

# GÖKÇE YURDAKUL

**Research and teaching interests:** immigration, citizenship; race and ethnicity; gender relations; religion; comparative sociology; qualitative social research methods.

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2013- **HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN**, Germany, Professor of Sociology (W3, Full Professor, tenured)  
Head of Department, Diversity and Social Conflict, Institute for Social Sciences  
Director, Berlin Institute of Migration Research (BIM) (2023/25, elected)  
Director, Institute of Social Sciences (2019-21, elected)  
Co-appointed at the Transdisciplinary Gender Studies Graduate Program
- 2009-2013 **HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN**, Germany, Institute for Social Sciences, Berlin Graduate School for Social Sciences (BGSS)  
Georg Simmel Professor of Diversity and Social Conflict (Associate Professor, W2)
- 2007-2008 **UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN**, Trinity College, Ireland, Department of Sociology and MPhil Program in Ethnic and Racial Studies  
Lecturer (permanent position)
- 2006-2007 **BROCK UNIVERSITY**, Ontario, Canada, Department of Sociology  
Assistant Professor

## VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS (DURING SABBATICALS)

- 2023 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**, Ontario, Canada  
Institute of Islamic Studies, Visiting Scholar
- 2019 **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**, Cambridge, USA  
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Visiting Fellow

## EDUCATION

- 1999-2006 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**, Toronto, Canada, Department of Sociology,  
**PhD. in Sociology**  
*Dissertation Title:* Mobilizing Kreuzberg: Political Representation, Immigrant Incorporation and Turkish Associations in Berlin  
(Supervisors: Robert MacKay, Sara Abraham)
- 1995-1998 **MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**, Ankara, Turkey; M.A. in Gender and Women's Studies (Supervisor: Yildiz Ecevit)
- 1991-1995 **BOGAZİÇİ UNIVERSITY**, Istanbul, Turkey; B.A. in Sociology

## GRANTS (since 2017)

### Research Grants

- 2022-25 German Center for Migration and Integration Research (DeZIM),  
*Title of the Project: Social Conflicts and Dynamics of Party Competition in Times of Migration and Integration (MigRep) with the specific subproject on Turkish Immigrant Women and LGBTQI+ Participation in Germany* (Collaborator with PI Tunay Altay), 330,000 Euros
- 2020-21 National Discrimination and Racism Monitoring in the German Center for Migration and Integration Research (Nadira / DeZIM),  
*Title of the Project: Getting Respect: How Turks Respond to Racism in Berlin* (Principal Investigator) 53,378 Euros
- 2020-23 Social Sciences and Humanities Faculty Research INSIGHT Grant (SSHRC), Canada,  
*Title of the Project: Borders, boundaries, and bodies in the production of non-belonging: Regulating the return of European women who joined the Islamic State* (Collaborator with Grant holder: Anna Korteweg, University of Toronto) 97,941 Euros
- 2020-21 Berlin University Alliance Seed Grant, Melbourne-Berlin,  
*Title of the Project: Media, Migration and Politics* (equal co-PIs with Karen Ferquharson, University of Melbourne), 50,000 Euros.
- 2015-19 German-Israeli Foundation,  
*Title of the Project: Contesting Authorities Over Body Politics: The Religious/Secular Tension in Germany, Israel, And Turkey* (equal co-PIs with Shai Lavi, Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law and Director of Van Leer Institute Jerusalem) 180,000 Euros.

