

İlhan Zeynep Karakılıç, Ph.D.

Summary

Qualitative researcher and expert on areas of immigration, forced migration, social memory, and sociology of Pierre Bourdieu. Has extensive field experience including in-depth interviews and participant observation in both rural and urban settings in addition to experience in theoretical research. Completed PhD dissertation titled "Transformation in Habitus in an Exchangee Village in the Black Sea Region of Turkey". Made numerous presentations to Congress and Conferences and authored multiple publications on immigration and social memory issues.

Work Experience

BAHÇEŞEHİR UNIVERSITY, İstanbul, Turkey 10/2016- present

Administrative Assistant

GİRESUN UNIVERSITY, Giresun, Turkey 11/2011 – 10/2013

Research Assistant

- Researched and identified books for the professor's Introduction to Sociology class.
- Conducted surveys with 50 random members of the Giresun population to discover religious superstition and level of education.
- Findings were that with the increase in education levels, belief in superstitions decreased.

ARTVIN UNIVERSITY, Artvin, Turkey 2/2010 – 9/2011

Research Assistant

- Evaluated the students' examinations and term papers, while helping the students in understanding the core of the social theory.
- Prepared departmental class schedule.

Education

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY Ankara, Turkey

Ph. D. in Sociology, Cum. GPA: 4.00/4.00 2015

- **Dissertation Title:** Transformation in Habitus in an Exchangee Village in the Black Sea Region of Turkey, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Helga Rittersberger-Tılıç.
- **Visiting Research Scholar**, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, Department of Sociology, Philadelphia, PA, USA, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Sherry Grasmuck, Spring Semester, 2012-2013
- **Erasmus Student**, LUDWIG MAXIMILIAN UNIVERSITY, Department of Sociology, Munich, Germany, Spring Semester, 2009-2010

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
MS in Sociology, Cum. GPA: 3.57/4.00

Ankara, Turkey
2007

GAZI UNIVERSITY
BS in Economics, Cum. GPA: 2.97/4.00

Ankara, Turkey
1999-2003

Research Experience

Researcher

Project on “Rewriting History in Balat” funded by Bahçeşehir University, BAP.

- Contributing in preparation of a literature review on social memory in the changing urban space, Balat neighborhood, economic usage of historical sites.
- Organizing and conducting the field work
- Documenting the field research result in the form of scientific papers

Researcher

7/2018-6/2020

Project on “Resilience, Work and Gender in the (Turkish) Migratory Context” funded by Heinrich Böll Stiftung Turkey
Representation

- Contributing in preparation of a literature review on gender perspective on migration and refugees, social resilience and immigrants’ and refugees’ economic integration on Turkish context as well as wider context.
- Organizing and conducting the field work
- Documenting the field research result in the form of scientific and policy papers

Expert

3/2018- 6/2018

“Ambassador of Hope Project” conducted by The Center for Health, Society and Prevention Studies, Bahçeşehir University and İstanbul Lions Club.

- Participating in organization of activity sets to bring together Turkish high school students and Syrian kids in İstanbul
- Documenting the results of activities, analyzing and connecting the result with the existing literature about the subject and publishing these outcomes Conducted a research in İstanbul about the life long education opportunities for the adult Syrian migrants and asylum

Contributing Expert

12/2016 - 5/2017

“Civil Society Dialogue, Harmonization of Refugees Project” conducted by The Research Center on Asylum and Migration and Migration Policy Group. <http://www.multecilerinuyumu.org/EN/home>

- Conducted a research in İstanbul about the life long education opportunities for the adult Syrian migrants and asylum seekers with officials and NGO representatives
- Wrote a report about the situation of adult education for Syrians in İstanbul

Field Researcher

10/2010 – 11/2011

FAO, ILO, IOM, UNDP and Turkish Employment Institution

- Conducted in-depth interviews with the participants for National Program for Youth Employment in Antalya in order to understand the participants' situation in the job market.,

Project Assistant

4/2007 – 4/2010

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

- Helped in the grant application process including literature review and designing field research for the project of “The Analysis of the Change in the Transfer, Utilization, and Impact of Remittances: the Cases of Migration from Yaglıdere to New York and Unlupinar to London” under the supervision of Assist. Prof. Aykan Erdemir.
- Conducted in-depth interviews with the participants in immigrant sending and receiving places in Turkey, the UK and the USA.
- Analyzed and produced a report from the data that was compiled during the field research.

