

# NEVESER KÖKER

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA, 2017-2020

Lecturer and Honors Faculty Fellow, Barrett, The Honors College  
Faculty Affiliate, Melikian Center: Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies

### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, 2011-2016

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Political Science, Fall 2011-Fall 2014, Fall 2016  
Graduate Student Instructor, Department of English, Fall 2015  
Teaching Fellow, Sweetland Writing Center, Spring and Summer 2015

## EDUCATION

### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, 2017

PhD in Political Science (subfields: political theory, gender and politics)  
Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies  
Graduate Teaching Certificate

### University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA, 2009

MA in Social Sciences (concentration: political theory)

### Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2008

BA in Political Science

### Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris, Paris, France, Fall 2007

Erasmus Exchange Student

## PUBLICATIONS

Neither Emancipation Nor Exclusion: Rethinking Politics of Piety Through *Ladies' Own Gazette*, in *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, Vol 47, no.2 (Winter 2022)

“Dünyanın Sonundan Şarkılar: Film Müzikleri ve Akdeniz’de Bildiğimiz Dünyanın Sonu” (Songs from the End of the World: Film Music and The End of the World as We Know It In The Mediterranean), in Nejat Ulusay, Umut Tümay Arslan, Ali Karadoğan and Pembe Behçetoğulları (eds.), *Hayatın Taklidi Dünyanın Derdi: Film Çalışmalarında Güncel Yaklaşımlar*, Ankara: Dipnot Yayınları (2022) (in Turkish)

“Inconvertible Romance: Piety, Community, and the Politically Disruptive Force of Love in *Akabi Hikayesi*,”

in Monica R. Ringer and Etienne Charrière (eds.), *Ottoman Culture and the Project of Modernity: Reform and Translation in the Tanzimat Novel*, London: Bloomsbury (2020)

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Traveling Loyalties: Politics of Belonging Beyond Nation and Empire (book manuscript in preparation)

Towards a Feminist Foreign Policy? Rethinking Principles of Gender Equality in Canada's Middle East Engagement Strategy (article manuscript in preparation)

Motherless Modernities: A Transnational Feminist Rethinking of Subjectivity and Solidarity (article manuscript in preparation)

Belonging in Translation: Politics of Cosmopolitan Native Subjectivity (article manuscript in preparation)

## **OTHER WRITING**

"In this place: Specters and memories of genocide in North America," *Al-Jumhuriya*, 30 July 2021, <https://www.aljumhuriya.net/en/content/place-specters-and-memories-genocide-north-america-0>

"Taciz, ifşa ve şikayet üzerine Kuzey Amerika'dan bir perspektif" (A Perspective from North America on harassment, exposition, and complaint), *Bianet*, 06 July 2021, <https://m.bianet.org/bianet/toplumsal-cinsiyet/246781-taciz-ifsa-ve-sikayet-uzerine-kuzey-amerika-dan-bir-perspektif>

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Arizona State University**

*First-Year Honors Seminars Taught*

The Human Event – I, Fall 2018 and Fall 2019

The Human Event – II, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, and Spring 2020

*Upper-Division Courses Taught*

From Beirut to Tangiers: Contemporary Mediterranean Culture, Society, and Politics, Spring 2020

Indigeneity, Solidarity, and Resistance: Decolonial/Feminist Perspectives, Independent Study, Spring 2020

Can Sisterhood Be Global? Transnational Feminist Theory and Practice, Fall 2018 and Fall 2019

Mediterranean Crossroads: Past and Present in Izmir, Turkey, Study Abroad Course, May 2019

### **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

*Courses Taught as Primary Instructor*

Development of Political Thought: Modern and Recent, Spring 2016

Writing and Academic Inquiry: Politics of Travel, Fall 2015

\*List of additional courses taught as a graduate student instructor at the University of Michigan is available upon request.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

### **Presentations**

“Moving Archives: Politics of (Community) Building, Nostalgia, and Loss,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference 2022, May 30-June 3, 2022, Virtual Conference

“Motherless Modernities: A Transnational Feminist Rethinking of Subjectivity and Solidarity,” Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Feministes Congress - Annual Conference 2022, May 13-16, 2022, Virtual Conference

