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**Education**

**2005-2010** Ph.D. in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.

**2002-2005** MA in History, Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey.

**2000-2001** MA in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey. (*Not Completed*)

**1996-2000** BA in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Sakarya University, Adapazarı, Turkey.

**Areas of interest:**

Social Theory, Anthropology of Political Violence, State, Anthropology of Emotions, Fear, Pain, Memory, Social Trauma, Body, Identity, Place, Borders and Borderlands, Displacement, Migration, Oral History, History of Modern Turkey, Sociology and Anthropology of Secularism and Islam.

**Academic Publications****2024**

Aras, Ramazan and Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir (eds). Palestine and the Future of Global Affairs: Power, Language and Colonialism. Istanbul: Ibn Haldun University Press.

Aras, Ramazan (ed.), Anthropology and Sociology of Emotions: Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives from Turkey and Beyond. Istanbul: Ibn Haldun University Press.

Aras, Ramazan. "*Emotions as Governing Mechanisms: The Politics of Hate and the Muslim Body*" in Anthropology and Sociology of Emotions: Theoretical and Ethnographic Perspectives from Turkey and Beyond. Editor: R. Aras. Istanbul: Ibn Haldun University Press.

Aras, Ramazan, and Abdirashid Diriye Kalmoy. "The Politics of Emotions, Bio-Political Border Practices and the Question of (In)Security on the Turkish Political Territorial Borders." *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, September, pp. 1–20 (SSCI- Q1)

**2020**

The Wall: The Making and Unmaking of Turkish-Syrian Border. New York: Palgrave

Macmillan.

“Veiled Memories: An Ethnography of the Single-Party Regime in Turkey”, *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 56, issue 2 (2020): 222-238. (SSCI - Q3).

**2019**

“Naqshbandi Sufis and their Conception of Place, Time and Fear on the Turkish-Syrian Border and Borderland”, *Middle Eastern Studies*, Volume 55, issue 1, (2019): 44-59. (SSCI - Q3).

**2016**

“Assyrian/Syriac Oral History as a Counter-narrative in Contemporary Turkish Historiography”, *Mukaddime*, Volume 7 (2): 259-273.

**2015**

Mayın ve Kaçakçı: Türkiye-Suriye Sınırını İnşa Etme ve Bozma Pratikleri (Landmine and Smuggler: The Making and Unmaking Practices of Turkish-Syrian Border). Konya: Çizgi Kitabevi.

**2014**

“Türkiye’de Sınır ve Sınır Bölgeleri Çalışmaları: Eleştirel Bir Değerlendirme” (Border and Borderland Studies in Turkey: A Critical Evaluation), *Mukaddime*, Volume 5 (2): 15-38.

“‘Misilmeni’: Exploring Perceptions about Christian and ‘Muslim Armenians’ in the Kurdish Community in Turkey”, *Milel ve Nihal* 11(1): 91-117.

“The Politics of the State and the Kurds as the Subject of the Research: An Analysis of Development of the Kurdish Studies in Turkey” *Wiener Jahrbuch für Kurdologie* (2) - *Kurdology and Kurdish Studies: Object of Research and the History of the Subject* içinde. F. Hennerbichler, C. Osztovcics, T. Schmidinger, M. A. Six-Hohenbalken. Vienna: Wiener Verlag Publications, s. 97-139.

Sınırları Aşmak: Türkiye’de Sosyo-Kültürel Antropoloji ve Disiplinlerarası Yaklaşımlar (Crossing Borders: Socio-cultural Anthropology and Interdisciplinary Approaches in Turkey). Edited by R. Aras. Konya: Çizgi Kitabevi.

“Antropolojinin Yeni Öznesi Olarak Kürtler” (Kurds as the New Subject of Anthropology in Turkey) in *Crossing Borders: Socio-cultural Anthropology and Interdisciplinary Approaches in Turkey*. Edited by R. Aras. Konya: Çizgi Kitabevi.

The Formation of Kurdishness in Turkey: Political Violence, Fear and Pain. London and New York: Routledge.

