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Education

- Ph.D. in Political philosophy, University of Paris VII - Denis Diderot, Paris, 1999.
Dissertation title: *Mensonge et politique: les enjeux de la visibilité (Lies and Politics: The Implications of Visibility)*
- D.E.A. (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies) in Political Sociology, University of Paris VII - Denis Diderot, Paris 1993. D.E.A. thesis title: *Le concept d'espace public de Habermas à l'épreuve d'une lecture arendtienne (An Arendtian Reading of Habermas' Concept of the Public Sphere)*
- Ph. D. courses in Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, 1991-1992
- M.A. courses in Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, 1990 - 1991
- B.A. in Economics, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, 1987

Research Interests

History of political thought, critical theory, Hannah Arendt, ethics and politics, theories of neoliberalism, the Kurdish question in Turkey, collective movements

Publications

Edited Volumes and Journal Issues

- Judith Butler, Zeynep Gambetti, and Leticia Sabsay (eds), *Vulnerability in Resistance*, Durham, NC., Duke University Press, 2016.
- Zeynep Gambetti and Joost Jongerden (eds.), *The Kurdish Issue in Turkey: A Spatial Perspective*, London/New York, Routledge, 2015.
- Zeynep Gambetti and Marcial Godoy-Anativia (eds.), *Rhetorics of Insecurity: Belonging and Violence in the Neoliberal Era*, New York, SSRC/New York University Press, 2013.
- Zeynep Gambetti and Joost Jongerden (eds.), *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, Special Issue: *The spatial (re)production of the Kurdish issue: multiple and contradicting trajectories*, Vol. 13 (4), 2011.

Book Chapters

- “Risking oneself and one’s identity: agonism revisited” in Judith Butler, Zeynep Gambetti, and Leticia Sabsay (eds), *Vulnerability in Resistance*, Durham, NC., Duke University Press, 2016, p. 28-51.
- “Introduction: The Kurdish Issue in Turkey from a Spatial Perspective” (co-authored with Joost Jongerden) in Zeynep Gambetti and Joost Jongerden (eds.), *The Kurdish Issue in Turkey : A Spatial Perspective*, London-New York, Routledge, 2015, 1-23.
- “Occupy Gezi as Politics of the Body” in Umut Özkırımlı (ed.), *The Making of a Protest Movement in Turkey #occupygezi*, Basingstoke, Palgrave-Pivot, 2014, p. 89-102.
- “ ‘I’m no terrorist, I’m a Kurd’: Societal violence, the state and the neoliberal order” in Zeynep Gambetti and Marcial Godoy-Anativia (eds.), *Rhetorics of Insecurity: Belonging and Violence in the Neoliberal Era*, New York, SSRC/New York University Press, 2013, p. 125-152.
- “States of (In)security: coming to terms with an erratic terrain” (co-authored with Marcial Godoy) in Zeynep Gambetti and Marcial Godoy-Anativia (eds.), *Rhetorics of Insecurity: Belonging and Violence in the Neoliberal Era*, New York, SSRC/New York University Press, 2013, p. 1-19.
- “Siyaset Bilimi ve Felsefe” in Gökhan Atılğan and E. Atilla Aytekin (eds), *Siyaset Bilimi. Kavramlar, İdeolojiler, Disiplinler Arası İlişkiler*, Istanbul, Yordam Kitap, 2012, p. 475-487.
- “The Kurdish Question in Turkey” in Şenel Symons (ed), *The Routledge Intermediate Turkish Reader*, London, Routledge, 2012, p. 91-92.
- “Conflict, ‘communication’ and the role of collective action in the formation of public spheres” in Seteney Shami (ed), *Publics, Politics and Participation: Locating the Public Sphere in the Middle East and North Africa*, New York, Social Science Research Council Publications, 2009, p. 91-115.
- “Decolonizing Diyarbakir: culture, identity and the struggle to appropriate urban space” in Kamran Asdar Ali and Martina Rieker (eds), *Comparing Cities: The Middle East and South Asia*, Karachi, Oxford University Press, 2010, p. 95-127.
- “De la critique du totalitarisme à l’action : Arendt, ou la politique comme critique” in A. Kupiec and E. Tassin (eds), *Critique de la Politique. Autour de Miguel Abensour*, Paris, Sens&Tonka, 2006, p. 453-470.

