziçi University, Department of History.
- 1999-2000 Research Assistant, Boğaziçi University, Department of History.

Research positions:

- 2017, Fall Senior fellow, Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (*ANAMED*), Istanbul.
- 2013, March-May Visiting researcher, *Smithsonian Institution*, Washington DC..
- 2013, April Short-term fellow, *Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Museum*, Washington DC..
- 2013, Spring Visiting scholar, *Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University*.
- 2012, Spring Visiting scholar, *Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University*.
- 2006-2007, Fall-Spring Junior Fellow, *Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Museum*, Washington DC..

Grants and awards:

- 2017, Fall Senior fellowship, Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (*ANAMED*), Istanbul.
- 2016-2017 *BAP* (Research Projects) at Boğaziçi University for the project entitled: "Spices and pharmacological items in non-medical Byzantine sources."
- 2013-2016 *BAP* (Research Projects) at Boğaziçi University for the project entitled: "Commerce in medicinal items between Byzantines and Islamic World in the Middle Ages."
- 2015 *BÜVAK* (Boğaziçi University Foundation) Award for Outstanding Success in Research.
- 2013, April One-month Research Stipend at the *Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Museum*, Washington, D.C
- 2011-2013 The Young Scientists Award Programme of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (*TÜBA-GEBİP*).
- 2011, Summer *THYESPA* grant (Summer Program for the Modern Greek Language).
- 2011, Summer *W.D.E. Coulson & Toni Cross Aegean Exchange Fellowship*.
- 2007-2008, Fall-Spring *Dissertation Completion Grant*, Harvard University.
- 2006-2007, Fall-Spring Junior Fellowship, *Dumbarton Oaks Research Library*, Washington, D.C..

Publications:

Book/editorial work:

- 2018 (in preparation): *Trade in pharmacological commodities between the Byzantines and the Islamic Near Easterners in the Early Middle Ages*.
- 2018 (in preparation) (ed. with Paul Magdalino and Ivana Jevtic) *Byzantine Identity and the Other in Geographical and Ethnic Imagination, Third International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium, 23-25 June 2016*, Koç University Press, Istanbul.
- 2018 (in preparation) (ed. with Nevra Necipoğlu), selected proceedings of the national conference held on March 18-19, 2016, entitled *Byzantine Studies in Turkey: New Research, Alternative Trends*.

- 2013, January (ed. with A. Vasilakeris) The dossier entitled *Tanıdık Yabancı [familiar Stranger]* in *Toplumsal Tarih* [Social History], 229.
- 2010 (Scientific editor) Catalogue for the Exhibition at the Sabancı Museum, *From Byzantium to Istanbul. 8000 Years of a Capital*, Kitap Yayınevi, Istanbul.

Book chapters/proceedings:

- 2018 (in preparation) “Byzantine Exports of Materia Medica to the Islamic World,” proceedings *Medical Traditions in and around Byzantium*, organized by the Departments of Byzantine studies and of the History of Medicine at the Ludwig-Maximilian-University (LMU), Munich, Germany, ed. A. Touwaide (Medicine in the Medieval Mediterranean Series), Routledge/Taylor&Francis, London.
- 2018 (in preparation) “Amorium and Byzantine Cities in the Early Medieval Islamic Sources,” *Amorium: A Byzantine Provincial Capital in the Setting of the Empire*, ed. N. Tsiviskis (Millennium Studies, Studies in the Culture and History of the First Millennium C.E Series), De Gruyter, Berlin.
- 2018 (in publication) “The Cilician Frontier: A Case Study of Byzantine-Islamic Trade in the Ninth and Tenth Centuries,” *Province and Periphery in the Age of Constantine VII Porphyrogennetos: From De Cerimoniis to De Administrando Imperio*, ed. N. Gaul, V. Menze, and C. Bálint. CEU Eastern Mediterranean Studies, 1. Budapest and New York: Central European University.
- 2018 “From the Indian Ocean to the Markets of Constantinople: Ambergris in the Byzantine World,” *Life Is Short, Art Long: The Art of Healing in Byzantium — New Perspectives*, ed. B. Pitarakis, Istanbul Research Institute, Istanbul, 201-225.
- 2016 “Konstantinopolis’in Yükselisinin İktisadi Temelleri [Economic Sources for the Rise of Constantinople],” *Antik Çağdan 21. Yüzyıla Büyük İstanbul Tarihi Ansiklopedisi* [Encyclopedia of Istanbul from the Ancient Period to the 21st Century], ed. C. Yılmaz, vol 6, İktisat, ed. C. Çakır, Kültür A.Ş., Istanbul, 24-43.
- 2016 “Byzantium’dan Fatih’e [From Byzantium to Fatih],” “Ticaret Hayatı [Trade in Constantinople], *Sur İçi İstanbul, Fatih Belediyesi*, ed. I. Ortaylı, Fatih Belediyesi, Istanbul, 15-33, 93-107.
- 2015 “Dioscorides and Beyond: Imported Medicinal Plants in the Byzantine Empire/ Dioskorides ve Ortaçağ: Bizans İmparatorluğu’na İthal Edilen Tıbbi Bitkiler,” *Life is Short, Art Long: The Art of Healing in Byzantium*, ed. B. Pitarakis, Pera Müzesi Yayını, Istanbul, 152-160.
- 2014 “Performance and ideology in the exchange of prisoners between the Byzantine Empire and the Islamic Near East in the early Middle Ages,” *Medieval and Early Modern Performance in the Eastern Mediterranean*, eds. Arzu Öztürkmen, Evelyn Birge Vitz, Brepols, Turnhout, 167-180.
- 2013 “Traffic across the Cilician Frontier: Movement of People between Byzantium and the Islamic Near East in the Early Middle Ages,” *Byzantium and the Arab World, Encounter of Civilizations*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessalonica, 141-154.
- 2013 “Diplomacy as Performance: Power Politics and Resistance Between the Byzantine and the Early Medieval Islamic Courts,” *The Byzantine Court: Source of Power and Culture*

(Second International Sevgi Gönül Symposium proceedings), eds. Ayla Ödekan and Engin Akyürek, Nevra Necipoğlu, Koç University Press, Istanbul, 157-164.

- 2010 “Byzantine Education”, “Byzantine Ceremonies” and “Commerce in Byzantium” in *Capital of Cultures, Istanbul*, ed. Fahameddin Başar, Türk Kültürüne Hizmet Vakfı, Istanbul.
- 2010 “Through an Eastern Window: Muslims in Constantinople and Constantinople in Early Islamic Sources,” in *From Byzantium to Istanbul. 8000 Years of a Capital*, ed. Koray Durak, Kitap Yayınevi, Istanbul, 102-111.
- 2009 “Constantinople, réalités et utopies médiévales,” *De Byzance à Istanbul, Un port pour deux continents* (catalogue for the exhibition at Grand Palais in Paris in 2009), eds. Nazan Ölçer and Edhem Eldem, Éditions de la Réunion des musées nationaux, Paris, 75-89.

Journal articles:

- 2017 Review of “Olof Heilo, Eastern Rome and the Rise of Islam, History and Prophecy. London and New York: Routledge, 2016,” *Scandinavian Journal of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies*, 3, 179-182.
- 2014 “The Representation of Byzantine History in High School Textbooks in Turkey” *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies*, 38/2, 245-264. *Indexed in arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)*
- 2013, June “Bizans’ta Ticaret [Trade in Byzantium]” *Toplumsal Tarih [Social History]*, 234, 21-24.
- 2013, April “Bizans’ın Adı Yok, Günümüz Lise Tarih Kitaplarında Bizans Kültürünün Temsili [Byzantium Without a Name, Representation of Byzantine Culture in Contemporary High School Textbooks]” *Toplumsal Tarih [Social History]*, 232, 90-93.
- 2013, January “Türkiye’de Bizans ve Bizantologların algılanışı, [Perception of Byzantium and Byzantinists in Turkey]” *Toplumsal Tarih*, [Social History], 229, 78-83.
- 2012, August “Ayasofya’yı Fetihçilerden Kim Kurtaracak [Who will save the Museum of Hagia Sophia from the Turco-Islamists],” *Toplumsal Tarih [Social History]*, 224.
- 2011 “The Location of Syria in Byzantine Writing; One Question, Many Answers,” *Journal of Turkish Studies*, 36, 45-55. *Indexed in HISTORICAL ABSTRACTS and AMERICA: HISTORY AND LIFE*
- 2010, June “Who are the Romans? The Definition of *Bilād al-Rūm* (Land of the Romans) in Medieval Islamic Geographies,” *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 31/3, 285-298. *Indexed in A P A I S: Australian Public Affairs Information Service (Online Edition), EBSCOhost, International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS); OCLC, Periodicals Index Online, SCOPUS, Social Services Abstracts, Studies on Women and Gender Abstracts, Swets Information Services, and Thomson Gale (Gale Group).*
- 2010, Spring “The Church of Hagia Sophia as Seen by the Neighbors of the Byzantine Empire,” *Ayasofya Müzesi Yıllığı, Annual of Hagia Sophia Museum*, 13, 231-248.
- 2009, May “Defining the ‘Turk’: Mechanisms of Establishing Contemporary Meaning in the Archaizing Language of the Byzantines,” *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* 59, 65-78. *Indexed in ERH INT2*

2004, November “Anna Comnena and the Barbarians,” (in Turkish) *Toplumsal Tarih* [Social History], 30-35.

Reviews:

2017 Olof Heilo, *Eastern Rome and the Rise of Islam, History and Prophecy* (London and New York, Routledge, 2016), for *the Scandinavian Journal of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies*.

MA thesis supervised:

Naz Özkan, MA Title: *Byzantine textile as a means of communication and display in diplomacy during the Middle Byzantine Period* (The student submitted the first chapter, and is about to present the second chapter.).

Nazım Can Serbest Title: *Regime Change in early Hellenistic Athens* (completed in September 2017).

MA thesis jury membership:

2017, Hüseyin Hakan Gazioğlu, MA, Hacettepe University. Title: *Süreklilik ve Kopuş İçinde Geç Dönem Bizans Toprak Yönetimi ve Ekonomik Düzen: Bizans Kültür ve Sanatında İzduşümleri*.

2016, Mustafa Yıldız, MA, Boğaziçi University. Title: *The Discourse of Rebellion in Byzantium in the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries*.

2013, Abdulkerim Kartal, MA, Boğaziçi University. Title: *The Letters of George-Gennadios Scholarios to Members of the Ruling Elite in Fifteenth-Century Peloponnese: Introduction, Translation, and Commentary*.

2013, Meriç T. Öztürk, MA, Boğaziçi University. Title: *The Provincial Aristocracy in Byzantine Asia Minor*.

2013, Ayşe Esra Şirin, MA, Boğaziçi University. Title: *Between Dominicans and Palamites: Pro-Latin Intellectuals in Fourteenth-Century Byzantium*.

BA thesis jury membership:

2009, Emir Alışık, *Imagining a Dreamer: Drawing a Scholar and Painting a New World: Bessarion*, Bilgi University.

Ph.D. general exam committee member

2017, Ali Tirali, Boğaziçi University and École des hautes études en sciences sociales.

2017, Meriç Öztürk, Boğaziçi University.

Administrative duties:

2015-current Vice-director of the *Boğaziçi University, Byzantine Studies Research Center*.

2016-current Member of the committee for *the Boğaziçi University, Preservation of the Natural Life (BU-DHKK)*.

2013-2017	Member of the committee for <i>the Boğaziçi University, Institute for Graduate Studies in Social Sciences</i> .
2011-current	Research Policies Advisory Council, Boğaziçi University.
2009-current	Academic advisor to the sophomore, junior and senior level students at the Department of History, Boğaziçi University.
2009-2012	Academic adviser to <i>BUTİK</i> (Students' club for historical studies) at Boğaziçi University.
2013-current	Academic advisor to <i>LGBTİ Çalışmaları Kulübü</i> at Boğaziçi University.

