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Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2017-2025 Ph.D., University of Szeged, Doctoral School of History, Department of Modern History
Szeged, HUNGARY

Dissertation Title: The Division Between Çelebi and Babagan Bektashis: An Analysis of Spiritual and Genealogical Perspectives (19th-20th Centuries)

2013-2016 MA, Hacettepe University, Institute of Social Sciences, Department of History
Ankara, TÜRKİYE

Thesis Title: Alevi-Bektaşî Kültüründe Yaratılış Anlatıları ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet İlişkileri
(Creation Narratives and Gender Relations in Alevi-Bektashi Culture)

2008-2013 BA, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Department of History
Ankara, TÜRKİYE
(graduated as the class valedictorian)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 -... Lecturer, General Culture Courses Department
Izmir Institute of Technology
Izmir, TÜRKİYE

2022 Visiting Ph.D. Researcher, Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies
University of Vienna
Vienna, AUSTRIA

2013-2016 Fieldwork Researcher and Project Assistant, TOBB University of Economics and Technology
Ankara, TÜRKİYE

The project titled "Aleviliğin Ortak Referanslarının Belirlenmesi" (Collective Memory and Religious System of the Alevi Communities), conducted under the supervision of Dr. Rıza Yıldırım, and financially supported by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK).

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2026** European Commission Seal of Excellence
Awarded for the project *BeKTPRiNT: Bektashi Print Culture: Knowledge, Identity and Power in the Late Ottoman and Early Republican Periods*, submitted under the Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships (HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF-01-01). Evaluated with a score of 93.40/100.
- 2025** Best Article Award for the article "*We are the descendants of Gürüh-ı naci*": *The notion of Gürüh-ı naci in Alevism and Bektashism*" in the category of articles published in peer-reviewed journals.
3. Uluslararası Alevilik ve Bektaşilik Çalışmaları Bilim Ödülleri (3rd International Scientific Awards for Alevi and Bektashi Studies), awarded by Alevi Vakıfları Federasyonu
Istanbul, TÜRKİYE
- 2022** Ernst Mach Grant, granted by Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation
Research at the Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna for one academic year
Vienna, AUSTRIA
- 2022** Stipendium Hungaricum Dissertation Scholarship, awarded by Tempus Public Foundation
Budapest, HUNGARY
- 2019** Travel Grant for Persian Language Training at Dehkhoda Lexicon Institute and International Center for Persian Studies, University of Tehran, supported by the Department of Modern History, University of Szeged
Szeged, HUNGARY
- 2017-2021** Stipendium Hungaricum Doctoral Scholarship, awarded by Tempus Public Foundation
Budapest, HUNGARY
- 2013-2016** TÜBİTAK Science Fellowships and Grant Programmes Directorate (BİDEB)
Awarded a TÜBİTAK scholarship (as a master's student) to participate in a three-year funded research project.
Ankara, TÜRKİYE
- 2008-2013** Undergraduate scholarship (fully funded), granted by TOBB University of Economics and Technology
Ankara, TÜRKİYE

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023** Review of *Gender and Succession in Medieval and Early Modern Islam: Bilateral Descent and the Legacy of Fatima*, by Alyssa Gabbay. *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 19, no. 1 (2023): 98-100. <https://doi.org/10.1215/15525864-10256197>
- 2022** Review of *Osmanlı İmparatorluğu ve İslam: Bir İmparatorluk, Bir Din* by Ahmet Yaşar Ocak. *Journal of the Ottoman Studies*, 60, (2022): 290–293. <https://doi.org/10.18589/oa.1225490>
- 2022** "'We are the descendants of Gürüh-ı naci': The notion of Gürüh-ı naci in Alevism and Bektashism." *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 9, no. 2 (2022): 307-330. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2979/tur.2022.a902205>
- 2022** "Modern Approaches to the Kızılbaş-Alevi and Bektashi Studies". *Mediterrán Tanulmányok* 32 (July):131-45. https://ojs.bibl.u-szeged.hu/index.php/mediterranean_tanulmanyok/article/view/44103
- 2017** "Oral and Written Tradition: Qizilbash Case in Anatolia" *Tehetségek A Történettudomány Szolgáltatában IV: Történelem Szakos Hallgatók*, (2017), 7-19.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2024** Revisiting the Division Between Çelebi and Babagan in Bektashism: Exploring Spiritual and Genealogical Perspectives
Comité International des Études Pré-Ottomanes et Ottomanes (CIEPO25), Universiteti Europian i Tiranës and Sami Frasheri Institute, Tirana, Albania, June 21-25, 2024.
- 2022** Stuck Between Two Empires: Transformation of Religio-Political Structure of Qizilbash in Safavid Iran and Ottoman Empire (17th-19th Century)
Association for Iranian Studies (AIS) 13th Biennial Conference, Faculty of Philology, University of Salamanca, Spain, August 30-September 2, 2022.
- 2022** Women's Memory, Women's Words: The Process of Acquiring and Transferring the Religious Knowledge of Alevi Women in Anatolia
Association for Middle East Women's Studies (AMEWS), American University of Beirut- Lebanese American University, Beirut, Lebanon, June 21,22,23,2022. (fully funded as a Ph.D. Candidate)
- 2018** The Voices and Texts of the Qizilbash/Alevi in Anatolia: Oral History and Collective Memory in Historical Research
Methodological Questions in Historical Research, International Workshop, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Pécs, Pécs, Hungary,17-18 September 2018. (fully funded as a Ph.D. Candidate)
- 2017** Oral and Written Tradition: Qizilbash Case in Anatolia
Tehetségek A Történettudomány Szolgáltatában IV, Faculty of Arts, University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary, September 2017.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish	Native
English	Advanced
Farsi	Upper-Intermediate
German	Upper-Intermediate
Hungarian	Intermediate
Ottoman Turkish	Advance reading skills of archival documents and printed material

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Alevi and Bektashi History
Sufis and Renunciatory Dervishes in the Ottoman Empire
Alevi and Bektashi Myths and Legends
Alevi and Bektashi Manuscript and Book Cultures
Oral History and Collective Memory
Women's History and Gender in the Ottoman Empire