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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>Yale University</b> The Fox International Fellowship Program MacMillan Center	New Haven, CT 2006-2007
<b>Boğaziçi University</b> MA., Modern Turkish History	Istanbul, Turkey June 2004
<b>Dokuz Eylül University</b> BA., International Relations	Izmir, Turkey June 2002

**EMPLOYMENT**

<b>Associate Professor</b> Higher Education Council	Ankara, Turkey May 2020
<b>Assistant Professor</b> Koç University Department of Sociology	İstanbul, Turkey February 2015 – Present
<b>Co-director</b> Koç University Center for Asian Studies	İstanbul, Turkey November 2019 – Present
<b>Visiting Scholar</b> 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**  
Huazhong University of Science and Technology  
Center for Rural China Governance

Wuhan, China  
June-December 2012

**Instructor**  
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

İstanbul, Turkey  
Spring 2006

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

İstanbul, Turkey  
2004-05

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Articles (in SSCI Journals)

1. 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
2. Burak Gürel, "The role of collective mobilization in the divergent performance of the rural economies of China and India (1950-2005)," *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. 46, No. 5, 2019, pp. 1021-1046, DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2018.1434773
3. Burak Gürel, Bermal Küçük, and Sercan Taş, "The rural roots of the rise of the Justice and Development Party in Turkey," *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. 46, No. 3, 2019, pp. 457-479, DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2018.1552264
4. 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
5. 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

### Peer-Reviewed Articles (in non-SSCI Journals)

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. 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.
3. 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
4. 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.
5. 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
6. Burak Gürel and Erdem Yörük, "Devlet, sermaye ve kapitalizmin tarihsel sosyolojisi," *Mülkiye Dergisi*, Vol. 42, No. 2, 2018, pp. 209-237.
7. Burak Gürel, "Changing relations of production in Chinese agriculture from decollectivization to capitalism," *McGill Sociological Review*, Vol. 4, 2014, pp. 67-92.
8. 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
9. Burak Gürel, "'Communist police!' The state in the 1970s Turkey," *Journal of Historical Studies*, Vol. 2, 2004, pp. 1-18.
10. Burak Gürel, "1970'ler Türkiye'sinde İslamcı ve faşist siyaset: Vaadler ve sonuçlar," *Praksis*, No. 12, 2004, pp. 85-102.

### Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

1. 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.
2. 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
3. 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
4. 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

### Book Chapters

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, "Çin'in yükselişinin tarihsel arka planı ve yakın geleceği." In *Çin bilmecesi: Çin'in ekonomik yükselişi, uluslararası ilişkilerde dönüşüm ve Türkiye*, eds. Caner Bakır and Mustafa Yağcı. İstanbul: Koç Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2019, pp. 21-51.
3. Burak Gürel, "Theda Skocpol'un devrim kuramının eleştirel bir analizi." In *Tarihsel sosyoloji ve uluslararası ilişkiler*, ed. Faruk Yalvaç. Ankara: Nika Yayınevi, 2018, pp. 95-116.
4. Burak Gürel, "Şefik Hüsnü (Değmer): Ekim Devrimi'nden Stalinizme TKP'nin dönüşümü." In *Türkiye solundan portreler*, eds. Emirali Türkmen and Ümit Özger. Ankara: Dipnot Yayınları, 2016, pp. 171-184.
5. Burak Gürel, "İsmail Bilen: Gecikmiş yükselişten hızlandırılmış çöküşe TKP." In *Türkiye solundan portreler*, eds. Emirali Türkmen and Ümit Özger. Ankara: Dipnot Yayınları, 2016, pp. 235- 252.
6. 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.
7. Burak Gürel, "Türkiye'de kırdan sınıf mücadelelerinin tarihsel dönüşümü." 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." In *Siyaset bilimi: Kavramlar, ideolojiler, disiplinler arası ilişkiler*, eds. Gökhan Atılğan and E. Attila Aytekin. 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. *Counterrevolution: The global rise of the far right*, by Walden Bello, (Practical Action Publishing, 2019). *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 2020, DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2020.1802817
2. "Mao redux?" (Extended review of Minqi Li, *China and the twenty-first century crisis*, Pluto Press, 2016), <http://www.historicalmaterialism.org/book-review/mao-redux>
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 Nisancıoğlu (Pluto Press, 2015). *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Vol. 56, 2017, pp. 166-171.
6. *Üçüncü Büyük Depresyon: Kapitalizmin alacakaranlığı*, by Sungur Savran (Yordam Kitap, 2013). *Praksis*, No. 38, 2015, pp. 229-232.

