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## **EDUCATION**

- 2005 **Ph.D., Sociology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis**
- 2000 **Master of Arts, Sociology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis**
- 1996 **Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey**  
**Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and International Relations,  
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey**

## **EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2005-present **Department of Sociology, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey**  
Associate professor (2012-present)  
Assistant professor (2005-2012)  
Courses taught:  
Undergraduate: Introduction to Sociology; Turkish Society in Comparative Perspective; Sociology of Crime and Deviance; Sociology of Everyday Life; Nationalism, Modernity, and Culture: Encounters with the West; Sociology of Music.  
Graduate: Contemporary Social Theory; Crime and Deviance; Science, Technology, and Society; Nations and Nationalism.
- Spring 2005 **Instructor, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo**  
Course taught: Sociology of Deviance
- 1998-2003 **Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota**  
Courses taught:  
American Race Relations; Basic Social Statistics; Social Research Methods; Introduction to Sociology; Computer Usage for Social Statistics
- 1997-2001 **Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota**  
Courses assisted:  
Department of Sociology: Research Methods; Introduction to Sociology; American Corrections; Descriptive Statistics; Principles of Social Psychology; Social Organizations  
Department of History: History of the Ottoman Empire; Middle East Survey; Arab Islam in the Caliphal Age

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book**

Ergin, M. (2016). *“Is the Turk a White Man?” Race and Modernity in the Making of Turkish Identity*, Leiden and Boston: Brill-Studies in Critical Social Sciences.

### **Journal Articles**

Ergin, M., and Alkan A. (2019). Academic Neo-Colonialism in Writing Practices: Geographic Markers in Three Journals from Japan, Turkey and the US. *Geoforum*, 104, 259-266.

Ergin, M., Rankin, B., and Gökşen, F. (2019). Education and Symbolic Violence in Contemporary Turkey. *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, 40(1), 128-142.

Tuncer, A. E., Broers, N. J., Ergin, M., and de Ruiter, C. (2018). The Association of Gender Role Attitudes and Offense Type with Public Punitiveness toward Male and Female Offenders. *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*, 55, 70-79.

Erdem, G., Tuncer, A. E., Safi, O. A., Çankaya, B., Ergin, M., and Aydoğan, R. (2018). The Professional Experiences and Training Needs of Probation Officers in Turkey. *Journal of Social Work*, 19(5), 664-686.

Ergin, M. (2018). “Modern” Bir Teknoloji Olarak Öjeni ve 21. Yüzyıl Genetik Bilimleri (Eugenics As a “Modern” Technology and Genetic Sciences in the Twenty-First Century). *Bilim ve Toplum*, (144), 146-160.

Ergin, M. and Karakaya. Y. (2017). Between Neo-Ottomanism and Ottomania: Navigating State-led and Popular Cultural Representations of the Past. *New Perspectives on Turkey*, (56), 33-59.

Rankin, B. H. and Ergin, M. (2017). Cultural Omnivorousness in Turkey. *Current Sociology*, 65(7), 1070-1092.

Rankin, B. H., Ergin, M., and Gökşen, F. (2014). A Cultural Map of Turkey. *Cultural Sociology*, 8(2), 159-179.

Ergin, M. (2014). The Racialization of Kurdish Identity in Turkey. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 37(2), 322-341.

Ergin, M. (2012). Religiosity and the Construction of Death in Turkish Death Announcements, 1970–2009. *Death Studies*, 36(3), 270-291.

Dixon, J. C., and Ergin, M. (2010). Explaining Anti-Kurdish Beliefs in Turkey: Group Competition, Identity, and Globalization. *Social Science Quarterly*, 91(5), 1329-1348.

Ergin, M. (2010). Taking It to the Grave: Gender, Cultural Capital, and Ethnicity in Turkish Death Announcements. *Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying*, 60(2), 175-197.

Ergin, M. (2009). Cultural Encounters in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Western Émigré Scholars in Turkey. *History of the Human Sciences*, 22(1), 105-130.

Ergin, M. (2008). 'Is the Turk a White Man?' Towards a Theoretical Framework for Race in the Making of Turkishness. *Middle Eastern Studies*, 44(6), 827-850.