Publications

“Necessity, Negotiation, Change: Work Experiences and Gender Relations of Syrian Women in Turkish Migratory Context” (in Turkish), with Lülüfer Körükmez and Didem Daniş. 2020. GAR (the Association of Migration Research) and Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Turkey Representation. Accesible on:

<https://www.gocarastirmalaridernege.org/attachments/article/161/mecburiyet-muzareke-degisim-suriyeli-kadınların-calisma-deneyimler-ve-toplumsal-cinsiyet-iliskileri-.pdf>

“Virus or Poverty? Impact of Coronavirus Outbreak on Seasonal Migrant Agricultural Workers and their Children and on Crop Farming” (in Turkish) with Besim Can Zırh, Özgür Çetinkaya, Selin Ayaş, Ayşe Özsoy and Ertan Karabıyık. 2020. Kalkınma Atölyesi and ILO. Accesible on:

<http://www.ka.org.tr/dosyalar/file/Yayınlar/Raporlar/TURKCE/Virus%20mu%20yoksulluk%20mu.pdf>

“Resilience, Work and Gender in the (Turkish) Migratory Context” with Lülüfer Körükmez and Cavidan Soykan. 2019. GAR (the Association of Migration Research) and Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Turkey Representation. Accesible on:

<https://gocarastirmalaridernege.org/attachments/article/64/resilience-work-and-gender.pdf>

“Exchangee Women of Black Sea” (in Turkish) in *Sırtında Sepeti: Bafra'dan Hopa'ya Karadeniz'de Kadınlık Halleri*. Editors: Ö. Şendeniz and E. Yıldırım. 2018. Ankara: Phoenix Yayınları.

Have not We Shared Much Salt and Bread Together? (in Turkish and Armenian). Editors with Nermin Pınar Erdoğan. 2017. Ankara: Kars Urban and Culture Research Association.

“Integration of Refugees in Turkey: Possibilities and Available Capacity” (in Turkish and English). (As a contributing expert). Author: Sema Karaca. 2017. Istanbul: The Research Center on Asylum and Migration and Migration Policy Group.

“Social Memory Practices and Greco-Turkish Population Exchange: the Case of Sarıdünya” (in Turkish). In *Bir Varmış, Bir Yokmuş*. Edited by Tahire Erman, Serpil Özaloğlu. 2017. İstanbul: Koç Üniversitesi Yayınları.

Researcher Experiences at Migration Studies in Turkey: A Reflexive Account of the Position of Researchers (in Turkish), with Yasemin Akis, Esra Demirkol, Meltem Hamit, Görkem Dağdelen, Figen Uzar-Özdemir, Nevin Şahin-Malkoç, Besim Can Zırh. In *Göçler Ülkesi*, edited by Lülüfer Körükmez and İlkay Südaş. 2015, İstanbul: Ayrıntı Yayınları.

Traces of Ankara in Philadelphia (in Turkish), July-August, 2015, SolFaSol.

“Transformation of *Tarhana*” (in Turkish), December, 2012. Amargi.

