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## **EDUCATION**

PhD in Contemporary History, University of Strasbourg in France and University of Marmara in Turkey, 2014

Thesis title: "The Muslim-Turkish Merchant and Industrial Bourgeoisie in Turkey in The 1920's and Their Relation with the Political Power"

2003-2006, BA of Contemporary History, University of Boğaziçi, Turkey  
Master Thesis: "The Evaluations of Şefik Hüsnü on the "National Question" and on the Revolution in Turkey Between 1919-1925"

1997-2003, Department of Philosophy, University of Boğaziçi

## **Areas of Research:**

Economic, political and cultural history of Turkey in the 19th and 20th centuries

The business circles and the families of business in Turkey

The sources of familial wealth in Turkey and the history of rich families

Social classes, the composition and the role of the upper classes such as the "bourgeoisie"

The interaction between the state, politics and sociale classes

The ideologies of liberalism and nationalism

Social impacts of modernization in Turkey

## **Employment:**

- Lecturer in the Department of Humanities, University of Işık, 2015
- Researcher for a study on the health conditions of aging people  
l'ORS (L'Observatoire Régional de la Santé) Alsace  
France, 2013-2014
- Secretary of the Research Center of International Relations  
(MURCIR) University of Marmara  
Istanbul, 2008-2010

## **Publications:**

- "Engagement of a Communist Intellectual in the Cold War Ideological Struggle: Nazım Hikmet's Bulgaria Visit in the 1951" avec Gözde Kök Somel in Cangül Örnek, Çağdaş Üngör (eds.) *Cultural Cold War in Turkey*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.
- "Samsun Konsolosluk Belgelerine Göre Cumhuriyet'in İlk Yıllarında Samsun'da Ticari Faaliyet". *Tarih Boyunca Karadeniz Ticareti ve Canik Samsun*. Ed. Osman Köse, Canik Belediyesi Kültür Yayınları, 2013.

## **Conferences and Presentations:**

- "The ideology of the Muslim-Turkish merchant bourgeoisie in the formation years of the republic in Turkey". Fourth World Congress for Middle East Studies (WOCMES), 18-22 August 2014, Ankara, Turkey.
- "Main Characteristics of the Turkish bourgeoisie in the 1920s: good or evil?" French-Swiss Research Workshop: The Inter-War Period in Turkey and the Balkans. 5-6 June, Basel, Switzerland.
- "The emergence of a national capitalist class in the first decade of the Turkish Republic". Opening days of the Collège Doctoral Européen (CDE), 21-23 Novembre 2012, Strasbourg, France.
- "Some thoughts on the Turkish-Muslim capitalist class in Istanbul in 1920s, based on the documents of the Chamber of Trade and Industry". Conference organised by Strasbourg University/Département d'Etudes Turques and Universität Basel Orientalisches Seminar, 10 Novembre 2012, Basel, Switzerland.
- "The commercial activities in Samsun in the first decade of the Republic according to the reports of the French Embassy" Samsun Second International Symposium of Canik Municipality (Samsun, Turkey) "The history of the commerce in the North Sea and Canik », 19-21 October 2012, Samsun, Turkey.
- "La culture de travail des chefs d'entreprise et des commerçants dans la prose turque de l'entre-deux-guerres".

Conference organised by European Cultural History Institute (IHCE)  
« Travail et Histoire Culturelle », 2-5 July 2012, Lunéville, France.

- “Nationalization of Turkish economy in the period of the foundation of the Republic: How to create a Muslim-Turkish bourgeoisie?”  
Doctoral Workshop organized by the research unit of Cultures et Sociétés en Europe (Strasbourg University/CNRS) in partnership with Orientalisches Seminar of University of Basel and l'Équipe de Recherche Interdisciplinaire sur les sociétés méditerranéennes musulmanes CERMOM, INALCO (ED «Langues, Littératures et Sociétés du Monde », Paris) and the Département d'études turques (UdS) «De l'hypothèse à la thèse: recherches en cours sur les sociétés du carrefour des Mondes », 9 March 2012, Strasbourg, France.
- “1920's Ankara and Istanbul in conflict: Relations between Kemalist power in Ankara and the “bourgeoisie” in Istanbul”.  
Interdisciplinary Workshop organized by University of Columbia: Columbia Seminar in Ottoman and Turkish Studies, the Department of History, and the Middle East Institute “Ottomans/Turks in Conflict, 1800-2010: New Approaches”, 28-30 April 2011, New York, USA.
- “La bourgeoisie et ses avatars dans le contexte turc”.  
Seminar organized by the Département d'études turques and the research unit of Cultures et sociétés en Europe of Strasbourg University with Équipe de Recherche Interdisciplinaire sur les sociétés méditerranéennes musulmanes (ERISM) : « Les mots ont un sens. Pérégrinations sémantiques à travers le lexique des recherches sur le monde turc », 21-22 January 2011, Paris, France.

### **Awards, Fellowships, and Grants:**

- 2011-2014 Collège Doctoral Européen, member of the promotion Emmanuel Kant (France)
- 2011-2013 fellowship granted by the French Government for co-tutelle PhD students
- 2010-2011 Doctoral research fellowship granted by TÜBİTAK (Institute of Technology and Sciences in Turkey)
- 1997-1998 Excellency fellowship, University of Bogazici (Turkey)