Ergin, M. (2008). Biometrics and Anthropometrics: The Twins of Turkish Modernity. *Patterns of Prejudice*, 42(3), 281-304.

Ergin, M. (2005). On Humans, Fish, and Mermaids: The Republican Taxonomy of Tastes and Arabesk. *New Perspectives on Turkey* (33), 63-92.

### **Articles in Edited Volumes**

Ergin, M. (2010). Archaeology and the Perception of Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Eras in Early Republican Turkey. In S. Redford & N. Ergin (Eds.), *Perceptions of the Past in the Turkish Republic: Classical and Byzantine Periods* (pp. 13-33). Leuven: Peeters [also published in Turkish: Ergin, M. (2010). Erken Cumhuriyet Dönemi Türkiyesinde Yunan, Roma ve Bizans Dönemlerinin Algılanması ve Arkeoloji. In S. Redford & N. Ergin (Eds.), *Cumhuriyet Döneminde Geçmişe Bakış Açıları: Klasik ve Bizans Dönemleri* (pp. 23-47). Istanbul: Koç Üniversitesi Yayınları.]

Ergin, M. (2009). Türk Kimliği ve Irksal Sözlükler [Turkish Identity and Racial Vocabularies]. In T. Bora (Ed.), *Dönemler ve Zihniyetler* (Vol. 9, pp. 386-412). Istanbul: İletişim.

### **Book Reviews**

Review for: Alev Çınar, *Modernity, Islam, and Secularism in Turkey: Bodies, Places, and Time*, *New Perspectives on Turkey* 33 (2005): 145-149.

### **Other**

Ergin, M. “Türk Astronot Mu? Güldürmeyin Beni” [A Turkish Astronaut? Don’t Make Me Laugh”], *Fener/Frontier*, no. 11 (2017): 16-17.

Ergin, M., Rankin, B.H., and Gökşen, F. Türkiye’de Kültürel Sınırlar: Ağlatan TV Dizileri, Nostaljik Türk Komedileri ve Facebook! [Cultural Boundaries in Turkey: Gloomy TV Series, Nostalgic Turkish Comedies, and Facebook!], *Fener/Frontier*, no. 6 (2011): 10-13.

Ruh ve Sinir Hastalıklarına Sosyolojik Bir Bakış [A Sociological Look at Mental Disorders]. *Akıl ve Ruh Sağlığı Alanında İnsan Hakları: 2008 Türkiye Raporu*, ed. by Şehnaz Layıkel, Nilay Kacar & Fatma Zengin Dağıdır, 234-236. Istanbul: Ruh Sağlığında İnsan Hakları Girişimi, 2008.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2015-2016                      **Research Grant for project entitled “The Moderating Role of Gender Role Ideology and Trauma History of Inmates in Public Punitiveness” (Grant Award: 46,000 TL)**  
Koç University SEED Fund

2013-2015                      **Research Grant for project entitled “Content Analysis of Death Announcements in Turkey (1950-2009)” (Grant Award: 110,985 TL [\$55,000])**  
TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey)

- 2009-2011            **Research Grant for project entitled “The Construction of Cultural Boundaries: Relations between Cultural, Socio-Economic, and Moral Status Symbols in Turkey” (Grant Award: 182,162 TL [\$110,000])**  
TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) and COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)
- 2008-2009            **Book Fellowship**  
Social Science Research Council
- 2002-2003            **International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship**  
Social Science Research Council
- 2001                    **Anna Welsch Bright Research Award**  
Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota
- 2001                    **Doctoral Fieldwork Research Grant**  
University of Minnesota, The MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice
- 2000                    **Travel Award for the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association**  
Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota
- 1998                    **International Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork Grant**  
University of Minnesota, The MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice
- 1996                    **Block Grant Fellowship for the 1996/97 academic year**  
Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota
- 1996                    **Rector’s Achievement Award**  
(Highest award in the university based on academic excellence and extracurricular activities)  
Boğaziçi University, 1996

