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**EDUCATION**

<b>Johns Hopkins University</b> Ph.D., Sociology	Baltimore, MD May 2015
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b> MA., Sociology	Baltimore, MD June 2009
<b>Bogazici University</b> MA., Modern Turkish History	Istanbul, Turkey June 2004
<b>Dokuz Eylul University</b> BA., International Relations	Izmir, Turkey June 2002

**EMPLOYMENT**

<b>Associate Professor</b> Koç University Department of Sociology	Istanbul, Turkey June 2022-Present
<b>Assistant Professor</b> Koç University Department of Sociology	Istanbul, Turkey February 2015 – June 2022
<b>Director</b> Koç University Center for Asian Studies	Istanbul, Turkey January 2025–Present
<b>Co-director</b> Koç University Center for Asian Studies	Istanbul, Turkey November 2019 – January 2025
<b>Instructor</b> Johns Hopkins University East Asian Studies Program	Baltimore, MD Fall 2013

**Teaching Assistant**  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Department of Sociology

Baltimore, MD  
 2007-2014

**Instructor**  
 Bogazici University  
 Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History

Istanbul, Turkey  
 Spring 2006

**Research Assistant**  
 Bogazici University  
 Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History

Istanbul, Turkey  
 2004-05

### VISITING ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Visiting Scholar**  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 School of Advanced International Studies

Washington, D.C.  
 November 2023-August 2024

**Visiting Scholar**  
 Erasmus University  
 International Institute of Social Studies

The Hague, Netherlands  
 August-September 2023

**Visiting Scholar**  
 Erasmus University  
 International Institute of Social Studies

The Hague, Netherlands  
 July-September 2019

**Visiting Scholar**  
 Harvard University  
 Center for Middle Eastern Studies

Cambridge, MA  
 July-September 2016

**Visiting Researcher**  
 Center for Development Studies

Trivandrum, Kerala  
 March 2013

**Visiting Researcher**  
 Huazhong University of Science and Technology  
 Center for Rural China Governance

Wuhan, China  
 June-December 2012

**Yale University**  
 The Fox International Fellowship Program  
 MacMillan Center

New Haven, CT  
 2006-2007

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Country co-investigator of “Supporting the Inclusion, Wellbeing, and Growth of Rural Areas through Multi-actor Smart Village Labs for Enhanced Governance Frameworks” (*INSPIRE*)

- project, European Commission HORIZON Action Consortium Grant (2024-2026), Grant budget: €5.000.000.
2. TÜBİTAK 2219-International Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program for Turkish Citizens (2023-2024), Total budget: \$31.200.
  3. Collaborator of the “Post-Pandemic Era’s Social Protection Systems for Poverty Reduction: Investigating Global, East Asian, and Taiwanese Welfare Regimes” project, funded by the International Outstanding Young Scholar Scheme, 2030 Cross-Generation Young Scholars Program, National Science and Technology Council, Taiwan (Principal Investigator: Julia Shu-Huah Wang from National Taiwan University) (2023), Koç University budget: \$2500.
  4. Koç University Seed Research Program Fund (2021), Total budget: 35000 TL.
  5. Koç University-Renmin University Joint Seed Fund (2020), Total budget: \$5000.
  6. Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative Grant (2017), Total budget: \$2000.

### SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

1. Koç University Visiting Scholar Program Fellowship (Summer 2023).
2. Koç University Visiting Scholar Program Fellowship (Summer 2019).
3. Koç-Harvard Visiting Scholar Program Fellowship (Summer 2016).
4. Stephen and Lynn Browne Graduate Student Teaching Fellowship, East Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University (Fall 2013).
5. Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2012).
6. Research Fellowship, East Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2012).
7. Chinese Government Scholarship (Awarded scholarship as a full-time language student at Wuhan University in 2009-10).
8. Research Fellowship, Program in Global Social Change, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2009).
9. Research Fellowship, East Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2009).
10. Research Fellowship, Institute for Global Studies, Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2009).
11. The Fox International Fellowship Program, MacMillan Center, Yale University (2006-2007).
12. Conference Travel Grant, Boğaziçi University (March 2006).

### PUBLICATIONS

**Google Scholar Citations:** Cumulative total: 636, Since 2021: 441, h-index: 14, i10-index: 16

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles

##### Articles in *SSCI* and *Web of Science* Journals

1. **Burak Gürel**, Kadir Selamet, Baran Şahinli, Alperen Şen, and Deniz Tuzcu, “The Political Economy of Chinese Investment in Turkey: Recent Trajectory and Structural Constraints,” *Asian Perspective*, Vol. 50, No. 2, 2026 (Forthcoming).
2. **Burak Gürel**, “Special Session Introduction–China in the MENA Region: Within and Beyond the Belt and Road Initiative,” *Asian Perspective*, Vol. 50, No. 1, 2026, pp. 5-22. DOI: 10.1353/apr.2026.a983608
3. **Burak Gürel**, Baran Şahinli, and Deniz Tuzcu, “Labor Unrest in Chinese-Invested Enterprises in Turkey: Local Dynamics and Global Implications,” *Asian Perspective*, Vol. 49, No. 1, 2025, pp. 157-182, DOI: 10.1353/anp.2025.a953089