**2013**

“State Sovereignty and the Politics of Fear: Ethnography of Political Violence and the Kurdish Struggle in Turkey”, in *The Kurdish Question in Turkey: New Perspectives on Violence, Representation and Reconciliation*. Edited by C. Güneş and W. Zeydanlıoğlu. London and NY: Routledge, pp. 89-113.

“Haunting Memories of Armenianness: The Formation of Muslim Armenian Identity in the

Post-1915 Era”, International Social and Economic History of Mardin Conference Proceedings. Istanbul, International Hrant Dink Foundation Publications.

*Documenting and Interpreting Conflict through Oral History, A Working Guide.* with D. Boyd, M. M. Clark, M. Kurt, S. M. Mohaqqaq, C. P. Gonzales Peres, and L. Taminian. Published with the support of Columbia University Libraries, New York.

## **2012**

“*The Reform Movement of Sheikh Seyda and the Changing Relations between Muslims and Christians*”. International Thought, Science and Art in Jizra Conference, Jizra, Sirnak, Turkey. Conference Proceedings.

## **2011**

“*Migration and Memory: Oral History Narratives in an Assyrian/Kurdish Town*” in *“Nasıl Hatırlıyoruz? Türkiye’de Bellek Çalışmaları”*. Edited by Leyla Neyzi. Istanbul: İş Bankası Kültür Yayınları, pp. 273-302.

## **2010**

(Book Review) *The Yezidis: The History of a Community, Culture and Religion*. B. Açıkyıldız. London: I.B.Tauris Press, 2010. 283 pages. *Mukaddime* 1 (2): 211-218.

## **Other Publications**

### **2010**

“Siyasal İktidar ve Çocuk Bedenleri” (Political Power and Children Bodies), *Anlayış*, March 2010.

“Ulus-Devlet ve Kürt Siyasal Hareketi” (Nation-State and The Kurdish Political Movement in Turkey), *Anlayış*, February 2010.

## **Academic Positions**

**2021 (July) – present**, Professor, Department of Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey.

**2017 (March) – 2021 (July)** Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey.

**2016 (April) - 2017 (March)**, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Artuklu University, Mardin, Turkey.

**2010 (July) – 2016 (April)**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Artuklu University, Mardin, Turkey.

**2008-2009** Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Western University. London, Ontario, Canada.

**2005-2007** Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Western University, London, Ontario, Canada.

## **Administrative Duties**

**November 2021 – present**, Chair, Department of Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul. Turkey.

**January 2018 – present**, Founding Director, Center for Oral History and Social Memory Studies, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul. Turkey.

**May 2017 – June 2019**, Vice-Chair, Department of Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul. Turkey.

**February 2016 – March 2017**, Chair, Department of Anthropology, Artuklu University, Mardin, Turkey.

**July 2010 – December 2013**, Founding Chair of Anthropology Department, Artuklu University. Mardin, Turkey.

### **Courses Taught (Graduate) at Ibn Haldun University**

#### **2023-2024 FALL**

ANTH 622 Anthropology of Emotions  
SOC 639 Selected Readings in Sociology

#### **2023-2024 SPRING**

SOC 639 Selected Readings in Sociology  
SOC 504 Social Theory II (Contemporary)  
SOC604 Advanced Readings in Contemporary Sociological Theory

#### **2022-2023 SPRING**

SOC 504 Social Theory II (Contemporary)  
SOC604 Advanced Readings in Contemporary Sociological Theory  
ANTH 622 Anthropology of Emotions

#### **2021-2022 FALL & SPRING**

SOC 503/603 Social Theory I (Classical)  
SOC 504/604 Social Theory II (Contemporary)  
ANTH 622 Anthropology of Emotions  
ANTH 613 Anthropology of Islam  
HIST 508 Oral History  
SOC 535 Sociology and Anthropology of Secularism

#### **2020-2021 FALL**

SOC 503/603 Social Theory I (Classical)  
SOC 504/604 Social Theory II (Contemporary)  
ANTH 622 Anthropology of Emotions  
ANTH 613 Anthropology of Islam  
HIST 508 Oral History

#### **2019-2020**

SOC 503 Social Theory I (Classical)  
SOC 504 Social Theory II (Contemporary)

SOC 508 Religion in Modern Turkey  
ANTH 513 Anthropology of Islam  
HIST 508 Oral History