Author Meets Critics: Mauro J. Caraccioli's "Writing the New World," American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, September 30-October 3, 2020 (virtual presentation due to COVID-19)

“Spectacles of Love and Desire in Mehmed Efendi and Montesquieu,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 10-13, 2020 (virtual presentation due to COVID-19)

“Traveling Loyalties: Politics of Belonging Beyond Nation and Empire in the Mediterranean,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, scheduled for April 10, 2020 (conference cancelled due to COVID 19)

““I am Telling the Truth, Madam!”: Translating Ottoman-Muslim Women’s Condition in Fatma Aliye’s Nisvan-i Islam,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 15-18, 2018

“A Nation Plagued with Empire: Dilemmas of Sovereignty in Ottoman-Turkish Thought,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 18-20, 2018, and American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018

“Civilizing Phantoms: Missionaries, Reformers, and the 'Muslim Woman Question,’” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, October 12-14, 2017, and American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 31-September 3, 2017

“Chasing Phantom Fragments: French-Catholic Missionaries and Women’s Labor, Piety, and Agency in the Ottoman Levant,” Society of French Historical Studies Annual Conference, Washington, DC, April 20-22, 2017

“Love, Piety, and Community: Political Belonging in Late Ottoman Political Thought,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, October 20-22, 2016, and American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4, 2016

“Narratives of Nativeness, Decline and Progress: A Transnational Perspective on Politics of Historiography in The General Tableau of the Ottoman Empire,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, March 24-26, 2016

““Heaven for Women, Heaven for Infidels:” Representations of Femininity and Otherness in French Embassy Letters and Persian Letters,” Middle East Studies Association 49th Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 21-24, 2015

“Saints, Good Ladies, and Fanatical Women: Competing Visions of Imperial Rule in the Eastern Ottoman Provinces, 1848-1876,” French Colonial Historical Society Annual Conference, Binghamton, NY, May 7-9, 2015, and Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 2-4, 2015

“My Spirit Has Always Remained Independent:” The Politics of Feminine Visibility in Persian Letters and French Embassy Letters,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, April 17-19, 2014

“Narrating Political Exclusion: Tropes of Nativeness, Decline, and Progress in *The General Tableau of the Ottoman Empire*,” Middle East Studies Association 47th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, October 10-13, 2013

““Recreating the Door to Women’s Future:” Interpretation of Religion and Tradition in Ladies' Own Gazette,” Middle East Studies Association 46th Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 17-20, 2012

### **Organizer, Chair, or Discussant**

Chair, Global Justice, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference 2022, May 30-June 3, 2022, Virtual Conference

Chair and Discussant, The Inside(s) and Outside(s) of Sovereignty, Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, scheduled for April 11, 2020, Los Angeles, CA, conference cancelled due to COVID 19

Chair and Discussant, Margins, Marginals, and Marginalities in the Late Ottoman Empire, Middle East Studies Association 49th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 14-17, 2019

Discussant, Precarious Lives: Mimesis, Relation, and the Demands of Political Order, Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Irvine, CA, October 24-27, 2019

Pre-Conference Workshop Discussion Leader, Critical Solidarities, Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 18-20, 2018

Discussant, Decolonizing Ethics, Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 18-20, 2018

Discussant, Gender and Sovereignty in the East, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018

Chair, Liberalism After Rawls, Association for Political Theory Annual Conference}, Ann Arbor, MI, October 12-14, 2017

Panel Organizer, Crossing Local and Global Boundaries: Networks of Representation in Ottoman Empire and Contemporary Turkey, Middle East Studies Association 49th Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 21-24, 2015

Chair and Discussant, Changing Discourses of Nationalism in Contemporary Turkish Politics, Middle East Studies Association, 49th Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 21-24, 2015

Co-organizer, Misfit Politics: A Multidisciplinary Conference on Power and Politics, Graduate Student Conference, University of Michigan, April 11, 2014

Panel Organizer, Force of Change: Representations of Violence in Late Ottoman Empire and Contemporary

Turkey, Middle East Studies Association, 47th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, October 10-13, 2013