“Economic (Ir) rationality and Investment Patterns of the Immigrants: the Case of the Immigrants of Yağlıdere in New York” (in Turkish), with Assoc. Dr. A. Erdemir and G. Dagdelen. *Journal of Sociological Research*: 13(2), Fall 2010: 144-182. Accessible on <http://www.sosyolojidernegi.org.tr/dergi/izlec.php?dergi=2&id=14>

“Reading Historical Sociology via Turkey, Conversation with Çağlar Keyder” (in Turkish) in *Tarihsel Sosyoloji*, edited by Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Ozdalga. 97-124. *Ankara: Doğu- Batı Yayınevi, 2009*

“To Understand or not to Understand” (in Turkish), 6th February, 2007. Radikal Genç

“Doctor, Doctor!!!” (in Turkish), 9th January, 2007. Radikal Genç.

Congresses and Papers

“Exchangee Habitus: Understanding Social Memory in a Village in Turkey”, 2nd Memory Studies Association, 14th-16th December 2017, Copenhagen University, Copenhagen, Denmark.

“The Exchangee Women of Black Sea” (in Turkish), 15th National Social Science Congress of Turkey, 29th November-1st December 2017, METU, Ankara, Turkey.

“*Social Memory Practices and Greco-Turkish Population Exchange: the Case of Sarı Dünya Village*” (in Turkish), Memory and Culture Conference, 5th-7th September, 2013, Bilkent University, Ankara.

“*Disaggregating Citizenship: Transnational Partition of the “Economic” from the “Socio-cultural” in the Case of a Turkish Community in London,*” with Gorkem Dagdelen. ISA, RC21 Amsterdam Conference, 7th -9th July, 2011, Amsterdam, Holland.

“Work Strategies of 1989 Immigrants from Bulgaria in Ankara, Turkey,” IUAES Inter-Congress: From the Crossroads of Civilizations: Understanding Cultural Diversity to Connect Societies, 3rd -6th October 2010, Antalya.

Economic (Ir)rationality and Immigrant Investment Patterns: Turks in New York” (in Turkish), with Assoc. Dr. Aykan Erdemir and Gorkem Dagdelen, paper presented at 6th National Sociology Congress, 1st-3rd October 2009 Adnan Menderes University, Didim, Aydın, Turkey.

“Economic (Ir)rationality and Immigrant Investment Patterns: Turks in New York,” with Gorkem Dagdelen, paper presented at Diaspora, Migration and Identities: Crossing Boundaries, New Directions, 11th -12th 2009, University of Surrey, Guilford, United Kingdom.

“Secular Preachings: the Case of Kocatepe Mosque Conference Hall,” paper presented at 2nd Annual Social Anthropology Graduate Student Symposium: The Kocatepe Mosque: Neighboring Differences and Negotiating Tensions, 1st June 2009, METU, Ankara, Turkey. Supported by METU, University of Pittsburgh and the Wenner-Gren Foundation

“Experiences of Modernity and Being a Worker in SEKA Aksu Paper Mill” (in Turkish), paper presented to the 11th Traditional Days of Sociology, on 14-16th May, 2008 at Muğla Univesity, Muğla, Turkey

“The Work Strategies of 1989 Immigrants from Bulgaria in Ankara” (in Turkish), paper presented to the 4th Cultural Studies Symposium: E/Im/Migration and Culture, on 15-17th September, 2007, at Işık University, Şile, İstanbul, Turkey

“A Presentation on Work Strategies of 1989 Immigrants from Bulgaria in Ankara, Turkey” paper presented to the 14th Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference, on 31 March-1st April 2007 at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA. Sponsored by Scientific & Technologic Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

Teaching

- Cultural Anthropology (in English). Fall 2019-2020
- Rural Sociology (in English). Spring 2018-2019
- Cultural Anthropology (in English). Fall 2018-2019
- Introduction to Sociology (in Turkish). Fall 2017-2018
- Qualitative Methods in Sociology (in English). Spring 2016-2017
- Classical Sociological Theory (in Turkish). Fall 2010-2011

Professional Memberships

Memory Studies Association

The Association for Migration Research

References

- Prof. Dr. Helga Rittersberger Tılıç, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
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