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CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019-** Assistant Professor, Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 2018-2019** Part-time Lecturer, Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 2018-2019** Part-time Lecturer, Department of History, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul.
- 2017-2018** Part-time Lecturer, Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 2016-2017** Post-doctoral Fellow, Armenian Studies Program and Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2020** Humanities Courses Coordinator, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 2019-** Vice-Chair, Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 2019** Hrant Dink Memorial Lecture, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul. Organization Committee
- 2019** Nafi Baba Research Center Cultural Heritage and Sufism, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul. Board Member

EDUCATION

- 2016** **Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, The University of Chicago, Chicago.**
with *Honors*
Dissertation title: “Transforming Erzurum/Karin: the Social and Economic History of a Multi-Ethnic Ottoman City in the Nineteenth Century.”
Dissertation Advisor: A. Holly Shissler.
Dissertation Committee: A. Holly Shissler (chair), Ronald G. Suny, Orit Bashkin, Cornell Fleischer, Hakan Karateke, Janet Klein.
- 2010** **M.A. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, The University of Chicago, Chicago.**
- 2007** **M.A. in Nationalism Studies Program, Central European University, Budapest.**
with *Distinction*
Thesis Advisor: Selim Deringil.
- 2006** **B.A. in Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.**
B.A. in History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
with *High Honors*

RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

Social and Economic History of the Late Ottoman Empire and Turkey, History of Christians and Jews in the Ottoman Empire, Modern Middle East, Economic History of the Modern Middle East, Labor History, History of Migration, World War I.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Designed and Taught as Instructor:

- (HIST 322) “History of Modern Turkey” (undergraduate course, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul).
(HIST 106) “The Making Of The Modern World II,” (coordinator, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul).
(HIST 321) “Ottoman History 1600-1876” (instructor, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul).
(HIST 59x) “Memoirs and Late Ottoman Empire” (graduate Seminar, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul)
(HIST 234) “History of the Modern Middle East” (undergraduate seminar, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul)
(HIST 422) “Ottoman Social and Economic History II” (undergraduate seminar, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul)
(HIST 209) “Research Methods in History I” (undergraduate course, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul).
(HIST 372) “Contemporary Turkish History II ” (instructor, Bilgi University, Istanbul).
(HIST 371) “Contemporary Turkish History I (1876-1922)” (instructor, Bilgi University, Istanbul).
(HIST 59-S) “Ottoman Armenians: From Empire to Republic.” (graduate seminar, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul).
(HIST 399) “Ottoman Armenians: From Empire to Republic.” (undergraduate course, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor).
(NEHC 20834/30834, HIST 24113) “The Social and Economic History of the Late Ottoman Empire 1838-1922.” (upper-level undergraduate course open to graduate students, University of Chicago).
Ottoman Language Course-Intermediate Level (Ottoman Summer Program at ANAMED, Koç University, Istanbul).

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes:

- 2016** *The Ottoman East in the Nineteenth Century: Societies, Identities and Politics* (with D. Derderian and A. Sipahi), (London: I.B. Tauris).

Books:

- 2015** *Harbiyeli Bir Osmanlı Ermenisi: Mülâzım-ı Sâni Kalusd Sürmenyan'ın Birinci Dünya Savaşı ve Tehcir Anıları* [Memoirs of Lieutenant Kalusd Sürmenyan during World War I and the Armenian Deportations], translated from Armenian with an introduction. (Istanbul: Tarih Vakfı Yurt Yayınları). [Turkish]

Articles in Refereed Journals:

