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EDUCATION

Boğaziçi University & Aarhus University

Joint Ph.D. (Co-tutelle) in History & Education

2018

Turkey / Denmark

- Dissertation: *Conceptual Change of an Occupation: Transformation of Teaching in Turkey (1980–2013)*.
- Supervised by Prof. Asım Karaömerlioğlu (Boğaziçi) and Prof. Susan Wright (Aarhus).

Aarhus University

Erasmus Exchange for Doctorate Students

2010

Copenhagen, Denmark

- Department of Political Science & Area Studies.

Yıldız Technical University

MA in Political Science and International Relations

2006

Istanbul, Turkey

Boğaziçi University

BA in Translation & Interpreting Studies

2002

Istanbul, Turkey

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Vienna

Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer

2020 – Present

Vienna, Austria

- Department of Education, Unit of International and Comparative Education.

Lund University

Postdoctoral Researcher

2018 – 2020

Lund, Sweden

- Department of Sociology, Unit of Sociology of Education.

Istanbul Technical University

Lecturer

2006 – 2020

Istanbul, Turkey

- Department of Modern Turkish History and School of Foreign Languages.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- Ertem, E. C. (2026). *Conceptual Change of an Occupation: Transformation of Teaching in Turkey in Neoliberal Times (1980–2013)*. Lausanne: Peter Lang Group AG (Forthcoming).

Journal Articles

- Ertem, E. C. (2025). “The University Under Threat: Academic Freedom, Authoritarianism, and Resistance.” *European Education*, 1–11.
- Ertem, E. C. (2025). “Raising the ‘Muslim child’: Quran kindergartens in Turkey and the Justice and Development Party’s cultural hegemony.” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 1–19.
- Ertem, E. C. (2024). “Rising authoritarianism and changing education policies of 21st Century Turkey.” *On Education Journal for Research and Debate*, Vol. 7, No. 20.
- Ertem, E. C. (2023). “Europeanisation in Teacher Education: A Comparative Case Study of Teacher Education Policies and Practices, Review essay.” *European Educational Research Journal*, Vol. 22, No. 6, 870–873.

- Ertem, E. C. (2012). "Political Novels Of 1980 Coup D'etat In Turkey." *Journal of Teaching and Education*, Vol. 1, No. 4, 19–24.
- Ertem, E. C. (2011). "Anti-abortion Policies in the Nineteenth Century Ottoman Empire: Intervention of State on Women's Body and Reproductivity." *Ankara University Journal of Social Sciences FE Dergi*, Vol. 3, No. 1, 47–55.

Book Chapters & Reviews

- Ertem, E. C. (2023). "In the Intersection of Religion, Identity, and Education: The Perceptions of Sunni Muslim Parents Regarding Islam Courses in Austria." In *Religion and Migration*. London: Transnational Press.
- Ertem, E. C. (2022). "The New Early Childhood Education Institutions of Turkey: Islamic Kindergartens." In *Tarihin Dönüşümü, Dönüşümün Tarihi*. Istanbul: Altınbaş University Publications.
- Ertem, E. C. (2010). "Kadının Eve Dönüşü: 12 Eylül Romanlarında Kadınlar." *Dokuz Eylül University Publications*.
- Ertem, E. C. (2023). "Review Essay: Europeanisation in Teacher Education." *European Educational Research Journal*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2025 | ISCHE, Lille, France. "The Transformation of Teaching in Turkey: Neoliberalism and the Shifting Identity of Teachers (1980–2013)."
- 2025 | CIES, Chicago, USA. "Academics Protesting Digitally: Examining Online Academic Protests."
- 2024 | Commonroom, Vienna. "Cinema and Belonging: Gastarbeitors' Movies."
- 2024 | European Summit Freedom of Research, RWTH Aachen. "Academic Freedom: Is It Still a Reality Anywhere in the World?"
- 2024 | CESE, Thessaloniki, Greece. "The Case of Bogazici University."
- 2024 | Mersin Alevi Association. "Values Education in Early Childhood: The Case of Quran Kindergartens."
- 2024 | CIES, Miami, USA. "Professors Turning Their Backs to the Rectorate: Turkish New Authoritarianism and the Case of Bogazici University."
- 2023 | CIES, Washington D.C., USA. "Is reversibility an option for Turkey? Recent Steps in De-secularization of Turkish Early Childhood Education."
- 2022 | Migration and Religion Conference, Rabat, Morocco. "Religion Education for Turkish diaspora: Quran Courses for Turkish Migrant Children in Austria."
- 2019 | ESA Conference, Manchester, UK. "Raising a Religious Generation as a Primary Target: Quran Kindergartens in Turkey."
- 2019 | Stockholm University, SUITS. "Politics of Religion, Secularism, and Education: Islamic Kindergartens in Turkey."
- 2019 | Altınbaş University, İstanbul. "Türkiye'nin Yeni Erken Çocukluk Eğitimi Kurumları: Sibyan Mektepleri."
- 2018 | Sabancı University. "Conceptual Change of an Occupation: Transformation of Teaching in Turkey in Neoliberal Times (1980-2013)."
- 2018 | Lund University, Sociology Seminars. "A New Step to Raise a Religious Generation: Public Islamic Kindergartens in Turkey."
- 2018 | Northwestern University, Keyman Conference. "Raising a Religious Generation as a Primary Target: Quran Kindergartens in Turkey."