Affiliations and memberships:

2008-current	Turkish National Committee for Byzantine Studies
2006-2008	Medieval Studies Committee at Harvard University.
2006-2008	Middle East Studies Association of North America.
2006-2008	Byzantine Studies Association of North America.

Conference/exhibition organization:

2017, December 15	Curator of the exhibition (15 December 2017-15 March 2018) on and the conference entitled "A Byzantine city in Anatolia: Amorium," at <i>Boğaziçi University, Byzantine Studies Research Center</i> .
2016, Fall	Coordinator of the lecture series entitled "Islands of Byzantium" at <i>Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center</i> .
2016, March 18-19	<i>Byzantine Studies in Turkey: New Research, Alternative Trends</i> . Boğaziçi University.
2011-current	Scientific Advisory Board member for International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium, held every three years in Istanbul, Turkey.
2009, Fall	Academic committee member for " <i>Contemporary Perceptions of Byzantium</i> " organized by Kadir Has University.

Conference papers/talks:

2018, May, 11-12,	"Geographical Imagination in Byzantine Medical Writing," <i>Imagined Geographies in the Mediterranean, Middle East and Beyond</i> , Workshop, University of St Andrews, England.
2017, July 15-15,	"Byzantine Exports of Materia Medica to the Islamic World," <i>Medical Traditions in and around Byzantium</i> , organized by the Departments of Byzantine studies and of the History of Medicine at the Ludwig-Maximilian-University (LMU), Munich, Germany.
2017, May 18-21,	"Spices and the Geography of the Exotic in Byzantine Imagination," <i>Human Body to the Universe – Spatialities of Byzantine Culture</i> , Uppsala University, Sweden.
2017, Jan. 21,	"Antik Çağ'dan Ortaçağ'a: Bizans Devleti ve Toplumunu [From the Classical Age to the Middle Ages: The Byzantine State and Society]," <i>Türk – İngiliz Kültür Derneği/The Turco-British Association</i> , Ankara, Turkey.

- 2016, Dec. 4-5, “Hint Okyanusu Kıyılarından Konstantinoupolis'in Baharat Çarşısına: Amber'in Orta Çağ'daki Hikayesi [From the Indian Ocean to the Spice Bazaars of Byzantine Constantinople: the Story of Ambergris in the Middle Ages],” *Byzantion/Konstantinopolis: Eskiçağ ve Ortaçağ'da İstanbul ve Yakın Çevresinin Tarihi Coğrafyası ve Yerleşim Tarihi*, İstanbul Üniversitesi Güneydoğu Avrupa Araştırmaları Merkezi and Koç University-Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Center for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2016, Nov. 24-25, “Amorium and Byzantine Cities in the Early Medieval Islamic Sources,” *Amorium: A Byzantine Provincial Capital in the Setting of the Empire, A workshop organized by the Institute of Mediterranean Studies/FORTH*, Athens, Greece.
- 2016, Sept. 17, “Islamic Syria through Byzantine Eyes,” *Syria: from Severus to Saladin*, Colloquium at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2016, Oct. 7-9, “Kıbrıs: Bizans ile İslam Dünyası arasında bir Köprü [Cyprus: a Bridge Between Byzantium and the Islamic World],” *Hala Sultan Sempozyumu*, Kıbrıs Sosyal Bilimler Üniversitesi and Sakarya Üniversitesi, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- 2016, August 22, “Substitute Drugs in Byzantine Medicine: the Question of Availability,” *23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies*, Belgrade, Serbia.
- 2016, June 23, “Finding Syria and Syrians in the literature of the Middle Byzantine Period,” *Fourth International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium*, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2016, May 26 “Bizans Tarih Yazımının Son Yüzyıllık Serüveni: Değişen Önyargılar [The Story of Byzantine Historiography in the last 100 years: Changing prejudices],” *New Approaches in History*, İstanbul Medeniyet University, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2015, Oct. 22, “Ambergris: the Story of a Perfume & Medical Drug in the Byzantine World,” *Byzantine Studies Conference 2015*. New York, USA.
- 2015, March 14, “Exotic Drugs and the Evolution of Byzantine Medicine,” Lecture at the symposium entitled *Life is Short, Art Long: The Art of Healing in Byzantium*. Pera Museum, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2015, March 7, “Ortaçağ'da Doğu Akdeniz ve Bizans [The Eastern Mediterranean and Byzantium in the Middle Ages],” *Suna-İnan Kıraç Akdeniz Medeniyetleri Araştırma Enstitüsü*, Antalya, Turkey.
- 2014, Nov. 21, “Bir Dünya Başkenti? Konstantinopolis'in Ortaçağ Halklarınca Temsili [Capital of the World? Constantinople Viewed by its Medieval Neighbors],” *Imagining the City*, Pera Museum, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2014, Sept. 11, “Materia Medica on the Move: Pharmacological Items Imported from Byzantium to the Islamic World in the Middle Ages,” *The Great Silk Road & Medicine* by the International Society for the History of Medicine, Tblisi, Georgia.
- 2013, Dec. 10, “Byzantium's Relations with the Islamic East. Trade and Beyond” *Lecture*, King's College, London, England.