4. **Burak Gürel** and Kadir Selamet, “The Rise and Fall of Community Development in Rural Turkey, 1960-1980,” *Journal of Agrarian Change*, Vol. 25, No. 1, 2025, DOI: 10.1111/joac.12604
5. Murat Koyuncu, Erdem Yörük, and **Burak Gürel**, “Does Violent Conflict Affect the Distribution of Social Welfare? Evidence from India’s Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act,” *Social Policy & Administration*, Vol. 57, No. 5, 2023, pp. 656-678, DOI: 10.1111/spol.12899
6. **Burak Gürel**, “The Collectivist Legacy and Agrarian Development in China since 1978,” *Modern China*, Vol. 49, No. 1, 2023, pp. 26-62, DOI: 10.1177/00977004221107932
7. **Burak Gürel** and Mina Kozluca, “Chinese Investment in Turkey: The Belt and Road Initiative, Rising Expectations, and Ground Realities,” *European Review*, Vol. 30, No. 6, 2022, pp. 806-834, DOI: 10.1017/S1062798721000296
8. **Burak Gürel**, Bermal Küçük, and Sercan Taş, “Land Occupation as a Form of Peasant Struggle in Turkey, 1965-1980,” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Vol. 67, 2022, pp. 4-31, DOI: 10.1017/npt.2022.3
9. Weigang Gong, Meng Zhu, **Burak Gürel**, and Tian Xie, “The Lineage Theory of the Regional Variation of Individualism/Collectivism in China,” *Frontiers in Psychology (Cultural Psychology)*, Vol. 11, 2021, pp. 1-19, DOI: 10.3389/fpsyg.2020.596762
10. Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Erdem Yörük, Osman Mutlu, Fırat Duruşan, Çağrı Yoltar, Deniz Yüret, and **Burak Gürel**, “Cross-context News Corpus for Protest Events Related Knowledge Base Construction,” *Data Intelligence*, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2021, pp. 1-28, DOI: 10.1162/dint\_a\_00092
11. **Burak Gürel**, “Semi-private Landownership and Capitalist Agriculture in Contemporary China,” *Review of Radical Political Economics*, Vol. 51, No. 4, 2019, pp. 650-669, DOI: 10.1177/0486613419849683
12. **Burak Gürel**, “The Role of Collective Mobilization in the Divergent Performance of the Rural Economies of China and India (1950-2005),” *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. 46, No. 5, 2019, pp. 1021-1046, DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2018.1434773
13. **Burak Gürel**, Bermal Küçük, and Sercan Taş, “The Rural Roots of the Rise of the Justice and Development Party in Turkey,” *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. 46, No. 3, 2019, pp. 457-479, DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2018.1552264
14. Merve Bilge Aktaş, Ilgım Veryeri Alaca, and **Burak Gürel**, “Connecting Rural Change and Local Crafts: Rebranding Sock Knitting in Yenikaraağaç,” *METU Journal of the Faculty of Architecture*, Vol. 36, No. 2, 2019, pp. 121-140, DOI: 10.4305/METU.JFA.2019.2.2
15. **Burak Gürel**, “Agrarian Change and Labour Supply in Turkey, 1950-1980,” *Journal of Agrarian Change*, Vol. 11, No. 2, 2011, pp. 195-219, DOI: 10.1111/j.1471-0366.2010.00299.x

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1. Weigang Gong and **Burak Gürel**, “Project-based State Intervention and Agrarian Change in Contemporary China: The Case of Rice Production in Pingwan County, Hunan,” *Rural China*, Vol. 16, No. 2, 2019, pp. 312-333, DOI: 10.1163/22136746-01602006
2. Weigang Gong, Chengrong Duan, and **Burak Gürel**, “Regional Variation of Lineage Culture and Fertility Transition in Rural China,” *Rural China*, Vol. 10, No. 2, 2013, pp. 258-310, DOI: 10.1163/22136746-12341244

#### Articles in Journals in Other Indices

1. **Burak Gürel**, “Çin’in Dünya Sistemindeki Değişen Konumu” (China’s Changing Position in the World System), *Sanayi ve Toplum*, No. 10-11, 2025, pp. 25-44.

2. Indrajit Roy, **Burak Gürel**, and Erdem Yörük, “Politics of the Poor and Social Protection in Emerging Asia: A Comparative Analysis of China, India, and Turkey,” *Indian Politics&Policy*, Vol. 4, No. 2, 2024, DOI: 10.18278/inpp.4.2.6
3. **Burak Gürel** and Mina Kozluca, “The Unrest and Relative Empowerment of the Working Class in Contemporary China,” *METU Studies in Development*, Vol. 46, No. 2, 2019, pp. 203-226.
4. **Burak Gürel**, “Classes and Status Groups in Times of Great Transformation: Reading Agrarian Change in Çukurova through the Lens of Yaşar Kemal,” *Hacettepe University Journal of Faculty of Letters*, Vol. 36, No. 2, 2019, pp. 209-220, DOI: 10.32600/huefd.433296
5. **Burak Gürel** and Eylem Taylan, “Critique of the Critics of Giovanni Arrighi’s *Adam Smith in Beijing*,” *Alternative Politics*, Vol. 11, No. 2, 2019, pp. 430-447.
6. **Burak Gürel**, “Dispossession and Development in the Neoliberal Era,” *Ankara University SBF Journal*, Vol. 74, No. 3, 2019, pp. 983-1001, DOI: 10.33630/ausbf.569746
7. **Burak Gürel** and Erdem Yörük, “Devlet, Sermaye ve Kapitalizmin Tarihsel Sosyolojisi” (The State, Capital, and the Historical Sociology of Capitalism). *Mülkiye Dergisi*, Vol. 42, No. 2, 2018, pp. 209-237.
8. **Burak Gürel**, “Changing Relations of Production in Chinese Agriculture from Decollectivization to Capitalism,” *McGill Sociological Review*, Vol. 4, 2014, pp. 67-92.
9. **Burak Gürel**, “‘Communist Police!’ The State in the 1970s Turkey,” *Journal of Historical Studies*, Vol. 2, 2004, pp. 1-18 (former student journal of the Boğaziçi University Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History).
10. **Burak Gürel**, “1970’ler Türkiye’inde İslamcı ve Faşist Siyaset: Vaadler ve Sonuçlar” (Islamist and Fascist Politics in Turkey in the 1970s: Promises and Outcomes), *Praksis*, No. 12, 2004, pp. 85-102.

