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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| 2016 – present | Assistant Professor, Social Research and Public Policy, New York University Abu Dhabi              |
| 2014 – 2016    | Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany |

## EDUCATION

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| 2014 | PhD Sociology, University of California-Los Angeles<br><i>Dissertation: "Schooling, Islamization, and Religious Mobilization in Turkey" (Rogers Brubaker, chair)</i> |
| 2008 | MA Sociology, University of California-Los Angeles   |
| 2005 | MA Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul  |
| 2003 | BA Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul  |

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Political sociology; social movements, sociology of culture, religion, and citizenship; sociological theory; ethnographic and comparative-historical methods; Islam, Middle East.

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

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Cultural Foundations of Islamist Politics in Turkey. Under Review. Cambridge University Press.

## PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

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| 2024 | Zeynep Ozgen. "“Why Is America Interested in Islam in Turkey?” Fieldwork and Problems of Gaining Trust in a Low-Trust Society." <i>International Journal of</i> |
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*Middle East Studies*. DOI: 10.1017/S0020743824000205.

- 2023 Zeynep Ozgen. "From Secularization to Religious Resurgence: An Endogenous Account." *Theory and Society* 52(4): 543-580. DOI: 10.1007/s11186-023-09512-9.
- 2022 Zeynep Ozgen and Matthias Koenig. "When Global Scripts Do Not Resonate: International Minority Rights and Local Repertoires of Diversity in Southern Turkey." *Qualitative Sociology* 45(1): 149-187.  
DOI: 10.1007/s11133-021-09504-0.
- *Best Scholarly Article Award* (honorable mention), Section on Global and Transnational Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2022
- 2021 Zeynep Ozgen and Sharif Ibrahim El Shishtawy Hassan "Meaning of a Textbook: Islamic Education and the Politics of Reform in the United Arab Emirates." *Nations and Nationalism* 27 (4):1181-1197. DOI: 10.1111/nana.12734.
- 2015 Zeynep Ozgen. "Maintaining Ethnic Boundaries in 'Non-Ethnic' Contexts: Constructivist Theory and the Sexual Reproduction of Diversity." *Theory and Society* 44(1):33-64. DOI: 10.1007/s11186-014-9239-y.

## BOOK CHAPTERS, BOOK REVIEWS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- 2023 Sharif Ibrahim El Shishtawy Hassan and Zeynep Ozgen. "Working for God (and Country): Religious Education and Economic Diversification in the United Arab Emirates." In Mizanur R. and Al Azm A. (ed.) *Social Change in the Gulf Region: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Singapore: Springer, pp. 383-396.  
DOI: 10.1007/978-981-19-7796-1
- 2013 Zeynep Ozgen. "From Religious Schooling to Mobilization in a Secular State." In "State of Europe," ed. Peter Scholten, special issue, *Perspectives on Europe* 43(1):145-149.
- 2012 Zeynep Ozgen. Review of "Islam's Marriage with Neoliberalism: State Transformation in Turkey." (by Yıldız Atasoy) *New Perspectives on Turkey* 46(2):250-53.

## IN THE PIPELINE

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Mobilizing under Stress: How Social Movements Endure Repressive Contexts (journal manuscript).

A Cultural Theory of Mobilization (journal manuscript).

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### EXTERNAL

- 2022 Best Scholarly Article Award (honorable mention), Section on Global and Transnational Sociology, American Sociological Association
- 2022 National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend Award (\$6,000)
- 2013 American Council of Learned Societies, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$33,000)
- 2013 Council for European Studies, Mellon/CES Dissertation Completion Fellowship, (declined) (\$25,000)
- 2011 Fulbright-Hays/IIE, Graduate Fellowship for International Study (\$30,000)
- 2011 Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$20,000)
- 2010 Council for European Studies, Mellon Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2007 Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2004 International Institute for Political and Economic Studies, Georgetown University Summer School, Greece (\$3,000)

### INTERNAL

- 2023 Provost's Office, Publication Grant for the book manuscript "Cultural Foundations of Islamist Politics," NYUAD, Abu Dhabi (\$5,000)
- 2019 NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, Conference Grant for "Theorizing Social Change: Policies, Institutions, Culture Conference," NYUAD, Abu Dhabi (\$45,000)
- 2012 College of Letters and Sciences, Russian/Eurasian Studies Fellowship (\$18,000)
- 2010 UCLA Alumni Association Fellowship (\$18,000)
- 2008 Center for World Languages, Summer Fellowship for the Study of Intensive Arabic (\$2,000)
- 2006 – 2008 UC-Berkeley Institute of European Studies, Entering Graduate Student Fellowship in Modern European Studies (\$15,000)

- 2006 – 2008 International Institute, Global Scholars Fellowship (\$10,000)
- 2006 – 2008 College of Letters and Sciences, Shirley and Ralph Shapiro International Student Fellowship (\$10,000)
- 2006 Department of Sociology, Departmental Fellowship (\$18,000)

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- 2022 “A Cultural Approach to Mobilization.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2017 “When Scripts Do Not Resonate: Global Minority Rights and Local Boundary Dynamics in Southern Turkey.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2015 “Religious Change and Religious Revival: An Institutional Approach.” ASA Comparative-Historical Sociology Mini-Conference on Rethinking Remaking Modernity, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “From Madrasa to Underground and Back: Is Turkish Secularization Path Dependent?” ASA Comparative-Historical and Political Sociology Mini-Conference on Capitalism, the Politics of Inequality, and Historical Change, New York City, NY.
- 2012 “Islamism’s Bid for Everyday life: Religion, Politics, and Education in post-1980 Turkey.” Council for European Studies Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2011 “Marriage and Ethno-Religious Boundaries in a Multiethnic Society.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2006 “Change and Resistance: The European Union and Democratization in Turkey.” Tenth Annual Graduate Student Conference, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- 2005 “Rethinking the Social Philosophy of Multiculturalism: The Case of Antioch.” Third Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, University of Pavia, Italy.
- 2005 “Çokkültürlülük Felsefesini Yeniden Düşünmek: Çatışan Kimlikler ve Hatay Örneği.” Third Graduate Student Convention, Turkish Political Science Association, Ankara, Turkey.

