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Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc)
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Education

PHD | 2017-2022 | HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

- Urban and Regional Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences Sociology and Political Sciences

MSC. | 2016-2017 | MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

- Department of Sociology

MA. | 2014-2016 | MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

- Media and Cultural Studies

BA. | 2010-2014 | MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

- Department of Sociology

HIGH SCHOOL | 2006-2010 | TED ANKARA COLLEGE

Experience

2022 INSTRUCTOR

(WINTER) Humboldt Perspective Study Abroad, Humboldt International Campus
Course Name: "Practicing Culture & Community in Berlin: 'Third Places'"

2022 INSTRUCTOR

(SUMMER) Humboldt University of Berlin Faculty of Social Sciences, Berlin Perspectives
Course Name: "Practicing Culture & Community in Berlin: 'Third Places'"

2021-2022 GUEST RESEARCHER

Georg-Simmel-Zentrum, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

2021 VISITING FELLOW

Koç University Istanbul, Migration Research Center
Summer Semester (June-August)

2021 INSTRUCTOR

Humboldt University of Berlin Faculty of Social Sciences
Course Name: "Social networks in mixed neighborhoods - from theory to practice"

2020 RESEARCH ASSISTANT / TRANSLATOR

In the research project: "Getting Things done in a City on hold"
Humboldt University of Berlin

- 2019 VOLUNTEER AS A 'PEACE ENVOY'**
"Peace Dialogue Campus Network: Fostering Positive Attitudes between Migrants and Youth in Hosting Societies" – Erasmus+ project (Partners: Koç University, Universidade Aberta, University of Bologna, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Gaziantep University, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.)
- 2019 INTERN AUTHOR**
Bantmag. Culture and Arts Magazine.
- 2017 TEACHING ASSISTANT (SPRING SEMESTER)**
Middle East Technical University, Department of Sociology,
w/ Assoc. Prof. Ayça Ergun Özbolat
- 2014 TEACHING ASSISTANT (FALL SEMESTER)**
Middle East Technical University, Department of Sociology
w/ Assist. Prof. Çağatay Topal
- 2013 TEACHING ASSISTANT (SPRING SEMESTER)**
Middle East Technical University, Department of Sociology
w/ Assoc. Prof. Mustafa Şen
- 2014-2015 INTERN**
European Union Civil Society Dialogue, The Ministry for EU Affairs
- 2012 INTERN**
Republican People's Party (CHP)
Research and Policy Development

Publications

- Kulkul, C. 2022. *Constructing Place, Culture and Community in a Post-secular City: An ethnographic study on the transnational daily routines of Turkish Muslim women in Berlin*. PhD Dissertation, Kultur-, Sozial- und Bildungswissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. https://hu-berlin.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/jl2ii5/HUB_UB_ALMA_DS21752347620002882
- Kulkul, C. 2022. Sacred spaces in the city: Community practices of Turkish Muslim women in the mosques of Berlin. *Polish Sociological Review*, 2017(1):79–92. <https://doi.org/10.26412/psr217.05>
- Kulkul, C. 2022. Pandemi Döneminde Aidiyet: Ev, Mahalle ve Şehir, In: *Güncel Sosyolojik Tartışmalar*, Armağan Öztürk (ed.). Tekin Yayınevi, pp. 489-513. <https://www.pandora.com.tr/kitap/guncel-sosyolojik-tartismalar/821157>
- Kulkul, C. 2020. Patterns of social exclusion in mixed neighborhoods: A case study on neighborhood use of young Turkish newcomers in Berlin, Germany, *Cosmopolitan Civil Societies*, 12(1): 107-124. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5130/ccs.v12i1.7018>
- Kulkul, C. 2020. Public Space and Social Polarization: A case study of the New Wave Turkish Migrants with a comparative analysis of Berlin, İstanbul and Ankara, *The Journal of Public Space*, 5(1): 111-128. [10.32891/jps.v5i1.1128](https://doi.org/10.32891/jps.v5i1.1128)

- Ergun, A. and Kulkul, C. 2018. Defining semi-public space: a case study in the gated communities of Yaşamkent, Ankara, *Turkish Studies*, 20(5): 776-793.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2018.1556565>