- 2020** “Institutionalized migrant solidarity in the late Ottoman Empire: Armenian homeland associations (1800s–1920s),” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 63: 55-79.
- 2019** “Providing Services and Bargaining Over Loyalty: The Crimean War and the Armenian Elite in the Ottoman Empire,” *Archiv Orientální*, 87-3: 421-444.
- 2018** “Female Labor, Benevolent Merchants, and Resilient Manufacturing: Rethinking Late Ottoman Armenian History through Labor, Business and Community,” *Journal of the Social and Economic History of the Orient*, 61-3: 361-395.
- 2016** (with Uğur Bahadır Bayraktar), “Sorunlar” Gölgesinde Tanzimat Döneminde Kürtlerin ve Ermenilerin Tarihi [History of Kurds and Armenians in the Tanzimat Era in the Shadows of “Questions”],” *Kebikeç*, v. 42: 7-48. [Turkish]
- 2015** “Osmanlı Taşrasındaki Ermeniler Üzerine Olan Tarihyazımında Sınıf Analizinin Eksikliği” [The Absence of Class Analysis in the Historiography on Armenians in the Ottoman Provinces], *Praxis*, no. 39: 23-44. [Turkish]
- 2013** “A Muslim Great Merchant [*Tüccar*] Family in the Late Ottoman Empire: A Case Study of the Nemlizades, 1860-1930,” *International Journal of Turkish Studies* v.19, no.1&2: 1-29.

Book Chapters:

- 2016** “Localizing Missionary Activities: Encounters between Tondrakians, Protestants and Apostolic Armenians in Khnus in the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” in *The Ottoman East in the Nineteenth Century: Societies, Identities and Politics*, ed. by Yaşar Tolga Cora, Dzovinar Derderian and Ali Sipahi (London: I.B. Tauris), 109-132.
- 2016** (with D. Derderian and A. Sipahi), “Introduction: Ottoman Historiography’s Black Hole,” in *The Ottoman East in the Nineteenth Century: Societies, Identities and Politics*, ed. by Yaşar Tolga Cora, Dzovinar Derderian and Ali Sipahi (London: I.B. Tauris), 1-15.
- 2015** “Doğu’da Kürt-Ermeni Çatışmasının Sosyoekonomik Arkapları” [Social and Economic Background of the Kurdish-Armenian Conflict in the East] in *1915: Öncesi ve Sonrasıyla Ermeni Siyaseti, Tehcir ve Soykırım* [Armenian Politics, Deportations, and Genocide before, during, and after 1915], eds. Fikret Adanır and Oktay Özel (Istanbul: Tarih Vakfı Yurt Yayınları, 2015), 126-139. [Turkish]
- 2014** “Why Was Pastrırmacı Khatchatur Efendi Killed? The Life of an Ottoman-Armenian Elite in Mid-19th-Century Erzurum/Karin,” in *Ottoman Armenians: Life, Culture, Society*, ed. by Vahe Tachjian, vol. 1 (Berlin: A Houshamadyan Publication), 65-87.
- 2013** “Asker-Vatandaşlar ve Kahraman Erkekler: Balkan Savaşları ve Birinci Dünya Savaşı Dönemlerinde Beden Terbiyesi Aracılığıyla İdeal Erkekliğin Kurgulanması” [Citizen-Soldiers and Heroic Men: Construction of Ideal Masculinity during the Balkan Wars and World War I], in *Erkek Millet-Asker Millet: Türkiye’de Militarizm, Milliyetçilik, Erkek(lik)ler* [Manly Nation-Nation of Soldiers: Militarism, Nationalism and Masculinity in Turkey], ed. by Nurseli Yeşim Sünbülüoğlu (Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları), 45-74. [Turkish]

Book Reviews:

- 2018** Review of Anthony Gorman and Sossie Kasbarian (eds.) *Diasporas of the Modern Middle East: Contextualizing Community*. In *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East and North African Migration Studies*, vol. 5:2: 200-203.

- 2018** Review of Simon Arakelyan, *Ankara Vukuatı: Menfilik Hatıralarım*, ed. Murat Cankara. In *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association*, vol 5:1: 203-205.
- 2017** “Existence Had Turned into a Political Act”: Review Essay of Recent Works on Armenians in Republican Turkey (Reviews of Lerna Ekmekçioğlu, *Recovering Armenia: The Limits of Belonging in Post-Genocide* and Talin Suciyan, *The Armenians in Modern Turkey: Post-Genocide Society, Politics and History*). On H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews.
- 2017** Review of Vicken Cheterian, *Open Wounds: Armenians, Turks and a Century of Genocide*. On H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews.
- 2016** Review of Nazan Maksudyan, *Orphans and Destitute Children in the Late Ottoman Empire*. In *Review of Middle Eastern Studies* (RoMES), vol. 50:1:101-103.
- 2016** Review of Bedross Der Matossian, *Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire*. In *Études arméniennes contemporaines*, no. 7: 118-123.
- 2015** Review of Julia Phillips Cohen, *Becoming Ottomans: Sephardi Jews and Imperial Citizenship in the Modern Era*. On H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews.

