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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.
- 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.
- B.A.** 1992-1998, Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and International Relations.

Areas of research:

Byzantine-Islamic relations; Middle Byzantine social and economic history, Byzantine trade, Byzantine pharmacology, commercial history of the medieval Mediterranean, Early Islamic Near East, Identity studies and the representation of the Other in Byzantine and Arabic literature; Geographical imagination.

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:

- 2020-current Mellon Foundation and Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center project: "Byzantine-Islamic commerce in medicinal items."
- 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*,
- 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:

- 2021 (in preparation) (ed. with Nevra Necipoğlu and Tolga Uyar), *Byzantine Studies in Turkey: New Research, Alternative Trends*, İş Bankası Publications, Istanbul.
- 2021 (in preparation): *Trade in pharmacological commodities between the Byzantines and the Islamic Near Easterners in the Early Middle Ages*.
- 2021 (ed. with Engin Akyürek), *Byzantine Anatolia*, Yapı Kredi Publications, Istanbul.
- 2019 (ed. with Ivana Jevtic) *Identity and the Other in Byzantium, Papers from the Fourth International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium*, Koç University Press, Istanbul.
- 2019- current Member of the Advisory Board of *İstanbul Araştırmaları Yıllığı* (The Annual

- of Istanbul Studies),
- 2015- current Member of the editorial board of the journal *Medical Manuscript Studies*
- 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:

- 2023 (in preparation) “Islamic and Byzantine medicine: Adaptations and Exchanges” in *A Companion to Byzantine Medicine*, eds. I. Grimm-Stadelmann and D. Valentino. Brill, Leiden.
- 2022 (in preparation) “Storax(es) of the Middle Ages: Confusion over a Medicinal Resin in Islamic Pharmacology,” *Manuscripts, Plants, and Remedies of the Ancient and Postclassical Mediterranean Worlds: Cross- and Interdisciplinary Studies*, ed. S. Oberhelman. Walter De Gruyter, Berlin.
- 2022 (in publication) “(In)formal Memory of Byzantium in Contemporary Turkish Culture,” *Inventing Heritage – Dialogues on the Politics of Medievalism between the Balkans and the World*, eds. M. Vukasinovic and A. Vukovich, Pen State University Press, PA.
- 2022 (in publication) “Healing Gifts: The Role of Diplomatic Gift Exchange in the Movement of Materia Medica between the Byzantine and Islamic Worlds,” *Drugs in the Medieval Mediterranean: Pharmacological Exchange across Cultures, Genres, and Languages (11th-14th c.)*, eds. P. Bouras-Vallianatos and D. Stathakopoulos, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- 2022 (in publication), “The Use of Non-commercial Networks for the Study of Byzantium’s Foreign Trade with the Islamic Near East,” *Plenary Sessions of the 24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies*, Edizioni Ca’ Foscari, Venice.
- 2022 “Commercial Constantinople,” *Cambridge Companion to Constantinople*, ed. S. Basset, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- 2021 “Relations between Byzantium and the Near East in the Early Medieval Period: Travelers between the Two Worlds,” *Byzantine Anatolia*, eds. E. Akyürek and K. Durak, Yapı Kredi Publications, Istanbul, 444-451.
- 2021 “Anatolia; the Core of Byzantine Culture,” *Byzantine Anatolia*, eds. E. Akyürek and K. Durak, Yapı Kredi Publications, Istanbul, X-XV.
- 2019 “Constantinople; Byzantine Port and Capital,” *Silk Roads: Peoples, Cultures, Landscapes*, ed. S. Whitfield, Thames & Hudson, Oakland, California, 442.
- 2019 “Identity and the Other in Byzantium; an Introduction,” (with Ivana Jevtic) *Identity and the Other in Byzantium, Papers from the Fourth International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium*, Koç University Press, Istanbul, 5-22.
- 2018 “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 Porphyrogenetos: From De Cerimoniis to De Administrando Imperio*, ed. N. Gaul, V. Menze, and C. Bálint. Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden 2018, 168-183.

