

# Curriculum Vitae

## UMUT AZAK

### Work Experience

- 2019-2020 Lecturer at the Turkish Studies Semester in Istanbul, Netherlands Institute in Turkey.
- Spring 2018 Visiting Scholar at the Centre for the Study of the Middle East, Indiana University, Bloomington.
- Winter 2018 Guest Researcher at the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo.
- Spring 2010 - Assistant and Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations, Okan University, Istanbul.
- Fall 2009 Lecturer at the Faculty of Communications, Kadir Has University.  
Lecturer at the Faculty of Fine Arts, Okan University.
- 2008-2009 Postdoctoral Fellow of *Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe*, a Research Program of the Berlin Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, the Fritz Thyssen Foundation and the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin.
- Fall 2007 Postdoctoral fellow at the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) in Leiden.
- Fall 2006 Lecturer at the Department of Arabic, Persian and Turkish Languages and Cultures, Utrecht University.
- 2005-2006 Lecturer at the Department of Turkish Studies, Leiden University.
- 2001-2005 Research Assistant (AIO) at the Research School of Asian, African, and Amerindian Studies (CNWS), Leiden University.
- 1998-2001 Research and teaching assistant at Sabancı University.

### Education

- 2001-2007 PhD, Department of Turkish Studies, Leiden University. Dissertation title: *Myths and Memories of Secularism in Turkey (1946-1966)* (supervised by Prof. Erik-Jan Zürcher and Prof. Martin van Bruinessen).
- 1999-2001 PhD student, Political Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University, Istanbul.
- 1997-1998 M.A. with Distinction, Near and Middle Eastern Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, London. Thesis title: *Competing Islamist Discourses: The Case of a Woman Muslim Intellectual in Turkey* (supervised by Prof. Dr. Charles Tripp).
- 1992-1997 B.A. with Honors, Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 1985-1992 Galatasaray Lisesi, Istanbul.

### Languages

Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Ottoman Turkish (printed, intermediate).

## Courses taught

2009-2020:

**Collective Memory and Politics in Turkey.** BA course: Turkish Studies Semester in Istanbul, Netherlands Institute in Turkey.

**Society and Culture in Contemporary Turkey.** BA course: Turkish Studies Semester in Istanbul, Netherlands Institute in Turkey.

**History of Politics in Turkey.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University.

**Political Ideologies.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University.

**History of Political Thought.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University.

**Film and Politics.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University.

**Modernization in Turkey.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University (combined with documentary film screenings).

**Gender and Politics.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University (combined with documentary film screenings).

**Research Methods in Social Sciences.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University.

**Minority Rights,** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University (Kadıköy Memory Journey Project with Karakutu).

**90. Yılında Lozan ve Cumhuriyet Seminerleri (Lausanne Seminars),** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University.

**World Political History.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University.

**History of Civilization and Science.** B.A. course: Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Okan University.

**Democratization in Turkey.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University.

**American Foreign Policy and Film.** B.A. course: Department of International Relations, Okan University.

**Introduction to Sociology.** B.A. course: Faculty of Fine Arts, Okan University.

*Fall 2009:*

**Keywords in Social Sciences.** B.A. course: Faculty of Communications, Kadir Has University.

*Fall 2006:*

**M.A. Seminar: Islam in Turkey.** M.A. Program, Islam in the Modern World, Utrecht University.

*Spring 2006:*

**First-person narratives** of leading political and intellectual figures in Turkey (TUBA 206 Research/Analysis). B.A. course: The Department of Turkish Studies, Leiden University.

**Islamism and Women in Turkey** (TUBA 304 Research/Analysis). B.A. course: The Department of Turkish Studies, Leiden University.

2004-2005:

**M.A. Seminar: The Past in the Present: Contemporary Intellectual Debates in the Middle East.** M.A./M.Phil program in Turkish and Arabic Studies, Leiden University.