**2018-2019**

ANTH 513 Anthropology of Islam  
HIST 508 Oral History  
SOC 500 Seminar

**2017-2018**

ANTH 513 Anthropology of Islam  
HIST 508 Oral History

**Courses Taught (Undergraduate) at Ibn Haldun University**

**2023-2024 FALL**

HIST 308 Oral History

**2021-2022**

SOC 201 Thinking Sociologically  
HIST 308 Oral History  
ANTH 450 Anthropology of Islam and Muslim Societies  
SOC 409 Migration and Refugees

**2020-2021**

SOC 201 Thinking Sociologically  
HIST 308 Oral History  
ANTH 450 Anthropology of Islam and Muslim Societies

**2019-2020**

SOC 201 Thinking Sociologically

**Courses Taught (Graduate) at Mardin Artuklu University**

**2010-2017**

TAR 532 Theory and Methodology in Oral History (in Turkish)

**Courses Taught (Undergraduate) at Mardin Artuklu University 2010-2017**

ANTH 422 Anthropology of Islam (in English)  
ANTH 307 Anthropology of the State (in English)  
ANTH 305 Anthropology of Borders and Borderlands (in English)  
ANTH 302 Oral History (in English)  
TAR 314 Sözlü Tarih Araştırmaları (Oral History Studies) I (Fall, in Turkish)  
TAR 315 Sözlü Tarih Araştırmaları (Oral History Studies) II (Spring, in Turkish)  
ANTH 103 History of Anthropological Thought I (in English)  
ANTH 104 History of Anthropological Thought II (in English)  
İNS 101 İnsan, Toplum ve Medeniyet (Humanities) I (Coordinator, 320 students, 2010-2011, Fall, in Turkish)  
İNS 102 İnsan, Toplum ve Medeniyet (Humanities) II (Coordinator, 320 students, 2010-2011, Spring, in Turkish)

### **Language Skills**

Kurdish (native)  
Turkish (very fluent)  
English (very fluent)  
Arabic (pre-intermediate)  
Ottoman Paleography (reading)

### **Projects**

**2024 April- 2025 April** (Director) "Transit, Temporal and Permanent Lives in Istanbul: Different Future Plans and Socialization Dynamics of Migrants." The Project is funded the Governorship of Istanbul.

**2023 (November) -2024 (October) (Director)** "Sociology and Anthropology of Emotions in Turkey" The Project was funded by Ibn Haldun University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

**2022 November – 2023 November** (Director) "Religion, Sense of Belonging and Memory: Qur'an Memorization Tradition in the Republican Era 1923-1950" An Oral History Project funded by Ibn Haldun University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

**2019 (September) – 2021 (September) (Director)** "Religion, Sense of Belonging and Memory: Qur'an Memorization Tradition in the Republican Era 1923-1950" An Oral History Project funded by Ibn Haldun University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

**2017 (July) – (June) 2018 (Co-director)**, "Religion, the State, Society and Memory in Turkey 1923-1950", co-director with Prof. Dr. R. Şentürk. An Oral History Project funded by Ibn Haldun University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

### **2012-2014**

(Director) "Brides, Smugglers and Convicts: Memory, Place, Identity and the Sense of Belonging on the Turkish-Syrian Border and Borderland". Funded by Artuklu University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

### **2012**

"Life Story Approaches in Conflict and Post-Conflict Contexts", with M. Marshall Clark, B. Kangas, D. Boyd, and L. Taminian. Supported by the Hollings Center for International Dialogue, the American Academic Research Institute in Iraq in partnership with the Columbia Center for Oral History and L.B.N. Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky Libraries.

### **2009**

(Oral History Researcher) "Adult Education and Oral History Contributing to Armenian-Turkish Reconciliation", Directed by Leyla Neyzi. DVV International Bonn.

### **2007-2008 (Summers)**

(Research Assistant), "Nomadic Legacies: Rethinking Contemporary First Nations Residence and Resource Exploitation", Directed by Prof. Regna Darnell. Western University, Canada.