- 2013, June 26, “Imported Drugs in Byzantine Medicine: Commerce in Medicinal Items between Byzantines and Muslims in the Middle Ages,” *Third International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium*, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2013 April 22, “Commerce between the Byzantines and the Islamic Near Easterners before the Crusaders,” *Lecture at Brown University*, Providence, RI, USA.
- 2013, April 10, “Foreign Drugs in Byzantine Pharmacology, Commerce in Medicinal Items between Byzantines and Muslims,” *Informal talks*, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington DC, USA.
- 2013, March 6, “The Representation of Byzantium in Turkish Highschool Texts” *Seminar on Turkey in the Modern World*, Harvard University, Boston, USA
- 2012, Dec. 27, “Günümüz Lise Kitaplarında Bizans'ın Temsili: ‘Öteki’nin inşası,” [Representation of Byzantium in Contemporary Turkish High School Textbooks: Construction of the Other] *Tarih Vakfı Perşembe konuşmaları* (Thursday Talks at the History Foundation), Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2012, Oct.17-19 “Movement of Merchants between the Byzantine Empire and the Islamic Near East from the Ninth to the Eleventh Centuries: from Aggregates to Individuals,” *Monks, Merchants and Artists in the Eastern Mediterranean. The Relations of Byzantium to the Arab Near East (9th to 15th c.)*, Wissenschafts Campus Mainz: Byzanz zwischen Orient und Okzident, Mainz, Germany.
- 2012, July 6-7, “A Minor Battlefield for the Souls: Representation of Early Islamic History in High School History Textbooks in Republican Turkey,” *Remembering the First Century of Islam: Expansion and Division*, The Aga Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London, England.
- 2012, April 12, “Commercial Relations between Byzantines and Arabs at the Turn of the First Millennium: An Underestimated Story,” *lecture at Bryn Mawr College*, PA, USA.
- 2012, March 16-19, “Birds Flying over the Eastern Mediterranean: Birds of Prey Sent as Gifts and Commodities from the Byzantine Empire to the Islamic Near East,” *222nd Meeting of the American Oriental Society*, Boston, MA, USA.
- 2012, Febr. 27-28, “Diplomacy as Performance: Power Politics and Resistance between the Byzantine and Islamic Courts,” *Courts and Performance in the Pre-Modern Middle East*, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- 2011, Dec. 16-18, “Performance and Ideology in the Exchange of Prisoners between the Byzantines and the Islamic Near Easterners in the Early Middle Ages,” *Byzantium and the Arab World, Encounter of Civilizations*, Thessalonica, Greece.
- 2011, December 22, “Hediyelerin Dili: Bizans İmparatorluğu ile Arap Devletleri arasındaki diplomaside hediyelerin rolü [Laguage of Gifts: the role of gifts in the Diplomatic Relations between the Byzantines and the Arabs], *lecture at Anadolu University*, Eskişehir, Turkey.
- 2011, August 22-27, “Political Borders and Economic Zones: Observations on the Nature of Byzantine-Islamic Trade,” *22nd International Congress of Byzantine Studies*, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- 2011, February 24, “Orta Bizans Döneminde İstanbul‘da Ticaret (Trade in Middle Byzantine Constantinople),” *Chamber Talks at the Istanbul Research Institute in Istanbul*, Istanbul, Turkey.

