

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal Information

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### Education

- 2009–2016 Ph.D. in Comparative Gender Studies  
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary  
Dissertation Title: "The Politics of Gender and the Making of Kemalist Feminist Activism in Contemporary Turkey (1946–2011)"  
Supervisor: Susan C. Zimmermann
- 2006–2008 MA in Cultural Studies.  
Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey  
Thesis Title: "Kemalism or Womanhood: Modern Woman's Challenge with the Headscarf"
- 2001–2005 BA in Political Science and Public Administration  
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey  
Specialization in Political and Cultural Theory

### Languages

Turkish Native  
English Advanced in reading, writing, speaking  
Spanish Intermediate in reading  
Hungarian Beginner in reading, writing, speaking

### Research Experience

- 2018– Postdoctoral fellow in gender studies  
Department of Cultural Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden  
*Spaces of resistance. A study of gender and sexualities in times of transformation*,  
project funded by Knut and Alice Wallenberg's Foundation, PI Prof. Mia Liinason
- 2018 Visiting Researcher  
Gothenburg University, Department of Cultural Sciences
- 2016– Junior Researcher  
"ZARAH. Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally from the age of empires to the late 20th century." Project run by Prof. Susan Zimmerman, CEU
- 2014 Research Assistant  
*Rosa Manus (1881-1942). The International Life and Legacy of a Jewish Dutch Feminist*.  
Edited book by Myriam Everard and Francisca de Haan, Leiden: Brill, 2016
- 2014–15 Visiting Researcher  
Vienna University, Department of Political Science

- 2012–13 Visiting Researcher  
Lund University, Centre for Gender Studies
- 2011 Research Assistant  
*The Headscarf Debates: Conflicts of National Belonging*. Book by Anna C. Korteweg and Gökçe Yurdakul, Stanford University Press, 2014

### Teaching Experience

- 2019–20 Lecturer  
Gothenburg University, Department of Cultural Sciences  
MA Course: Interdisciplinary Challenges in Gender Studies  
MA Course: Cultural Theories and Practices  
MA Course: Master's Thesis in Gendering Practices  
BA- and MA-level Course: Scandinavian Studies: Cultural and Social Perspectives  
(Responsible for two units; "Opposing the Western Eye" and "Anti-gender Backlash")
- 2018 Visiting Lecturer  
Eötvös Lorand University, Department of European Studies  
MA Course: "Global Governance and Transnational Feminism: Key Concepts and Debates"
- 2017–18 Visiting Lecturer  
Central European University, Department of Gender Studies  
MA Course: "Feminist Activism, NGOization and the Global Gender Equality Regime: Transnational and Regional Perspectives."  
Ph.D. Course: "Gender, Sexuality, and Politics in Turkey: Historical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives" (directed study)
- 2017 Lecturer  
International Summer School "Gender Studies: Teaching, Learning and Studying," EU Project Gender studies curriculum: A step for Democracy and Peace in EU neighboring countries with different traditions (GeSt), Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
- 2013 Teaching Assistant  
MA Course: "Foundations in Gender Studies I: Histories, Theories, Futures."
- 2012 Teaching Assistant  
MA Course: "Gender, Nation, State: Anthropological Perspectives."

### Other Academic Experience

- 2017–18 Project Preparation Assistant  
"ZARAH. Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally, from the age of empires to the late 20th century." Project run by Prof. Susan Zimmerman, CEU.
- 2016 Research Facilitator  
Central European University, Higher Education Support Program
- 2014–16 Assistant Editor  
Aspasia: The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern European Women's and Gender History

## Publications

### Books

- 2021 (forthcoming) *Feminist and LGBTI+ Activism across Russia, Scandinavia and Turkey. Transnationalizing Spaces of Resistance*, under contract with Palgrave Macmillan, Gender Studies series. Co-authors Mia Liinason and Olga Sasunkevich.