### **Graduate Students' Projects Under My Supervision**

**2023-2024** "Religious Identity of Russian Migrants in Turkey: The Case of Tatars" PhD Dissertation Project funded by Ibn Haldun University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

**2021-2022.** "Conceptualization of Romantic Love in Gana: A Probe Within the Zongo Societies", MA Thesis Project funded by Ibn Haldun University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

**2021-2022.** Şeyda Zahide Karabatak, "Changing Experiences of Marriage in Turkey: Black Sea Turkish Men's Transnational Marriages to Indonesian Women", MA Thesis Project funded by Ibn Haldun University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

**2020-2021.** Ruhul Amin, "Between State and Religion: The Marginalization of Aliya Madrassa Education in Bangladesh". MA Thesis Project funded by Ibn Haldun University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

**2020-2021.** Abdirashid Diriye Kalmoy, "An Ethnographic Study of African Migrants in Istanbul". MA Thesis Project funded by Ibn Haldun University Scientific Research Projects Center (BAP).

### **MA Thesis Supervisions (Completed)**

**1. Thuraya Al-Naseri.** "Legal Pluralism Among Muslims in Contemporary Baghdad: An Ethnographic Approach", M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, 2024.

**2. Nesma Elsayed.** "Digital Media and the Religious Literacy Process: Narratives of Muslim American Female Youth", M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, 2024.

**3. Halima Bensaid.** "Muslim Western Diaspora: Finding Home and Belonging in Istanbul" M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, January 2024.

**4. Zahide Şeyda Karabatak.** "Changing Experiences of Marriage and Masculinity in Turkey: Turkish Men's Transnational Marriages to Indonesian Women in the Black Sea Region", M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, 2023.

**5. Yakubu Ali.** "Conceptualization of Romantic Love in Gana: A Probe within the Zongo Societies", M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, 2023.

**6. Nesibenur Şatıroğlu.** "'You Wake Up Each Day with Four Stranger Kids' An Ethnographic Research with Children Living in Children Homes", M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, 2023.

**7. Ayşe Çakıray.** "Migration, Memory and Identity: The Kazakh Community in Turkey", M.A. in Turkish Studies, Ibn Haldun University, 2022.

**8. Hüseyin Dağ.** "Mardin'de Din Değiştirme Anlatıları: Kimlik ve Aidiyet", M.A. in Religious

Studies, Ibn Haldun University, January, 2022.

**9. Büşra Coşkun**, “Religion, Memory and Sense of Belonging: Tradition of Memorization of Qur’an in Turkey 1923-1950”, M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, January, 2022.

**10. Ruhul Amin**. “Between State and Religion: The Marginalization of Aliya Madrassa Education in Bangladesh”. School of Graduate Studies, M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, January, 2022.

**11. Abdirashid Diriye Kalmoy**. “Hopes in Transition: An Ethnography of Sub-Saharan African Migrants in Istanbul”, School of Graduate Studies, M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, 2021.

**12. Haktan Tursun**. “The Making of an Order: An Ethnography of Romani Sufis in Uskudar”, School of Graduate Studies, M.A. in Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, June 2019.

### **Dissertation/Theses**

**2010**

*“Political Violence, Fear and Pain: The Formation of Kurdishness in Turkey”*, PhD Thesis. Supervisor: Prof. Regna Darnell, University of Western Ontario, Canada.

**2005**

*“Migration and Memory: Assyrian Identity in Mardin Kerboran/Dargecit 1910-1980”*, M.A. Thesis. Supervisor: Prof. Arzu Öztürkmen, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey.

**2000**

*“The Dialogue between Sociology and History: An Introduction to Historical Sociology”*, B.A. Thesis. Supervisor: Prof. Rahmi Karakus, Sakarya University, Adapazarı, Turkey.

### **Conference Papers and Meetings**

**2019**

*“Rethinking on the Histories of Anthropological Thought: Contributions of Al-Biruni and Ibn Battuta”*, presented at the Conference on History of Civilization Sciences in Islam, December 20-21, 2019, Organized by Ibn Haldun University, İstanbul, Turkey.

*“The Secular State and Its Discontents: Policing the Public Space and the Muslim Body in Turkey”* presented at American Anthropological Association (AAA)/Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Meeting, November 20-24, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

**2018**

*“Veiled Memories: Difficulties of Studying the State in Turkey”*, presented at American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting, November 14-19, San Jose, California, USA.