### Institutional Grants

- 2016-20 HOST FOR PHILLIP-SCHWARTZ FELLOW FOR SCHOLARS AT RISK  
HOST FOR EINSTEIN FOUNDATION GUEST PROFESSOR  
Hosting Assist. Prof. Nil Mutluer from Turkey for 2+2 years
- 2014-2022 MULTIPLE GRANT PROVIDERS (HERTIE FOUNDATION)  
Establishing *Berlin Institute of Integration and Migration Research*.  
Chair of the Fundamentals of Migration Research department
- 2013 DFG (GERMAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION) INTERNATIONAL  
COLLABORATION GRANT  
Research collaboration grant for trilateral collaboration with UCLA, Sciences Po, Paris, WZB and HU
- 2013-4 A.v. HUMBOLDT-STIFTUNG FELLOWSHIP  
Hosting Assoc. Prof. Esra Özyürek from UCSB for 1 year

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

(2014) *The Headscarf Debates: Conflict of Belonging in National Narratives*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. (equal co-authors with Anna Korteweg)  
*Reviewed in Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN), 2016; American Journal of Sociology, 2015; Ethnic and Racial Studies, 2015; Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review, 2015; Council for European Studies Newsletter, 2014*  
(This book is translated into German and published in 2016)  
*Kopftuch-Debatten in Europa: Konflikte um Zugehörigkeit in nationalen Narrativen*. Bielefeld: transcript Verlag.

(2010) *Staatsbürgerschaft, Migration und Minderheiten: Inklusion und Ausgrenzungsstrategien im Vergleich*. Wiesbaden: Verlag Sozialwissenschaften. (Citizenship, Migration and Minorities: Comparative Inclusion and Exclusion Strategies) (compilation of articles with Michal Bodemann)  
*Reviewed in [www.socialnet.de](http://www.socialnet.de) in 2010*

(2009) *From Guest workers into Muslims: Turkish Immigrant Associations in Germany*, Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press. (single author)  
*Reviewed in Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (2010) Vol.3*

### Journal Special Issues

(2018) *Social Inclusion Journal: The Transformative Forces of Migration: Refugees and the Reconfiguration of Migration Societies* (special issue co-editor with Ulrike Hamann).

(2009) *Turkish Studies Journal: Turkish Identity and Political Mobilization in Western Europe and North America* (special issue editor with Sebnem Koser Akcapar)

### Peer-reviewed Publications in Scholarly Journals (after 2017)

(2023) “The ‘Arab Clans’ Discourse: Narrating Racialization, Kinship and Crime in the German Media” *Social Sciences*, 12(2):104. (with Özgür Özvatan and Bastian Neuhauser)  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci12020104>

(2022) “Overcoming Stigma: the boundary work of privileged mothers of Turkish background in Berlin’s private schools”, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, (with Tunay Altay)  
DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2022.2152720 \***German translation** (2023) Stigmatisierung überwinden- Die Grenzarbeit privilegierter Mütter mit türkischer Migrationsgeschichte an Berliner Privatschulen (im erschienen)

(2021) “Crossing borders: the intersectional marginalisation of Bulgarian Muslim trans\*immigrant sex workers in Berlin”, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 47:9, 1922-1939, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2020.1862646 (with Tunay Altay & Anna C. Korteweg)

(2020) “The Gendered Racialized Production of Muslim Masculinities: ‘Safety’ and ‘Danger’ in Boundary Regimes in Canada and Germany,” *Journal of Migrant and Refugee Studies* (with Anna

Korteweg) \* **German translation** (edited version): (2018) "Symbolische und materielle Grenzziehungen durch Geschlecht und »Rasse«: Der öffentliche Diskurs über Gewalt und Fluchtbewegungen in Kanada und Deutschland", (Symbolic and Material Boundary Drawing through Gender and Race: The Public Discourse on Violence and Refugee Movements in Canada and Germany) Iman Attia and Mariam Poppal (eds) *Grenzziehungen aufspüren und verwischen: Verwobene Perspektiven auf antimuslimischen Rassismus in Zeiten der Globalisierung und über sie hinaus*. transcript Verlag. (with Anna Korteweg and Ulrike Hamann)

(2020) "Liberal Feminism and Postcolonial Difference: The Headscarf Debates in France, Germany and the Netherlands," *Social Compass* (with Anna Korteweg)

(2019) "Contested Authorities over Life Politics: Religious-Secular Tensions in Abortion Debates in Germany, Turkey, and Israel," *Comparative Sociology*, 18 (5): 706-734. (with Gala Rexer, Shvat Eilat and Nil Mutluer)

