

# GÖKÇE YURDAKUL

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2013- **HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN**, Germany, Professor of Sociology (W3, Full Professor, tenured)  
*Head of Department*, Diversity and Social Conflict, Institute for Social Sciences  
*Institute Director*, Berlin Institute of Migration and Integration Research (BIM) (2023-25, elected)  
*Institute Director*, Institute of Social Sciences (2019-21, elected)  
*Chair of Research Department*, Berlin Institute of Migration Research (BIM)  
*Co-appointed* at the Transdisciplinary Gender Studies Graduate Program
- 2009-2013 **HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN**, Germany, Institute for Social Sciences, Berlin Graduate School for Social Sciences (BGSS)  
Georg Simmel Professor of Diversity and Social Conflict (Associate Professor, W2)
- 2007-2008 **UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN**, Trinity College, Ireland, Department of Sociology and MPhil Program in Ethnic and Racial Studies  
Lecturer (permanent position)
- 2006-2007 **BROCK UNIVERSITY**, Ontario, Canada, Department of Sociology  
Assistant Professor

## VISITING POSITIONS

- 2023 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**, Ontario, Canada  
Institute of Islamic Studies, Visiting Scholar
- 2019 **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**, Cambridge, USA  
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Visiting Fellow

## EDUCATION

- 1999-2006 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**, Toronto, Canada, Department of Sociology,  
**PhD. in Sociology**  
*Dissertation Title*: Mobilizing Kreuzberg: Political Representation, Immigrant Incorporation and Turkish Associations in Berlin  
(Supervisors: Robert MacKay, Sara Abraham)
- 1995-1998 **MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**, Ankara, Turkey; M.A. in Gender and Women's Studies (Supervisor: Yildiz Ecevit)
- 1991-1995 **BOGAZİÇİ UNIVERSITY**, Istanbul, Turkey; B.A. in Sociology

## GRANTS (after 2017)

### Research Grants

- 2022-25      **Title of the Project: (MigSoc) The role of (post) migrant civil society organizations in Germany** under the general project Social Conflicts and Dynamics of Party Competition in Times of Migration and Integration (MigRep)  
Grant agency: BMBFSJ, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (Germany)  
My role: Collaborator with Tunay Altay (PI, Humboldt University of Berlin);  
Partners of the project: Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung (InZentIM), Duisburg-Essen; Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES), Mannheim.  
Amount of Funding: 330,000 Euros for only our research team.
- 2021-2024      **Title of the Project: (MULTIBOUND)**  
Grant Agency: HUB Research Center seed grant to submit an ERC Advanced Grant  
My Role: PI  
Amount of Funding: 25,000 Euros
- 2020-21      **Title of the Project: Getting Respect: How Turks Respond to Racism in Berlin**  
Grant Agency: NaDIRA Racism Monitoring at the German Center for Migration and Integration Research (DeZIM).  
My role: Principal Investigator with Collaborator Tunay Altay  
Amount of Funding: 53,378 Euros
- 2020-23      **Title of the Project: Borders, boundaries, and bodies in the production of non-belonging: Regulating the return of European women who joined the Islamic State**  
Grant Agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Faculty Research INSIGHT Grant (SSHRC), Canada.  
My role: Collaborator with Grant holder: Anna Korteweg (University of Toronto)  
Amount of Funding: 97,941 Euros
- 2020-21      **Title of the Project: Media, Migration and Politics**  
Grant Agency: Berlin University Alliance Seed Grant, Melbourne-Berlin  
My role: Equal co-PIs with Karen Farquharson (University of Melbourne)  
Amount of Funding: 50,000 Euros for both partners.

2015-19

**Title of the Project: Contesting Authorities Over Body Politics: The Religious/Secular Tension in Germany, Israel, and Turkey**

Grant Agency: German-Israeli Scientific Foundation

My role: Equal co-PIs with Shai Lavi (Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law and Director of Van Leer Institute Jerusalem)

Amount of Funding: 180,000 Euros for both partners.

