

## CURRICULUM VITÆ

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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 trade, commercial history of the medieval Mediterranean, Byzantine-Islamic relations; Byzantine pharmacology; Middle Byzantine social and economic history, 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:**

- 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.
- 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 Publications, Istanbul.

### **Book chapters/proceedings:**

- 2021 (in preparation) “The Economy of Melitene/Malatya and its Role in the Byzantine-Islamic Trade (Seventh to Eleventh Centuries),” *Byzantine-Islamic Borderland*, ed. A. Beihammer, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2021 (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 24<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Byzantine Studies*, Edizioni Ca’ Foscari, Venice, Italy.
- 2021 (in publication) “Commercial Constantinople,” in *Cambridge Companion to Constantinople*, ed. S. Basset, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- 2021 (in publication) “Healing Gifts: The Role of Diplomatic Gift Exchange in the Movement of *Materia Medica* between the Byzantine and Islamic Worlds,” in *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, UK.
- 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, Turkey, 444-453.
- 2019 “Constantinople; Byzantine Port and Capital,” in *Silk Roads: Peoples, Cultures, Landscapes*, ed. S. Whitfield, Thames & Hudson, Oakland, USA.

- 2019 “Identity and the Other in Byzantium; an Introduction” (with Ivana Jevtic) in *Identity and the Other in Byzantium, Papers from the Fourth International Sevgi Gönül Byzantine Studies Symposium*, Koç University Press, Istanbul, Turkey, 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 Porphyrogennetos: From De Cerimoniis to De Administrando Imperio*, ed. N. Gaul, V. Menze, and C. Bálint. Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden, Germany, 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, Turkey, 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century]*, ed. C. Yılmaz, vol 6, İktisat, Kültür A.Ş., Istanbul, Turkey, 24-43.
- 2016 “Byzantion’dan Fatih’e [From Byzantion to Fatih],” “Ticaret Hayatı [Trade in Constantinople],” *Sur İçi İstanbul, Fatih Belediyesi*, ed. İ. Ortaylı, Fatih Municipality, Istanbul, Turkey, 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 Museum Publications, Istanbul, Turkey, 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. A. Öztürkmen, Evelyn B. Vitz, Brepols, Turnhout, UK, 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, Greece, 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. A. Ödekan and E. Akyürek, N. Necipoğlu, Koç University Press, Istanbul, Turkey, 157-164.
- 2010 “Byzantine Education”, “Byzantine Ceremonies” and “Commerce in Byzantium” in *Capital of Cultures, Istanbul*, ed. F. Başar, Türk Kültürüne Hizmet Vakfı, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2010 “Through an Eastern Window: Muslims in Constantinople and Constantinople in Early Islamic Sources,” in *From Byzantion to Istanbul. 8000 Years of a Capital*, ed. K. Durak, Kitap Publications, Istanbul, Turkey, 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. N. Ölçer and E. Eldem, Éditions de la Réunion des musées nationaux, Paris, France, 75-89.

### **Journal articles:**

- 2021 (as editor, with C. Kafadar and C. Philliou), “An Intervention to Istanbul Studies” dossier in *YILLIK: Annual of Istanbul Studies*.
- 2021 (under review) “The Story of Storax in the Byzantine World: A Fragrant Resin of International Fame from Southern Anatolia,” *Adalya*.
- 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 Arts and Humanities Citation Index, Scopus, Social Sciences Citation Index*.
- 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 APAIS: Australian Public Affairs Information Service, EBSCOhost, International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS); OCLC, Periodicals Index Online, SCOPUS*.
- 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:**

- 2021, Nov. 12-13, Conference entitled *Mobility and Materiality in Byzantine-Islamic Relations (7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Centuries)*, Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center.
- 2020 Scientific curator for the new Byzantine section of the *Pera Museum*, Istanbul.
- 2017 Curator of the exhibition (15 December 2017-15 March 2018) entitled “A Byzantine city in Anatolia: Amorium,” at *Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center*.
- 2016, Fall Coordinator of the “Islands of Byzantium” lecture series, *Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center*.
- 2016, March 18-19, Conference entitled *Byzantine Studies in Turkey: New Research, Alternative Trends*, Boğaziçi University.
- 2009, Fall Academic committee member for “*Contemporary Perceptions of Byzantium*” organized by Kadir Has University.