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1. Arda Akdemir, Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Erdem Yörük, **Burak Gürel**, Çağrı Yoltar, Deniz Yüret, “Towards Generalizable Place Name Recognition Systems: Analysis and Enhancement of NER Systems on English News from India.” In *Proceedings of the 12th Workshop on Geographic Information Retrieval*, New York: ACM, 2018, pp. 8:1–8:10, DOI: 10.1145/3281354.3281363 (Indexed in *Web of Science*).
2. Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Erdem Yörük, Deniz Yüret, Osman Mutlu, Çağrı Yoltar, Fırat Duruşan, **Burak Gürel**, “Cross-context News Corpus for Protest Events Related Knowledge Base Construction,” 2nd Conference on Automated Knowledge Base Construction (AKBC 2020), Virtual, 2020, arXiv:2008.00351.
3. Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Erdem Yörük, Deniz Yüret, Çağrı Yoltar, **Burak Gürel**, Fırat Duruşan, Osman Mutlu, “A Task Set Proposal for Automatic Protest Information Collection Across Multiple Countries.” In *Advances in Information Retrieval*, eds. L. Azzopardi, B. Stein, N. Fuhr, P. Mayr, C. Hauff, D. Hiemstra, Cham: Springer, 2019, pp. 316–323, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-15719-7\_42
4. Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Erdem Yörük, Deniz Yüret, Çağrı Yoltar, **Burak Gürel**, Fırat Duruşan, Osman Mutlu, and Arda Akdemir, “Overview of CLEF 2019 Lab ProtestNews: Extracting Protests from News in a Cross-Context Setting.” In *Experimental IR meets Multilinguality, Multimodality, and Interaction. CLEF 2019. Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, eds. F. Crestani et al., Cham: Springer, 2019, pp. 425-432, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-28577-7\_32 (Indexed in *Web of Science*).

### Book Chapters

#### Published in English

1. **Burak Gürel**, “Civil War and Massacre in Maraş 1978.” In *Turkey in Turmoil: Social Change and Political Radicalization during the 1960s*, ed. Berna Pekesen. Berlin: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2020, pp. 152-180.
2. **Burak Gürel**, “Islamism: A Comparative-Historical Overview.” In *The Neoliberal Landscape and the Rise of Islamist Capital in Turkey*, eds. Neşecan Balkan, Erol Balkan, and Ahmet Öncü. New York: Berghahn Books, 2015, pp. 13-40.

### Published in Turkish

1. **Burak Gürel**, “Çin’in Yüksek Teknoloji Odaklı Sanayi Politikası: Yeni Tip Ulusal Seferberlik Sistemi” (China’s High-Tech Oriented Industrial Policy: New-Style Whole-of-Nation System). In *Sanayi Kongresine Giderken: Ar-Ge ve Yatırım Teşvik Süreçleri*, Ankara: TMMOB Makina Mühendisleri Odası, 2026, pp. 17-25.
2. **Burak Gürel** and Deniz Pelek, “Gıda Sisteminin Kilit Özneleri: Çiftçiler, Yarı-zamanlı Çiftçiler, Mevsimlik İşçiler ve Diğerleri” (Key Actors in the Food System: Farmers, Part-time Farmers, Seasonal Workers, and Others). In *Gıdanın Politik Ekolojisi*, eds. Fikret Adaman and Sena Akkoç. İstanbul: Metis Yayınları, 2023, pp. 52-67.
3. **Burak Gürel**, “Çin’in Yükselişinin Tarihsel Arka Planı ve Yakın Geleceği” (The Historical Background and Near Future of the Rise of China). In *Çin Bilmecesi: Çin’in Ekonomik Yükselişi, Uluslararası İlişkilerde Dönüşüm ve Türkiye*, eds. Caner Bakır and Mustafa Yağcı. İstanbul: Koç Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2019, pp. 21-51.
4. **Burak Gürel**, “Theda Skocpol’un Devrim Kuramının Eleştirel Bir Analizi” (A Critical Analysis of Theda Skocpol’s Theory of Revolution). In *Tarihsel Sosyoloji ve Uluslararası İlişkiler*, ed. Faruk Yalvaç. Ankara: Nika Yayınevi, 2018, pp. 95-116.
5. **Burak Gürel**, “Şefik Hüsnü (Değmer): Ekim Devrimi’nden Stalinizme TKP’nin Dönüşümü” (Şefik Hüsnü (Değmer): The Transformation of the TKP from the October Revolution to Stalinism). In *Türkiye Solundan Portreler*, eds. Emirali Türkmen and Ümit Özger. Ankara: Dipnot Yayınları, 2016, pp. 171-184.
6. **Burak Gürel**, “İsmail Bilen: Gecikmiş Yükselişten Hızlandırılmış Çöküşe TKP” (İsmail Bilen: From Delayed Rise to Accelerated Decline of the TKP). In *Türkiye Solundan Portreler*, eds. Emirali Türkmen and Ümit Özger. Ankara: Dipnot Yayınları, 2016, pp. 235- 252.
7. **Burak Gürel**, “Türkiye’de Kırdaki Sınıf Mücadelelerinin Tarihsel Dönüşümü” (The Historical Transformation of Class Conflicts in the Countryside of Turkey). In *Marksizm ve Sınıflar: Dünyada ve Türkiye’de Sınıflar ve Mücadeleleri*, eds. Ahmet Tonak, Sungur Savran, and Kurtar Tanyılmaz. İstanbul: Yordam Kitap, 2014, pp. 303-385.
8. **Burak Gürel**, “İslamcılık” (Islamism). In *Siyaset Bilimi: Kavramlar, İdeolojiler, Disiplinler Arası İlişkiler*, eds. Gökhan Atılğan and E. Attila Aytakin. İstanbul: Yordam Kitap, 2012, pp. 407-428.
9. **Burak Gürel** and Can Nacar, “Şefik Hüsnü (Değmer).” In *Modern Türkiye’de Siyasi Düşünce, Cilt: 8, Sol*, ed. Murat Gültekingil, İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2007, pp. 118-133.
10. **Burak Gürel** and Fulya Özkan, “İsmail Bilen (Laz İsmail).” In *Modern Türkiye’de Siyasi Düşünce, Cilt: 8, Sol*, ed. Murat Gültekingil, İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2007, pp. 294-309.