**Institutional Grants**

(Hosting Fellows, Establishing International and National Exchanges)

2023-2026

Theme of the Grant: Climate Change, Gender and Immigration

Grant Agency: Erasmus+ Key Action 171

Purpose of the Grant: Faculty and Student Exchange with University of the South Pacific

My role: Applicant with Department of Agricultural Economy & University of the South Pacific

Amount of funding: 50.000 euros for all partners

2020-25

Theme of the Grant: Network for Racism Research (WinRa)

Grant Agency: BMBF funded through DeZIM

My role: Co-Speaker for Region East together with Prof. Maisha Auma

Amount of funding: ca. 2.198.000,00 Euros, our part is ca. 231.000 Euros

2016-20

Theme of the Grant: Scholars at Risk

Grant Agency: Phillip-Schwartz Fellow for Scholars at Risk & Host for Einstein Foundation

My role: Host for the Guest Professor Dr. Nil Mutluer from Turkey for 2+2 years

2013

Theme of the Grant: Research collaboration grant for trilateral collaboration with UCLA, Sciences Po, and HU

Grant Agency: DFG (German Research Association) International Collaboration Grant

My role: Host at the HUB for workshop

Amount of Grant: 5,000 Euros

2013-4

Theme of the Grant: Hosting Assoc. Prof. Esra Özyürek from UCSB for 1 year

Grant Agency: Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation Fellowship

My role: Host at the HUB

Other: I have hosted numerous DAAD, Fubright, Swiss National Foundation and German-Israeli Foundation Early Career Researchers at my institution.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

(2014) *The Headscarf Debates: Conflict of Belonging in National Narratives*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. (equal co-authors with Anna Korteweg) (2016) **Translation:** *Kopftuch-Debatten in Europa: Konflikte um Zugehörigkeit in nationalen Narrativen*. Bielefeld: transcript Verlag.

(2009) *From Guest workers into Muslims: Turkish Immigrant Associations in Germany*, Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. (single author)

### Journal Special Issues and Edited Books

(under contract to be published in 2025) *Oxford Handbook of Intersectional Approches on Migration, Gender, and Sexuality* (co-editors with Liza Mügge, Jean Beaman, Sarah Scuzzarello, Sirijit Sunanta). Oxford University Press.

(2018) *Social Inclusion Journal: The Transformative Forces of Migration: Refugees and the Reconfiguration of Migration Societies* (special issue co-editor with Ulrike Hamann).

(2010) *Staatsbürgerschaft, Migration und Minderheiten: Inklusion und Ausgrenzungsstrategien im Vergleich*. Wiesbaden: Verlag Sozialwissenschaften. (Citizenship, Migration and Minorities: Comparative Inclusion and Exclusion Strategies) (compilation of my own articles translated into German)

(2009) *Turkish Studies Journal: Turkish Identity and Political Mobilization in Western Europe and North America* (special issue editor with Sebnem Koser Akcapar)

(2007) *Citizenship and Immigrant Incorporation: Comparative Perspectives from Western Europe and North America* (co-edited with Michal Bodemann) Palgrave Macmillan.

(2006) *Migration, Citizenship, Ethnos* (co-edited with Michal Bodemann), Palgrave Macmillan.

### Peer-reviewed Publications in Scholarly Journals (after 2017)

(in preparation) Altay, Tunay, Gökce Yurdakul and Naika Foroutan. "Undoing the One-Dimensional Immigrant"

(forthcoming in 2024) Korteweg, Anna and Gökce Yurdakul. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*

(2023) Özvatan, Özgür, Bastian Neuhauser, and Gökce Yurdakul. "The 'Arab Clans' Discourse: Narrating Racialization, Kinship, and Crime in the German Media" *Social Sciences* 12, no. 2: 104.

(2023) Korteweg Anna, Gökce Yurdakul, Jillian Sunderland and Marloes Streppel "Social Reproduction Gone Wrong? The Citizenship Revocation and Rehabilitation of Young European Women Who Joined ISIS", *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, 2023;, jxad015, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxad015>

(2022) Yurdakul Gökce & Tunay Altay Overcoming stigma: the boundary work of privileged mothers of Turkish background in Berlin's private schools, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2022.2152720, \*translated into German

(2021) Altay, Tunay, Gökce Yurdakul and Anna Korteweg "Crossing borders: the intersectional marginalisation of Bulgarian Muslim trans\*immigrant sex workers in Berlin", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 47:9, 1922-1939, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2020.1862646

(2021) Yurdakul, Gökce and Anna Korteweg Boundary Regimes and the Gendered Racialized Production of Muslim Masculinities: Cases from Canada and Germany, *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*, 19:1,39-54. \*translated into German

(2021) Korteweg, A., & Gökce Yurdakul Liberal feminism and postcolonial difference: Debating headscarves in France, the Netherlands, and Germany. *Social Compass*, 68(3), 410–429.