### Journal Articles

- 2020 (forthcoming) "'Making possible an impossible strike'. Forging feminist mobilization through transnational solidarities." *Gender, Place & Culture*, under review.
- 2020 (forthcoming) "Unsettling political: Conceptualizing the political in feminist and LGBTI activism and arts beyond nation-bound and state-centric frameworks." *Women's Studies International Forum*, under review. Co-authors Hülya Arik, Mia Liinason and Olga Sasunkevich.
- 2018 "Women's Coalitions Beyond the Laicism-Islamism Divide in Turkey: Towards an Inclusive Struggle for Gender Equality? *Social Inclusion*, vol. 6, no. 4 (November), 48–58.
- 2017 "Laiklik, kadın hakları, toplumsal cinsiyet politikaları: Günümüz Türkiye'sini tarihsel ve küresel bağlamıyla birlikte düşünmek" [Laicism, women's rights, gender politics: Thinking today's Turkey in its historical and global context]. *Birikim*, no. 333–334 (January-February), 59–75.
- 2008 "Kemalizmi Kitlesele Refleksiyle Düşünmek: Cumhuriyet Mitingleri Üzerine Bir Deneme" [Kemalism with its Mass Reflex: An Essay on Republican Demonstrations]. *Birikim*, no. 230–231 (June-July), 118–126 (co-authored with Kerem Özkurt).

### Book Chapters

2020. "Kemalist feminizm. Kadın hareketi tarihinin göz ardı edilmiş 'bariz gerçeği'" [Kemalist feminism. The ignored 'obvious truth' of the history of women's movement]. In Nacide Berber and Feryal Saygılıgil, eds., *Modern Türkiye'de Siyasi Düşünce, Vol. 10 Feminizm [Political Thought in Modern Turkey, Vol. 10 Feminism]*, Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları (forthcoming).
- 2018 "Feminists in, against (and beyond?) the state: Women's rights, global gender equality regime, and Turkey's gender politics in the 21st century." In Diana Mulinari and Lena Martinsson, eds., *Dreaming Global Change – Doing Local feminisms. Visions of Feminism. Global North /Global South Encounters, Conversations and Disagreements*, New York and Oxon: Routledge. (Forthcoming.)
- 2016 "From 'daughters of the Republic' to contentious citizens: Kemalist women's activism in historical perspective." In Alexia Bumbaris, Veronika Helfert, Jessica Richter, Brigitte Semanek and Karolina Sigmund, eds., *Frauen- und Geschlechtergeschichte un/diszipliniert? Aktuelle Beiträge aus der jungen Forschung (=Studien zur Frauen- und Geschlechtergeschichte; 11)*, Innsbruck et al.: StudienVerlag, 209–231.

### Book Reviews and Review Essays

- 2019 Zafer Toprak, *Türkiye’de Yeni Hayat. İnkılap ve Travma 1908–1928* (New Life in Turkey. Revolution and Trauma 1908–1928), İstanbul: Doğan Kitap, 2017. In *Aspasia*, vol. 13, pp. 233–236.
- 2018 "New Perspectives on Modernity, Nationalism and Muslim Women in the late-Ottoman Period." In *Aspasia*, vol. 12, pp. 146–152.  
Reviewed books: Meral Harmancı McDermott, *Bastırılanın Geri Dönüşü. Tanzimat'tan Cumhuriyet'e Kadın Oyun Yazarlarında Toplumsal Cinsiyet* [Return of the Repressed. Gender in Women Playwrights from the Tanzimat to the Republic], İstanbul: Habitus Kitap, 2016; Yavuz Selim Karakışla, *Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'nda Savaş Yılları ve Çalışan Kadınlar. Kadınları Çalıştırma Cemiyeti 1916–1923* [Women, War and Work in the Ottoman Empire, Society for the Employment of Ottoman Muslim Women 1916–1923], İstanbul: İletişim Yayıncılık, 2015.
- 2017 Serpil Çakır, *Erkek kulübünde siyaset: Kadın parlamenterlerle sözlü tarih* [Politics in the men’s club: Oral history with women parliamentarians], İstanbul: Versus Kitap, 2013. In *Aspasia*, vol. 11, pp. 129–131.

