

## Prof. Dr. Gökçe Yurdakul



Gökçe Yurdakul is Georg Simmel Professor of Diversity and Social Conflict at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the Director of the Berlin Institute of Migration and Integration Research (BIM). Previously, she was the Director of the Department of Social Sciences at her university from 2019-21. Yurdakul received her PhD from the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto (2006), and completed a postdoctoral project at the Free University of Berlin Advanced Program for German and European Studies (2008). Her areas of interest are gender, immigration, citizenship, specifically issues of Muslim women in Western Europe. Her research has been funded by national and international grants, including the Social Science Research Council Canada, German Center for Migration Research (DeZIM) and GIF (German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research). She was a visiting scholar at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at the Harvard University in 2019, where she was affiliated with the Comparative Inequalities and Inclusion Research Cluster. She wrote and edited five books, most recently, [The Headscarf Debates: Conflict of National Belonging](#) (2014, Stanford University Press, with Anna Korteweg), as well as numerous articles and book chapters. Yurdakul and Korteweg started a new book-length project on how the politics of non-belonging are produced in the European media and political debate. Yurdakul is an associate editor for the leading feminist journal, *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*.

### Current projects (as of 2023):

**Participation and democracy: The role of women and LGBTQ immigrant initiatives from Turkey in Germany** under the general project Social Conflicts and Dynamics of Party Competition in Times of Migration and Integration (MigRep); Funding Agency: BMBFSJ, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (Germany); Duration: 01.01.2022 – 31.12.2024; Partner: Collaborator with Tunay Altay (PI, Humboldt University of Berlin); Berliner Institut für empirische Integrations- und Migrationsforschung (BIM), Berlin, Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung (InZentIM), Duisburg-Essen, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES), Mannheim Website: [here](#); Output: Journal article

**Borders, boundaries, and bodies in the production of non-belonging: Regulating the return of European women who joined ISIS;** Funding Agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Council (SSHRC) Insight Grant; Duration: 2020-2023; Partner: Collaborator with Anna Korteweg (Principal Investigator, University of Toronto); Output: Journal article under review

### Recently Completed Research Projects:

**Getting Respect in Germany: How Turks Respond to Racism;** Funding Agency: German Center for Migration and Integration Research (DeZIM) Racism Monitoring Program (NaDira), Completed: 2021; Partner: Tunay Altay; Website: [here](#); Output: Gökçe Yurdakul & Tunay Altay (2022) 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](https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2022.2152720)

**Media, Migrants and Politics: Comparative Study of Media Representations of Immigrants in Australia and Germany;** Funding Agency: Berlin University Alliance (BUA); Completed: 2021; Partner: Karen Farquharson, University of Melbourne; Website: [here](#); **Output:** Özgür Özvatan, Bastian Neuhauser and Gökçe Yurdakul (2023) "The 'Arab Clans' Discourse: Narrating Racialization, Kinship, and Crime in the German Media," *Social Sciences*, 12:x

**Border-Making in Berlin: Sexual Citizenship and Social Boundaries in Street Sex-Work;** Funding Agency: None, Completed: 2020; Partner: Tunay Altay; **Output:** Tunay Altay, Gökçe Yurdakul & Anna C. Korteweg (2021) 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](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2020.1862646)

**Body Politics, Bioethics and Gendered Identities;** Funding Agency: German-Israeli Science Foundation (GIF); Completed: 2019; Partner: Shai Lavi, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law; Website: [here](#); **Output:** "[Contested Authorities over Life Politics: Religious-Secular Tensions in Abortion Debates in Germany, Turkey, and Israel](#)" published in *Comparative Sociology* (with Gala Rexer, Shvat Eilat and Nil Mutluer)

### Key publications:

(2022) 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](https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2022.2152720) (with Tunay Altay)

(2021) "[Crossing borders: The intersectional marginalization of Bulgarian Muslim trans\\*immigrant sex workers in Berlin](#)", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (with Tunay Altay and Anna Korteweg)

(2020) "[Liberal Feminism and Postcolonial Difference: Debating Headscarves in the Netherlands, France and Germany](#)" *Social Compass*, (with Anna Korteweg)

(2020) "[Boundary Regimes and the Gendered Racialized Production of Muslim Masculinities: Cases from Canada and Germany](#)" *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* (with Anna Korteweg)

(2019) "[State Responsibility and Differential Inclusion: Addressing Honor-Based Violence in the Netherlands and Germany](#)," *Social Politics* (with Anna Korteweg)

(2008) "[Citizenship and Immigration: Assimilation, Multiculturalism and the Challenges to the Nation State](#)" *Annual Review of Sociology* 34: 153-179. (equal authors with Irene Bloemraad and Anna C. Korteweg)