Journal Articles

- “Au-delà de la violence institutionnelle et insurrectionnelle : Balibar, Arendt et l’agon”, *Rue Descartes*, No. 85/86, 2015, p. 203-210.
- “The politics of visibility”, *Cultural Anthropology Online, Fieldsights - Hot Spots*, October 31, 2013: <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/401-the-politics-of-visibility>

- “Foucault’dan Agamben’e Olağanüstü Halin Sıradanlığına Dair Bir Yanıt Denemesi”, *Cogito* No. 70-71 (Michel Foucault Special Issue), Summer 2012, p. 21-38.
- Zeynep Gambetti and Joost Jongerden, “Introduction”, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, Special Issue: *The spatial (re)production of the Kurdish issue: multiple and contradicting trajectories*, Vol. 13 (4), 2011, p. 375-388.
- “Provincializing Fraser’s history: Feminism and Neoliberalism Revisited” (co-written with Özlem Aslan), *History of the Present: A Journal of Critical History*, Vol. 1 (1), Summer 2011, p. 130-147.
- “Politics of Place/Space: The Spatial Dynamics of the Kurdish and Zapatista Movements”, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, No. 41, Fall 2009, p. 43-87.
- “Fraser ve Feminizm: Söylem Kimin Söylemi, Tarih Kimin Tarihi?” (co-written with Özlem Aslan), *Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar*, No. 9, Sep. 2009. Available at: <http://www.feministyaklasimlar.org/index.php?S=af6dbbrt6sgfa6v48imck06131>
- “İktidarın Dönüşen Çehresi: Neoliberalizm, Şiddet ve Kurumsal Siyasetin Tasfiyesi”, *İstanbul Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi*, No. 40, March 2009, s. 143-164.
- “Foucault’da Disiplin Toplumu-Güvenlik Toplumu Ayrımı”, *Mesele*, No. 20, Aug. 2008, p.43-46.
- “Doğruluk uğruna dünyayı yıkmak: Aydınlanmacı evrenselliğin çelişkileri ve Türkiye”, Binnaz Toprak (ed), *Aydınlanma Sempozyumu*, İstanbul, Osmanlı Bankası Arşiv ve Araştırma Merkezi Yayınları, 2007, p. 151-164.
- “Linç girişimleri, neo-liberalizm ve güvenlik devleti”, *Toplum ve Bilim*, No. 109, Summer 2007, p. 7-34.
- “Marx ve Arendt: Emek, iş, eylem üzerinden üç siyaset okuması”, *Birikim*, No. 217, May 2007, p. 46-54.
- “The conflictual (trans)formation of the public sphere in urban space: the case of Diyarbakir”, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, No. 32, Spring 2005, p. 43-71.
- “Did somebody say liberal totalitarianism? Yes, and despite the 5½ (mis)uses of the notion” (co-authored with Refik Güremen), *Rethinking Marxism*, Vol. 17 (5), 2005, p. 638-645.
- “The agent is the void! From the subjected subject to the subject of action”, *Rethinking Marxism*, Vol. 17 (3), July 2005, p. 425-437.
- “The conflictual (trans)formation of the public sphere in urban space: the case of Diyarbakir”, *European University Institute Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Mediterranean Programme Series, EUI Working Papers RSCAS* No. 2004/38, December 2004.
- “Liberal Totalitarizm” (co-authored with Refik Güremen), *Birikim*, No. 172, August 2003, p. 82-87.

- "Marx'a Dönüş Devri", foreword to Miguel Abensour, *Devlete Karşı Demokrasi. Marx ve Makyavel Momenti (La Démocratie Contre L'Etat. Marx et le Moment Machiavellien)*, Epos Yayınları, Ankara, 2002, p. 7-20.

Conference Papers

- "Revisiting Performativity: the Woman-in-Black, the Standing Man & Other Apparitions at Occupy Gezi", keynote lecture given as part of the "The Art of Protest" lecture series at the International Research Center "InterArt", Freie Universität, Berlin, May 13, 2015.
- "Arendt, Deleuze, and ethics as 'what happens to us'", paper presented at the Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari: Refrains of Freedom conference, Pantheon University, Athens, April 24-26, 2015.
- "Coups d'Etat: dialogues at the intersection of memory & life story in Chile & Turkey", performance presented with Marcial Godoy at the "Women Mobilizing Memory" workshop organized by the Center for the Study of Social Difference at Columbia University in Istanbul, September 15-20, 2014.
- "Arendtian reflections on necessity (or the lack thereof) in the age of neoliberalism", paper presented at the panel entitled "Political Action and Violence: Arendt & Heidegger" at the 23rd World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Montreal, Quebec, July 19-24, 2014.
- "Au-delà du choix impossible entre violence institutionnelle et insurrectionnelle: Balibar, Arendt et l'*agon*," paper presented at International Colloquium "Violence Politique, Exil/Desexil dans le Monde d'Aujourd'hui" by the Collège International de Philosophie in Istanbul, May 7-10, 2014.
- "Risking oneself and one's identity: agonism revisited", paper presented at the "Rethinking Vulnerability and Resistance: Feminism & Social Change" workshop organized by the Center for the Study of Social Difference at Columbia University in Istanbul, September 16-19, 2013.
- "Between resistance, autonomy, and *homo sacer*: Turkey's Kurdish movement in the age of neoliberal globalisation", keynote address delivered at the 2nd International Kurdish Studies Conference, Exeter University, UK, September 6-8, 2012.
- "Deadly Positivity: Arendt and Foucault on market logic, security, and superfluosity", paper presented at the "Dismantling Security" Conference, Cambridge University, UK, June 14-16, 2012.
- "Arendt and Foucault on market logic: security, violence and superfluosity", paper presented at the Conference on "Concentrationary Imaginaries - Imaginaries of Violence in Contemporary Cultures and Cultural Forms", University of Leeds, UK, April 13-15, 2011.
- "The return to 'family values': unmasking the alliance between neo-liberalism and neo-conservatism in Turkey (co-authored with Özlem Aslan), paper presented at the International Conference on "Sexual Nationalisms: Gender, Sexuality and the Politics of