### Book Reviews

1. *Governing and Ruling: The Political Logic of Taxation in China*, by Changdong Zhang (University of Michigan Press, 2021). *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 52, No. 5, 2023, pp. 486–490.
2. *Counterrevolution: The Global Rise of the Far Right*, by Walden Bello, (Practical Action Publishing, 2019). *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 7, 2020, pp. 1559-1562.

3. *Caring for the Poor: Islamic and Christian Benevolence in a Liberal World*, by Cihan Tuğal (Routledge, 2017). *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Vol. 60, No. 1, 2019, pp. 148-152.
4. “Capitalist Agriculture without Land Privatization in China” (Extended review of René Trappel, *China’s Agrarian Transition: Peasants, Property, and Politics*, Lexington Books, 2016), *Capital & Class*, Vol. 42, No. 3, 2018, pp. 563-567.
5. *How the West Came to Rule: The Geopolitical Origins of Capitalism*, by Alexander Anievas and Kerem Nisancioglu (Pluto Press, 2015). *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Vol. 56, 2017, pp. 166-171.
6. *Peasants under Siege: The Collectivization of Romanian Agriculture, 1949-1962*, by Gail Kligman and Katherine Verdery (Princeton University Press, 2011). *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 2, 2014, pp. 291-294.

### Datasets

1. Erdem Yörük, Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Çağrı Yoltar, Fırat Duruşan, Aline Villavicencio, Arzucan Özgür, Deniz Yüret, **Burak Gürel**, Mehmet Fuat Kına, Osman Mutlu, Ali Safaya, Enes Sarı, Moutasem Abdullatif. 2021. “Global Contentious Politics Dataset.” <https://glocon.ku.edu.tr/>
2. Erdem Yörük, Gabriela Ramalho Tafoya, İbrahim Öker, Ali Bargu, Alper Şükrü Gençer, Rahmi Çemen, Mehmet Fuat Kına, Çağrı Yoltar, **Burak Gürel**, Murat Koyuncu. 2019. “Global Welfare Dataset, Version 2019.” <https://glow.ku.edu.tr/>

### Other Published Works

1. **Burak Gürel**, “Chinese Capital Meets Labor Unrest in Turkey: The Polyak Eynez Miners’ Struggle,” March 18, 2026. <https://positionspolitics.org/burak-gurel-chinese-capital-meets-labor-unrest-in-turkey-the-polyak-eynez-miners-struggle/>
2. Fırat Duruşan, Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Erdem Yörük, Osman Mutlu, Çağrı Yoltar, **Burak Gürel**, and Alvaro Comin, “Global Contentious Politics Database (GLOCON) Annotation Manuals,” May 11, 2022, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.6540579. <https://zenodo.org/record/6540579#.YoEtcJNBz0s>
3. **Burak Gürel** and Mina Kozluca, “Turkey” (country profile in *The People’s Map of Global China* project website), April 17, 2022. <https://thepeoplesmap.net/country/turkey/>
4. **Burak Gürel**, “The Third Great Depression and Rise of the Far-right: Experiences from Turkey,” April 25, 2018. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/third-great-depression-and-rise-of-far-right-experiences-from-turkey/>

### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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2. **Burak Gürel**, “Çin’in Dünya Sistemindeki Değişen Konumu” (*China’s Changing Position in the World System*). In *İstanbul Üniversitesi İktisat Fakültesi Mezunlar Cemiyeti 48. İktisatçılar Haftası* (48th Economists’ Week of the Istanbul University Faculty of Economics Alumni Association), İstanbul, Turkey, May 7, 2025.
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4. **Burak Gürel**, Ubeyd Öktem, and Ali Hürriyetoğlu, “Turkish News Media’s Representations of Sino-Turkish Economic Relations: Framing China Before and After the Belt and Road Initiative,” In *Turkey Computational Social Science Conference (TCSS) 2025*, Koç University, Istanbul, April 18, 2025.
  5. **Burak Gürel**, “Economic Downturn, Political Competition, and Social Policy in Turkey Since 2018.” In *International Conference on Global Welfare Research*, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, October 25, 2024.
  6. **Burak Gürel**, “Çin’in Yükselişi ve ABD-Çin Rekabeti: Temel Eğilimler ve Olasılıklar” (The Rise of China and US-China Competition: Main Trends and Prospects). In “2024 Seçimlerinin Eşiğinde Amerika Birleşik Devletleri” *Etkinliği*, Galatasaray University International Politics Club, Istanbul, October 20, 2024.
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  8. **Burak Gürel**, “Türkiye’de Küçük Köylülük, Tarım Proletaryası ve Sınıf Mücadeleleri” (Small Peasantry, Agricultural Proletariat, and Class Struggles in Turkey). In *Cumhuriyet’in 100. Yılı: Sınıflı, Zümreli ve Kaynaşmamış Bir Toplum*, “Türkiye Tarım Tartışmalarının 100 Yılı,” Sosyal Araştırmalar Vakfı, İstanbul, June 17, 2023.
  9. **Burak Gürel**, “Türkiye’de Köylü Hareketleri ve Tarım Politikaları” (Peasant Movements and Agricultural Policies in Turkey). In *Tarım Ekonomisi Derneği 31. Kuruluş Yıldönümü Tarım ve Gelecek Paneli*, Virtual, May 8, 2021.
  10. Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Erdem Yörük, Deniz Yüret, Osman Mutlu, Çağrı Yoltar, Fırat Duruşan, **Burak Gürel**, “Cross-context News Corpus for Protest Events Related Knowledge Base Construction.” In *2nd Conference on Automated Knowledge Base Construction*, Virtual, June 22-24, 2020.
  11. **Burak Gürel**, “The Effect of the Household Registration System on the Industrialization and Urbanization of China.” In *MiReKoc 15<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Conference*, Koç University, October 24-25, 2019.
  12. **Burak Gürel**, “Collectivist Legacy and Agrarian Development in China (1978-2005).” In “*Modernizing Rural China*” *Workshop and Network Meeting*, Freiburg, Germany, September 27-29, 2019.
  13. Erdem Yörük, **Burak Gürel**, and Fuat Kına, “Containment through Welfare Provision: Land Invasions, Land Reforms and the Implementation of the Bolsa Familia Program in Brazil.” In *International Sociological Association RC19 Annual Meeting*, University of Mannheim, August 30, 2019.
  14. Murat Koyuncu, Erdem Yörük, and **Burak Gürel**, “Welfare as Counter-insurgency in Contemporary India.” In *International Sociological Association RC19 Annual Meeting*, University of Mannheim, August 30, 2019.
  15. **Burak Gürel**, Ali Bargu, and Christian Göbel, “Social Assistance as Political Containment in Contemporary China.” In *American Sociological Association 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, New York, August 12, 2019.

16. Murat Koyuncu and **Burak Gürel**, “Welfare as Counter-insurgency in Contemporary India.” In *American Sociological Association 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, New York, August 13, 2019.
17. Murat Koyuncu, Erdem Yörük, and **Burak Gürel**, “Welfare as Counter-insurgency in Contemporary India.” In *The 16<sup>th</sup> East Asian Social Policy Conference*, Taipei, Taiwan, July 3, 2019.
18. Indrajit Roy, Erdem Yörük, and **Burak Gürel**, “The Politics of Social Assistance in Contemporary Asia: Comparative Analysis of China, India, and Turkey.” In *The 16<sup>th</sup> East Asian Social Policy Conference*, Taipei, Taiwan, July 3, 2019.
19. **Burak Gürel**, “Agrarian Change in Western Anatolia: A Long-term Historical Perspective and Agenda for Further Research,” In *Geosophy 2.0 Workshop*, University of Kiel, June 26, 2019.
20. Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Deniz Yüret, Erdem Yörük, Çağrı Yoltar, **Burak Gürel**, Fırat Durusan, Osman Mutlu, “Lab on ProtestNews: Extracting Protests from News.” In *Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum (CLEF)*, Lugano, Switzerland, September 9-12, 2019.
21. Arda Akdemir, Ali Hürriyetoğlu, Erdem Yörük, **Burak Gürel**, Çağrı Yoltar, Deniz Yüret, “Towards Generalizable Place Name Recognition Systems: Analysis and Enhancement of NER Systems on English News from India.” In *Proceedings of the 12th Workshop on Geographic Information Retrieval*, November 6, 2018, Seattle.
22. Murat Koyuncu, Erdem Yörük, and **Burak Gürel**, “Welfare as Counter-insurgency in Contemporary India.” In the *76<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, April 6, 2018.
23. Erdem Yörük, Ali Bargu, and **Burak Gürel**, “Social Assistance as a Counter-insurgency Strategy in Contemporary China.” In the *76<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, April 8, 2018.
24. **Burak Gürel**, Bermal Küçük, and Sercan Taş, “Rural Roots of the Rise of the Justice and Development Party in Turkey.” In *Confronting Authoritarian Populism: Resistances and Alternatives in Rural Contexts*, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, March 18, 2018.
25. **Burak Gürel**, “Rural Land Policy Debates in China since the 1980s: Contradictions and Convergences of the Developmentalist, Welfarist, and Individualist Approaches.” In *Urbanizing Rural China: Challenges of Rural Governance*, Danish Social Science Research Council, Skagen, February 23-25, 2018.
26. **Burak Gürel** and Erdem Yörük, “The Politics of Social assistance in Contemporary Asia: Comparative Analysis of China, India, and Turkey.” In *Whither West Asia*, University of Sussex Asia Center, May 16, 2017.
27. **Burak Gürel**, “The Syrian Civil War and Turkey’s Transformation into the World’s Biggest Refugee Camp.” In *Crises and Victims: A Workshop on Refugees, Migrants and Anti- Refugee Discourses in a New Way*, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Warsaw, Karl Polanyi Center for Global Social Studies, and *Eszmélet* Journal, Budapest, February 27, 2016.
28. **Burak Gürel**, “The Role of Labor Mobilization in the Divergence of the Rural Economies of China and India (1947-1992).” In *East Asian Studies Spring 2014 Student Symposium: Transforming East Asia*, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, April 11, 2014.
29. **Burak Gürel**, “Landownership and Capitalist Agriculture in China.” In *Agrarian Development in China: Legacies and Prospects*, The Arrighi Center, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, November 1, 2013.
30. **Burak Gürel**, “Changing Relations of Production in Chinese Agriculture from Decollectivization to Agrarian Capitalism.” In *21<sup>st</sup> Annual Columbia Graduate Student Conference on East Asia*, Columbia University, New York, February 10-11, 2012.
31. **Burak Gürel**, “Peasant Struggles over Land in Turkey (1960-1980).” In *Historical Social Science- Graduate Student Conference*, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York, April 28-29, 2007.

