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Academic Positions

2020 – Postdoctoral Research Associate, New York University Abu Dhabi

Education

YALE UNIVERSITY

2020 Ph.D. in Sociology

Diss.: White-Collar Blues? The Making of the Transnational Middle Class in Turkey

Comm.: Julia Adams (Chair), Emily Erikson, Philip Gorski, and Amy Wrzesniewski

* 2022 *Marvin B. Sussman Dissertation Prize, Yale University*

BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY

2015 M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering, *Dean's High Honor List*

2011 B.S. in Industrial Engineering, *Dean's Honor List*

Research and Teaching Areas

Economic Sociology; Political Sociology; Work and Occupations; Immigration; Globalization; Social Networks; Computational Sociology; Comparative-Historical Sociology, and Social Theory.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

White-Collar Blues: The Making of the Transnational Turkish Middle Class and Its Discontents.

Under advanced contract with Columbia University Press.

ARTICLES

Turkoglu, Didem, Meltem Odabas, Doruk Tunaoglu, and **Mustafa Yavas**. *Forthcoming*. “Political Polarisation in Social Media: Competing Understandings of Democracy in Turkey,” *South European Society and Politics*.

Yavas, Mustafa. 2019. “Boundary Blurring as Collective Identity Formation? The Case of the Left-wing Islamists in Turkey,” *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, 43: 109-131.

Yavas, Mustafa. 2019. “Dissecting Income Segregation: Impacts of Concentrated Affluence on Segregation of Poverty,” *Journal of Mathematical Sociology*, 43(1): 1-22.

* 2021 *Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Mathematical Sociology Section*

Yavas, Mustafa and Gonenc Yucel. 2014. “Impact of Status Homophily on Diffusion Dynamics over Social Networks,” *Social Science Computer Review*, 32(3): 354-372.

Work in Progress

UNDER REVIEW

“Transnational Corporations and the Remaking of the Middle Classes in the Global South.”

IN PREPARATION

“White-Collar Opt-Out: Toward a Theory of Resignation.” (Draft available)

* 2022 Early Career Workshop Award, Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

“Alienation of Elite Labor? How ‘Good Jobs’ Fail Elite Workers.” (Draft available)

“Pundits and Framing Struggles in the Field of Political Opinion: The Gezi Park Resistance and Its Contested Coverage in Newspaper Columns.” (Data analysis)

“Halfway-Return Migration of High-Skill Labor in the UAE,” with *Anju Mary Paul and Sejin Park*.
(Data collection in progress)

“Naming an Event: Media, Social Movements, and Framing Struggles.” (Research design)

“The Great Transformation of Work: Globalization, Post-Fordism, and the Fall of Middle Classes.” (Research design)

Teaching Experience

Certificate in College Teaching Preparation, granted in Fall 2019 upon completion of a comprehensive training in effective teaching at Yale’s *Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning*.

INSTRUCTOR

YALE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

SOC 167S Social Networks and Society, Summer 2019

TEACHING FELLOW

YALE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

SOC 160 Methods of Inquiry, Spring 2019

SOC 256 Advertising, Consumption and Society, Spring 2017

SOC 167 Social Networks and Society, Fall 2016

SOC 232 Islamic Social Movements, Spring 2016

SOC 151 Foundations of Modern Social Theory, Fall 2015

**YALE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF
MANAGEMENT**

MGT 421E Innovator’s Perspective, Spring 2020 (EMBA course)

MGT 665 Principles of Entrepreneurship, Fall 2019 (MBA course)

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SOC 665 Principles of Sociology, Spring 2020

**BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY, INDUSTRIAL
ENGINEERING**

IE 48F Agent-Based Modeling, Spring 2013

IE 533 Systems Theory, Fall 2012 (Graduate)

IE 306 System Simulation, Spring 2012

Research Grants

2023 Seed Grant; Global Dynamics Research Cluster, NYU Abu Dhabi. (\$5000)
 Seed Grant; Culture and Diversity Research Cluster, NYU Abu Dhabi. (\$5000)

2019 Cagatay Summer Travel Fellowship; Council on Middle East Studies at Yale. (\$700)

2017-18 International Dissertation Research Grant; MacMillan Center, Yale University. (\$16500)

2018 Seed Grant: Software Development; Yale Digital Humanities Lab. (\$3000)

2017 Seed Grant: Corpus Creation; Yale Digital Humanities Lab. (\$1500)

2014 George W. Camp Grant; Department of Sociology, Yale University. (\$500)

Fellowships

2022 Travel and Accommodation Fellowship; Early Career Workshop Award, Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE).

