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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020-2021	Associate Professor of Political Science, Providence College
2013-2020	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Providence College.
2012-2013	Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Amherst College.

EDUCATION

2013	Ph.D., Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
2013	Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
2004	MA, Political Science, Bilkent University, Turkey, <i>University Honors</i> .
2003	BA, Political Science, Bilkent University, Turkey, <i>University Honors</i> .

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERTISE

Islamic Neoliberalism, Middle East Politics, Religious Politics, Civil Society, Politics of Philanthropy, Welfare Regimes, Islamic Politics, Postcolonial Studies, Cultural Studies, Gender Studies, Ethnographic and Interpretive Methods, Turkey, Malaysia, Indonesia.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Zencirci, Gizem and Catherine Herrold. (2022). "Project-Think and the Fragmentation and Defragmentation of Civil Society in Egypt, Palestine, and Turkey." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 51 (3): 545-565.
- Zencirci Gizem. (2021) "A Just Economy? Unifying and Dividing the Islamic Intellectual Field in Neoliberal Turkey." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 89(3), 840-862.
- Zencirci, Gizem (2020) "Markets of Islam: Performative charity and the Muslim middle classes in Turkey," *Journal of Cultural Economy*, 13(5), 610-625.
- Zencirci, Gizem (2019) "Affective Politics of Structural Adjustment: "Cruel Optimism" and Turhan Selcuk's Cartoons in Turkey, 1983-1986," *Journal of Social History*, 53 (1): 53-75.
- Zencirci, Gizem (2015) "From Property to Civil Society: Historical Transformation of *Vakıfs* in Modern Turkey," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (47): 533-554.
- Zencirci, Gizem (2015) "Illusory Debates: How the 'Sadaka Culture' Discourse Masked the Rise of Social Assistance in Turkey," *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 43 (1-2): 125-150.
- Zencirci, Gizem (2014) "Civil Society's History: New Uses of Ottoman Heritage by the Justice of Development Party in Turkey," *European Journal of Turkish Studies*, 19.
- Zencirci, Gizem (2012) "Secularism, Islam and the National Public Sphere: Politics of Commemorative Practices in Turkey" in *Visualizing Secularism and Religion: Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, India*. Eds. Alev Cinar, Srirupa Roy, Maha Yahya. University of Michigan Press.

Zencirci, Gizem (2008) "The Headscarf in Turkey in the Public and State Spheres," *Middle Eastern Studies*, 44 (5). (with Dilek Cindoglu)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

The Muslim Social: Islamic Neoliberalism and Governing Poverty in Turkey. (in progress)

OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS

"Between Community and the Market: Contemporary Life NGO and the Neoliberal Construction of Girls' Empowerment in Turkey" (journal manuscript under review)

Labor, Justice, and Development: Mapping Islamic Economic Thought in Turkey

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2022 Interdisciplinary Scholar Award, School of Arts and Sciences, Providence College.
- 2018 & 2019 Co-recipient of an Equity and Engagement Grant, Office of Institutional Diversity, Providence College.
- 2017 Summer Scholars Award, Providence College.
- 2017 Research Grant for a project titled: "Tracing Asian Connections: An Analysis of Knowledge Production and Islamic Charity in Turkey and Malaysia," Providence College.
- 2017 Curriculum Development Grant for developing an undergraduate course titled: "Globalization in the Muslim World," Global Religion Research Initiative, University of Notre Dame.
- 2015 TUBITAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) 1001 Research Grant (~ \$100,000) for a multi-year project on Islamic political and economic thought.
- 2013 Joyce E. Berkman Award for Best Paper in Advanced Feminist Studies, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, UMass, Amherst.
- 2011-2012 Science of Generosity Dissertation Fellowship, University of Notre Dame
- 2011 ARNOVA Dissertation Fellowship (\$1,000).
- 2006 Graduate Student Best Paper Award, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2015 "A review of 'Turkey Reframed: Constituting Neoliberal Hegemony'." *Review of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 49: (2).
- 2014 "A review of Mona Atia's 'Building A House in Heaven'." *Sociology of Islam*, Vol. 2: (3-4).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 "Lessons from Turkey: Populist Nationalism and the Threat to Democracy." *Duck of Minerva*.
- 2014 "Neoliberal Islam and Emergent Forms of Social Service Provision in Turkey," Memo for the Islamist Social Services Workshop, POMEPS, September 23, 2014.