## INVITED TALKS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022 Discussant, "Recasting Minority: Islamic Modernists between the Middle East, South Asia, and the World, 1856-1947." Humanities Research Fellowship for the Study of the Arab World Graduate Student Workshop, NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 2019 Presenter, "Schooling and Islamization in Turkey: A Cultural Theory of Mobilization." Theorizing Social Change: Policies, Institutions, Culture Conference, NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 2016 Presenter, "When Scripts Do Not Resonate: Global Minority Rights and Local Boundary Dynamics in Southern Turkey." (with Matthias Koenig), Imagining and Regulating Ethnic and Religious Diversity in Turkey Conference, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2015 Presenter, "Schooling, Islamization, and Religious Mobilization in Turkey." Social Science Division, New York University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- 2015 Presenter, "Schooling, Islamization, and Religious Mobilization in Turkey." Sociology Department, New York University, NY.
- 2015 Presenter, "Schooling, Islamization, and Religious Mobilization in Turkey." Sociology Department, Colby College, Waterville, ME.
- 2015 Discussant, "Plural Discursive Regimes and Repertoires of Difference." Siting Pluralism: Practices of Religious Difference Workshop, Göttingen University, Germany.
- 2014 Presenter, "Islamist Mobilization in Secular Turkey." Sociology Colloquium, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2010 Presenter, "Marriage and Ethno-Religious Boundaries in a Multiethnic Society." UCLA Comparative-Historical Seminar, Los Angeles, CA.

## TEACHING

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- 2016 – present NYU Abu Dhabi, Social Research and Public Policy, Instructor  
 SRPP-UH 2211: Ethnographic Field Research  
 SRPP-UH 2412X: Islamist Social Movements  
 SRPP-UH 4001: Capstone (Honor Thesis) Project Advising
- 2008 – 2014 UCLA, Teaching Assistant  
 SOC 1: Introduction to Sociology

	SOC 110: Sociohistorical Methods SOC 101: Classical Sociological Theory SOC 102: Contemporary Sociological Theory SOC182: Political Sociology
2005 – 2006	Bilgi University, Department of Political Science, Teaching Assistant POLS 101: Introduction to Politics POLS 230: Introduction to Turkish Politics
2003 – 2005	Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science, Teaching Assistant POLS 101: Introduction to Politics POLS 245: Introduction to Turkish Politics

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### NYU ABU DHABI

Social Science Representative, Global Education & Outreach Faculty Advisory Committee, 2020 – present.  
Participant, Unconscious Bias Training in Recruitment, Office for Faculty Development and Diversity, 2019.  
Panelist, Productive Writing Strategies, Office for Faculty Development and Diversity, 2019.  
SRPP Representative, Candidate Weekend Academics Fair, 2017 – 2019.  
Member, Conference Program Committee for NYUAD Research Conference, 2018.

### SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION, NYU ABU DHABI

Committee Member, Faculty Review Committee for Instructor Performance and Promotion, 2021 – present.  
Committee Member, Faculty Review Committee for Post-graduation Fellowship Program, 2019 – 2022.  
Session Chair, Social Science Division, Winter Capstone Festival, 2016.  
Committee Member, Faculty Review Committee for Undergraduate Research Grants, 2016 – present.

### SOCIAL RESEARCH AND PUBLIC POLICY (SRPP) PROGRAM, NYU ABU DHABI

Committee Member, Faculty Review Committee for Emerging Scholar, 2022.  
Participant, SRPP Open House, Faculty Presentation on Qualitative Research Cluster, 2022.  
Committee Member, Faculty Search Committee for Senior Hire in SRPP, 2021.  
Session Chair, SRPP Winter Capstone Festival, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023.  
Session Organizer, Academic Integrity, SRPP Weekly Faculty Meeting, 2019.  
Academic Advisor, SRPP Freshman students, 2016 – present.

### SOCIOLOGY, UCLA

Advisor, Undergraduate Honor Thesis Program, 2013 – 2014.

Panelist, Information Session for Graduate Students. Topics: The Job Market, 2014; Winning Dissertation Research/Writing Fellowships, 2013; Conducting Fieldwork Overseas, 2012.

Graduate Student Peer Mentor, 2009 – 2014.

Graduate Student Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2010.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Organizer, "Theorizing Social Change: Policies, Institutions, Culture Conference," NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2019

Committee Member, Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, ASA, 2019

Co-organizer and Presider, "Imagining and Regulating Ethnic and Religious Diversity in Turkey Conference," Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany, 2016

Occasional Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Theory and Society*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Mobilization*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *International Sociology*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *New Perspectives on Turkey*.

Book Manuscript Reviews *Edinburgh University Press*, 2010 – present.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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- American Sociological Association (sections: Political Sociology; Collective Behavior and Social Movements, Comparative-Historical Sociology, Sociology of Religion, Culture)
- Social Science History Association
- Middle East Studies Association

## LANGUAGES

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Turkish (native), English (fluent), Arabic (beginner)