## Awards and Grants

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| 2017 | Grant of the European Union's Instrument for Stability through the Armenia-Turkey Normalization Process Support Grant Scheme for the Project "Turkish-Armenian Dialogue and Memory Walk" (Implementation of the Project in Yerevan and Istanbul: 24-28 April and 11-15 May 2017) |
| 2015 | Turkey-Armenia Travel Grant of Hrant Dink Foundation, supported by European Union (March 2015).  |

- 2014-2015 Grant of the European Union's Instrument for Stability through the Armenia-Turkey Normalization Process Support Grant Scheme for the Project "Turkish-Armenian Dialogue and School of Discourse Transformation" (Implementation of the Project in Yerevan and Istanbul: 12-21 January 2015)
- 2008-2009 Postdoctoral fellowship of *Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe*, a Research Programme of the Berlin Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung and the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin.
- 2007 Short-term fellowship at the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) in Leiden.
- 2001-2006 The NWO (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek/ The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research) grant for the doctoral research project.
- 1999-2001 Sabancı University grant for Graduate Study in Political Science.
- 1997-1998 British Chevening Scholarship Award to study for an M.A. degree in Near and Middle Studies at SOAS, University of London.
- 1996 Award offered by the Association of *Transeuropéenne* for a Summer University on the theme, "Neighborhood and the Construction of National Identities in the South-Eastern Europe," held at l'Université des Sciences Humaines de Strasbourg.

## Publications

### Books:

*Islam and Secularism in Turkey: Kemalism, Religion and the Nation State*, I.B. Tauris, London, 2010.

*Türkiye'de Laiklik ve İslâm*, İstanbul: İletişim, 2019.

### Published articles and book chapters:

"Does Re-Converting Hagia Sophia into a Mosque Violate Secularism in Turkey?" *Berkley Forum: Hagia Sophia: From Museum to Mosque*, Georgetown University Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, July 31, 2020. <https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/does-re-converting-hagia-sophia-into-a-mosque-violate-secularism-in-turkey>

"Ayasofya, Kemalist Batılılaşmayla Hesaplaşmanın Son Kalesiydi", Röportaj: İrfan Aktan, *Gazete Duvar*, 11 Temmuz 2020. <https://www.gazeteduvar.com.tr/yazarlar/2020/07/11/umut-azak-ayasofya-kemalist-batililasmayla-hesaplasmanin-son-kalesiydi>

"Secularism and Atheism in the Turkish Public Sphere," *TPQ – Turkish Policy Quarterly*, 16 (4), Winter 2018: 57-73. <http://turkishpolicy.com/article/902/secularism-and-atheism-in-the-turkish-public-sphere>

Review: Translating the Qur'an in an Age of Nationalism: Print Culture and Modern Islam in Turkey, by M. Brett Wilson, *Journal of Qur'anic Studies*, 20 (1) March 2018: 105-110. <https://doi.org/10.3366/jqs.2018.0322>

"Türkiye'nin Laiklik Masalı: 'Herkesin Laikliği Kendine'" (The Tale of Secularism in Turkey), *Sosyal Demokrat Dergi*, no: 85/86 (December 2017). Available online at: <http://www.sosyaldemokratdergi.org/umut-azak-turkiyenin-laiklik-masali-herkesin-laikligi-kendine/>

"Birlikte Yürümek: 'Ermenistan-Türkiye Diyalog ve Hafıza Yolculuğu'" (Walking Together: Armenian-Turkish Dialogue and Memory Journey), *Karakutu Derneği - Blog*, 28 July 2017, <http://www.karakutu.org.tr/birlikte-yurumek-ermenistan-turkiye-diyalog-ve-hafiza-yolculugu/>

"National and Transnational Dynamics of Women's Activism in Turkey in the 1950s and 1960s: The Story of the IWC Branch in Ankara," *Journal of Women's History*, co-writer: Henk de Smaele, 28 (3) November 2016: 41-65. <http://doi.org/10.1353/jowh.2016.0024>

"Dindar Laiklik," (Devout Secularism) *Cogito*, no: 84, Güz 2016.