### Book Translations

- 2011 Esping-Andersen, Gosta. *Tamamlanmamış Devrim: Kadınların Yeni Rollerine Uymak* [The Incomplete Revolution: Adapting Welfare States to Women’s New Roles]. İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2011. (Translation from English to Turkish)

### Invited Conference Papers and Presentations

- 2020 “Feminist and LGBTI+ Activism across Russia, Scandinavia and Turkey. Transnationalizing Spaces of Resistance.” High seminar presentation in webinar format hosted by Södertörn University, Sweden, 27 May 2020. Co-presenters Mia Liinason and Olga Sasunkevich.
- 2019 “Redefining the strike, building (left-)feminist solidarity. Transnational mobilizations around the International Women's Strike.” Workshop: Left Feminist Theory and Historiography: Between the Legacy of State-Socialist Emancipation and Today’s Crises, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czechia, 19-20 September.
- 2018 Presentation on the current state of gender studies in Hungary and Turkey as part of the panel "Speaking back to the backlash – research and resistance", Lund University, Sweden, 16 November.
- 2018 Presentation on the current state of gender politics and women’s grassroots activism in Turkey as part of the panel “Women’s Grassroots Activism Around the World” held at the King’s Transnational Law Summit 2018, King’s College London, U.K., 12 April.
- 2016 "Feminist Struggles in the Middle East and North Africa." Second International Congress of Marxism-Feminism, Vienna, Austria, 7-9 October.
- 2011 "Islamist Neo-liberalism and Women in Turkey: A Quest for Socialist Feminist Politics." Feminism: Assemblage Point, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev, Ukraine, 7-13 March.

## Conference Papers

- 2019 "Making Possible an Impossible Strike: Transnational Solidarities and Counterpublic Feminisms in Turkey." 5th European Conference on Politics and Gender, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 4-6 July.
- 2018 "Feminist Activism in Times of Political Oppression: An Evaluation of 2010s' Turkey." Gender Studies: Teaching, Learning and Studying, International conference of the EU Project "Gender studies curriculum: A step for Democracy and Peace in EU neighboring countries with different traditions" (GeSt), Kiev, Ukraine, 17-20 April.
- 2015 "Rethinking political citizenship: Women's activism and the politics of gender in Turkey." 4th European Conference on Politics and Gender, Uppsala, Sweden, 11-13 June.
- 2014 "Discovering Gender Inequality in Modern Turkey: Kemalist Women's Activism, 1950–80." 128th Annual Meeting of American Historical Association, Washington D.C., U.S.A., January 2-4.
- 2012 "Doing materialist feminism under contemporary patriarchal capitalism: The Socialist Feminist Collective in Turkey." 9th Annual Historical Materialism Conference, London, UK (co-authored with Ece Kocabiçak), 8-12 November.
- 2012 "From Politics of Exclusion to Contentious Politics: Kemalist Women's Activism in Post-1980 Turkey." 8th European Feminist Research Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 17-20 May.
- 2011 "Kemalist Women's Activism in Contemporary Turkey." 2nd European Conference on Politics and Gender, Budapest, Hungary, 12-14 January.

## Workshops and Seminar/Panel Presentations

- 2019 "Transnational solidarities from below: International Women's Strike and the case of Turkey." High seminar presentation at Gothenburg University, Sweden, 12 December.
- 2019 "'We always kept in close contact': Possibilities and dilemmas of intersectional solidarity between feminist and LGBTI+ struggles in Turkey." Workshop on Turkey's Queer Times: Three Decades of LGBTQ+ Struggles in a Muslim Society, co-organized by Sabancı University and University of Graz, Istanbul, Turkey, 18 May.
- 2019 "Strategic alliance against gender backlash? Possibilities and dilemmas of solidarity between feminist and LGBTI+ struggles in Turkey." Workshop on Challenging Nordic exceptionalism: Geopolitical lessons and experiences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 8-10 May.
- 2019 "International Women's Strike and possibilities of south-south solidarity. A multi-scalar approach." Workshop on Understanding Solidarity – New Challenges, New Approaches, Hamburg University, Germany, 25-27 January.
- 2018 "Feminist and LGBTI activism in Turkey, Russia and Scandinavia. Situating struggles in neo- and transnational contexts." High seminar presentation at Gothenburg

University, Sweden (co-speakers Hülya Arik, Mia Liinason and Olga Sasunkevich), 12 December.