(2019) Yurdakul, Gökce, Gala Rexer, Shvat Eilat and Nil Mutluer "Contested Authorities over Life Politics: Religious-Secular Tensions in Abortion Debates in Germany, Turkey, and Israel," *Comparative Sociology*, 18 (5): 706-734.

(2019) Yurdakul, Gökce and Anna Korteweg "State Responsibility and Differential Inclusion: Honor Based Violence in the Netherlands and Germany," *Social Politics*, 27(2): 187–211

### **Non-Peer Reviewed Books, Articles and Book Chapters**

(forthcoming in 2023) *Getting Respect in Germany: Responses to racism and anti-semitism*. E-Book edited from MA students' final papers in the project website, available online (Co-edited with Eyüp Mert Birdal, MA student)

(2022) republished a book chapter that originally appeared in German in 2010) "Jews and Turks in Germany: Immigrant Integration, Political Representation and Minority Rights", *Handbook on Sociology and the Middle East*, Fatma Müge Göçek & Gamze Evcimen (co-editors) IB.Tauris, 641-686.

(2021) "BioNTech'ten Önce: Almanya'da Türkiyeli Göçmen Kadın İmgesi'nin Kadın Bakış Açısından Değerlendirmesi", (Before BioNTech: An Gender Perspective on Turkish Immigrant Women's Portrayals in Germany) *Misafir, Göçmen, Yerli*. Istanbul Büyük Şehir Belediyesi Yayını.

(2020) "Jews, Muslims and Religious Challenges to the European Institutions: The Headscarf and Ritual Male Circumcision Debates" in Meltem Kulacatan and Harry Harun Behr (eds), *Migration, Religion, Gender und Bildung: Beiträge zu einem erweiterten Verständnis von Intersektionalität*. Bielefeld: transcript Verlag.

(2019) "Bikinis, Blondes and Burkas: Gender and Islam in the German Far Right" *Epicenter Blog at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, December 2019* (with Özgür Özvatan and Bernhard Forchtner)

(2019) "We Can Do It! (Or Can We?) "Angela Merkel's Immigration Politics" *Epicenter Blog at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, May 24* (with Hartmut Koenitz)

(2018) "Feminism Gone Bad? Radical Right and Women's Organizations in Germany", *OpenDemocracy*, (with Özgür Özvatan and Anna Korteweg)

(2017) *Witnessing the transition: refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants in transnational perspective*. E-Book edited from PhD and MA students' theses, available online (Co-edited with Regina Römhild, Birgit zur Nieden, Anja Schwanhäüßer)

### Commissioned Reports

2019 MEDIENDIENST INTEGRATION (Media Service of Integration)

Commissioned expert report, published online: Verhindern Kopftuchverbote die Integration? (Is the headscarf ban preventing integration?) (Principal Investigator)

2017 BMBFSJ (Federal Ministry of Family)

Commissioned expert report, unpublished for the internal use of the ministry.

2010 UNITED NATIONS FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioned thematic paper, published online and softcopy: *Religion, Culture and the Politicization of Honour-Related Violence: A Critical Analysis of Media and Policy Debates in Western Europe and North America* (Equal co-PIs with Anna Korteweg)

### Keynote and Invited Lectures (after 2017)

2023

Invited Lecture

University of Milano-Bicocca, Doctoral Program

Title: Overcoming Stigma: Boundary work and Intersectionality among Turkish Women Immigrants in Berlin

2022

Joint Keynote

Sussex Center for Migration Research (SCMR-JEMS Annual Conference), University of Sussex

Title: The Gendered Racialized Politics of Non-Belonging: The Repatriation of European IS Members and their Children (with Anna Korteweg)

2021

Keynotes

- Research Section 35, Sociology of Migration, European Sociology Association Annual Online Conference;
- IMISCOE Gender and Sexuality Network Online Conference;
- German Center for Immigration and Integration Research, Early Career Research Online Conference

Title: Beyond “Biontech”: Gendered Racialization, and Germany’s Post-migrant Role Models