**2017**

*“The Wall: (Dis)Continuities of the State Making Practices on the Turkish-Syrian Border”*, presented at American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting, November 29-December 3, Washington DC., USA.



*"The Politics of Religion and Secularism: Marginalization of Muslim Subject as the Other in the Era of Single-Party Rule in Turkey"*, presented at Civilizations Forum, October 20-22, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul.

## **2016**

*"Faith, Fear and Frontiers: Mobility of Naqshbandi Sufis on the Turkish-Syrian Border"*, presented at American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting, November 16-20, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.

## **2013**

*"Misilmeni: An Analysis of Perceptions of Muslim Armenians among Muslim Kurds"*, presented at *Conference on Islamized Armenians*, Organized by International Hrant Dink Foundation and Boğaziçi University, November 2-4, Istanbul.

## **2012**

*"Haunting Memories of Armenianness: The Formation of Muslim Armenian Identity in the Post-1915 Era"*, International Mardin Social and Economic History Conference. Organized by International Hrant Dink Foundation, November 2-3, Mardin, Turkey.

*"Assyrian/Syrian Oral History as a Counter-Narrative in the Contemporary Turkish Historiography"*, International Syriac Studies Symposium I, Artuklu University, 20-22 April, Mardin.

*"The Reform Movement of Sheikh Seyda and Changing Muslim-Christian Relations"*, International Science, Thought and Art in Jizra, 14-15 April, Şırnak University and Artuklu University, Jizra, Turkey.

## **2011**

*"Roots, Memory and Trauma: The History of Niso Family after 1915 in Kerboran/Dargeçit"*, International Midyat Symposium, October 7-9, 2011, Midyat, Turkey.

*"Brides, Smugglers and Guerillas: Border Crossings between Life and Death on the Turkish/Syrian Border"*, 2011 EastBordNet Conference, *Remaking Borders*, 20-22 January 2011, Catania, Sicily, Italy.

## **2009**

*"The State Sovereignty and the Politics of Fear: Ethnography of Political Violence in Turkey"*, International Kurdish Studies Conference, the Centre for Kurdish Studies, University of Exeter, April 1-3, 2009, Exeter, UK.

## **2008**

*"Lamenting for Ashes: Political Violence, Pain and the Kurdish Struggle in Turkey"*, the AAA (American Anthropology Association.) 2008 Meeting, November 19-23, 2008, San Francisco.

## **2007**

*"Nation-State, Political Violence and Formations of Fear"*, CASCA (Canadian Anthropology Society) – AES (American Ethnology Society) Conference, University of Toronto, May 8-12, 2007, Toronto.

(Invited) *“Deconstructions, Reconstructions and Transformations: The Ethno-Religious Relations between Assyrian Christians and Muslim Kurds in Kerboran Mardin 1900-1980”*, 5<sup>th</sup> Syriac Studies Symposium, University of Toronto, June 25-27, 2007, Toronto.

## **2006**

*“Reconstruction of the Assyrian Family in the Post-1915 Era in Turkey”*, the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual MEHAT (Middle East History and Theory) Conference, University of Chicago, 14-16 May, 2006, Chicago.

*“Marginalized Voices from the Past: Assyrian Identity in Kerboran/Dargecit Mardin”*, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations Graduate Students’ Symposium, University of Toronto, March 2, 2006, Toronto.

## **2005**

*“Forced Displacement, Memory and Kurdishness”* with Mehmet Murat Şahin (Sakarya University). In the conference *“Understanding Nationalism: Identity, Empire, Conflict”* conference organized by The Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, April 14-16, 2005, New York.

*“Violated Selves: Stories of Gender, Stories of Nation- Narratives of Migrant Kurdish Women”*, (Presented by Prof. Ronald Grele) at the OHA (Oral History Association) Annual Meeting, September 29-October 3, 2004, Portland, Oregon.

## **2003**

*“Annales School: Reconstruction of Social Sciences”*, Turkey 9<sup>th</sup> Sociology Students Congress, 2-4 May, 2003, Süleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Turkey.