(2019) "State Responsibility and Differential Inclusion: Honor Based Violence in the Netherlands and Germany," *Social Politics*, 27(2): 187–211 (with Anna Korteweg)

#### **Non-Peer Reviewed Books, Articles and Book Chapters (after 2017)**

(2022) "Jews and Turks in Germany: Immigrant Integration, Political Representation and Minority Rights", Fatma Müge Göcek and Gamze Evcimen (Eds) *The I.B.Tauris Handbook of Sociology and the Middle East* (I B Tauris Handbooks). 412-444.

(2021) "BioNTech'ten Önce: Almanya'da Türkiyeli Göçmen Kadın İmgesi'nin Kadın Bakis Acisindan Degerlendirmesi" , (Before BioNTech: An Gender Perspective on Turkish Immigrant Women's Portrayals in Germany) *Misafir, Göçmen, Yerli*. Istanbul Büyük Şehir Belediyesi Yayini.

(2020) "Jews, Muslims and Religious Challenges to the European Institutions: The Headscarf and Ritual Male Circumcision Debates" in Meltem Kulacatan and Harry Harun Behr (eds), *Migration, Religion, Gender und Bildung: Beiträge zu einem erweiterten Verständnis von Intersektionalität*. Bielefeld: transcript Verlag.

(2019) "Bikinis, Blondes and Burkas: Gender and Islam in the German Far Right" *Epicenter Blog at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, December 2019* (with Özgür Özvatan and Bernhard Forchtner)

(2019) "We Can Do It! (Or Can We?) "Angela Merkel's Immigration Politics" *Epicenter Blog at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, May 24* (with Hartmut Koenitz)

(2018) "Feminism Gone Bad? Radical Right and Women's Organizations in Germany", *OpenDemocracy*, (with Özgür Özvatan and Anna Korteweg)

(2017) *Witnessing the transition: refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants in transnational perspective*. E-Book edited from PhD and MA students' theses, available online (Co-edited with Regina Römhild, Birgit zur Nieden, Anja Schwanhäußer)

## Commissioned Reports

2019 MEDIENDIENST INTEGRATION (Media Service of Integration)

Commissioned expert report, published online: Verhindern Kopftuchverbote die Integration? (Is the headscarf ban preventing integration?) (Principal Investigator)

2010 UNITED NATIONS FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioned thematic paper, published online and softcopy: *Religion, Culture and the Politicization of Honour-Related Violence: A Critical Analysis of Media and Policy Debates in Western Europe and North America* (Equal co-PIs with Anna Korteweg)

## Keynote and Invited Lectures (after 2017)

2023

Invited Online Lecture, Analysis of Social and Economic Processes (ASEP)

Universita degli Studi di Milano, Bicaccio, Department of Sociology

Title: Intersectionality and Boundary-Drawing: Overcoming Stigma in the Immigration Context

2022

SCMR-JEMS, University of Sussex

Joint Keynote together with Anna Korteweg

Title: The Gendered Racialized Politics of Non-Belonging: The Repatriation of European Islamic State Members and their Children

2021

Research Section 35, Sociology of Migration, European Sociology Association Annual Online Conference; IMISCOE Gender and Sexuality Network Online Conference; German Center for Immigration and Integration Research, Early Career Research Online Conference

Title: Beyond "Biontech": Gendered Racialization, and Germany's Post-migrant Role Models

2019

University of Neuchâtel, NCCR Research Program; University of Copenhagen, Sociology Institute

Title: Jews and Turks in Germany: The Headscarf and Ritual Male Circumcision Debates

2019, Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs; Swarthmore

College, Peace and Conflict Studies; CUNY Immigration Lectures

Title: Symbolic Boundaries and Refugee Masculinities: Excluding Syrian Men from Germany

2017

University of Utrecht Conference " "Religious Minorities' Self-Representations: The Politics of Belonging between Claims of Difference and Claims of Sameness"