2019

Invited Lectures

- University of Copenhagen, Sociology Institute
- University of Neuchâtel, NCCR program

Title: Jews and Turks in Germany: The Headscarf and Ritual Male Circumcision Debates

2019

Invited Lectures

- Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs;
- Swarthmore College, Peace and Conflict Studies;
- CUNY Immigration Lectures

Title: Symbolic Boundaries and Refugee Masculinities: Excluding Syrian Men from Germany

2018

Invited Lecture

Meertens Instituut Amsterdam,

Title: Title: Jews and Turks in Germany: The Headscarf and Ritual Male Circumcision Debates

2017

Keynote

University of Utrecht Conference on “Religious Minorities’ Self-Representations: The Politics of Belonging between Claims of Difference and Claims of Sameness”

Title: Jews and Turks in Germany: The Headscarf and Ritual Male Circumcision Debates

## PhD Dissertations (completed)

Sakar Saber (2022) Gendered Suicide: Power, Patriarchy, and Women's Body in Iraqi Kurdistan

Gala Rexer (2021, Fellow of Heinrich-Böll Foundation) Bodies and Borders: The Politics of Reproductive Technologies in Israel/Palestine

Seyran Bostanci (2021) Inklusion in Theorie und Praxis – Eine vergleichende Untersuchung der Umsetzung des Praxiskonzeptes 'Vorurteilsbewusste Bildung und Erziehung' in Kindertageseinrichtungen

Öndercan Muti (2021, Fellow of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation) Memory in Motion: A Comparative Study on the Postmemories of the Armenian Genocide

Özgür Özvatan (2020, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences) From Ethnonational to Transnational Homeland and back? Storytelling, Boundaries and Collective Learning in the (Un)Making of Turkish-German Belonging (2020)

Noémi Katona (2019, Fellow of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation) Hungarian Women in the Transnational Prostitution Market and the Role of the State

Inken Bartels (2018, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, European Doctoral Program) The (re)construction of the 'European border regime': An ethnographic approach to the practices of the International Organization of Migration's 'management of migration' in the Euro-Mediterranean region (published as a book by Routledge, 2022)

Inna Michaeli (2017, Fellow of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation) Self-Enterprising Citizens: Comparing Strategies of Economic Empowerment for Women in Germany and Israel (published as a book by Palgrave, 2022)

Anna Schlumbohm (2016) Immigration, Exclusion, and Institutional Constraints: Evaluating Political Participation and Involvement of Long-Term Immigrants in Germany

## MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Harvard University, Weatherhead Center. Associated Member.

*The Council for European Studies*, USA: Member of Immigration Network, Co-Chair Immigration Research Network (2020-1), co-Chair Program Committee (2021-22).

*Rat für Migration (Migration Council)*, Member.

IMISCOE, Member of Gender and Sexuality Network.



## ACADEMIC REVIEWS AND JOURNAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

*Associate Editor:* Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society

*Journal Board Member:* German Politics; European Societies, Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies (2019-21)

## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY (Media interviews, op-eds and public talks since 2017)

Live TV Panel, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the guest workers arrival to Germany, Istanbul Municipality TV, 3.11.2021 (available online <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khdGFIdIuQs>)

Interview, *Prospective Magazine*, British online magazine, commenting on immigration in Germany, <https://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/essays/turkish-germans-are-finally-finding-their-voice>, 30.03.2021

Interview, *HU&Charite Amnesty International* Podcast on Immigrant Women's Leadership available on Spotify, 30.03.2020.

Interview, *Trouw*, Dutch Daily Newspaper, commenting on the terror attack at the German Christmas Market; 19.12.2017.

Essay, "Ein Grundrecht auf Familie für Alle!" *Tagesspiegel Causa*, (together with Özgür Özvatan), 20 September 2017.

Essay, "Doppelte Staatsbürgerschaft: Ethnie oder Diversität?" *Tagesspiegel Causa*, (together with Özgür Özvatan) 12 January 2017.

## NON-ACADEMIC SERVICE

Member of the jury against discriminating and sexist advertisement in the Berlin state office for equal treatment against discrimination (Jury gegen diskriminierende und sexistische Werbung die Landesstelle für Gleichbehandlung gegen Diskriminierung (LADS) (2020-23)

## LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English, German (fluent)