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020    **Sciences of Identity Across Asia: An International Interdisciplinary Workshop, Newnham College, Cambridge**  
Invited Lecture: “Race and the Fantastic Science of Turkey’s Whiteness Campaign”
- 2019    **European Sociological Association Meeting, Manchester**  
Paper: “Academic Neo-Colonialism in Writing Practices: Geographic Markers in Three Journals from Japan, Turkey, and the US”  
**Momoyama Gakuin University, Osaka**  
Invited lecture: “‘Ottomania’ and ‘Cool Japan’ in Comparative Perspective”
- 2018    **Japan Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Kobe**  
Paper (with Chika Shinohara): “Multiple Representations of the Past and Popular Culture: ‘Ottomania’ and ‘Cool Japan’ in Comparative Perspective
- 2017    **Talking Colors in Turkey and Beyond, International Workshop, Cologne**  
Invited speaker: “Interlinked Fronts of Race and Color in Turkey: History, Representation, Situation”

- European Sociological Association Meeting, Athens**  
Paper: "Religion and Religiosity in Death Announcements, 1950-2009"
- 2016 **Japan Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Fukuoka**  
Paper: "Methodological Colonialism in Academic Publishing? Geographic Markers in Three Journals from Japan, Turkey and the US"
- 2015 **Japan Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Tokyo**  
Paper: "Changing Patterns in Death Announcements"
- 2014 **European Sociological Association, Consumption Research Network Conference, Porto**  
Paper: "What Is So Funny About a Turkish Astronaut? Consumption and Identities in Humor"  
**Aşağısı ve Yukarısı Arasında Türkiye’de Orta Sınıflar (Between Low and High: Middle Classes in Turkey), Istanbul**  
Invited speaker: "Middle Classes in Turkey"  
**Bilgi University MA Program in Cultural Management, Istanbul**  
Invited Talk: "A Cultural Map of Turkey: A Study on Cultural Consumption Patterns"
- 2013 **Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago**  
Paper: "Race and Whiteness: Perspectives from Turkey"  
**European Sociological Association Meeting, Turin**  
Paper: "Consuming the Ottoman Past: Multiple Representations and Popular Culture"  
**Annual Meeting of the Japan Sociological Society, Tokyo**  
Paper: "Ottomania and Japanmania in Comparative Perspective"
- 2012 **Annual Meeting of the Japan Sociological Society, Sapporo**  
Paper: "The Construction of Death in Turkish in Death Announcements, 1970-2009"  
**American Sociological Association, 107th Annual Meeting, Denver**  
Paper: "Cultural Consumption and Social Stratification in Turkey," with Bruce Rankin and Fatoş Gökşen
- 2011 **The Asian Conference on Education, Osaka**  
Paper: "Education and Cultural Boundaries in Contemporary Turkey"  
**European Sociological Association Meeting, Geneva**  
Paper: "Moral Boundaries and Belonging: Atheists and Homosexuals"  
Paper: "The Transformation of the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey"
- 2010 **The Asian Conference on Media and Mass Communication, Osaka**  
Paper: "Textual Strategies of Distinction in Death Announcements in Turkish Newspapers, 1970-2009"  
**European Sociological Association Sociology of Culture Research Network Conference, Milan**  
Paper: "Cultural and Moral Boundaries in Contemporary Turkey"  
**The Asian Conference on Arts and Humanities, Osaka**  
Paper: "East Meets West: European and North American Scholars and Experts in Early Republican Turkey"  
**American Sociological Association, 105th Annual Meeting, Atlanta**  
Paper: "National Identities and Globalization: The Changing Meaning of Turkishness and Japaneseness" (co-authored and presented by Chika Shinohara)
- 17. Ulusal Sosyal Psikiyatri Kongresi, Istanbul**  
Paper: "İrkçılığın Sosyal Psikolojisi Üzerine" [On the Social-Psychology of Racism]  
**Dünden Bugüne, Bugünden Geleceğe Türkiye Sempozyumu, Istanbul**  
Paper: "Türkiye’de Kimlik ve Çokkültürlülük" [Identity and Multiculturalism in Turkey]