“Kampüsün ve Hayallerin Ötesinde bir Ders Deneyimi: Karakutu ile Hafıza Yolculuğu” (An Off-Campus Teaching Experience beyond Imagination: Memory Journey with Karakutu), 22 June 2016, *Karakutu Derneği*, <http://www.karakutu.org.tr/kampusun-ve-hayallerin-otesinde-bir-ders/>

“Ermeni-Türk Diyalogu için Sivil bir Girişime Dair İzlenim Notları” (Impressions on a Civil Initiative of Turkish-Armenian Dialogue), *Ayrıntı Dergi*, no: 9, March-April 2015: 130-138.

“Crossroads (1970) and the Origin of Islamic Cinema in Turkey,” *Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television*, co-writer: Dilek Kaya, 35 (2) April 2015: 257-276.  
<http://doi.org/10.1080/01439685.2015.1027557>

“Dinle Dost Devlet: Ali Fuat Başgil’e Göre Laiklik” (The Religion-friendly State: Secularism according to Ali Fuat Başgil), *İstanbul Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi*, no: 51, October 2014: 37-51.  
ISSN: 2148-5356

“Muhafazakâr Milliyetçiliğin Bitmeyen Davası: ‘Mahzun Mabel’ Ayasofya” (The Unending Cause of Conservative Nationalism: Hagia Sophia, “The Gloomy Temple”), *Toplum ve Bilim*, Sayı: 131, (2014): 236-263.

Book Review: “Beyond Turkey’s Borders Long distance Kemalism, State Politics and the Turkish Diaspora,” *Insight Turkey*, 16 (1) December 2014: 199-201.

“Beyond the Headscarf: Secularism and Freedom of Religion in Turkey,” *TPQ – Turkish Policy Quarterly*, vol. 11, no. 4, (Winter 2013): 91-99. <http://www.turkishpolicy.com/article/861/beyond-the-headscarf-secularism-and-freedom-of-religion-in-turkey-winter-2013/>

“The New Happy Child in Islamic Picture Books in Turkey,” in Christiane J. Gruber and Sune Haugbolle, *Visual Culture in the Modern Middle East: Rhetoric of the Image*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013, pp. 127-143.

“Secularists as the Saviors of Islam: Rearticulation of Secularism and the Freedom of Conscience in Turkey (1950),” in Berna Turam, ed., *Secular State and Religious Society Two Forces in Play in Turkey*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

“Otoriter Modernleşmeye bir Tepki: Menemen Olayı, 1930,” (A Reaction to Authoritarian Modernization: The Menemen Incident, 1930) *Devlet ve Maduniyet: Türkiye ve İran’da Modernleşme*, *Toplum ve Devlet*, Touraj Atabaki, der., içinde, İstanbul: İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2010.

“Islam and Turkish Immigrants in the Netherlands,” *Turkish Studies*, vol. 3, no. 7 (Fall 2008): 136-62, available online at [http://www.turkishstudies.net/Makaleler/2127309056\\_6azakumut.pdf](http://www.turkishstudies.net/Makaleler/2127309056_6azakumut.pdf) (published in Dutch in Sipco Vellenga et al, eds., *Mist in de polder, Zicht op ontwikkelingen omtrent de islam in Nederland*, Aksant, Amsterdam, 2009, pp. 66-87).

“Secularism in Turkey as a Nationalist Search for Vernacular Islam: The Ban on the Call to Prayer in Arabic (1932-1950),” *REMMM, La Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, no. 123 (2008): 161-77.

“Ezan, Türban ve Vicdan Özgürlüğü” (The Call to Prayer, Headscarf and the Freedom of Conscience), *Birikim*, no. 227 (2008): 83-96.

“Kubilay: Icon of Secularism,” *ISIM Review*, no. 38 (Spring 2008): 21-22, available online at <https://app.box.com/shared/lbs6n85io5>; <https://openaccess.leidenuniv.nl/handle/1887/17222>.