- 2018 Presentation on the current state of gender studies in Hungary and Turkey as part of the panel "Speaking back to the backlash – research and resistance", Lund University, Sweden, 16 November.
- 2018 "Finding the North-South Divide in Turkey: an Analysis of Uneven Feminisms and its Implications for Transnational Solidarities." Workshop on Transnational Solidarities: Gender and Sexualities beyond Geopolitics, Gothenburg University, Sweden.
- 2018 "Doing gender politics in times of desecularization and authoritarian governance: New forms of feminist and LGBTQ struggles in today's Turkey." Seminar at the Department of Cultural Sciences, Gothenburg University, Sweden.
- 2018 "Reclaiming equality in times of authoritarian populism and desecularization: Feminist and LGBTQ struggles in Turkey." Workshop on Activism at a Time of Backslide: Feminist and LGBTQ Responses to Opposition to Gender and Sexual Equality, Central European University, Hungary.
- 2015 "Academia, Activism, and Gender Studies." Round table discussion, Central European University, Department of Gender Studies, Hungary.
- 2013 "Kemalism, feminism, and the 'woman question': Kemalist women's activism in contemporary Turkey." Gender Studies Seminar Series, Centre for Gender Studies, Lund University, Sweden.
- 2013 "Contentious Citizenship: Secularism, Nationalism and Women's Activism in Turkey." Turkey Seminar Series, Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Sweden.
- 2012 "Gender, Class, Ethnicity and the Women's Movement in Turkey: Looking at Kemalist Women's Activism through the Lens of Intersectionality." un/disciplined? Research Methods, Theories and Standpoints of Women's and Gender History, Vienna University, Austria.

### **Conference and workshop organization**

- 2020 Organizing committee member. International conference "Futures of Feminist and Queer Solidarities: Connectivity, Materiality, Mobility in a Digitalized World," Gothenburg University, Sweden, 30 September-2 October (forthcoming). (Co-organizers: Lena Martinsson, Mia Liinason, Olga Sasunkevich)
- 2020– Steering committee member. Workshop series "Transnational feminist and queer solidarities in times of anti-gender mobilization in the Nordic region and beyond: Developing exchanges between academia and activism," Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, April 2020; Gothenburg University, Sweden, September 2020; SahWira Africa International NGO, Turku, Finland, April 2021 (forthcoming). (Supported by the Nordic Gender Equality Fund; co-organizers: Deniz Akin, Faith Mkwesha, Mia Liinason, Mina Wikshåland Skouen, Olga Sasunkevich)

- 2019 Organizing committee member. International Conference "Gender Struggle in Eastern Europe. Legacy of the Socialist Past and Contemporary Issues," Kaunas and Vilnius, Lithuania, 11-13 October. (Co-organizers: Agne Bagdziunaite, Jolanta Bielskiene, Viktorija Kolbesnikova)
- 2018 Organizing committee member. Third International Marxist-Feminist Conference, Lund University, Sweden, 5–7 October.
- 2017 Workshop organizer. "Women and the Work-place: Activism and Politics in Central, East Central, and South Eastern Europe, and internationally, 1860s to 1990s." Workshop on preliminary research results in preparation for a ERC Advanced Grant proposal writing, Oberstaad, Germany, 8–15 September 2017.
- 2011 Organizing team member. "Women Trapped Between Paid and Unpaid Labor. Conference on Women's Labour." International conference organized by Socialist Feminist Collective, 12–13 November 2011, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2005 Co-organizer, moderator. II. National Political Science and Public Administration Students' Congress, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.

