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Research Interests

Sociology of work, urban sociology, economic sociology, economic development, climate change, alternative mobility, the automotive industry, social theory, sociology of technology, workplace ethnography, industrial relations, globalization, industrialization, informality, skills, workplace culture

Education

Cornell University, New York, USA

PhD, Department of Development Sociology, 2009 – May 2016

Dissertation Title: *The Reindustrialization of the U.S.: An Ethnography of Auto Workers in the Industrial Rust Belt*

Committee Members

Prof. Shelley Feldman, Chair, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University

Prof. Harry C. Katz, ILR School, Cornell University

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fouad Makki, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University

Boğaziçi University

MA, The Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, 2007

Thesis Title: *The Transformation of an Industrial Location: Dilovasi from 1990s to Present* – High Honors

BA, Sociology, 2005 – Honors

Work Experience

Abdullah Gül University, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

April 2020—Present

Managing Editor at *New Perspectives on Turkey*, leading academic journal on Turkey and the Middle East, indexed by SSCI, published by Cambridge University Press.

December 2019—Present

Bursa Uludağ University, Department of Sociology, Research Fellow

July 2016—April 2020

Koç University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Instructor

January 2016—June 2016

Cornell University, Department of Development Sociology, Teaching Assistant

May 2014—August 2015

Boğaziçi University, Provost Office, Assistant to the Provost

August 2007—June 2009

Boğaziçi University, The Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Research Assistant

August 2006—August 2007

Projects

2020-2022, Sustainable Urban Policies: City-Regions in Turkey from the Perspective of Quality of Life, **TÜBİTAK 1003, Researcher**, 950,000 TRY.

2017. *Engaged Anthropology Grant*, **The Wenner-Gren Foundation**, for the project titled: “Situating Auto Work: Engaging with Community in the Rust Belt,” Buffalo, NY, **\$7,145**.

2013–2014. *Dissertation Fieldwork Grant*, **The Wenner-Gren Foundation**, for the project titled: “The Reindustrialization of the U.S.: An Ethnography of Auto Workers in the American Rust Belt,” **\$22,965**.

2009-2015. *Fellowship for Doctoral Studies at Cornell University*, **Ministry of National Education**, Turkey, **\$212,000**

Conferences Organized

2017. Buffalo Since the Great Recession A Workshop on Economic Restructuring in the Rust Belt, August 14-15, Cornell University, ILR School in Buffalo, New York.

Publications

Book

2019. *The Future of Work in the Automotive Industry: Strategies, Technologies and Institutions*, editor with Tommaso Pardi et.al, (ILO: Geneva).

Book Sections

2019. “Beyond Corporatism: The Future of Social Dialogue in the Automotive Industry”, Frido Wenten with et.al. in *The Future of Work in the Automotive Industry* (ILO: Geneva)

2019. “States and the Automotive Industry: An Analytical Framework for a Complex Relationship”, First Author, with Tommaso Pardi et.al. in *The Future of Work in the Automotive Industry* (ILO: Geneva)

2014. Mediation of Financial Crisis on Film: Keeping the American Dream as the Big Other Alive. In C. McCarthy & K. Palma & A. Kozma (Eds.), *Mobilizing Identities*. Champaign, IL: Common Ground Publishing. (Co-authored with E. Bulut)

Articles in Academic Journals

2020. “New Perspectives on Turkey roundtable on the COVID-19 pandemic : prospects for the international political economic order in the post-pandemic world,” *New Perspectives on Turkey* (SSCI), No: 63, pp. 138-167. Doi: 10.1017/npt.2020.23

2020. “Chasing Coffee: A New Research Agenda in Turkey,” *Society* (SSCI), Vol. 57, No: 3, pp. 323-331. doi: [10.1007/s12115-020-00486-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12115-020-00486-3)

2019. “The Sociology of Work in the Post-War United States: A Theoretical Assessment,” *Çalışma ve Toplum*, No: 61, 2019/2.

2019. “ABD Çalışma İlişkilerinde Toplu Pazarlık Kurumunun Yapısal Dönüşümü: 2008 Krizi ve Etkileri,” *Toplum ve Bilim*, No: 147.

2018. “Labor Process as a Political Problem: Marx’s Forgotten Theory of Exploitation,” *Sosyoloji Dergisi*, No: 38, ss. 197-217.

2009. “Hayra Yorumlamak: Benjamin ve Dellaloğlu.” *Toplum ve Bilim* No: 116, ss. 215-241.

2008. “Dilovası: ‘Örnek’ Bir Sanayi Bölgesi” *Arredamento Mimarlık* No: 214, ss. 69-73.