- **2018** | *Uppsala University, STEP Seminar.* "Politics of Religion and Education in Turkey: Quran Kindergartens."
- **2018** | *Sabancı University, Gender & Education.* "Women Teach, Men Manage: Primary School Teaching with Respect to Gender Roles in Turkey in the 21st Century."
- **2018** | *İstanbul Bilgi University, SEÇBİR.* "Aydın kişiden eğitim robotuna: Öğretmenlerin değişen mesleki alığısı."
- **2015** | *ITU Literature Days.* "Edebiyat ve Toplum: 12 Eylül Romanları."
- **2013** | *İstanbul Bilgi University, SEÇBİR.* "80 Sonrası Eğitimde Neoliberal Politikalar ve Öğretmenlik Meslesi."
- **2013** | *Danish Institute for Study Abroad.* "Education Bill of Turkey: 4+4+4 and Its Consequences."
- **2012** | *Danish Institute for Study Abroad.* "Early Childhood Education in Turkey."
- **2012** | *IJAS Conference*, Florence, Italy. "Political Novels of the 1980 Military Coup in Turkey."
- **2012** | *NERA Congress*, Copenhagen, Denmark. "Transformation/Degradation of Status and Prestige of Teachers due to the State Policies in Turkey."

GRANTS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- (2024-25) **Vienna City of Cultural Funds** – Transforming Conversations Lecture Series (€15,000).
- (2018-19) **Swedish Institute** – Postdoctoral Research International Funding (€75,000).
- (2019) **Swedish Institute** – Workshop Organization Funding: "Science, Education and Academic Freedom" (€7,000).
- (2013) **TUBITAK** – Graduate Studies Scholarship, International Research Program (€13,500).
- (2012) **Danish Government** – Graduate Studies Scholarship on Cultural Agreements (€5,500).
- (2012) **Boğaziçi University** – Scientific Research Projects (BAP) (€9,000).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & COMMISSION DUTIES

- **Board Member**, European Sociological Association (ESA), RN10 (2017–Present).
- **Board Member**, University of Vienna, Department of Education, Department Council.
- **Main Organizer**, Lunch Seminars, University of Vienna, Dept. of Education (2020–Present).
- **Symposium Organizer**, "New Authoritarianism and Universities" (Vienna, 2022).
- **Co-organizer**, "Inclusive Education and Society in a Time of Change" (Trinity College, 2020).
- **Main Organizer**, "Science, Education and Academic Freedom" Workshop (Lund, 2020).
- **Member**, FAMIW (Family, Migration and Welfare Project Group), Lund University.
- **Member**, Course Design and Exam Preparation Committees, ITU (2008–2018).
- **Founding Member**, Istanbul Academic Committee, United June Movement.

COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

University of Vienna

Graduate & Undergraduate Modules

- Comparative Debates on Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Migration
- Education and Gender: Global and Comparative Perspectives
- International and Comparative Education: Cultural, Historical, and Political Themes
- Digital Transformation in Education: Rethinking Teaching and Learning Futures
- Education and Politics: Global Political Impacts on Educational Policies
- Teaching and Learning in Neoliberal Times
- Qualitative Research Methods: Fieldwork Strategies and Data Analysis

- “Quality” in Qualitative Research Methods

Istanbul Technical University

Undergraduate Courses

- History of Modern Turkey
- Film Studies: Cinema and Society
- Essentials of Research Paper Writing

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Qualitative Coding and Analysis Using NVivo (Lund University, 2019).
- Transforming Identities Workshop (University of Stavanger, 2018).
- Introduction to Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA (Lund University, 2018).
- Reconstructive Interpretation Workshop (Lund University, 2018).

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), **English** (Proficient), **German** (B2), **Swedish** (A2), **Danish & Italian** (Novice), **Ottoman Turkish** (Reading).