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 “Humanitarian Responsibility and the Muslim Poor,” at the *Islamist Movements in Indonesia and Turkey: Mobilization, Islamization and Legitimacy Workshop* at Northwestern University, Chicago, USA.
- 2015 “Reimagining the Ottoman Past, Depoliticizing Civil Society: Islamic Neoliberalism and the *Waqf* Civilization Rhetoric in Turkey,” Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.
- 2014 “The Market and The Mosque: Islamic Neoliberalism and Emergent Forms of Charity in Turkey,” presented at the *Islamist Movements and Social Services Workshop*, POMEPS (Project on Middle East Political Science), Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, USA.
- 2010 “Geographies of Veiling: Post-Islamism, Secularism and Statehood in Turkey” presented at *New Mexico State University*, USA.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “The Hidden Codes of Civilization:” Reviving Ottoman Ahi (Craft) Guilds and Rebuilding Islamic Business Ethics, *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, Denver. December 2022.
- 2022 Saving Anatolian Girls: Neoliberalism, Nationalism, and Paradoxes of Gendering Poverty. *New England Political Science Association Conference*. April 2022.
- 2021 “Muslim Intellectuals and Theorizing the ‘Islamic Economy’ in Turkey.” *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference*. Virtual. July 2021.
- 2021 “Muslim Intellectuals and Markets of Islam in Turkey.” *Turkish Political Thought Working Group*. Virtual. April 2021.
- 2021 “Project-Think?: A Critical Perspective on NGOs, Social Justice, and Democracy in the Middle East. *International Studies Association Annual Convention*. Virtual. April 2021.
- 2020 “Project-Think: Effects on Civil Society and Democracy in the Middle East.” *116th American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Virtual. September 2020.
- 2019 “Between Heritage and Audit: Islamic Materialities and the Revival of Waqfs in Turkey and Malaysia,” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2019 “Project Think? A Critical Perspective on NGOs, Democracy, and Development in the Middle East,” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana. (with Catherine Herrold).
- 2019 “Islamic Humanitarianism and Shifting Representations of the Muslim Poor in Turkey,” at the *Islamist Movements in Indonesia and Turkey: Mobilization, Islamization, and Legitimacy Workshop*, Northwestern University, March 2019.
- 2018 “Good Governance according to Islamic NGOs in Turkey: Political Autonomy or Technical Expertise?” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2018 “Populist Reform and Social Assistance in Turkey,” *North East Middle East Politics Working Group Meeting*, Harvard University.
- 2018 “Islamic Civil Society and the Rise of the Muslim Individual,” *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco.

- 2017 “Islamic Political Theory and Ottoman Civil Society in Turkey,” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C.
- 2016 “Islamic Capitalism and Moral Narratives of Humanitarian Generosity in Turkey,” *New England Political Science Association Conference*, Newport.
- 2015 “Producing Knowledge, Democratizing the Middle East: Turkey, Indonesia and the Model Muslim Democracy Discourse,” *ISA-Northeast Conference*, Providence.
- 2015 “Rethinking Wealth, Reconfiguring Piety: Neoliberal Islam and the ‘Ottoman’ Culture of Generosity in Turkey,” *North East Middle East Politics Working Group Meeting*, University of Connecticut.
- 2014 “Pro-poor and pro-market? Market Islam and New Politics of Islamic Generosity in Turkey,” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C.
- 2014 “Neoliberal Welfare: Islamism, Secularism and New Cultures of Generosity in Turkey,” *POMEPS Junior Scholars Book Manuscript Development Workshop*, Yale University, New Haven.
- 2013 “A Neoliberal ‘Logic of Relief’ or a Post-neoliberal ‘Logic of Rights’? An Analysis of the Welfare Regime in Turkey”, presented at the workshop “After Neoliberalism: The Future of Post-Neoliberal State and Society and Asia,” *SSRC Inter-Asian Connections IV: Istanbul Conference*, Istanbul.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 Panel Organizer, “Mapping AKP’s Civilizational Ideology in Turkey,” *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, December 2022, Denver, Colorado.
- 2018 Chair and Discussant of a panel titled “Modernizing Hegemony and Discourse,” *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, November 2018, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2018 Panel Organizer, “Civil Society and Governance in the Middle East,” *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, November 2018, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2018 “The Cruel Optimism of Neoliberalism: Political Cartoons in Turkey during the mid-1980s,” *Political Science Department Brown Bag Lunch Series*, Providence College.
- 2017 Chair and Discussant of a panel titled “Comparative Welfare Policy,” *New England Political Science Association Conference*, April 2017, Providence, RI.
- 2017 “Legitimizing Development: Shifting Notions of Welfare Policy in Turkey,” *Summer Scholars’ Presentations*, The School of Arts and Sciences, Providence College.
- 2016 “Making Capitalism Islamic: Market Piety and Moral Citizenship in Turkey,” *Political Science Department Brown Bag Lunch Series*, Providence College.
- 2014 Panel organizer, “Neoliberal Politics of Charity in the Middle East,” at the *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, 2014, Washington D.C.
- 2014 Participant at a roundtable titled: “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Islamic Charities,” at the *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, November 2014, Washington D.C.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Providence College (2013-2019)

Middle East Politics

Globalization and the Muslim World

Human Rights

Cultural Politics of Capitalism

Honors Thesis

Introduction to Politics

Comparative Politics

Comparative Revolutions

Comparative Welfare Politics

Political Science Internship

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Amherst College (2012-2013)

Middle East Politics

Politics of Humanitarianism

Political Islam in the Muslim World

Comparative Politics

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2009-2012)

Government and Politics of the Middle East

Nationalism, Ethnicity and Identity

Comparative Politics

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer, *Turkish Studies*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Religion and Politics*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Mediterranean Politics*

Textbook Reviewer, *Sage Publications*

New England Political Science Association Board Member, 2017-2019.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

American Political Science Association (APSA)

North East Middle East Studies Working Group

Social Policy in Non-Democracies Working Group

New England Political Science Association (NEPSA)