Selected Seminars

OCT 2022	RN37 V Midterm Conference “Seeing Like a City/Seeing the City Through”, ESA Urban Sociology, Humboldt University of Berlin
AUG 2022	RC21 Conference, Ordinary cities in exceptional times, Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association, Athens, Greece
APR 2022	Graduate Network Conference 2022 European University Institute, Florence
JULY 2021	RC21 Conference, ‘Sensing the City’, Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association, Antwerp
JAN 2021	IV Midterm Conference Urban Theory and Urban Praxis: Present and Possible Futures ESA RN37 Urban Sociology, University of Bologna
FEB 2021	Graduate Network Conference 2021 Sciences Po., Paris
APR 2019	Graduate Network Conference 2019 London School of Economics, London
MAR 2018	International Conference on Contemporary Women’s Studies Istanbul University, Istanbul

Awards & Funding

JULY 2021	"Frauenfördermittel 2021": Printing costs of PhD dissertation <i>Kultur-, Sozial- und Bildungswissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</i>
JUNE 2019	First Prize at ‘Bosphorus Prize’ Essay Competition <i>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies, GeT MA - German Turkish Master’s Program in Social Sciences & Berlin Bosphorus Initiative, TUSIAD</i>

Talks

JULY 2022	Think & Drink, Georg-Simmel-Zentrum für Metropolenforschung, Stadt- und Regionalsoziologie, Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, <i>"Revisiting Gezi Uprising: Right to the city or more?"</i>
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Memberships

APRIL 2021	Research Committee21 (RC21) on Sociology of Urban and Regional
DEC 2024	Development of the International Sociological Association (ISA)

Conference & Seminar Proceedings

MARCH – MAY 2022 MiReKoc Wednesday Webinar Series for SPRING 2022

DEC 2018 Panel Discussion | *The Sacred and the State in Turkey*
Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin

DEC 2017 Panel Discussion | *Gender Politics in Turkey*
Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin

NOV 2017 Conference | *Turkish Cities in Flux*
Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin

MAY 2013 Seminars | *Urban Studies and Spatial Segregation*
National Sociology Conference, Ankara

Workshops & Training Courses

JAN 2021 *Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education*
Hertie School of Governance in Berlin

JAN 2019 *Weber World Café: Changing Neighbourhoods*
Max Weber Stiftung, Berlin

MAY 2018 *Discourse Analysis*
Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies, Freie University, Berlin

FEB 2018 *Set-Theoretic Thinking and Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)*
Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin

FEB 2018 *Qualitative Interviews: Theory and Practice*
Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin

DEC 2017 *Making it happen: Self- and time management for your PhD*
Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

NOV 2017 *University Didactics Workshop*
Freie University, Berlin

Research Interests

- Urban Sociology
- Migration Studies
- Sociology of Religion
- Community Studies

Research Topics

PhD. Thesis Title: “Constructing Place, Culture and Community in a Post-secular City: An ethnographic study on the transnational daily routines of Turkish Muslim women in Berlin”

M.Sc. Thesis Title: “Defining semi-public space: a case study in the gated communities of Yaşamkent, Ankara”

Lectures on research interests

2017-2020	<i>Kolloquium Stadt- und Regionalsoziologie</i> Prof. Talja Blokland Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin
WISE 2018	<i>Citizenship Lecture Series in WiSe 2017/18: Citizenship Arbitrage: The Logistics of Urbanization</i> Prof. Dr. Boris Vormann Potsdam University, Potsdam
SOSE 2018	<i>Studying the City: an ethnographic approach (53171)</i> Prof. Talja Blokland Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin
SOSE 2018	<i>Taking Sociological Theory to Town (53107)</i> Prof. Talja Blokland Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin
FALL 2016	<i>Urban Theory and Urban Policies (MSc.)</i> Prof. Dr. Helga Rittersberger Middle East Technical University, Ankara
FALL 2016	<i>Sociology of Religion (MSc.)</i> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Şen Middle East Technical University, Ankara

Language Skills

- Turkish (Native)
- English (Fluent)
- German (Intermediate)
- French (Intermediate)