“A Reaction to Authoritarian Modernization in Turkey: The Menemen Incident and the Creation and Contestation of a Myth, 1930–31,” in Touraj Atabaki, ed., *The State and the Subaltern: Modernization, Society and the State in Turkey and Iran*, I.B. Tauris, London, 2007, pp. 143-158.

“Sâmiha Ayverdi,” in Ağmet Çiğdem, ed., *Modern Türkiye’de Siyasal Düşünce* (Political Thought in Modern Turkey), Vol. 5, İletişim Yayınları, İstanbul, 2003, pp. 248-255.

“Almanya ve Türkiye’de Ulusal Kimliğin ve Devletin Dönüşümü Konferansı Üzerine” (A Note on the Conference on the Transformation of National Identity and State in Germany and Turkey) *Toplum ve Bilim*, no. 85 (2000).

Review of Ayhan Aktar's book *Varlık Vergisi ve "Türkleştirme" Politikaları* (The Wealth Tax and Policies of 'Turkification'), *Virgöl*, no. 31 (June 2000): 56-57.

"İslami Radyolar ve Türbanlı Spikerler," (Islamic Radio Stations and their Veiled Presenters) in Nilüfer Göle, ed., *İslamın Kamusal Yüzleri*, Metis Yayınları, İstanbul, 2000, pp. 93-109.

### **Conference Papers:**

"Hafıza Çalışmaları ve Yüzleşme Pratikleri: Karakutu Hafıza Yürüyüşleri" (Memory Studies and Practices of Confrontation: Karakutu Memory Walks), paper presented at "Holokost ve Antisemitizm üzerine düşünceler: Direniş, Siyaset, Bellek" (Reflections on the Holocaust and Antisemitism: Resistance, Politics, Memory), SEHAK, İstanbul, December 14, 2019.

"Tracing Attempts to Open a Space for Non-belief in Turkey: Is there an Intellectual Legacy for Atheism?," paper presented at workshop on "Deism, Atheism, and Non-Belief in Turkey and Beyond" Orient-Institut İstanbul, October 10-11, 2019.

"Atheist Activism and Its Link with Secularism in Turkey," paper presented at the Seminar: Turkish Society and Politics from a "Relational Studies on Global Crisis" Perspective, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, February 24, 2018.

"Desecularization and Resecularization in Turkey," paper presented at the Workshop "Resecularization in Iran and Turkey: A Comparative-Historical and Theoretical Inquiry", Japan Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Beirut, Lebanon, November 26, 2017.

"Rethinking the Republican Secularism, Secularization, and 'State Islam' in Turkey," paper presented at the International Workshop: "Imagining an Alternative 'Post-Secular' State: Historicizing and Comparing National Struggles over Re-secularization", Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, February 17, 2017.

"Freedom of Belief? Religion and the Secular State in Turkey," paper presented at Bankstown Arts Centre, Sydney, June 13, 2016.

"Turkey Under the AKP: continuity and change in Islam, secularism and democracy," paper presented at the Conference of *The Religion, the State & Society Network* and *The Authoritarian Politics Research Group*, at the Department of Government and International Relations, Sydney University, Sydney, June 12, 2016.

"Secularism, Islam and the Possibility of Atheism in Turkey," paper presented at *Inaugural Conference: Exploring the State of the Field*, International Society for Historians of Atheism, Secularism, and Humanism, London, June 4-5, 2016.

"*Dinle Dost Devlet: Çok-partili Dönemde Laikliğin Seyri*," (The Religious-Friendly State: The Course of Secularism during the Multi-Party Era), KİSS Konferans: *Türkiye'nin Vatandaşlık Rejimi: Laikliğin Veçheleri*, Salt Galata, İstanbul, 21 Kasım 2015.

"Democracy and Secularism in Turkey: A Model for the Muslim World?," paper presented at the conference *Cultures of Freedom and Contending Visions of Justice and Governance: Voices from the Arab and Muslim Worlds*, University of Sydney, April 9-10, 2015.