Title: Jews and Turks in Germany: The Headscarf and Ritual Male Circumcision Debates

2018, Meertens Instituut Amsterdam

Title: Title: Jews and Turks in Germany: The Headscarf and Ritual Male Circumcision Debates

2017 Kosmos International Summer University on Migration, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Public plenary panel speaker on "Political Climate Change? Racism and the Mainstreaming of the New Right

### PhD Dissertations (completed)

Sakar Saber (2022) Gendered Suicide: Power, Patriarchy, and Women's Body in Iraqi Kurdistan

Gala Rexer (2021, Fellow of Heinrich-Böll Foundation) Bodies and Borders: The Politics of Reproductive Technologies in Israel/Palestine (summa cum laude)

Seyran Bostanci (2021) Inklusion in Theorie und Praxis – Eine vergleichende Untersuchung der Umsetzung des Praxiskonzeptes 'Vorurteilsbewusste Bildung und Erziehung' in Kindertageseinrichtungen

Öndercan Muti (2021, Fellow of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation) Memory in Motion: A Comparative Study on the Postmemories of the Armenian Genocide

Özgür Özvatan (2020, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences) From Ethnonational to Transnational Homeland and back? Storytelling, Boundaries and Collective Learning in the (Un)Making of Turkish-German Belonging (summa cum laude)

Noémi Katona (2019, Fellow of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation) Hungarian Women in the Transnational Prostitution Market and the Role of the State (2019)

Inken Bartels (2018, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, European Doctoral Program) The (re)construction of the 'European border regime': An ethnographic approach to the practices of the International Organization of Migration's 'management of migration' in the Euro-Mediterranean region (published as a book by Routledge, 2022)

Inna Michaeli (2017, Fellow of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation) Self-Enterprising Citizens: Comparing Strategies of Economic Empowerment for Women in Germany and Israel (published as a book by Palgrave, 2022)

Anna Schlumbohm (2016) Immigration, Exclusion, and Institutional Constraints: Evaluating Political Participation and Involvement of Long-Term Immigrants in Germany

### MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS IN LEARNED SOCIETIES

Associated Member, Harvard University, Weatherhead Center;  
co-Chair Immigration Research Network (2020-1), co-Chair Program Committee (2021-22), *The Council for European Studies*, USA;  
Member, *Rat für Migration (Migration Council)*  
Member, IMISCOE Gender and Sexuality Network

### JOURNAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

*Associate Editor*: Social Politics  
*Journal Board Member*: German Politics; European Societies, Journal of Migration and Refugee Studies (2019-21)

### MEDIA ENGAGEMENT (selection)

*Gokce Yurdakul, last updated in January 2023*

Live TV Panel, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the guest workers arrival to Germany, Istanbul Municipality TV, 3.11.2021 (available online <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khdGFIdIuQs>)

Interview, *Prospective Magazine*, British online magazine, commenting on immigration in Germany, <https://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/essays/turkish-germans-are-finally-finding-their-voice>, 30.03.2021

Interview, *HU&Charite Amnesty International* Podcast on Immigrant Women's Leadership available on Spotify, 30.03.2020.

Interview, *Trouw*, Dutch Daily Newspaper, commenting on the terror attack at the German Christmas Market; 19.12.2017.

Essay, "Ein Grundrecht auf Familie für Alle!" *Tagesspiegel Causa*, (together with Özgür Özvatan), 20 September 2017.

Essay, "Doppelte Staatsbürgerschaft: Ethnie oder Diversität?" *Tagesspiegel Causa*, (together with Özgür Özvatan) 12 January 2017.

#### NON-ACADEMIC SERVICE

Member of the jury against discriminating and sexist advertisement in the Berlin state office for equal treatment against discrimination (Jury gegen diskriminierende und sexistische Werbung die Landesstelle für Gleichbehandlung gegen Diskriminierung (LADS) (2020-23)

#### LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English, German (fluent)