Works in Progress:

- (2020-21) co-editor with Laurent Dissard, “Imagining Homelands in Modern Turkey” Special Issue of *Études arméniennes contemporaines* # 14/15 (2020/21)”

Other Publications:

- 2020** “Bir Osmanlı Ermenisi Askerin ‘Çok Kederli Bir Anısı’dan Hareketle Savaşa ve Anlatıya Dair Gözlemler,” *Toplumsal Tarih* no. 322 (Ekim), 50-56.
- 2020** “Sosyal Demokrat Hınçak Partisi’nin İstanbul Öğrenci Birliği ve Dergisi *Gaydz* (1911-1914),” *Toplumsal Tarih* no. 319 (Temmuz), 50-55.
- 2018** “Revolutions and Rebellions: Van Resistance as Rebellion (Ottoman Empire/Middle East),” in *1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, ed. by Ute Daniel et al. issued by Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin (2018-05-29). DOI: 10.15463/ie1418.11268.
- 2016** “Transforming Erzurum/Karin: The Social and Economic History of a Multiethnic Ottoman City in the Nineteenth Century,” *Études arméniennes contemporaines*, no. 8: 121-126.
- 2015** “Hagop Siruni’nin Anıları: Harbiye’de Birkaç Ay” [Memoirs of Hagob Siruni: Few Months in the Military Academy (1914)], *Toplumsal Tarih* no. 253: 72-76. [Turkish].
- 2006** “II. Meşrutiyet’te Beden Terbiyesi: Genç Kalemler’in ‘Milli Jimnastik’ (1911) Adlı Risalesi Üzerine Notlar,” *Müteferrika*, 29: 177-192. [Turkish].

LECTURES, PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

Conferences, Workshops and Panels Organized:

- 2019** “Fighting Under the Same Banner: Memories from the Ottoman Theater of the Great War,” International Conference, co-organized with Richard Wittmann, Orient-Institut Istanbul, Istanbul 6-8 September 2019.

- 2018** “Fortune, Crisis, Catastrophe: Histories of Capitalism in the Global Middle East,” panel organized at the 52nd *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, San Antonio, Texas, November 15-18.
- 2017** “Circulation and Migration: Armenian Migrants in the Ottoman Empire and Beyond,” panel organized at the 51th *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, Washington, DC November 18-21.
- 2017** *Photography at the Nexus of Armenian Studies and Visual Culture*, workshop organized (with Kathryn Babayan and David Low), Armenian Studies Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 11.
- 2016** “Reform, Violence and Revolutionary Organizations in the late nineteenth-century Ottoman East,” panel organized at the 50th *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, Boston, MA, November 17-20.
- 2015** “Ottoman Armenians Before 1915: Old Debates, New Questions,” panel organized at the 49th *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, Denver, CO, November 21-24.
- 2014** “Strategy and Social Structure - A Look at the Experience of the Great War and its Effects on Social Norms and Ethno-confessional Identity” panel organized at the conference *Not All Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, 1914-18*, Istanbul, April 8-12.
- 2013** “Tribes, Peasants and Merchants: Social Transformation in the Eastern Provinces of the Ottoman Empire in the Nineteenth Century,” panel organized at the 47th *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, New Orleans, LA, October 10-13.