Translations

2016. Hans-Werner Sinn, *The Green Paradox: A Supply Side Approach to Global Warming*, MIT Press. Published in Turkish by Koç University Press, Istanbul.

2006. Harry Harootunian, *History’s Disquiet: Modernity, Cultural Practice and the Problem of Everyday Life*, Columbia University Press. Published in Turkish by Boğaziçi University Press, Istanbul.

Invited Talks

2019. Department of Economics, **Uludağ University**, March 7, ABD Çalışma İlişkilerinde Toplu Pazarlık Kurumunun Yapısal Dönüşümü: 2008 Krizi ve Etkileri.

2018. *International Institute of Social Studies*, The Hague, Netherlands, April 12, “Buffalo since the Great Recession: Economic Development and Divided Urban Space in Buffalo, NY,”

2017. Department of International Relations, *Sussex University*, England, November 8, “Three Forms of Unevenness and the Restructuring of Auto Manufacturing in the U.S.”

2017. Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, *Özyeğin University*, Mart 16, “Re-Industrialization in the U.S.: An Ethnography of the Auto Industry in Buffalo”

2016. Center for Work, Technology and Organization, *Stanford University*, April 20: “Lean Production with U.S. Characteristics: The Radical Reorganization of Work and Technology within the U.S. Owned Auto Industry Since 2008”

2015. Trade Unions Facing Global Strategies of Automobile Companies, Organized by *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and IndustriALL*, Mexico City, Mexico, July 7-8: “Car Manufacturing in the U.S.: Main Characteristics and Major Challenges for Unions.”

2015. Global Strategies of Companies and Trade Unions in the Automobile Industry, Organized by *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and IndustriALL*, Mexico City, Mexico, July 8-9: “Trends in Technology and Implications for Work Organization in the Automobile Sector.”

2014. Social Policy Forum, *Boğaziçi University*, Istanbul, June 18: “The 2008 Economic Crisis, Class and Welfare in Reindustrializing America.”

Conference and Workshop Participations

2017. The Future of Work in the Automotive Industry, ortak düzenleyenler: ILO (International Labour Organisation) ve GERPISA, ENS Paris-Saclay, 25-26 Eylül: “Restructuring in the U.S. Automobile Industry: Main Trends and Trajectories.”

2016. Avrupa Emek Tarihçileri Ağı, Fabrika Tarihi Çalışma Grubu Atölye Çalışması, İstanbul Bilgi University, 10 Aralık: “General Motors Tonawanda Fabrikası: 2008 Krizini New York'ta Bir Otomobil Fabrikası Üzerinden Anlamak.”

2015. Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA), 67th Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, May 28-31: “Skills in Reindustrializing America: Radical Restructuring of the Skilled Trades in American Manufacturing.”

2014. American Anthropological Association, 113th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 3-7: “The Reindustrialization of the U.S.: An Ethnography of Auto Workers in the American Rust Belt.”

2014. Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA), 66th Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, May 29—June 1: “The Problem of 'Legacy Costs': Dynamics of Generational Change in the American Auto Industry.”

2013. International Communications Association (ICA), 63rd Annual Conference, London, UK, June 17-21: “Mediation of the Crisis in America: Hollywood’s Pendulum between Individualism and Evil Corporations.” (co-authored with E. Bulut).

2011. American Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies (AERA), Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 5-8: “Pedagogy, Utopia and Technology: The Function of Utopia in Walter Benjamin’s Pedagogy.”

2009. Urban Affairs Association, 39th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 4-7 Mart: “The Making of Neoliberal Industrial Locations in Turkey: Between Environmental Destruction and Sustainability.”

Courses Taught

Abdullah Gül University

POLS 434, Cinema and Politics, Fall 2020

GLB 101, Global Challenges: Responsible Production and Consumption, Fall 2020

GLB 310, Sustainable Urban Mobility, Fall 2020

Uludağ University, Department of Sociology

SYS 4007, Classical Sociological Theories, Fall 2018

SYS 4008, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Spring 2019

SOS 5108, Introduction to Advanced Political Economy, Spring 2017, 2018

SSY 3014, Sociology of Work, Spring 2017, 2018, 2019

SSY 3021, Introduction to Economic Sociology, Fall 2016, 2017, 2018

Koç University, Department of Media and Visual Arts

MAVA 221, Media Industries and Cultural Production, Spring 2016

MAVA 307, Media Research Methods, Spring 2016

Cornell University, Department of Development Sociology

DSOC 3700, Comparative Social Inequalities, Spring 2015

DSOC 1101, Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2014