- 2010, October 21-24, "Byzantine Constantinople as a Utopia in Early Medieval Arabic, Russian and Western European Sources," *Byzantine and Ottoman Civilizations in World History*, Istanbul Şehir University and World History Association, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2010, October 1-3, "Sons of Hagar among the Romans; the incorporation of Muslims into the middle Byzantine state and society," *Convivencia in Byzantium? Cultural Exchanges in a Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Lingual Society*, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2010, June 21-23, "Court as a Shop-window: The Role of Diplomatic Gift Exchange between the Byzantine and the Near Eastern Courts in Promoting Commerce the Byzantine and the Near Eastern Courts in Promoting Commerce," *Second International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium*, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2010, May 4, "Byzantine and Islamic Trade: New Sources and New Questions," *American Research Center in Turkey*, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2010, January 27, "The Byzantine Empire and its Foreign Trade in the Year 1000," *Voyvoda Lectures at Osmanlı Bank Museum*, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2009, November, "The Representation of Byzantine History in High School Textbooks in Turkey: In Search of Atlantis," *Contemporary Perceptions of Byzantium, International Symposium at the Istanbul Studies Center*, 19-21 November 2009, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2009, November, "The Question of Trade with the Islamic World during the Byzantine Expansion toward the East in the Tenth Century," *Centre and Periphery in the Age of Constantine VII Porphyrogennetos: from De cerimoniis to De administrando imperio*, Central European University, 9 November 2009, Budapest, Hungary
- 2009, October, "Byzantine Foreign Trade, with or without the Islamic Near East. New Sources and New Questions," *Migration, Gender, and Economy in Byzantium: a Conference in Memory of Angeliki Laiou*, the Gennadius Library, 23 October 2009, Athens, Greece.
- 2009, October, "Representation of the Seljuk State and Court in Byzantine Sources," *Court and Society in Seljuk Anatolia*, 16-18 October 2009, Orient Institut, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2009, June, "Hiding and Revealing; Construction of the Islamic World and the Inclusion of the Byzantines therein in Medieval Arabic Geographical Writing," *Conference on Mediterranean Worlds, Cultures of Interpretation*, 3-6 June, 2009, Famagusta, Cyprus.
- 2009, March, "Constantinople Viewed by the Arabs; Geographical Sources and Beyond," Talk at *the Orient Institut in Istanbul*, 19 March 2009, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2008, Dec., "Cilicia in the Abbasid Period: Contextualizing Evidence from Tarsus-Gözlükule," *Boğaziçi University, Museum Lectures*. Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2007, June 25, "Why did not the Byzantines call a Spade a Spade? Definition of the Turks in the Byzantine Sources Between the Eleventh and the Thirteenth Centuries," *First International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium*, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2006, Nov. 10, "Arabic Pharmacological Literature: An Alternative Source of Evidence for Byzantine-Arab Commerce in the Early Middle Ages," *Byzantine Studies Conference*, St Louis, Missouri, USA.
- 2006, Nov. 18, "Byzantine Fish in the Muslim Reef. Byzantines in an Eleventh Century Geography, *Akam al-Marjan* of Ishaq ibn Husain," *Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) conference* in Boston, MA, USA.