"Resecularization in Turkey after June 2013: Is a new secularism possible?" paper presented at *MESA 2014 Conference* (Middle East Studies Association of North America), Washington DC, November 22-25, 2014.

"The Experiences and the Future of Secularism in Turkey" paper presented at the conference *Individus, Etat et Politique dans l'Espace Méditerranéen: Entre Islam et Sécularisation?*, Mundiapolis University, Casablanca, October 9-11, 2014.

"Reforming Islam through or despite the Directorate of Religious Affairs? Rethinking the 'Control' Aspect of Secularism in the Single-Party Period in Turkey," *The 4th World Congress for Middle East Studies (WOCMES)*, METU, Ankara, August 18-22, 2014.

"National and transnational dynamics of women's activism in Turkey in the 1950s and 1960s: The story of the IWC branch in Ankara," paper presented at the Conference "Changing Feminist Paradigms and Cultural

Encounters: Women's Experiences in Eastern Mediterranean History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries,” June 7-9, 2013, Istanbul, with Henk de Smaele.

“A call for reconciliation between Islam and secularism in the 1950s: Ali Fuat Başgil’s work on secularism,” paper presented at LUCIS - Leiden University Centre for Study of Islam and Society conference: ‘State and Religion in the Republic of Turkey’, November 30, 2012, Leiden.

“The Beginnings of Islamic Cinema in Turkey: Using the Mainstream to Convey the Marginal,” paper presented at NECS - European Network for Cinema and Media Studies Conference, June 20-22, 2013, Prague, with Dilek Kaya (Bilkent University).

“‘I Thank Allah’: Islamic Education in Children’s Picture Books in Turkey,” paper presented at the conference held at Copenhagen University, Denmark, *Rhetoric of the Image: Visual Culture in Political Islam*, March 21-22, 2009.

“Turkish Secularism and its Myths: Commemorations of Kubilay the Martyr (1930-2004),” paper presented at the conference of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Washington DC., U.S.A., November 19-22, 2005.

“Myths of the Ottoman Empire in the Nationalist Discourses in Turkey: The Ayasofya Debate,” paper presented at the conference of ASEN (The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism), *Nation and Empire*, the London School of Economics, London, April 19-21, 2005.

“Commemorating Kubilay, ‘The Martyr of Revolution’: Icons of the Secularist Ideology in Turkey,” paper presented at the Workshop of the International Institute of Social History in Honour of Prof. Erik-Jan Zürcher, *The Triumphs and Travails of Authoritarian Modernisation in Turkey and Iran. Twentieth-Century History from Below*, Amsterdam, September 19-20, 2003.

“The Gendered Discourse in the Secondary School History Textbooks in Turkey,” paper presented (with Başak Tuğ) at the conference *Gender in the Balkans*, University of Graz & University of Blagoevgrad, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, December 13-16, 2000.

“Islamic Radio Stations in Istanbul and their Veiled Presenters,” in *Crossroads of History: Experience, Memory, Orality*, Proceedings of the XIth International Oral History Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, June 15-19, 2000, Vol. I, pp. 9-13.

### ***Selected Lectures:***

“Karakutu Hafıza Yürüyüşleri ile Geçmişler Bugünü Bağlamak”, Hafıza-ı Beşer Buluşmaları, Kültürhane, Mersin, 1 Kasım 2019.

“Çatışan Hafızalar ve Diyalog,” Karakutu Derneği, Türkiye’de Toplumsal Hafıza ve Geçmişle Yüzleşme Çalışmaları Güz Okulu, İzmir, 5 Ekim 2017.

“Faces of Islam in Turkey,” lecture given at CIEE International Faculty Development Seminars, Consuming Istanbul: Politics of Space and Spectacle, January 8, 2016, Vardar Palace Hotel, Istanbul.

