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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 1999 M.A., Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 1995-97 Graduate Program, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
- 1995 B.A., Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

DISSERTATION TITLE

The Conservation of Crop Genetic Diversity in Turkey: An Analysis of the Linkages between Local, National, and International Levels

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

2004-05 Postdoctoral fellowship at the International Center for Advanced Study (ICAS), New York University: Project on The Authority of Knowledge in a Global Age

2002-03 Resources for the Future: Joseph L. Fisher Dissertation Award

1997-98 Fellowship from the Office of Foreign Scholars and Students, University of Massachusetts

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

6/2005-present: Full time Faculty Member, Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and International Relations

1/2005-6/2005: Lecturer, New York University, Department of Politics

9/2003-1/2004: Lecturer, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Political Science.

9/1998-6/2002: Graduate Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Political Science

9/1996-7/1997: Graduate Assistant, Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and International Relations

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles:

Aksoy, Zühre and Özlem Öz. 2020. Protection of traditional agricultural knowledge and rethinking agricultural research from farmers' perspective: A case from Turkey. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 80, 291-301. (SSCI)

Öz, Özlem and Zuhre Aksoy. 2019. Challenges of building alternatives: experience of a consumer food co-operative in Istanbul. *Food, Culture & Society*, 22 (3). 299-315. (SSCI)

Aksoy, Zuhre. 2014. Local-Global Linkages in Environmental Governance: The Case of Crop Genetic Resources. *Global Environmental Politics*. 14 (2). 226-244. (SSCI)

Papaioannaou, T., Yanacopulos, H. and Zuhre Aksoy. 2009. Global Justice: From Theory to Development Action. *Journal of International Development*. 21 (6). 805-818. (SSCI)

Book Chapters:

Aksoy, Zuhre. 2016. The Politics of Biotechnology and the Governance of Genetically Modified Organisms in Turkey. In *The Making of Neoliberal Turkey*, edited by Cenk Ozbay, Maral Erol, Aysecan Terzioglu and Umut Turem. Ashgate.

Aksoy, Zuhre. 2010. The Legal-Institutional Framework and Agrobiodiversity Conservation in Turkey. In *Rethinking Structural Reform in Turkish Agriculture: Beyond the World Bank's Strategies*, edited by Barış Karapınar, Fikret Adaman and Gökhan Özertan. New York: Nova Publishers.

Aksoy, Zuhre. 2005. Biodiversity and Biotechnology in the Agriculture Sector. In *Environmentalism in Turkey: Between Democracy and Development?* edited by Fikret Adaman and Murat Arsel. Ashgate.

Books Edited:

Joint editor with H. Wiarda and Y. Woldemariam. 2005. *Developing Nations: Latin America, the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa. Critical Concepts in Political Science: Comparative Politics, Volume V*. London: Routledge.

Publications in Turkish:

Aksoy, Zuhre. 2017. Biyolojik Çeşitlilik Rejimi. In *Uluslararası Çevre Rejimleri*, edited by Gökhan Orhan, Semra Cerit Mazlum and Yasemin Kaya. Dora Yayıncılık.

WORKSHOP/SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZATION

1st Turkish-German frontiers of Social Science Symposium 2015: Changing Climate, Changing Lives. (Koç University, Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung Foundation, Stiftung Mercator). Member of the Organization Committee: (Co-organized the Session on Climate Change and Social Pressures with Kerstin Krellenberg).

PROJECTS

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), Selected Lead Author (LA) for *Transformative Change Assessment* (2022-2025).

Research Lead: Crop Genetic Resource Conservation and the Farmers' Rights in Turkey. Research project funded by the Boğaziçi University Research Fund (BAP 07 HC 301). Completed in 2013.

Researcher: To the 21st century with Ancient Wheats of Anatolia: An Inter-disciplinary Evaluation of the Adaptation to Climate Change and Genetic Erosion of Einkorn and Emmer Wheats Cultivated in Anatolia and the Development of On-farm Conservation Strategies. Interdisciplinary Research Project funded by the Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Fund. Research Lead: Raşit Bilgin.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

2021. 'Rethinking Environmental Policy and Traditional Knowledge' Innovative session on Knowledge cumulation in ESG research, 2021 Earth System Governance Conference. (virtual).

2020. 'Lost in food? Politics of knowledge in producer-consumer relations.' Royal Anthropological Institute RAI 2020 Conference. Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future (virtual).

2016. 'Democratic participation and co-op spirit: Achievements and ambivalences in a consumer food co-operative in Istanbul', (with Özlem Öz). European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS) Colloquium 2016: Organizing in the Shadow of Power, Naples.

2016. 'Global Governance of Traditional Knowledge and Its Justice Implications: A Case for an Alternative Approach', Global Governance/Politics, Climate Justice and Agrarian/Social Justice: Linkages and Challenges. An International Colloquium. International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague.