#### Public Lectures

- 2019 "Feminist grevler, ulusötesi dayanışma ve patriyarkanın değişen biçimleri" [Feminist strikes, transnational solidarity, and the changing guises of patriarchy]. *Feminist Mekan*, Istanbul, Turkey, 18 October.
- 2017 "Laikliğin savunusu ve reddiyesi – Laiklik üzerine feminist tartışmalar" [Defending or Rejecting Secularism – Feminist Discussions on Secularism]. *Çatlak Zemin*, Istanbul, Turkey, 14 October.
- 2011 "Feminist Struggles against the Turkish State: Pointing at the Hidden Perpetrator of Femicide." International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 25 November.
- 2010 "Negotiating Women's Lives with the State: The Case of 'Unjust Provocation' in Turkey." International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 25 November.

#### Community-oriented articles (selection)

- 2019 "Meseleyi Hem Laiklik Kavramına Indirgemeyen Hem Laikliği Dışarıda Bırakmayan Bir Feminist Politika" [For a feminist politics that neither reduces the issue to the concept of laicism nor leaves laicism outside of discussion]. *Karşı Mahalle* (interview by Tülay Korkutan), <https://www.karsimahalle.org/2019/04/07/selin-cagatay-meseleyi-hem-laiklik-kavramina-indirgemeyen-hem-laikligi-disarida-birakmayan-bir-feminist-politika>.
- 2019 "Varieties of anti-gender mobilizations. Is Turkey a case?" *Engenderings* (blog post), <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/gender/2019/01/09/varieties-of-anti-gender-mobilizations-is-turkey-a-case/>.

- 2015 "Yeni şişede eski şarap? AKP elinde devlet ve patriyarka" [Old wine in new bottle? Patriarchy and the state under the AKP rule]. *Feminist Politika*, no. 26 (Spring), 34–35.
- 2015 "Kızların örtünmesi: Ne özgürlük, ne esaret; erkek egemenliği" [Girls' Veiling: Neither Freedom nor Servitude but Patriarchy]. *Feminist Politika*, no. 25 (Winter), 4–6 (co-authored with Cemre Baytok).
- 2014 "Neoliberal muhafazakârlık ve toplumsal cinsiyet: Orta ve Doğu Avrupa deneyimleri" [Neoliberal Conservatism and Gender: Central and Eastern European Experiences]. *Feminist Politika*, no. 22 (Spring), 24–26.
- 2013 "Jenseits der säkular-islamistischen Spaltung: Genderpolitik in der Türkei" [Politics of gender in Turkey: Beyond the secularism-Islamism divide]. *iz3w*, no. 338 (September-Oktober), 10–12.
- 2011 "Kadın Dayanışması, Başörtülü Bayanlar ve Anti-Feminizm" [Women's Solidarity, Covered 'Ladies' and Anti-Feminism]. *Feminist Politika*, no. 9 (Winter), 47–48.
- 2010 "Başörtüsü Meselesi Kadın Özgürlüğünün Neresinde Duruyor?" [Where Does the 'Headscarf Issue' Fall on Women's Freedom?] *Evrensel Kültür*, no: 228 (December), 78–80.
- 2009 "An Overview of the Headscarf Issue in Turkey: Kemalism, Islamism and the Women's Movement." Published online by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-Turkey, Fall 2009. (<http://www.festr.org/panel/uploaded/fokus0912.14.pdf>)

#### Academic Service

- 2020 Peer reviewer for *South European Society and Politics*
- 2020 Peer reviewer for *Politics & Gender*
- 2020 Peer reviewer for *Feminist Encounters*
- 2019 Peer reviewer for *International Feminist Journal of Politics*
- 2019 Peer reviewer for *European Journal of Politics and Gender*
- 2019 Peer reviewer for *The Middle East Journal*
- 2018 Peer reviewer for *Politics and Governance*
- 2014– Peer reviewer for *Social Politics*
- 2013 Peer reviewer for *Graduate Journal for Social Sciences*

#### Memberships

- 2018– Feminist and Queer Researchers' Network
- 2018– ATGENDER, The European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation
- 2012– The ECPR Standing Group on Gender and Politics
- 2012–13 Critical Methodologies multi-disciplinary research group, joint PhD-level initiative between Lund University and Malmö University, Sweden