

CURICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

January 2012-present: Scholarship-holder at DFG-Graduate College Gender as a Category of Knowledge, Berlin

2008- May 2011 :Bilgi University / Master of Arts in Ottoman History, Istanbul
Graduated on May 2011 with the MA Thesis “Ignorant, Dirty, Superstitious Crones?": Degrading of Midwifery and Midwives in Modern Turkey”

Thesis supervisor: Prof. Dr. Christoph K. Neumann

1994-2000 :Marmara University Business Administration in German, Istanbul

1994-1996 :Marmara University – German Preparation Class, Istanbul

1987-1994 :American Collegiate Institute, Izmir

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

April 2006 – December 2011:Editor

Turkuvaz Media Group - Yeni Aktuel Magazine

Making interviews with Turkish and foreign academicians on current debates; writing research articles on current subjects preferably on history, history of women, gender studies, ethnic minorities in Turkey (esp. Armenians), Islam and women, Sufism; supervision of reporters.

April 2007- December 2009: Writer

K Literature Magazine Edebiyat Dergisi (published weekly)

Biographical articles on Turkish and world writers like Joseph Campbell, Orhan Pamuk, George Eliot, Paul Eluard, Andre Breton, Feridun Zaimoglu, Sema Kaygusuz.

October 2005 – April 2006 :Chief Editor

Dogan Media Group – Seda Magazine

January 2004 – September 2005 : Editor- Chief Editor

Nokta Media Group – Nokta Magazine / Chi Magazine

ACADEMIC STUDIES

“Religious” Choice of “Secular” Turkish Women: Religious Marriage

Paper presented in International Conference “Marriage and Religions”, 6-8 April 2012, Faculty of Theology, Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir – Turkey

“Taking Care of or Governing the Bodies?: Village Midwifery Schools and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics in Early Turkish Republic”

Paper presented in International Conference “Embodiment: Gender and body – discourses and social practices in history”, 13-15 October 2011, Department of History, University of Graz - Austria

“Islam and Homosexuality: A Historical Perspective” (in Turkish)

Paper presented in II. Anti-Homophobia Gathering Conference, Bogazici University, May 3-4, 2011, Istanbul / Turkey.

“‘Becoming a Muslim’ or ‘Staying an Armenian’: The Story of Acar Village of Batman and the Armenian Demirci family” (in Turkish)

Paper presented in III. Graduate Students Conference, Bogazici University, May 27-29, 2010, Istanbul / Turkey.

(Article published in Turkish Armenian weekly newspaper AGOS on September, 10th, 2010)

“Can Islam Contribute in Combating Domestic Violence”

Paper presented in Gendering Violence Conference, Uppsala University , Sweden / Uppsala, December 2-4, 2009.

“From Wise Women to Witches: The Changing Image of Midwives in Turkish Modernity”

Paper presented in International Multidisciplinary Women’s Conference, Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir / Turkey, October 13-16, 2009.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Islam and women

“Türbeler artık kadınların değil, devletin”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 02.09.2010 (Shrines do not belong to women anymore, they belong to the state)

“Cemalnur Sargut: İslam’ın gülen yüzünü anlatacağız”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 20.04.2009 (Interview with the leading Turkish woman sheikh)

“Anaerkil Müslümanlar”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 05.03.2009 (Fieldwork in Indonesia on matrilineal Minangkabau people-Indonesia/ West Sumatra)

“İnsanlığın annesi Hz. Meryem”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 25.09.2008 (Biography of Virgin Mary)

“Fatma’nın eli her derda deva”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 04.09.2008 (Biography of Fatma, daughter of Muhammad)

“İlk feminist Hz. Ayşe”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 08.06.2008 (women in Islam dossier with the title “The First Feminist Aisha”)

“Ayşe Sucu: Topyekün bir dirilişe ihtiyacımız var”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 03.04.2008 (Interview with a leading Turkish religious woman)

“Alev Alatlı: Yeni Kadın Kuran’ın dişil versiyonun tercih edecek”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 13.03.2008 (Interview with the famous novelist Alatlı about female interpretation of Quran)

“Teslime Nesrin: Müslüman kadınlar benden etkilendi”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 27.12.2007 (Interview with the world-famous Muslim feminist Nesrin)

“Ayşe Böhürler: İslami kesimin en kapalı olduğu alan kadın meselesi”, *Yeni Aktüel*, 04.10.2007 (Interview with the famous woman politician about the women’s issue in religious circles)

On Islam, Sufism and religion

Fieldwork on Islamisches Forum in Penzberg / Munich, research on Fethullah Gulen movement, life of Muhammad and Ali, Islam and yoga, Islam and ecology, Islam and jazz, women in Sufism, studies on Alewis, Rumi and Ibn Arabi, enneagram, number symbolism, kabbalah, construction of patchwork religions...

On Gender:

Biographical studies on Ottoman women (like Halide Edib), women healers, construction of motherhood, menstruation taboo, sexual abuse, domestic violence, problems of representation of women in media, Kurdish women, midwives, child marriages, women in Turkish politics, masculinity studies, polygamy, interviews with Turkish feminists (like Prof. Dr. Fatmagül Berktaş, Aysegül Yaraman,...)

On history

Fieldwork on Muslim Armenians, Dersim Armenians and Assyrians, Ottoman Jews, Great Fire of Smyrna, women shelters in Ottomans, problems of popular history, homosexuality in Ottomans, interviews with leading historians (like Prof. Dr. Cemal Kafadar, Prof. Dr. Edhem Eldem, ...)