Invited Lectures and Workshop participation:

- 2020** “Dialogues / Dialoglar: Language, Memory, History,” a panel discussion with Athena Farrokhzad, Helena Bani-Shoraka, Yasemin Çongar. Sweedish Research Institue, Istanbul, November 12, 2020,
- 2019** “Organization of Sources and Connected Histories: The Case of Ottoman-Armenian Studies” Roundtable organized by Society for Armenian Studies (SAS) & Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (OTSA)” at the 53rd *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 14-17.
- 2019** “Intra-Communal Struggle among Ottoman Armenians in the Nineteenth Century: From Local to National and Imperial Struggles, ” Workshop on “Communities, Clashes, and Cohabitations: Group Perceptions from North Africa to Central Asia,” Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, June 28-29.
- 2019** “The New Worker in The New Era: Kemal Seli’s Carpet Factory in Konya in the 1950s,” Past and Present through the Lens of the Factory: An Interdisciplinary Conversation, Panteion University, Athens, May 20-21.
- 2019** “Philanthropy and market relations in a post-disaster society: The “widowcare” after the Adana Massacres in 1909,” ANAMED-RAC Friday Talk, Istanbul, April, 18.
- 2018** “Late-Ottoman Identities: the National, Transnational, and Marginal,” workshop on organized by the Institute of Near Eastern and African Studies at Charles University, Prague, October 12-13.
- 2018** “Violence, Community-Building and Capitalism: Armenian Women Workers and Turkish Carpets (ca. 1890s-1910s),” lecture given at Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies of Central European University, Budapest, October 4.

- 2018** “Capitalism in a Post-violence Society: Women Workers and Ottoman Reindustrialization (ca. 1890s-1910s),” lecture given at the History Seminar, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University, Istanbul, April 30.
- 2017** “Whither the Millet? Intra-communal Struggle among the Ottoman Armenians in the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” lecture given at Boğaziçi University, Department of History, September 19.
- 2017** “‘Our House was Decorated with Turkish Flags’: Ottomanism and Armenian Elite in the Nineteenth Century,” Conference and Workshop *New Directions in Armenian-Ottoman and Armenian Turkish Studies*, University of California, Berkeley, April 8-9.
- 2017** “Representations of Women and Labor: Photography in the Late Ottoman Empire,” paper delivered at the *Photography at the Nexus of Armenian Studies and Visual Culture*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 11.
- 2016** “Men of the New Order: Armenian Provincial Notables in the Age of Ottoman Reforms,” presented at the Armenian Studies Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, December 14.
- 2016** “Knowledge Production, Exclusion, Inclusion: The Repositioning of Armenians in Ottoman and Turkish Historiography,” roundtable organized by Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association and Society for Armenian Studies at the *50th Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, Boston, MA, November 17-20.
- 2016** “An Armenian Officer in the Ottoman Army during the Genocide: Memoirs of Kalusd Surmenian,” *Empire, Politics, And War: The Armenian Genocide Within The Context of The Ottoman Empire*, California State University, Fresno, CA, March 18-19.
- 2016** “‘We don’t want the bishop! We want Justice!’: Politics and social conflict among Armenians in the mid-nineteenth-century Ottoman East,” Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Department Colloquium, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February 10.
- 2015** “A Neglected History: Armenians in the Provinces and the Larger Ottoman Context in the Nineteenth Century,” *Genocide and Global History: A Conference on the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide organized by the UCLA Richard Hovannisian Endowed Chair in Modern Armenian History*, Los Angeles, California, April 10-11.
- 2014** “An Ottoman Armenian Officer: War and Deportation Through the Eyes of Kalusd Sürmenyan,” lecture in *The History Foundation's Thursday Talk Series ‘From 1915 to 2015: Deportation, Massacres, Genocide’*, Istanbul, December 11. [Turkish]
- 2014** “Excerpts from the Diary of Simeon: A Local Perspective on Missionary Activities among Armenians in the mid-19th Century,” Lecture Series, Orient-Institut Istanbul, March 12.
- 2013** “Dialogue between Sources for Reconstructing the History of the Ottoman-Armenians in the 19th century: The Case of the Pastermadjian Family of Erzurum/Karin” invited lecture at the workshop *Historisches Erbe und Gedenken im digitalen Zeitalter [Heritage and Memory in the Digital Age]*, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Berlin, March 27.
- 2007** “Nationalism and Physical Education in the Young Turk Era: Making the National 'self' and Defining the 'other',” invited lecture in the seminar *Community and Subjectivity in the Ottoman Society* at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, February 2.