- 2009 **International Workshop on Ottoman/Turkish Culture and Society at Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim**  
 Paper: ““Turkey Faces West’: European and North American Experts in Early Republican Turkey”  
**European Sociological Association Meeting, Lisbon**  
 Paper: “Cultural Boundaries in Turkish Death Announcements (1970-2006)”  
**“Imagining the West” Workshop, Koç University, Istanbul**  
 Paper: “Whiteness and Modernity in Contemporary Turkey”
- 2008 **Interdisciplinary.net 6th Global Conference Making Sense of: Dying and Death, Salzburg**  
 “Bereavement and Emotions in Death Announcements in Turkey: Gender, Class and Ethnicity”  
**European Sociological Association Network of the Sociology of Consumption Interim Meeting, Helsinki**  
 Paper: “Whiteness, Bodies, and Consumption in Contemporary Turkey”  
**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York**  
 Paper: “What Explains Negative Attitudes toward Kurds in Turkey? The Roles of Interest, Culture, and Globalization” (delivered by co-author Jeffrey C. Dixon)
- 2007 **European Sociological Association Meeting, Glasgow**  
 Paper: “Whiteness, Intersectionality and African Immigrants in Turkey”  
**International Relations Departmental Seminar, Bilgi University, Istanbul**  
 Paper: “Is the Turk a White Man?': Toward a Theoretical Framework for Race in the Making of Turkishness”
- 2006 **Perceptions of the Past in the Turkish Republic (Classical and Byzantine Periods), Annual Symposium at the Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul**  
 Keynote speech: “Archaeology and the Perception of Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Eras”  
**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal**  
 Paper: “Cultural Encounters in the Social Sciences: Western Refugee Scholars in Turkey”

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Thesis Advising**

Gözde Cöbek, “Rethinking Online Dating through Affect and Emotion,” Koç University, PhD in Sociology, ongoing.

Hande Güzel, “Defining the Body in the Turkish Physical Education System (1969-1983),” Koç University, MA in Comparative Studies in Society and History, 2015.

Yağmur Karakaya, “Ottomania: Multiple Narratives of the Ottoman Past in Turkey,” Koç University, MA in Comparative Studies in Society and History, 2012.

Onur Calap, “Transgender Subjectivity: Narratives on the Self, the Other and the Nation,” Koç University, MA in Comparative Studies in Society and History, 2012.

Ayşegül Kayagil, “The Construction of Socio-Economic and Moral Boundaries in Turkey,” Koç University, MA in Comparative Studies in Society and History, 2010.

Ülker Sözen, “Gentrification, Cosmopolitanism, and Consumption in the Beyoğlu District: A Case Study of Metropolitan Habitus,” Koç University, MA in Comparative Studies in Society and History, 2010.

Pınar Dinç Kenanoğlu, “Discrimination and Silence: A Case of Minority Foundations in Turkey (1974),” Koç University, MA in Comparative Studies in Society and History, 2009.

#### Board Membership

Editorial Board Member, *Contemporary Sociology*  
January 2011 to December 2013

Executive Board Member, Social Policy and Research Center, Koç University  
April 2010 to September 2016

Member of the Core Curriculum Standing Committee, Koç University  
March 2010 to September 2017

#### Symposium and Workshop Organization

Member of the organizing committee, the Second Turkish-German Frontiers of Humanities Symposium (TUGFOH), Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung and Koç University, November 2013-November 2014

Workshop (with Dikmen Bezmez and Şenay Özden), “Ceza İnfaz Kurumları ve Sivil Toplumun Rolü: Sorunlar ve Çözüm Önerileri” [The Role of Civil Society in Correctional Facilities: Problems and Solutions], Istanbul, June 2011.

Symposium (with Dilek Barlas), “Imagining the West,” Koç University and Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Istanbul, May 2009.

#### Articles Reviewed For

Policy Features in Education; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Death Studies; Identities; New Perspectives on Turkey: International Journal of Public Health; Political Psychology; The Sociological Quarterly; British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies; Japanese Journal of Political Science; Nations and Nationalism; Sociological Perspectives; Turkish Studies.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
European Sociological Association  
Japan Sociological Association