## **2002**

*“Assyrians and Yezidi Kurds: Religious Structures in Mardin”*, An Oral History Research, Turkey 8<sup>th</sup> Sociology Students Congress, 3-5 May 2002, Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey.

## **2000**

*“Thinking on Historical Sociology”*, Turkey 7<sup>th</sup> Sociology Students Congress, Middle East Technical University, 29-31 March, 2000, Ankara, Turkey.

## **2000**

*“Human Aids and Social Ethics after the August 19<sup>th</sup> Earthquake: Observations from Adapazarı and Düzce”*, Turkey 7<sup>th</sup> Sociology Students Congress, 29-31 March 2000, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.

## **1999**

*“Intellectuals and Power Relationships - from the Tanzimat Period to the Present”*, Turkey 6<sup>th</sup> Sociology Students Congress, 19-21 March, 1999, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey.

## **Workshops**

## **2023**

*“Emotions and Governing Mechanisms: The Politics of Hate and the Muslim Body”*, in Workshop: “Sociology and Anthropology of Emotions in Turkey, May 5-6, 2023, Ibn Haldun

University, Istanbul, Turkey.

## **2018**

“Walls and Fences: Rethinking on the Emergent Security Policies and (im)Mobility on the Political Borders”, presented at International Workshop Series on Migration: Mixed Migration Flows and the Changing Dynamics of Migration Research, organized by Istanbul Şehir University, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Istanbul.

## **2017**

“Political Violence, Terror and Protection of Family”, presented at 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Workshop of Social Policies titled “Social Policies: Institutions and Individuals” organized by Istanbul Şehir University, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Istanbul.

## **2016**

“Widowhood and Corporeal Pain: Memories of Loss and Suffering on the Turkish-Syrian Border” to be presented at Workshop: Counting Our Losses: The Politics of Loss and Social Transformation in the Context of Migration and Displacement in Turkey. The Open University, 7-10 September, London, UK.

## **2012**

(Invited) “What is Remembered: Life Story Approaches in Human Rights Contexts”, The Columbia Center for Oral History Summer Institute, June 4-15, Columbia University, NY.

(Invited) “Oral History in Mardin: Developing Practice and Sharing Experiences”, Workshop organized by History Department of Artuklu University and The Hollings Center, February 13, Mardin.

(Invited) “The Future of Oral History in the Middle East and Central Asia”, The Hollings Center Meeting, February 8-12, İstanbul.

## **2011**

(invited) EastBordNet/COST Meeting, State Archives Agency, 2-3 December, Sofia, Bulgaria.

“*Kurds as a New Subject and Object in Anthropology*”, Workshop: Crossing Borders: New Perspectives in the Socio-Cultural Anthropology Studies in Turkey", October 20-21, Department of Anthropology, Artuklu University, Mardin, Turkey.

## **2010**

“*Language, Body and Sovereignty: Memories of Incarceration, Corporeal Punishment and Resistance from the Prison of Amed/Diyarbakir*”, Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop: Silenced but Resilient: Language and Memory in Anatolia and Neighboring Regions. Organized by Sabancı University in collaboration with the International Hrant Dink Foundation and Anadolu Kültür, Istanbul, May 27-30, 2010.

## **2009**

“*Beyond Borders: Narratives of Suffering in the Kurdish Popular Culture*”, Workshop: Folklore of the Turkish Borders: The Emergence of Cultural Forms Across the Aegean, the Black Sea and the South East. With participation of Beverly Stoeltje and Richard Bauman (Indiana University). Boğaziçi University, Cultural Heritage Museum, 1<sup>st</sup> August

2009. Istanbul, Turkey.

### **Guest Lectures and Seminars**

#### **2018**

(Invited) “Grandma, Tell Me Your Life Story: Learning History of Modern Turkey through Oral Sources”, Spicy Talks II, December 25<sup>th</sup>, organized by Language School, Ibn Haldun University.

#### **2017**

“The Value of Oral History”, Spicy Talks I, April 25<sup>th</sup>, organized by Language School, Ibn Haldun University.

#### **2014**

(Invited) “The Ottoman Legacies and the Making and Unmaking of Turkish-Syrian Border” İstanbul Şehir University, *Tarihçe Conference Series 23*. November 5, İstanbul.