32. **Burak Gürel**, “Land Occupation as a Form of Peasant Resistance in Turkey (1968-1980).” In *The Political Economy of the Middle East in the Age of Empire: Historical, Theoretical, and Political Reflections*, York University, Toronto, March 23-24, 2006.

### INVITED TALKS

1. **Burak Gürel**, Speech at Final Plenary Session of the Turkish Social Science Association’s National Social Science Congress: “Where is World Capitalism Heading?”, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, September 26, 2025.
2. **Burak Gürel**, “Labor Unrest in Chinese-Invested Enterprises in Turkey: Local Dynamics and Global Implications,” Johns Hopkins University, East Asian Studies Program, April 25, 2024.
3. **Burak Gürel**, “Sino-Turkish Relations and the Belt and Road Initiative,” Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Asian Studies Program, April 22, 2024.
4. **Burak Gürel**, “The Political Economy of Chinese Investment in Turkey: Recent Trajectory and Structural Constraints.” In *Political Economy Speaker Series*, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, February 13, 2024.
5. **Burak Gürel**, “Beyond ‘Axis Shift’ and ‘Client State’ Sensationalism: Potential and Limits of Sino-Turkish Relations in the BRI Era,” Trinity College, Hartford, CT, February 6, 2024.
6. **Burak Gürel**, “Drifting Away from the West? The Trajectory and Limits of Chinese Investment in Turkey,” University of Connecticut Department of Political Science & Department of Sociology, February 5, 2024.
7. **Burak Gürel**, “Rural Community Development That Never Was: The Turkish Experience, 1960-1980,” International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, September 8, 2023.
8. **Burak Gürel**, “Electoral and Contentious Politics of Recent Social Policy Reforms in Turkey.” In *Global Welfare Research Seminar*, Virtual, April 26, 2023.
9. **Burak Gürel**, “Batı ile ‘Büyük Ayrışma’dan Mesafeyi Kapatma Çabasına Çin Ekonomisinin Tarihsel Dönüşümü” (The Historical Transformation of the Chinese Economy: From the ‘Great Divergence’ with the West to the Effort to Close the Gap). *Çevrimiçi İktisat Tarihi Seminerleri XXII*, March 15, 2023.
10. **Burak Gürel** and Çağlar Keyder, “Türkiye’de Kırdaki Sınıf Mücadelelerine Tarihsel Bir Bakış” (A Historical Overview of Class Struggles in Rural Turkey). In *Türkiye Tarım Tartışmalarının Mirası ve Geleceği: Kuşaklar Arası Seminerler Dizisi-6*, Yerküre Cooperative & Loaf & Özyeğin University, November 15, 2022.
11. **Burak Gürel** and Deniz Pelek, “Gıda Sisteminin Kilit Özneleri: Çiftçiler, Yarı Zamanlı Çiftçiler, Mevsimlik İşçiler ve Diğerleri” (Key Actors in the Food System: Farmers, Part-time Farmers, Seasonal Workers, and Others). In *Gıdanın Politik Ekolojisi-3*, Sabancı University İstanbul Policy Center, April 14, 2021.
12. **Burak Gürel**, “Collectivist Legacy and Agrarian Development in China since 1978.” In *14th Koç Sohbetleri Talk*, Koç University, İstanbul, January 21, 2021.
13. **Burak Gürel**, “Collectivist Legacy and Agrarian Development in China (1978-2005),” International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, September 5, 2019.
14. **Burak Gürel**, Speech at “Plenary 1: Authoritarian Populism: Rural Roots and Consequences.” In *Confronting Authoritarian Populism: Resistances and Alternatives in Rural Contexts*, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, March 17, 2018.
15. **Burak Gürel**, “Landownership and Capitalist Agriculture in China.” In *Rajawali Doctoral Fellows Workshop Series*, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, September 7, 2016.
16. **Burak Gürel**, “The Role of Labor Mobilization in the Divergence of the Rural Economies of China and India (1950-1980).” In *Social Science Seminars*, Koç University, İstanbul, February 20, 2014.