- 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 “Byzantion’dan Fatih’e [From Byzantion 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*, eds. A. Kralides and A. Gkoutzioukostas, 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, Engin Akyürek and Nevra Necipoğlu, Koç University Press, Istanbul, 157-164.
- 2010 “Byzantine Education”, “Byzantine Ceremonies” and “Commerce in Byzantium” *Kültürler Başkenti İstanbul/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,” *From Byzantion 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 continent* (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:

- 2022 (in publication) “(In)formal Perception of Byzantium in Contemporary Turkish Culture,” *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* (2023).
- 2022 (in publication) “The Economy of Melitene/Malatya and its Role in the Byzantine-Islamic Trade (Seventh to Eleventh Centuries),” *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*. Indexed in *Arts & Humanities Citation Index, Current Contents/Arts & Humanities, SCOPUS, EBSCO, ERIH PLUS, SCImago (SJR), IBR, IBZ, ProQuest (relevant databases), Primo Central (ExLibris), Index Islamicus, Index Theologicus, Linguistic Bibliography, PhilPapers, JournalTOCs, Naviga (Softweco), International Philosophical Bibliography - Répertoire bibliographique de la philosophie, Base d’information bibliographique en patristique /*

Bibliographic Information Base in Patristics (BIBP), Bibliographie biblique informatisée de Lausanne – BiBIL, Brepols: L'Année philologique, CNKI Scholar (China National Knowledge Infrastructure), CNPIEC – cnpLINKer, Dimensions.

- 2022 (in publication) “The Story of Storax in the Byzantine World: A Fragrant Resin of International Fame from Southern Anatolia,” *Adalya*. Indexed in *Arts & Humanities Citation Index, Current Contents/Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences and Humanities Database of TÜBİTAK/ULAKBİM, European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences*.
- 2021 (as editor, with C. Kafadar and C. Philliou), “An Intervention to Istanbul Studies” dossier in *YILLIK: Annual of Istanbul Studies*.
- 2021 “The Commercial History of Trebizond and the Region of Pontos from the Seventh to the Eleventh Centuries: An International Emporium,” *Mediterranean Historical Review*, 36/1, 3-41. Indexed in *Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index, SCOPUS*.
- 2020 “Hapishanede Ayasofya’yı Düşünmek: El-Ömerî ile Balaban’ın Kostantiniyye’deki Ulu Kilise Üzerine Sohbeti [Thinking about Hagia Sophia: The Conversation of al-Umari and Balaban on the Holy Church in Kostantiniyye],” *YILLIK: Annual of Istanbul Studies* 2, 185-196.
- 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.
- 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, ScImago (SJR), SCOPUS*.
- 2004, November “Anna Comnena and the Barbarians,” (in Turkish) *Toplumsal Tarih [Social History]*, 30-35.

Reviews:

- 2021 Petros Bouras-Vallianatos, *Innovation in Byzantine Medicine, The Writings of John Zacharias Aktouarios (c.1275–c.1330)* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), for *Medical History*, 65 /3, 306-307.
- 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*, 3, 179-181.

Conference/exhibition organization:

- 2022, Dec. 2-3 (With Nevra Necipoğlu and Paolo Maranzana) *Provisioning of Late Antique Constantinople: Annona Civilis and Beyond*, organized by the Byzantine Studies Research Center at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 2022, Oct. 10-12 Scientific committee member for the international conference *Family and Society in the World of Mediterranean, from the Hellenistic Period to the Early Islamic Period*, organized by Ain Shams University, Cairo.
- 2022, May 16-17 Scientific committee member for the international conference *Medworlds Workshop: Coexistence In Practice: Politics, Trade and Culture in The Late Medieval Anatolia and Iberia*, organized by Middle East and Africa Studies Application and Research Center (ORDAM), Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University, in collaboration with the Mediterranean Worlds (MEDWORLDS); The Mediterranean Seminar, University of Colorado Boulder; Society for the Mediterranean and Black Sea Studies (MEDIBS), Istanbul.
- 2021, Nov. 12-13 (with N. Necipoğlu) *Mobility and Materiality in Byzantine-Islamic Relations 7th-12th Centuries*, organized by Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center, Istanbul.
- 2020, Fall Scientific Curator for the new Byzantine section of the Anatolian Weights and Measures Collection of the *Pera Museum*, Istanbul.
- 2017 Curator of the exhibition (15 December 2017-15 March 2018) on and the conference entitled *A Byzantine city in Anatolia: Amorium* at Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center, Istanbul.
- 2016, Fall Coordinator of the lecture series entitled “Islands of Byzantium” at *Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center*.
- 2016, March 18-19 *Byzantine Studies in Turkey: New Research, Alternative Trends*, organized by Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 2014 Consultant, *Global Humanities Project*, George Washington University, Al-Akhawayn University, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 2010 Principal scientific 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.
- 2009, Fall: Scientific committee member for *De Byzance à Istanbul*, an exhibition organized by Réunion des musées nationaux and İKSV, Paris.
- 2009, Fall Scientific committee member for “*Contemporary Perceptions of Byzantium*” organized by Kadir Has University, Istanbul.

Conference papers/talks:

- 2022, January 21, “Anadolu’nun Kültürel Mirası içinde Bizans’ın Yeri [The Place of Byzantium in the Cultural Legacy of Anatolia],” *Anadolu Uygarlıkları Konferansları [Anatolian Civilizations Conference Series]*, Yapı Kredi Kültür Sanat Yayıncılık, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2021, December 16, “Konstantinopolis’te Ticaret [Commerce in Constantinople],” *Bizans İstanbulu’nda Günlük Yaşam: Kültür [Daily Life in Byzantine Istanbul: Culture]*, Koç Üniversitesi Kütüphaneleri, Hazine 3. Serisi, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2021, November 12-13, “Mobility of People in Byzantine-Islamic Exchanges,” *Mobility and Materiality in Byzantine-Islamic Relations 7th-12th Centuries*, organized by Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2021, October 8-9, “The Economy of Melitene/Malatya and Its Role in the Byzantine-Islamic Trade (7th to 11th Centuries),” *Arabs and Arabia in Byzantine Literary Sources: People, Places, Mentalities*, organized by National Hellenic Research Foundation and King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives, Athens, Greece.
- 2021, July 14 and 28, “Askeri Kaynaklar: El kitapları [Military Manuals],” “Tıbbi Kaynaklar [Medical Sources],” *Yazılı Kaynak Bilimi Yaz Okulu [Summer School for Written Sources]*, organized by Bizantolog, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2021, June 3-4, “Non-commercial Networks for the Study of Commerce in Medieval Eastern Mediterranean: The Case of Byzantine-Islamic relations,” *Networks and Ties of Exchange: Trade and Merchants across the pre-modern Middle East (600-1600 CE)*, organized by P. Sijpesteijn and C. Palombo, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2021, January 26, “A Prosperous Realm Beyond Borders: Byzantine-Islamic Trade in the Early Middle Ages, 9th-11th Centuries,” *The Byzantine Dialogues from the Gennadius Library*, Athens, Greece.
- 2020, December 10, (with Ivana Jevtić) “Identity and the Other in Byzantium,” *ANAMED Library Talks*, İstanbul, Turkey. (recorded talk posted at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tedr7w_DHgl&t=218s)
- 2020, Nov 2, Presentation of the Byzantine section of the 2010 exhibition *Legendary Istanbul, Sabancı Museum*, İstanbul
(recorded talk posted at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agHB4z9OXoY>).
- 2020, May, 27, “Konstantinopolis'te Ticaret ve Gündelik Hayat: Mahsul-i Hayal Konstantin Bey’in Pazarda Bir Günü, [Commerce and Daily Life in Constantinople: Imaginary Mr. Konstantin’s Day at the Bazaar]” *Pera Museum*, İstanbul, Turkey.
(recored talk posted at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkRCu2xQoYc&t=58s>).
- 2019, December, 20, “Roads for Trade,” *Italy, Greece and Turkey on Foot: Via Eurasia - A European Culture Route*, Scientific Committee Meeting, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 2019, December, 12, “Gift Exchange in Byzantium: Diplomacy and Trade,” *Byzantium at Ankara Seminar Series*, organized by Bilkent and Hacettepe Universities, Ankara, Turkey.
- 2018, May, 11-12, “Geographical Imagination in Byzantine Medical Writing,” *Imagined Geographies in the Mediterranean, Middle East and Beyond*, Workshop, University of St Andrews, England.
- 2017, July 15-15, “Byzantine Exports of Materia Medica to the Islamic World,” *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.

