

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Information

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Current Position

2021– Postdoctoral fellow in history
Lead responsibility in ZARAH Team events management (from Sept. 2021)
Department of History, Central European University, Austria
ZARAH: Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally, from the age of empires to the late 20th century, project funded by the ERC Advance Grant, PI Prof. Susan Zimmermann

Previous Positions

2020 Postdoctoral fellow, Project coordinator
Department of Cultural Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Production of 10 short video clips on gender education, science, and research; project funded by Gustaf Adolfs Bratts Stiftelsen, Sweden

2018–2020 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

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	Elementary in reading, speaking

Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards

2021	Seed funding, Swedish Institute Creative Force Program, Sweden (co-applicant)
2020	One-month residential scholarship by Stiftelsen Anna Ahrenbergs Fond, Jonsered, Sweden
2018	One-month visiting scholarship at Gothenburg University, Department of Cultural Sciences, Sweden
2015	Dissertation write-up Grant, Central European University
2014–15	Doctoral Research Support Grant, Central European University
2012–13	Swedish-Turkish Scholarship Programme funded by the Swedish Institute at Lund University, Centre for Gender Studies, Sweden
2009–12	Full Doctoral Fellowship at Central European University, Hungary
2006–08	Partial Master's Degree Fellowship at Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey

Research Experience

2018–2020	Postdoctoral fellow in gender studies Department of Cultural Sciences, University of Gothenburg, Sweden <i>Spaces of resistance. A study of gender and sexualities in times of transformation</i> , project funded by Knut and Alice Wallenberg's Foundation, PI Prof. Mia Liinason
2018	Visiting Researcher Gothenburg University, Department of Cultural Sciences
2016–2018	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 <i>Rosa Manus (1881-1942). The International Life and Legacy of a Jewish Dutch Feminist</i> . 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

Institutional Responsibilities and Professional Service

- 2021– Lead responsibility in ZARAH Team events management (from Sept. 2021)
Department of History, Central European University, Austria
ZARAH: Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally, from the age of empires to the late 20th century, project funded by the ERC Advance Grant, PI Prof. Susan Zimmermann
- 2021 Project co-coordinator
#GenderStruggles: Building Community Resilience via Creativity and Digital Media, project funded by the Swedish Institute's Creative Force Program, hosted by the Raoul Wallenberg Foundation, Sweden, and Sabancı University, Turkey. Co-coordinators Dr. Zeynep Gülru Göker (PI), Aslı Polatdemir, Dr. Olga Selin Hünler.
- 2020–2021 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)
- 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

Refereeing for Publishers and Journals

2020	<i>South European Society and Politics</i>
2020	<i>Politics & Gender</i>
2020	<i>Feminist Encounters</i>
2020	<i>Lexington Books</i>
2019	<i>International Feminist Journal of Politics</i>
2019	<i>European Journal of Politics and Gender</i>
2019	<i>The Middle East Journal</i>
2018	<i>Politics and Governance</i>
2014–	<i>Social Politics</i>
2013	<i>Graduate Journal for Social Sciences</i>

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

Other Academic Experience

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)
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.

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
Central European University, Department of Gender Studies
MA Course: Foundations in Gender Studies I: Histories, Theories, Futures
- 2012 Teaching Assistant
Central European University, Department of Gender Studies
MA Course: Gender, Nation, State: Anthropological Perspectives

Public Outreach

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>)

Conferences, Workshops, Seminars

Invited Conference Papers and Presentations

- 2021 "Understanding feminist politics beyond national and regional frames. South-south dialogue and contemporary transnational solidarities." Panel presentation at Feminists Care for the Political: Theory, Practice and Advocacy, online conference organized by Sabanci University Gender and Women's Studies Center of Excellence, Istanbul, Turkey, 3-5 June.
- 2021 "Feminist Counterpublics: A Useful Concept for Understanding MENA Women's Activisms from a Transnational Perspective?" Paper presentation at the virtual workshop: Gender and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa: A Decade after the Arab Uprisings, hosted by the Program on Governance and Local Development at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 6, 7, 20, & 21 May.
- 2020 "Counter-public responses to anti-gender mobilizations. The case of Turkey in transnational context." Seminar presentation in webinar format hosted by Linnaeus University, Sweden, 26 November.
- 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. 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 Sabanci 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.

Publications

Books

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

Journal Articles

- 2022 (forthcoming) "‘Making possible an impossible strike’. Forging feminist mobilization through transnational solidarities." *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, under review.
- 2022 (forthcoming) "Unsettling political: Conceptualizing the political in feminist and LGBTI activism and arts beyond nation-bound and state-centric frameworks." *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, under review. Co-authors Hülya Arik, Mia Liinason and Olga Sasunkevich.
- 2020 "Feminist Strike. Reflections on the International Women's Strike, 2017 – ?" *Contradictions: A Journal for Critical Thought*, vol. 4, no. 2, 115–123.
- 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.
- 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.
- 2016 "From 'daughters of the Republic' to contentious citizens: Kemalist women's activism in historical perspective." In Alexia Bumberis, 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), Istanbul: 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], Istanbul: 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], Istanbul: İletişim Yayıncılık, 2015.

2017 Serpil Çakır, *Erkek kulübünde siyaset: Kadın parlamenterlerle sözlü tarih* [Politics in the men's club: Oral history with women parliamentarians], Istanbul: 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]. Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2011. (Translation from English to Turkish)