2019 Travel and Accommodation Fellowship; Summer Institute in Computational Social Sciences (SICSS) in Istanbul, Russell Sage Foundation.

2013-2019 Doctoral Student Fellowship; Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Yale University.

2011-2012 Fulbright Opportunity Grant for PhD applications; Fulbright Association.

2009-2010 Erasmus Student Exchange Grant; Erasmus Program, European Commission.

2006-2011 Bogazici University Foundation Fellowship; Bogazici University Foundation.

Talks and Presentations (selected)

PODCASTS

2021 “[Alienation](#).” *High Theory*, February 12.

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES

2022 “Framing Struggles and the Gezi Park Resistance: Toward Mapping the Field of Political Opinion in Turkey,” *Roundtable* on Big Data and Mega Corpora in the Middle East Studies, organized by Charles Kurzman and Richard Nielsen at *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Denver, December 1.
“White-Collar Blues and Middle-Class Alienation.” *Lecture* for the Sociological Imagination course at Yale University, April 21.

2021 “What makes a “Good Job” good?” *Talk* for Strategies for a Health Work-Life Balance event at NYU Abu Dhabi, April 29.
“White-Collar Blues and Middle-Class Alienation.” *Lecture* for the Sociological Imagination course at Yale University, March 14.

2020 “White-Collar Blues? Quality of Work Life of Turkish Elite Business Professionals in Istanbul and New York.” *Talk* for the Sociology Department at CUNY-John Jay College, March 25.

DISCUSSANT, CHAIR, AND ORGANIZER ROLES

2019 “The Politics of Knowledge and Historical Memory,” Panel Chair, *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.

2017 “Middle Classes in Comparison,” Panel Chair and Organizer, *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal.

2016 “Origins and Forms of Labor Resistance in Comparative Perspective,” Panel Chair and Discussant, *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022 “White-Collar Blues: Toward a Theory of Alienation Beyond Manual Labor,” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles.

“Transnational Corporations and Middle-Class Formation in the Global South” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles.

2022 “White-Collar Opt-Out: Toward a Theory of Resignation,” *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting*, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

2021 “The White-Collar Opt-Out” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, via Zoom.

“Globalization and Middle-Class Formation in the South: The Making of the Transnational Turkish Middle Class,” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, via Zoom.

2019 “Framing Struggles and the Gezi Park Resistance: Mapping the Field of Political Opinion in Turkey,” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.

“Alienation of Elite Labor? Quality of Work Life of Turkish Elite Business Professionals,” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York City.

2018 “Framing Struggles: Mapping the Field of Opinion in Turkey through the Contested Coverage of Gezi Resistance in Newspapers,” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia.

2017 “Dissecting Income Segregation,” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal.

2016 “Blurring the Boundaries between the Left and Islam(ism): The Left-wing Islamists,” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle.

2013 “Impact of Homophily on Diffusion Dynamics over Social Networks,” *27th European Conference on Modeling and Simulation*, Ålesund, Norway.

Professional Service and Membership

Reviewer: American Sociological Review; Social Forces; Social Problems; Sociology of Religion; Journal of Mathematical Sociology; Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change, and Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation.

Nominations Committee Member of *ASA Mathematical Sociology section*, 2021-2022.

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member of *ASA Mathematical Sociology section*, 2021-2023.

Membership: American Sociological Association (ASA); Social Science History Association (SSHA); Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), and Middle East Studies Association (MESA).