## **OTHER TALKS**

Lecture, *Traveling Loyalties: Politics of Belonging Beyond Nation and Empire in the Mediterranean*, Drescher Lecture, Barrett, The Honors College, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, April 1, 2020 (lecture cancelled due to COVID-19)

Host, *Politics of Home: Community, Citizenship, and Belonging in Arizona*, Barrett Community Dialogue with Fernanda Santos and Pita Juarez, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 27, 2020

Invited Lecture, *Translation and Politics of Cosmopolitan Nativeness*, Department of Turkish Literature, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, May 22, 2019

Host, *The Impossible Revolution: Syrian Civil Society and Its Efforts to Rebuild a Better Future*, Barrett Community Dialogue with Yisser Bittar, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, November 1, 2018

Opening Remarks, *Edge of Heaven* (dir. Fatih Akin) Film Screening, Eurasian Journeys Film Series, Melikian Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, September 13, 2018

Presentation, "Gendering East and West: A Transnational Approach to Political Belonging," *The Transformative Power of Race in the Academy: Measuring Change, Charting Futures*, 3rd Creating Connections Consortium Summit, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, April 21-23, 2017

Workshop co-organized with Sigrid Cordell, "Teaching with Web Archives," *Web Archives 2015: Capture, Curate, Analyze*, Ann Arbor, MI, November 13, 2015

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Drescher Grant for Summer Research, Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University, Summer 2019

Apple Polisher Award for Teaching, Arizona State University Devil's Advocates, 2017-2018 Academic Year

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, 2016-2017 Academic Year

Kingdon Award for Outstanding Teaching, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2016-2017 Academic Year

One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, Winter 2017

Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 2015-2016 Academic Year

International Research Award, Rackham Graduate School and the International Institute, University of Michigan, Spring/Summer 2014

Community of Scholars Fellowship, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan Spring/Summer 2013

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, Fall 2010-Fall 2016

## **SERVICE**

### **University Service**

Member, Fulbright Campus Selection Committee, Office of National Scholarship Advisement (ONSA) at Arizona State University, Fall 2017 - Spring 2020

Member, Undergraduate Admissions Selection Committee, Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University, Fall 2018-Spring 2020

Member, Community Dialogues Committee, Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University, Fall 2017 - Spring 2020

Chair, Canvas Transition Committee, Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University, 2018-2019 Academic Year

Representative, Advisory Council, Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University, Spring 2019

Faculty Advisor, Office of Global Initiatives, Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University, 2017-2018 Academic Year

Vice President, European Horizons Chapter at the University of Michigan, August 2015-October 2016

Co-President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, University of Michigan, May 2013 – May 2014

### **Service to the Profession**

Member, Standing Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Association for Political Theory, November 2017-present

Reviewer, American Journal of Political Science, Fall 2017-present

Reviewer, Political Theory, Fall 2017-present

Reviewer, Religions, Fall 2017-present

Reviewer, International Studies Review, Fall 2017-present

Publication editor, H-France Review, Fall 2017-Fall 2019

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Canadian Political Science Association, January 2021-present

Member, Société Québécoise de Science Politique, January 2021-present

Member, Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes, January 2021-present

Member, Association for Political Theory, member, February 2016-present

Member, Western Political Science Association, Spring 2013-present  
Member, American Political Science Association, Fall 2010-present  
Member, Middle East Studies Association, January 2012-present  
Member, Society of French Historical Studies, Spring 2015-present  
Member, French Colonial Historical Society, Spring 2015-present

## **ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Conflict Management Consultant, Quintet Consulting Corporation, Ottawa, ON, Sep 2020-Aug 2022  
Grants Manager, Chez Doris Women's Shelter Foundation, Montréal, QC, Aug 2022-present

## **LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

### **Languages**

Turkish, native speaker  
French, fluent  
Ottoman Turkish, intermediate  
Arabic, beginner  
Spanish, beginner  
Italian, beginner

### **Skills**

Wordpress, proficient  
MS Office, proficient  
Google Suite, proficient  
LaTeX, beginner

## **REFERENCES**

### **Elizabeth Wingrove**

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