(Invited) “Sources of History: The Value of Oral History” Lecture, History Department, İstanbul Şehir University, November 6, İstanbul.

#### **2012**

(Invited) “Examining the Role of Narrative in Human Rights Advocacy, Documentation and Justice Seeking”, Public Panel, June 6, Columbia University Law School, New York.

#### **2011**

(Invited) “İki Ateş Arasında: Kürt Toplumunda Korku/Şiddet Siyasetleri ve Uzlaşma Arayışları”, Şehir Üniversitesi, Türkiye’yi Tartışmak Konuşmacı Serisi 6. 16 Mayıs. İstanbul.

#### **2010**

(Invited) “Political Violence, Fear and Pain: The Formation of Kurdishness in Turkey”, Contemporary Turkish Studies Center at the Foundation for Sciences and Arts, April 26, 2010, Istanbul, Turkey.

(Invited) “Political Violence, Gendered Suffering and Loss: Rethinking on the Making of Kurdishness in Turkey”, Cultural Studies Seminars Series, March 1, 2010, Department of Cultural Studies, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey.

#### **2009**

(Invited) “Migration and Memory: Assyrians in Mardin”, Contemporary Turkish Studies Center at the Foundation for Sciences and Arts, October 5, 2009, Istanbul, Turkey.

#### **2007**

(Invited) “Political Movements and Reconstruction of Muslim Women Identities in Turkey”, Gender, Rights and Politics: The Middle Eastern Diaspora Conference, April 11, 2007. Huron University College, London, Ontario, Canada.

### **Organizations**

#### **2024**

(Head of the Organizing Committee), Palestine and the Future of Global Affairs, Symposium,

organized by Ibn Haldun University, February 23-24, Istanbul.

## **2023**

Workshop: “Sociology and Anthropology of Emotions in Turkey, May 5-6, 2023, Department of Sociology, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey.

## **2020**

(Organizing Committee Member), The Second Civilizations Forum: “A Posthuman Age? Science, Technology and the Future of Civilizations”, April 25-26, Ibn Haldun University.

## **2019**

(Head of the Organizing Committee), 5<sup>th</sup> International Ibn Khaldun Symposium, organized by Ibn Haldun University, April 27-28, Istanbul.

## **2015**

(Member of the Scientific Committee), Uluslararası Antropoloji Bilimleri Kongresi, Nisan 9-11, Ankara.

## **2012**

(Organizing Committee Member), “International Middle East Conference: Change, Conflict and Transformation,” November 16-18, Mardin, Turkey.

(Scientific Committee Member), “International Symposium Jizra in Science, Thought and Art, 6-8 April, 2012. Cizre, Şırnak.

## **2011**

(Head of the Organizing Committee) “Crossing Borders: New Perspectives in Socio-Cultural Anthropology in Turkey”. Workshop, 20-21 October, Davudiye Tekkesi, Anthropology Department, Mardin Artuklu University.

## **Awards and Research Grants**

**2019-2020** Scientific Research Projects Funding for one year, Ibn Haldun University.

**2017-2018** Scientific Research Projects Funding for one year, Ibn Haldun University.

**2012-2014** Scientific Research Projects Funding, Mardin Artuklu University.

**2012** The Hollings Center for International Dialogue Research Grant

**2008** Dean’s Graduate Scholarship in Migration and Ethnic Relations, UWO.

**2007-2008** Department of Anthropology Fieldwork Grant, UWO.

**2005-2009** University of Western Ontario Graduate Research Scholarship (for 4 years)

**2007** Society of Graduate Students Out of Province Student Bursary, UWO.

**2007** CASCA Travel Subsidy for Conference

**2007** Faculty of Social Science Graduate Thesis Research Award, UWO.

**2005** Boğaziçi University Travel Grant for Conference.

### **Memberships**

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

### **Member of Advisory Boards**

**2020** Journal of Islamic Research (*Islami Araştırmalar Dergisi*)

**2021-2026** Real Border Studies – How Borders are Imagined Through Film (Head of Team: Kevin Smets, Supported by European Research Council.