“Erivan-İstanbul Arasında bir Diyalog Girişimi: Yas, Gurur, Utanç Mirası ile Geleceği Kurmak,” (A Dialogue Initiative between Yerevan and Istanbul: Building up the Future with Mourning, Pride and Shame) *KİSS Bahar 2015 Seminer Programı*, SALT Galata, Karaköy, İstanbul, 28 Nisan 2015.

“Türk-Ermeni İlişkilerinde Yeni Deneyimler: Tarih ile Yüzleşme - Bugün ile Temas,” (New Experiences in Turkish-Armenian Relations: Facing the Past and the Present) Bilgi Üniversitesi SEÇBİR Sosyoloji ve Eğitim Çalışmaları Merkezi, 16 Aralık 2015, Bilgi Üniversitesi, Santral Kampüsü.

“Eğitimde ‘Hassas Meseleler’i Ele Almak: 1915 Örneği,” (Teaching “Sensitive Issues”: The Example of the 1915 Genocide) Ayşe Gül Altınay ve Kenan Çayır ile birlikte, *Tehcir-Taktik-Soykırım: 1915-2015 Konuşma Dizisi* kapsamındaki panel, Tarih Vakfı, Eminönü, İstanbul, 16 Nisan 2015.

“Hassas Meseleler’i Yükseköğretimde Ele Almak: 1915 Örneği,” (Teaching “Sensitive Issues” in Higher Education: The Example of the 1915 Genocide). İBÜ Sosyal Bilimler Enstitüsü; İBÜ Sosyoloji ve Eğitim Çalışmaları Merkezi, Tarih Vakfı. İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi, 16 Nisan 2015.

“Limits of Secularism in Turkey,” Groningen University / European Comenius Course, İstanbul Module, Boğaziçi University South Campus, June 6, 2014.

“Faces of Turkish Islam and Secularism in Turkey,” CIEE İstanbul Study Center Intercultural Comparative Experience Short-Term Study Program, İstanbul, July 11, 2014.

“Secularism and Islam during the AKP period,” for the intensive course on Turkish politics and foreign relations, by the Finnish Institute in the Middle East (FIME), at Swedish Research Institute in İstanbul, November 4, 2013.

“Modernization/Westernization in late Ottoman Empire and Turkey,” Erasmus Lecture at the Institute of Political Science and International Relations, Jagiellonian University, Crakow, May 28, 2013.

“Discourses on Nationalism, Secularism and Freedom of Religion in Turkey,” Erasmus Lecture at the Institute of Political Science and International Relations, Jagiellonian University, Crakow, May 29, 2013.

“1950’ler Türkiye’sinde Milliyetçi Muhafazakarlar ve Laiklik” (Conservative Nationalists and Secularism in Turkey in the 1950s), *Çarşamba Seminerleri*, YTU Siyaset Bilimi ve Uluslararası İlişkiler Bölümü, İstanbul, May 25, 2011.

“The transformation of the secularist discourse in the multi-party period in Turkey,” Erasmus Lecture at the Department of History, University of Antwerp, May 9, 2011.

“Secularism in Turkey,” Erasmus Lecture at the Department of Sociology, Innsbruck University, June 23, 2010.

“Modernization in Turkey: Secularism,” lecture given at Okan University Intercultural Dialogue Workshop ’10, Halki Seminary (Theological School), June 16, 2010.

“On *Islam and Secularism in Turkey: Kemalism, Religion and the Nation-State*,” discussion at the graduate comparative politics seminar at Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and International Relations, December 6, 2010.

“Myths and Fears of Secularism in Turkey,” paper presented at Center for Middle Eastern & North African Politics, Free University of Berlin, June 30, 2009.

“Letters to the Father of the Nation: Ritual and Commemoration in the Sacred Spaces of Secularism in Turkey,” paper presented at the Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin), May 6, 2009.

“Islam and Democracy hand-in-hand in Turkey,” lecture given in the framework of Topmanagement Defense Course Program at Nederlands Instituut voor Internationale Betrekkingen ‘Clingendael,’ The Hague, November 28, 2007.