2015. 'Environmental Protection, Traditional Knowledge and International Institutions: The Case of Genetic Resources', Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference: Geographies of the Anthropocene, University of Exeter.

2015. 'Rethinking Agricultural Research From Farmers' Perspective: The Case of Turkey', (with Özlem Öz). Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference: Geographies of the Anthropocene, University of Exeter.

2015. 'Neoliberal Transformation, the State and the Environment: Conservation of Agricultural Biodiversity', Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Conference: Inequality in the 21st Century, LSE, London.

2014. 'Production of Knowledge and Agrarian Citizenship: Reorienting Agricultural Research through Centralizing Traditional Agricultural Knowledge', (with Özlem Öz), Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference: Geographies of Co-Production, London.

2014. 'Agrobiodiversity, Global Environmental Justice and Food Sovereignty: A Necessary Encounter?', Food Sovereignty: A Critical Dialogue, International Colloquium. International Institute of Social Studies, (ISS), The Hague, The Netherlands.

2013. 'Multi-scale linkages and traditional knowledge: integrating traditional knowledge into national and international frameworks', Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference: New Geographical Frontiers, London.

2012. 'Regulating traditional knowledge: linking the local to the global', ECPR Regulation

and Governance Conference: New Perspectives on Regulation, Governance and Learning, University of Exeter.

2011. 'Local-Global Linkages in Environmental Governance', EADI/DSA Conference, Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty: New Values, Voices and Alliances for Increased Resilience, University of York, York.

2010. 'Conservation of Agricultural Biodiversity in a Neoliberal Setting', The Ninth METU Conference on International Relations, The Mediterranean in the World System: Structures and Processes, METU Northern Cyprus Campus, Guzelyurt.

2009. 'Competing Ideas, Competing Rights: The Issue of Farmers' Rights in International Politics', International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, New York.

2008. 'Global Environmental Justice and Genetic Resources', Development Studies Association Annual Conference, London.

2007. 'The Conservation of Crop Genetic Resources: Problems of Equity', Amsterdam Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change: Earth System Governance: Theories and Strategies for Sustainability, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam.

2007. 'The State, International Organizations and the Farmers: The Politics of Genetic Resource Conservation', 48th International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in Chicago, IL, USA.

2006. 'Organic Farming and Biological Diversity', 1st European Congress of Conservation Biology in Eger, Hungary, organized by The Society for Conservation Biology- European Section and the Hungarian Natural History Museum, 'Integrating Central Asian and Turkish Conservationists into Eurasian Conservation Biology Workshop'.

2005. 'International Efforts at the Conservation of Biological Diversity and Equity Issues: The Case of Crop Genetic Resources', World International Studies Committee (WISC), Global International Studies Conference, Istanbul

2005. 'The Market, the Seeds of Farmers and Agricultural Diversity in Turkey' New Directions in the Anthropology of Markets: An International Conference, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, New York

2005. 'Market and Genetic Diversity: The Case of Turkey', New York University, International Center for Advanced Studies, The Authority of Knowledge in a Global Age Seminar

2004. 'Conserving Genetic Resources: Linkages between Local, National and International Levels', Berlin Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change- Greening of Policies: Interlinkages and Policy Integration

2003. 'Conservation of Plant Genetic Diversity in Turkey', International Studies Association (ISA) 44th Annual Convention, Portland, Oregon.

2003. 'Social Capital, Common Pool Resources, and the Conservation of Crop Genetic Diversity in Turkey', New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) Annual Conference, Providence, Rhode Island.

2001. 'The Role of Ideas in International Cooperation: International Efforts at Conservation of Biological Diversity,' Northeastern Political Science Association and International Studies Association-Northeast (NPSA-ISA) Thirty-third Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.

WORKSHOPS

2003. 'Sustainability Impact Assessment', organized by The Center for the Philosophy of Law, Universite Catholique Louvain, Belgium

2001. Global Governance of Technology: Meeting the Needs of Developing Countries, organized by the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA), Harvard University

2000. United Nations University Seminar Series: Inter-linkages: Inter-linkages and Biosafety: The Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, the WTO and the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission: Seeking Coherence between Multilateral Regimes

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses:

Introduction to Political Science
Introduction to International Relations
Diplomatic History
Environment and Politics
North-South Relations
Current Issues in World Politics

Graduate Courses:

International Politics
Developing Countries in International Politics
Literary Texts and Politics

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Department Vice Chair: 2015-2017; 2012-2014; 2007-2008.
Erasmus and Exchange Programs Department Coordinator: 2009--present
Member of the Faculty Council: 2008--present
Undergraduate Academic Advisor: 2005--present
Member of the Protection of Natural Life Commission: 2015—2018.

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (advanced)