17. **Burak Gürel**, “The Role of Labor Mobilization in the Divergence of the Rural Economies of China and India (1947-1992).” In Center for Development Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala, March 22, 2013.

### Media Interviews

1. “Kapitalizm Sosyalizm Kalkınma,” *Olmaz Öyle Saçma Sosyoloji*, *Flu TV* YouTube Channel, March 27, 2026. [https://youtu.be/\\_1iHSyqkZoA?si=3DpBvIayZD1puaP-](https://youtu.be/_1iHSyqkZoA?si=3DpBvIayZD1puaP-)
2. “ABD ve Çin Savaşınca Dünya Yok Olur!” (*The World Will Be Destroyed If the US and China Go to War*), *Harici YouTube Channel*, March 4, 2026. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8k-h819IZAc>
3. “Trump’tan Hindistan’a Rusya Tehdidi! Modi Ne Yapacak?” (*Trump Warns India Over Russia: What Will Modi Do?*), *Harici YouTube Channel*, August 5, 2025. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmoMFmXe5ak&t=1281s>
4. “BJP’s Election Setback in India: An Interview with Burak Gürel,” *American Sociological Association Global & Transnational Sociology Newsletter*, Fall 2024, pp. 4-8.
5. “Üçüncü Dünya Savaşı Komplö Mü Gerçek Mi?” (*Is World War III Conspiracy or Real?*), *Harici YouTube Channel*, March 13, 2025. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQvsMAXYaEo>
6. “Çin Ekonomisi Sarsıntı mı Geçiriyor?” (*Is the Chinese Economy Experiencing Turbulence?*), *Harici YouTube Channel*, January 28, 2025. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvbtG60whi8&t=610s>
7. “Kapitalizm, Sosyalizm, Devlet Kapitalizmi: Çin Deneyimi” (*Capitalism, Socialism, State Capitalism: The Chinese Experience*), *Başka Ülke YouTube Channel*, December 14, 2024. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D55OyUmzIqQ>
8. “China Will Avoid A War As It Is Militarily No Match for the US, Asia Expert Gürel Says,” *Duvar English*, November 26, 2024. <https://www.duvarenglish.com/china-will-avoid-a-war-as-it-is-militarily-no-match-for-the-us-asia-expert-Gürel-says-article-65305>
9. “Çin-Afganistan Petrol Anlaşması: Peki Ya Hak ve Özgürlükler?” (*The China-Afghanistan Oil Agreement: What About Rights and Freedoms?*). January 11, 2023. <https://bianet.org/bianet/siyaset/272667-doc-dr-Gürel-anlatti-cin-afganistan-petrol-anlasmasi-ne-anlama-geliyor>
10. “Scholz’un Çin Açılımı” (*Scholz’s China Initiative*), *Birgün* newspaper, November 4, 2022.
11. “Çiğdem Boz ve İhsan Seddar Kaynar ile ‘Sabah Kahvesi’,” *Kampana News Youtube Channel*, October 27, 2022.
12. “Çin Kalkınması,” *Nereden Başlasam*, December 15, 2021. <https://podcasts.apple.com/mt/podcast/%C3%A7in-kalk%C4%B1nmas%C4%B1/id1492610430?i=1000545089142>
13. “Hindistan’da Çiftçi Eylemleri” (*Farmers’ Protests in India*), *Ayrıntı Dergi*, No. 37, Spring 2021, pp. 40-44.
14. “Milyonların Grevi: Hindistanlı Çiftçiler” (*The Strike of Millions: Indian Farmers*), *İşçilerin Sesi*, December 29, 2020.
15. “ABD Başkanlık Seçimleri Küresel İlişkileri Nasıl Değiştirecek?” (*How Will the US Presidential Elections Change Global Relations?*), *Yükselen Asya TV Program*, EKOTÜRK TV, November 9, 2020.
16. Magyaryl Balóval, RTL Klub (Hungarian TV channel), March 1, 2016.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Koç University**  
Graduate teaching

Istanbul, Turkey

SOCI-CSHS 504: *Historical Sociology*  
 CSHS 510: *Thesis Seminar*

Fall 2015-Present  
 Fall 2018-Fall 2022

**Undergraduate teaching**

SOSC 110: *State and Society*  
 SOCI/INTL 421: *Political Sociology*  
 SOCI 406/HIST 426: *Economy, Society and Politics in Asia*