“*Nostalgia for Aşure*: Formation of the Turkish Nation-State and its Others,” lecture given at the Theater de Evenaar, Wereldmuseum Rotterdam, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, September 22, 2006.

“Secularism in Turkey: A Discourse on Islam,” lecture given within the framework of *Geschiedenis in Discussie* at the Department of History, University of Amsterdam, March 22, 2005.

“Kemalism and Political Islam in Turkey,” lecture given within the framework of *Megacasmus “De toetreding van Turkije tot de Europese Unie,”* Leiden University, Campus Den Haag, July 16, 2004.

## Other Activities

2017- Board Member of Karakutu Association. Organization and moderation of Memory Walks, Memory Program training workshops on historiography and memory studies.

- 2018 Organized [Istanbul Jane’s Walk Festival and the Memory Walk \(Heybeliada Hatırlıyor: Ada Yangınları Yürüyüşü\)](#) together with Heybeliada Library Association (May 2018).
- 2017 Coordinated the **Workshop: [Turkish-Armenian Dialogue and Memory Journey](#)**, supported by European Union’s Instrument for Stability through the Armenia-Turkey Normalization Process Support Grant Scheme (Project organized by Imagine Center of Conflict Transformation and Karakutu Association; implemented in Yerevan and Istanbul in April-May 2017).
- 2016 Coordinated and organized the **Project/Course: [Kadıköy Memory Journey](#)** together with Karakutu Association (Project implemented in Tuzla Campus, Okan University and TAK, Kadıköy, Istanbul, in February-March 2016).
- 2015 Coordinated and organized the **Workshop: [Turkish-Armenian Dialogue and School of Discourse Transformation](#)**, supported by European Union’s Instrument for Stability through the Armenia-Turkey Normalization Process Support Grant Scheme (Project organized by Okan University and Imagine Center of Conflict Transformation; implemented in Yerevan and Istanbul in 12-21 January 2015).
- 2014 Organized the **Workshop: Türkiye Siyasetinde Din, Laiklik ve Seküler Ahlâk Atölyesi**, Okan Üniversitesi Tuzla Kampüsü, Rektörlük Senato Salonu, 10 Nisan 2014.
- 2014 Organized the seminar series **Kadın Bakış Açısından Türkiye’de Laiklik, Muhafazakârlık ve Ahlâk Seminerleri**, Katılımcılar Aksu Bora, Gülhan Balsoy, Handan Koç, Okan Üniversitesi Tuzla Kampüsü, Mimar Sinan Konferans Salonu, 17-24 Nisan 2014.
- 2013 Organized the **Lausanne Seminar Series: [90. Yılında Lozan ve Cumhuriyet Seminerleri](#)** and curated the **Exhibition: [Karikatürlerle Lozan Konferansı: Derso ve Kelên’in Gözünden Siyasi Portreler, Müzakereler ve Sahne Arkasındakiler](#)**, Fall 2013, Okan University, Istanbul.
- 2012 Participated in and edited a documentary video for “**[Capturing the Mountain”: A Turkish-Armenian Dialogue Project](#)**, organized by Turkish Policy Quarterly and Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation, 8-14 June 2012, Gudauri, Georgia.
- 2012 Coordinated the **Workshop: Netherlands–Turkey Relations and New Foreign Policy Moves**, for the Celebrations of the 400th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Turkey and the Netherlands, organized by Istanbul Policy Center and Turkey Institute, June 1-2, 2012, The Clingendael Institute, The Hague.
- 2010-2014 Organized the weekly documentary film screenings **[Documentaries on Women and Politics](#)** (Fall) and **[Documentaries on Social Change in Turkey](#)** (Spring) at Okan University.
- 2010 Organized the weekly film screenings **Film and Political History** at Okan University.
- 2005-2006 Organized **The Turkish Studies Seminar Series** at Leiden University.
- 2004-2006 Organized the weekly film screenings **Turkish Cinema: Old and New** at Leiden University.