Congress and Conference Participation:

- 2019** “Rumors of Bankruptcies and Financial Difficulties: Crisis in the Ottoman Markets (1906-1908)” paper presented at the 53rd *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 14-17.
- 2019** “Violence and Capital: Rethinking Carpet Production in the Kayseri Region in 1900s,” *The Social, Cultural and Economic History of Kayseri and the Region*, Hrant Dink Foundation, Istanbul, 18-19 October 2019, Istanbul. (Conference banned)
- 2019** “From »Our Brigade« to »the Enemy«: What Does an Ottoman-Armenian Officer’s Memoir Tell to Its (Many) Readers?” paper presented at the International Conference Fighting Under the Same Banner: Memories from the Ottoman Theater of the Great War,” Istanbul 6-8 September 2019.
- 2018** “Disaster capitalism a la Turca: Carpet production and post-violence Armenian communities in the Late Ottoman Empire” paper presented at the 52nd *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, San Antonio, Texas, November 15-18.
- 2017** “Local Belongings, (Trans-)Imperial Networks, non-State Actors: Armenian Homeland Associations in the Late Ottoman Empire and Beyond” paper presented at the 51th *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, Washington, DC November 18-21.
- 2017** “Championing Ottomanism: Language and Practice of the Armenian Notables in the Eastern Provinces in mid-Nineteenth Century,” paper presented at the *Rethinking Late Ottoman Civilization Symposium*, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin March 24-25.
- 2016** “Early Armenian ‘Revolutionaries’: Local, National(-ist), Revolutionary?,” paper delivered at the 50th *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, Boston, MA, November 17-20.
- 2016** “Workers in a Globalizing Capital: Armenian Labor Force in Istanbul in the Nineteenth Century,” paper delivered at the *Workers And Global Cities: Detroit And Beyond, 38th Annual North American Labor History Conference*, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 20-22.
- 2015** “Textile Manufacturing in Yezinka/Erzincan and the Social Structure of an Armenian Community in the Nineteenth Century,” paper delivered at the 49th *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, Denver, CO, November 21-24.
- 2014** “Some Thoughts on History of the Ottoman-Armenians in the 19th Century,” paper presented at *World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES)*, Ankara, August 18-22.
- 2014** “‘An Absolute Odyssey’: Experiences of Kalust Surmenian as an Ottoman-Armenian Officer of the Caucasian Front during World War I,” paper presented at the conference *Not All Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, 1914-18*, Istanbul, April 8-12.
- 2014** “A Critical Approach to the History of the Provincial Ottoman-Armenian Elite – The Case of Erzurum / Karin in the 19th Century,” paper presented at the *I. Turkologentag*, Munich, February 11-14.
- 2013** “Excerpts from the Diary of Simeon Of Sasun: A Micro-Cosmos of Ethnic-Relations in the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” paper delivered at the 47th *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, New Orleans, LA, October 10-13.
- 2010** “A Great Muslim Merchant ‘Dynasty’ of the Black Sea Coast: The Nemlizadeler,” paper delivered at the 44th *Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)*, San Diego, CA, November 18-21.

- 2008** “Idea of ‘Nation in Arms’ in the Second Constitutional Period and towards the Creation of Ideal Masculinity (1914),” paper delivered at the international congress, *1908-2008: Centennial of the Young Turk Revolution* at the Faculty of Political Sciences of Ankara University, Ankara, May 28-30. [Turkish]
- 2007** “Nationalism and Physical Education in the Late Ottoman Empire: The Journal *Idman* (1913-1914),” paper delivered at the *22nd Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference* (MEHAT) at the University of Chicago, Chicago, May 11-12.
- 2006** “Educating the Bodies and the Morals for the ‘Survival’ of the State: Some Notes on the Emergence of Boy Scouting in the Ottoman Empire” paper delivered at the *21st Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference* (MEHAT) at the University of Chicago, Chicago, May 12-13.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

2017-... *Études arméniennes contemporaines* (member of the editorial board)

PERSONAL WEBSITE

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