Belonging in the New Europe”, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, January 27-28, 2011.

- “Grassroots Movements and Politics of Place in Turkey and Mexico”, paper presented at the Ninth Mediterranean Research Meeting organised by the Mediterranean Programme of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy, March 12-15, 2008.
- “Devlet Akli, Evrensellik ve Şiddet”, paper presented at the “Enlightenment Symposium”, organized by Garanti Bank at the Osmanlı Bank Museum, Istanbul, May 11-12, 2007.
- “Mob violence, the state and the neoliberal order”, paper presented at the “Citizenship, Securitization and Vernacular Violence Workshop” organized by the the Social Science Research Council and hosted by the Boğaziçi University Department of Political Science and International Relations, in Istanbul, Turkey, January 26-27, 2007.
- “State of research on inequalities and armed conflict in Turkey”, contribution made at the “Workshop on Conflict and Inequalities”, co-sponsored by the Social Science Research Council and the Universidad de los Andes Political Science Department, in Bogota, Colombia, April 18-19, 2005.
- “De la critique du totalitarisme à l’action : Arendt, ou la politique comme critique” , presented at the conference entitled “Critique de la politique : colloque en hommage à Miguel Abensour” organized by the University of Paris 7 – Denis Diderot, in Paris, France, November 18-20, 2004.
- “Conflict, ‘commun-ication’ and the role of collective action in the formation of public spheres”, presented at the Beirut Conference on Public Spheres co-organized by the American University of Beirut and the Social Science Research Council, in Beirut, Lebanon, October 22-24, 2004.
- “The conflictual (trans)formation of the public sphere in urban space: the case of Diyarbakir”, Paper presented at the Fifth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting organised by the Mediterranean Programme of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, Florence & Montecatini Terme, Italy, March 24–28, 2004.
- "Did somebody say liberal totalitarianism? Yes, and despite the 5½ (mis)uses of the notion", paper co-authored with Refik Güremen, presented at Marxism and the World Stage, a conference organized by *Rethinking Marxism* at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA, on November 6-9, 2003.
- “The agent is the void! An Arendtian critique of poststructuralist epistemology”, paper presented at the International Society for Theoretical Psychology 10th Biennial Conference held in Istanbul, Turkey, on June 23-27 2003.
- “Action without a subject? Reintroducing agency into discourse theory”, paper presented at “Subjects of Economy”, a conference organized by *Rethinking Marxism* and the Association for Economic and Social Analysis at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA, on November 8-9 2002.

Workshop Directorship

- *Mediated Populism Across Asia* (co-directed with Srirupa Roy and Paula Chakravartty), workshop organized by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) within the framework of the *InterAsian Connections* series, at Seoul National University, Seoul, April 27-30, 2016.
- *Rethinking Vulnerability and Resistance: Feminism & Social Change* (co-directed with Judith Butler), workshop organized by the Center for the Study of Social Difference at Columbia University in Istanbul, September 16-19, 2013.
- *Social Movements and the Politics of Neoliberalism: International Perspectives on the MENA Region* (co-directed with Srirupa Roy), workshop sponsored by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) within the framework of the *Ninth Mediterranean Research Meeting* of the Mediterranean Programme of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, Florence and Montecatini Terme, March 12–15, 2008.
- *Citizenship, Securitization and Vernacular Violence* (co-directed with Marcial Godoy), workshop organized by the Social Science Research Council and hosted by the Boğaziçi University Department of Political Science and International Relations, in Istanbul, January 26-27, 2007.

Conference Organization

- *Istanbul Critical Theory Conference: Adorno and Politics* (co-organized with Volkan Çıdam and Philip Hogh), international conference that took place at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, June 2-4, 2016.