7. *Peasants under siege: The collectivization of Romanian agriculture, 1949-1962*, by Gail Kligman and Katherine Verdery (Princeton University Press, 2011). *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 2, 2014, pp. 291-294.
8. “Kriz, savaş ve devrim: 21. yüzyılın ana hatları” (Extended review of Sungur Savran, *Kod adı küreselleşme: 21. yüzyılda emperyalizm*, Yordam Kitap, 2008), *Mesele*, No. 24, 2008, pp. 53-56.

### Datasets

Erdem Yörük, Gabriela Ramalho Tafoya, İbrahim Öker, Ali Bargu, Alper Şükrü Gençer, Rahmi Çemen, Fuat Kına, Çağrı Yoltar, Burak Gürel, Murat Koyuncu. 2019. “Global Welfare Dataset, Version 2019.” <https://glow.ku.edu.tr/>

### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

1. Ali Hürriyetöğlü, 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.
2. 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*, Istanbul: Koç University, October 24-25, 2019.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Ali Hürriyetöğlü, Deniz Yüret, Erdem Yörük, Çağrı Yoltar, Burak Gürel, Fırat Duruşan, Osman Mutlu, “Lab on ProtestNews: Extracting Protests from News.” In *Conference and*

- Labs of the Evaluation Forum (CLEF)*, Lugano, Switzerland, September 9-12, 2019 (Forthcoming).
12. 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.
  13. 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.
  14. 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.
  15. 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.
  16. 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.
  17. 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.
  18. Burak Gürel, “The Syrian civil war and Turkey’s transformation into the world’s biggest refugee camp.” In *Crisis 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.
  19. 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.
  20. 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.
  21. 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.
  22. 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.
  23. 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, “Collectivist legacy and agrarian development in China (1978-2005),” International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, September 5, 2019.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

### Invited Lectures

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).

### TV Interviews

*Yükselen Asya*, EKOTÜRK TV (Turkish TV channel), November 9, 2020.  
*Magyarul Balóval*, RTL Klub (Hungarian TV channel), March 1, 2016.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Koç University</b>	Istanbul, Turkey
<b>Graduate teaching</b>	
<i>SOCI-CSHS 504</i> : Historical Sociology	Fall 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019
<i>CSHS 510</i> : Thesis Seminar	Fall 2018, 2019
<b>Undergraduate teaching</b>	
<i>SOSC 110</i> : State and Society	Spring 2015, 2016, 2017; Fall 2016
<i>SOCI/INTL 421</i> : Political Sociology	Spring 2016; Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
<i>SOCI 406/HIST 426</i> : Economy, Society and Politics in Asia	Spring 2018
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	Baltimore, MD
<b>Undergraduate teaching</b>	Fall 2013
<i>AS.310.204</i> : Rural Development in Asia	
<b>Boğaziçi University</b>	Istanbul, Turkey

**Undergraduate teaching***HTR 312: History of the Turkish Republic II*

Spring 2006

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Koç University Visiting Scholar Program Grant (Summer 2019).
2. Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative Grant (2017).
3. Koç-Harvard Visiting Scholar Program Grant (Summer 2016).
4. Stephen and Lynn Browne Graduate Student Teaching Fellowship, East Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University (Fall 2013).
5. Research Grant, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2012).
6. Research Grant, 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 Grant, Program in Global Social Change, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2009).
9. Research Grant, East Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University (Summer 2009).
10. Research Grant, 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, Bogazici University (March 2006).

**UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE****Koç University**

Co-director, Center for Asian Studies

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Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Sociology

Executive Committee Member, Center for Asian Studies

Recruitment Committee Member, Department of Economics

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Since November 2019

Fall 2019

Fall 2015-Spring 2019

Fall 2017-Fall 2019

Spring 2017

**THESIS SUPERVISION****Completed Ph.D. dissertations**

İrem Soysal Al (2020)

**Completed MA theses**

Eylem Taylan (2019)

Maham Hameed (2017)

Tuğçe Bidav (2017)

**ACADEMIC PEER REVIEW***American Journal of Economics and Sociology**Antipode**China Quarterly*



*Comparative Studies in Society and History*

*European Review*

*İstanbul University Journal of Sociology*

*Joint Application Scheme for Early Career Research Fellowships, Cambridge University*

*Journal of Agrarian Change*

*Journal of China and International Relations* (Advisory Board member since November 2019)

*Journal of Peasant Studies*

*Journal of Water and Land Development*

*Koç University Press*

*Moment Dergi*

*Mülkiye Dergisi*

*New Perspectives on Turkey*

*Praksis*

*Sociologia Ruralis*

*Toplum ve Bilim*

## **LANGUAGES**

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