- 2004, August 26, “Byzantine Imperial Discourse on the Crusaders in Anna Comnena’s *Alexiad* as a Mechanism of Imperial Control,” *Conference of the Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East, entitled “Around the Fourth Crusade, Before and After.”* Istanbul, Turkey.
- 1999, May, “The State of Byzantine Studies in Turkey,” *Second Graduate Students’ Conference, under the auspices of the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies and the Oxford Byzantine Society.* Oxford, England.

Teaching:

Boğaziçi University:

- Hist 48J.01: *Sp.Tp. Early Byzantines sources*, Spring 2017.
- Hist 49I.01: *Sp.Tp. Contacts in the medieval Mediterranean*, Spring 2016.
- Hist 49K.01: *Sp.Tp. History of Byzantium (330-1453)*, Columbia University and Boğaziçi University summer school in Istanbul, Summer 2013/2014, Spring 2015.
- Hist 59R: *Sp.Tp. Readings in Byzantine Sources*, Spring 2011 (graduate course).
- Hist 533: *Seminar in Byzantine History: Byzantine writing in Early and Middle Byzantine Periods*, Fall 2010.
- Hist 59G: *Economic History of Byzantium*, Spring 2010 (graduate course).
- Hist 58L: *Research Methods in Byzantine History*, Fall 2014/2016.
- Hist 210: *Research Methods in History*, Spring 2009/2010/2011/2014/Fall 2015 (renamed Hist 209 after Fall 2015)
- Hist 335: *History of the Byzantine Empire I (300-900)*, starting from Fall 2009.
- Hist 336: *History of the Byzantine Empire II (900-1453)*, starting from Spring 2009 until 2017.
- Hist 49L: *Special Topics: Trade, Exchange, and Communications in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Early Middle Ages*, Fall 2008.
- Hist 241: *Introduction to Western European, Mediterranean, and Islamic Civilizations*, Fall 2008/2009/2010/2011/2012/2013/2014.
- Hist 105: Making of the Modern World I (Coordinator) Fall 2013/2014.
- Hist 106: Making of the Modern World II (Coordinator) Fall 2014.

Sabancı University:

- Hist S-1090: *Introduction to Byzantine History*, Harvard University and Sabancı University summer school in Istanbul, Summer 2009.
- Hist 431: *Introduction to Byzantine History*, Summer School, 2008.

Bilgi University:

- Hist 232.01: *History of Istanbul I (The Byzantine Capital)*, Spring 2009.

Euro-Balkan Institute for Social and Humanities Research:

- “*Byzantium and the East*” Reconstructing Imaginary and Real Byzantium: Historical and Cultural Legacies that Divide and Integrate Europe, Summer School at Ohrid, Macedonia, Skopje, 16-29 August 2010.

Özyeğin University:

- Hist 103A: *History of Civilizations*, Fall 2009/2010/Summer 2013.
- Hist 104A: *History of Civilizations*, Spring 2009/2010/Summer 2013.

Professional activities:

- 2017, 13 Ekim Guest at *Zaman İçinde Aşk* [Love in time] aired on the radio channel *Açık Radyo*.
- 2016 Guest at one episode of a Dutch historical tv series *Verborgen Verleden*.
- 2015 Guest at *Hagia Sophia: Istanbul's Mystery* in the series *Building Wonders* by *Nova*, aired on PBS
- 2012 Guest at *Nisyana Veda*, aired on tv channel *TRTOKUL*.
- 2012, Sept. 3 Guest at *Fikr-i Takip* aired on the radio channel *Açık Radyo*.
- 2011 Guest at *Mēchanē tou Chronou*, aired on Greek tv
- 2010 Principal academic adviser and curator of the Byzantine section for *From Byzantium to Istanbul; 8500 years of a Capital*, an exhibition organized by Sabancı Museum and the Committee for Istanbul 2010-European Capital of Culture, Istanbul
- 2010, Sept. 24 Collaborator in *Martha Steward Show*, special episode on Istanbul.
- 2009, Fall: Academic committee member for *De Byzance à Istanbul*, an exhibition organized by Réunion des musées nationaux and İKSV, Paris, France.