Translations

- J.K. Gibson-Graham, *Bildiğimiz Kapitalizmin Sonu (The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It))*, translation from English into Turkish, Istanbul, Metis Yayınları, 2010.
- David Harvey, *Umut Mekanları (Spaces of Hope)*, translation from English into Turkish, Istanbul, Metis Yayınları, 2008.
- Miguel Abensour, *Devlete Karşı Demokrasi. Marx ve Makyavel Momenti (La Démocratie Contre L'Etat. Marx et le Moment Machiavellien)*, translation from French into Turkish with Nami Başer, Ankara, Epos Yayınları, 2002.
- Jürgen Habermas, "Hannah Arendt'in İletişimsel Erk Kavramı" (Hannah Arendt's Communications Concept of Power"), translation from English into Turkish, *Cogito*, No. 5, Fall 1995, p. 257-268.
- Jorge Borges, *Alçaklığın Evrensel Tarihi (A Universal History of Infamy)*, translation from English into Turkish, Istanbul, Logos Yayıncılık, 1990.

Book Reviews

- Judith Butler and Athena Athenasiou, *Dispossession: The Performative in the Political*, reviewed for *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, Vol. 40, No. 1, 2014, p. 255-258.
- Hugh Poulton, *Top Hat, Grey Wolf and Crescent: Turkish Nationalism and the Turkish Republic*, reviewed for *New Perspectives on Turkey*, No. 24, Spring 2001, p. 165-168.

Journal Refereeships

- *New Political Science: A Journal of Politics and Culture*
- *Journal of the Philosophy of History*
- *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*
- *Nations and Nationalisms*
- *European Journal of Turkish Studies*
- *Patterns of Prejudice*
- *New Perspectives on Turkey*
- *Boğaziçi University Review of Social Economic and Administrative Studies*
- *İstanbul Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi*
- *Rethinking Marxism*
- *Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar*

Research Projects

- “Allying the improbable: Arendt and Marx”, research project funded by the Boğaziçi University Research Fund, 2011-2014.
- “Grassroots Movements in Comparative Perspective: Turkey and Mexico”, research project funded by the Boğaziçi University Research Fund, 2007-2009.
- “(Trans)formation of Conflict: Power Configurations and Paths to Democracy in Southeastern Turkey”, research project funded by the Boğaziçi University Research Fund and conducted in 2003-2005 by an 8-member team.

Academic Experience

- 2000- present: Lecturer at Boğaziçi University, Dept of Political Science and International Relations, Istanbul
- April 2010: Associate professor of political theory

Administrative duties

- Department deputy chair (2002-2004, 2013-2014, 2015-2016), senior class advisor (2000-2002), double major program advisor (2003-2006), junior class advisor (2006-2008), MA program advisor (2008-2011, 2015-1016).
- Member of the Committee for the Coordination of Student Activities (2001-2005), Member of the Committee for Disabled Students (2003-2005), Member of the Ethics Subcommittee for Students (2004-2007).

Courses taught

- Pols 101 Introduction to Political Science
- Pols 201 History of Political Thought I
- Pols 202 History of Political Thought II
- Pols 306 Contemporary Political Ideologies
- Pols 332 Political Sociology
- Pols 401 The State and the Public Sphere
- Pols 402 Ethics and Politics
- Pols 403 Political Philosophy: Hannah Arendt
- Pols 406 Politics, Ideology and Discourse
- Pols 407 Marxist and Post-Marxist Theory
- Pols 412 Social Movements
- Pols 431 Politics of Postmodernity and Its Critics: Gilles Deleuze
- Pols 471 Current Debates in Social and Political Theory : Spinoza and Deleuze
- Pols 553 Foundations of Political and Social Theory
- Pols 585 Research and Reading in Political Theory: Hegel and Nietzsche
- Pols 680 Selected Topics in the History of Political Thought: Hannah Arendt
- Pols 683 Research and Reading in Political Theory: Epistemology of the Social Sciences
- Pols 685 Research and Reading in Political Theory: Postcolonial Theory

Awards

- 2003 Excellence in Teaching Award, Boğaziçi University
- 2004 Excellence in Teaching Award, Boğaziçi University
- 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award, Boğaziçi University

Languages

Turkish (mother tongue), English (very good), French (very good), Spanish (good), German (good), Portuguese (beginners), Kurdish (beginners)

Other Professional Experience

- Colloquium organizer, Association Elele-Migrations et Cultures de Turquie, Paris, France, 1998
- Alphabetization program, Neustadt Projekt / Arbeit und Leben, Mainz, Germany, 1995-97
- Co-editor, *Executive News Digest* (Intermedia A.Ş.), Istanbul, 1991-92
- Reporter, *Mid-East Mirror*, Istanbul, 1991
- Reporter and editor, *Dateline Turkey* (BBA and Hürriyet), Istanbul, 1987-91