## **Conference papers/talks:**

- 2021, December 16, “Konstantinopolis’te Ticaret [Commerce in Constantinople],” *Bizans İstanbulu’nda Günlük Yaşam: Kültür [Daily Life in Byzantine Istanbul: Culture]*, Koç University Library, Hazine 3. Serisi, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2021, November 12-13, “Mobility of People in Byzantine-Islamic Exchanges,” *Mobility and Materiality in Byzantine-Islamic Relations 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Centuries*, organized by Boğaziçi University Byzantine Studies Research Center, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2021, October 8-9, “The Economy of Melitene/Malatya and Its Role in the Byzantine-Islamic Trade (7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 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, Istanbul, Turkey.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0tkRe5GS10> and  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYJ1atIofRs>
- 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, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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*, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2020, November 2, Presentation of the Byzantine section of the 2010 exhibition *Legendary Istanbul, Sabancı Museum*, Istanbul, Turkey.  
<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*, Istanbul, Turkey.  
<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, Istanbul, 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, January 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, December 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, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2016, November 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, September 17, “Islamic Syria through Byzantine Eyes,” *Syria: from Severus to Saladin*, Colloquium at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2016, October 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*, Istanbul, 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*, Istanbul Medeniyet University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015, October 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, Istanbul, 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, November 21, “Bir Dünya Başkenti? Konstantinopolis’in Ortaçağ Halklarıncı Temsili [Capital of the World? Constantinople Viewed by its Medieval Neighbors],” *Imagining the City*, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2014, September 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, December 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, December 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, October 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,” 222<sup>nd</sup> *Meeting of the American Oriental Society*, Boston, MA, USA.
- 2012, February 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, December 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 [Language 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,” 22<sup>nd</sup> *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, Nov. 19-21, "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*, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2009, November 9, "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, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2009, October 23, "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, Athens, Greece.
- 2009, October 16-18, "Representation of the Seljuk State and Court in Byzantine Sources," *Court and Society in Seljuk Anatolia*, Orient Institut, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2009, June 3-6, "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*, Famagusta, Cyprus.
- 2009, March 19, "Constantinople Viewed by the Arabs; Geographical Sources and Beyond," Talk at *the Orient Institut in Istanbul*, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2008, Dec. 17, "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*, 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.

**Ph.D. general exam committee member**

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

2017, Meriç Öztürk, Boğaziçi University.

**MA thesis supervised:**

Tuğçe Akgül, *Fourth-Century Athenian Society and the Understanding of Women* (2021)

Egemen Gezgin, *Public Space and Memory in Early Byzantine Constantinople* (2021)

Ümit Öztürk, *Social Mobility in Athens in the Fourth Century B.C.* (Finished in June 2018)

Nazım Can Serbest, *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.

**Administrative duties:**

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

2016-2018 Member of the committee for *the Boğaziçi University, Preservation of the Natural Life (BU-DHKK)*.

2013-2017 Member of the committee for *the Boğaziçi University, Institute for Graduate Studies in Social Sciences*.

2011-current	Research Policies Advisory Council, Boğaziçi University.
2018-current	Research Policies Committee, Boğaziçi University.
2009-current	Academic advisor to the sophomore, junior and senior level students at the Department of History, Boğaziçi University.

### **Affiliations and memberships:**

2019-current	<i>YILLIK: Annual of İstanbul Studies Journal</i> , member of the board of advisors.
2017-current	24. International Byzantine Studies Congress (Istanbul 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.
2015-current	Bogazici University, Byzantine Studies Research Center, member of the Board of Directors.
2014-current	Halet Çambel-Nail Çakırhan Archaeology and Classical Architecture Research Center, member of the Board of Advisors.
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.

### **Teaching:**

#### **Boğaziçi University:**

Hist 59R: *Sp.Tp. Readings in Byzantine Sources*, Spring 2011

Hist 49L: *Special Topics: Trade, Exchange, and Communications in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Early Middle Ages*

Hist 48J.01: *Sp.Tp. Early Byzantines sources*

Hist 49I.01: *Sp.Tp. Contacts in the medieval Mediterranean*

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 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*

Hist 210: *Research Methods in History* (renamed Hist 209 after Fall 2015)

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

Hist 336: *History of the Byzantine Empire II (900-1453)*

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

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

Hist 106: *Making of the Modern World II* (Coordinator) for Fall 2014

Hist 102: Historical Method and Thought II

**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:**

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| 2020, Fall     | Consultant for the new Byzantine section of the Anatolian Weights and Measures Collection at <i>the Pera Museum</i> .   |
| 2017, 13 Ekim  | Guest at <i>Zaman İçinde Aşk</i> [Love in time] aired on the radio channel <i>Açık Radyo</i> .  |
| 2016           | Guest at one episode of a Dutch historical tv series <i>Verborgen Verleden</i> .  |
| 2015           | Guest at <i>Hagia Sophia: Istanbul's Mystery</i> in the series <i>Building Wonders</i> by <i>Nova</i> , aired on PBS.   |
| 2012           | Guest at <i>Nisyana Veda</i> , aired on tv channel <i>TRTOKUL</i> .   |
| 2012, Sept. 3  | Guest at <i>Fikr-i Takip</i> aired on the radio channel <i>Açık Radyo</i> .   |
| 2011           | Guest at <i>Mēchanē tou Chronou</i> , aired on Greek tv.  |
| 2010           | Principal academic adviser and curator of the Byzantine section for <i>From Byzantium to Istanbul; 8500 years of a Capital</i> , an exhibition organized by Sabancı Museum and the Committee for Istanbul 2010-European Capital of Culture, Istanbul. |
| 2010, Sept. 24 | Collaborator in <i>Martha Steward Show</i> , special episode on Istanbul.   |
| 2009, Fall:    | Academic committee member for <i>De Byzance à Istanbul</i> , an exhibition organized by Réunion des musées nationaux and İKSV, Paris, France.   |