- 2017, May 18-21, "Spices and the Geography of the Exotic in Byzantine Imagination," *Human Body to the Universe – Spatialities of Byzantine Culture*, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- 2017, Jan. 21, "Antik Çağ'dan Ortaçağ'a: Bizans Devleti ve Toplumu [From the Classical Age to the Middle Ages: The Byzantine State and Society]," *Türk – İngiliz Kültür Derneği/The Turco-British Association*, Ankara, Turkey.
- 2016, Dec. 4-5, "Hint Okyanusu Kıyılarından Konstantinopolis'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 Loius, 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.

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2019, Özlem Kınaş, Boğaziçi University, *The Depiction of Natural Disasters in Middle Byzantine Histories (867-1204)*.

2019, Merve Savaş, Boğaziçi University, *People and Politics in Eleventh-century Constantinople*.

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2019, Augustin Rafael Avila, Boğaziçi University, *The Exhortations of George Trapezuntios and Cardinal Bessarion Against the Ottomans: Identities and Representations*.

2018, Cahit Mete Oğuz, Boğaziçi University, *An Analysis of the Byzantine Peasantry Through Eleventh-and twelfth-century Narrative Sources*.

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

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

2013, Abdülkerim Kartal, MA, Boğaziçi University. *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. *The Provincial Aristocracy in Byzantine Asia Minor*.

2013, Ayşe Esra Şirin, MA, Boğaziçi University. *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.

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2011-current Research Policies Advisory Council, Boğaziçi University.

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2019-current Annual of İstanbul Studies Journal, member of the board of advisors.

2017-current 24. International Byzantine Studies Congress (İstanbul 2021), member of the organization committee.

2011- current International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium (Vehbi Koç Vakfı & Koç Üniversitesi GABAM), member of the Scientific Advisory Board.

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2008-current Turkish National Committee for Byzantine Studies.

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Hist 533: *Seminar in Byzantine History: Byzantine writing in Early and Middle Byzantine Periods*

Hist 59G: *Economic History of Byzantium*

Hist 58L: *Research Methods in Byzantine History*

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Hist 335: *History of the Byzantine Empire I (300-900)*

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Hist 241: *Introduction to Western European, Mediterranean, and Islamic Civilizations*

Hist 105: *Making of the Modern World I* (Coordinator) for Fall 2013/2014.

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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.

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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.

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Online talks/appearance in media:

- 2022, January “Episode 6: 11th-c. Byzantium with Koray Durak” for the podcast entitled *Europe in the 11th Century: New Perspectives on the 11th century in European History* by Charles West from University of Sheffield. <https://shows.acast.com/europe-in-the-11th-century/episodes/episode-6-11th-c-byzantium-with-koray-durak>
- 2021, Aug. 13 Tibbi Metinler [Medical Sources] — *Bizantolog, Yazılı Kaynak Bilimi Yaz Okulu* [Studying Byzantine Written Sources, Summer School].
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYJ1atIofRs&t=8s>
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0tkRe5GS10&t=12s>
- 2017, October 13 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, Sept. 24 Collaborator in *Martha Steward Show*, special episode on Istanbul.