Spring 2015-Present  
 Spring 2016-Present  
 Spring 2018-Present

**Johns Hopkins University**

Baltimore, MD

**Undergraduate teaching**

AS.310.204: *Rural Development in Asia*

Fall 2013

**Boğaziçi University**

Istanbul, Turkey

**Undergraduate teaching**

HTR 312: *History of the Turkish Republic II*

Spring 2006

**Guest Lectures**

1. **Burak Gürel**, “Sosyalist İnşadan Devlet Kapitalizmine Çin Ekonomisinin Yükselişi” (The Rise of the Chinese Economy from Socialist Construction to State Capitalism), Ercan Eren’s YouTube Channel, October 14, 2022.
2. **Burak Gürel**, “The Political Economy of Turkey.” In *Dialogue of Civilizations* Summer School organized by Koç University & Northeastern University, June 15, 2022.
3. **Burak Gürel**, “The Rise of China, Belt and Road Initiative and the Changing Global Political Economy.” In *Post-hegemonic International Relations* Graduate Seminar at O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, India, April 9, 2021.
4. **Burak Gürel**, “The Politics of Rural Development in China and India.” In *Politics of Developing Countries* graduate seminar, Çukurova University, Adana, December 16, 2020.
5. **Burak Gürel**, “Karşılaştırmalı-Tarihsel Perspektiften İslamcılık” (Islamism: A Comparative-Historical Perspective). In *Çağdaş Siyasal Düşünceler* (Contemporary Political Theories) undergraduate course, İstanbul University, İstanbul, November 16, 2020.
6. **Burak Gürel**, “State Capacity, Mass Mobilization and Economic Development in China since 1949.” In *Economy and Politics in Asia: Towards an Asian Community (EC 429)*, Kadir Has University, İstanbul, November 8, 2019 (Funded by One Asia Foundation).

**TEACHING AWARDS**

1. *Economy, Society and Politics in Asia (SOCI 406/HIST 426)* was ranked top 10% at the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Koç University for the Spring 2025 semester.
2. *Thesis Seminar (CSHS 510)* was ranked top 10% at the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Koç University for the Fall 2022 semester (co-taught with Mustafa Erdem Kabadayı).
3. *Economy, Society and Politics in Asia (SOCI 406/HIST 426)* was ranked top 10% at the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Koç University for the Spring 2021 semester.
4. *Political Sociology (SOCI/INTL 421)* was ranked top 10% at the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Koç University for the Fall 2019 semester.
5. *Rural Development in Asia (AS.310.204)* was acknowledged by the Johns Hopkins University Krieger School of Arts and Sciences for scoring a perfect “5” on students’ course evaluations for the Fall 2013 semester.

## UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

### Koç University

Co-director, Center for Asian Studies

Co-director, Center for Asian Studies

Recruitment Committee Member, Law School

Recruitment Committee Member, Department of Business Administration

Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Sociology

Executive Committee Member, Center for Asian Studies

Recruitment Committee Member, Department of Economics

Istanbul, Turkey

January 2025-Present

Fall 2019-Fall 2024

Spring 2025

Fall 2019

Fall 2015-Spring 2019

Fall 2017-Fall 2019

Spring 2017

## THESIS SUPERVISION

### Completed PhD Dissertations

Mustafa Ammar Kılıç (2026; currently Research Assistant, Namık Kemal University)

İrem Soysal Al (2020; currently Postdoctoral Researcher, Özyeğin University)

### Completed MA Theses

Kadir Selamet (2024; currently PhD Student, Department of History, University of Toronto)

Yinan Zhang (2022; currently PhD Student, Department of History, Georgetown University)

Eylem Taylan (2019; currently PhD Student, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley)

Tuğçe Bidav (2017; completed PhD in Media Studies, Maynooth University, 2023)

Maham Hameed (2017; currently Therapeutic Counselor, Lahore, Pakistan)

### Ongoing PhD Dissertations

Daniel de Oliveira Cunha (PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of São Paulo, co-supervised with Alvaro Comin)

## JOURNAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

*Journal of Peasant Studies* (International Advisory Board)

*Journal of China and International Relations* (Advisory Board)

*Praksis* (Advisory Board)

## GUEST EDITOR

*Asian Perspective* Special Session “China in the MENA Region: Within and Beyond the Belt and Road Initiative,” Vol. 50, No. 1 & 2 (2026).

## PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. Assessor for the Turkish Social Sciences Association’s Young Social Scientists Award, Ph.D. Dissertation Prize (2019 & 2025)
2. Assessor for the Middle East Technical University Graduate School of Social Sciences Thesis Award, Ph.D. Dissertation Prize (2025)
3. Member of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (OTSA) Book Prize Committee (2023)

4. Assessor for the *Joint Application Scheme for Early Career Research Fellowships*, Cambridge University (2018)

### ACADEMIC PEER REVIEW

*Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy, Agriculture and Human Values, American Ethnologist, American Journal of Economics and Sociology, American Sociological Review, Ankara Üniversitesi SBF Dergisi, Antipode, Asia Europe Journal, Asian Perspective, China Agricultural Economic Review, China Perspectives, China Quarterly, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Competition & Change, Critical Sociology, Development in Practice, Digest of Middle East Studies, Eğitim Bilim Toplum, European Review, Housing Studies, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Journal of Contemporary Asia, İletişim Yayınları, İstanbul University Journal of Sociology, Journal of Agrarian Change, Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies, Journal of China and International Relations, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association, Journal of Peasant Studies, Journal of Rural Studies, Journal of Water and Land Development, Koç University Press, METU Studies in Development, Modern China, Moment Dergi, Mülkiye Dergisi, Nations & Nationalism, New Perspectives on Turkey, Oxford Development Studies, Philippine Journal of Public Administration, Policy Sciences, Praksis, Routledge, Sociologia Ruralis, Third World Quarterly, Toplum ve Bilim, Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*

### LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Mandarin Chinese (Proficient)