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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle WA

Ph.D. in Sociology, 2003-2009

Dissertation Title: *Poverty, Property and Power: Making Markets in Istanbul's Informal Low-Income Settlements* (FURS Funded)

Supervisors: Katherine Beckett and Reşat Kasaba

University of Washington, Seattle WA

MA in International Studies, 1999-2002

(Ranked 1st among cohort)

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

BA in Sociology, 1995-1999

(Ranked 2nd among cohort)

EMPLOYMENT

Boğaziçi University, Department of Sociology

Associate Professor, 2018-

Assistant Professor, 2010-2018

UN Habitat and NYU Stern Urbanization Project

Researcher for the Land and Housing Survey in a Global Sample of Cities, 2015

University of Washington, Department of Sociology/Department of Political Science

Teaching Assistant and Graduate Student Instructor, 2003-2009

University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies

Teaching Assistant, 2000-2002

RESEARCH AREAS

Urban Sociology

Economic Sociology

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Department of Sociology, Boğaziçi University
Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict
Social Theory

Cultural Sociology
Sociological Methods

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boğaziçi University

Introduction to Sociology; Social Change and Development; Urban Sociology; Political Economy of Housing; Sociology of Finance; Advanced Research Methods

University of Minnesota, Istanbul Exchange Program

Political Economy of Urbanization in Turkey

University of Washington

Instructor, 2007-2010

Social Control and the City; Law, Politics and Power; Political Economy of Urban Inequality

University of Washington

Teaching Assistant, 2000-2007

Various courses in Sociology and International Studies Departments as well as the Law, Society and Justice Program. (List of courses available upon request.)

SUPERVISED THESES

- Yasemin Girgin, 2019-2022
“Actors’ Career Trajectories: Role Diversification Patterns and Relational Dynamics in the TV-Acting Field in Turkey”
- Turgut Keskinurk, 2019-2021
“Change and Stability in the Structure of Cultural Beliefs”
- Büşra Üner, 2019-2021
“Defending Nature: A Comparative Analysis of the Cerattepe and Kirazlı Anti-mining Environmental Movements”
- Doğukan Dere, 2016-2019
“Two Attempts of Counter-Space Building: Radical Urban Resistance in 1 Mayıs and Kucuk Armutlu”
- İrem Yıldırım, 2013-2015
“Politics of Amnesty in Turkey”

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Boğaziçi University

- Department Vice-Chair, 2015-2017 and 2023-
- Academic advisor for junior students, 2010-
- Academic advisor for Erasmus/Exchange students, 2010-
- Member of the Student Activities Commission, 2011-14
- Co-organizer of the *Annual Hrant Dink Memorial Lecture*, 2016
- Co-organizer of *Local Politics, Capital and Space Symposium*, 2014

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Girgin, Yasemin and Tuna Kuyucu. 2024. “My tears have dried from crying, I want to laugh now!’: Role Diversification Patterns and Gendered Accumulation of Status in the TV-Acting Field in Turkey”. *The Sociological Quarterly*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2024.2406196>
- Keskindürk, Turgut and Tuna Kuyucu. 2024 “Sentiments of Solidarity: Varying Conceptions of Nationalism in Turkey”. *Nations and Nationalism*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.13008>
- Dere, Doğukan and Tuna Kuyucu. 2023. “Building and Defending Counterspaces: An Analysis of Counterspace Formation in Two Informal Settlements in Istanbul”. *Urban Geography* 44(6): 1229-1249. (printed online in 2022)
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2022. “The Great Failure: The Roles of Institutional Institutional Conflict and Social Movements in the Failure of Regeneration Initiatives in Istanbul”. *Urban Affairs Review* 58(1): 129-163. (printed online in 2020)
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2018. “Türkiye’de Kentsel Dönüşümün Dönüşümü: Hukuki ve Kurumsal Çatışmalar Üzerinden Bir Açıklama Denemesi”. *İdealKent Dergisi* 24(9): 364-386.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2018 “Politics of Urban Regeneration in Turkey: Possibilities and Limits of Local Regeneration Initiatives in a Highly Centralized Country”. *Urban Geography* 39(8): 1152-1176.
- Yıldırım, İrem and Tuna Kuyucu. 2017. “Neoliberal Penalty and State Legitimacy: Politics of Amnesty in Turkey in the AKP Period” *Law & Society Review* 51(4): 859-894.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2016. “The Paradox of Social Housing Policy in Turkey?”, *Modus Operandi*, Sayı:4.
- Kuyucu, Tuna and Didem Danis. 2015. “Similar Processes, Divergent Outcomes: A Comparative Analysis of Urban Redevelopment Projects in Three Turkish Cities”, *Urban Affairs Review* 51(3): 381-413.

- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2014. "Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in Remaking Istanbul's Informal Settlements", *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 38(2): 609-627.
- Kuyucu, Tuna and Özlem Ünsal. 2010. "Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer: An Analysis of Two Cases of Urban Renewal in Istanbul" *Urban Studies*, 47(7): 1479-1499.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2005. "Ethno-religious 'Unmixing' of Turkey: 6-7 September Riots as a Case in Turkish Nationalism." *Nations and Nationalism*, 11(3): 361-380.

Book Chapters

- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2017. "Two Crises, Two Trajectories: The Impact of the 2001 and 2008 Economic Crises on Urban Governance in Turkey" in Adaman, Fikret, Bengü Akbulut and Murat Arsel (eds.) *Neoliberal Turkey and Its Discontents: Economic Policy and the Environment under Erdoğan*. London: I.B. Taurus. Pp: 44-74.
- Ünsal, Özlem and Tuna Kuyucu. 2010. "Challenging the Neoliberal Urban Regime: Regeneration and Resistance in Başibüyük and Tarlabası" in Levent Soysal, İpek Türeli and Deniz Göktürk (eds.) *Oriental Istanbul: Cultural Capital of Europe?* New York: Routledge. Pp: 51-70.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2010. "Mass Housing Administration and Urban Transformation Projects as Tools of Property Transfer" (in Turkish), İpek Akpınar (ed.) *Osmanlı Başkentinden Küreselleşen İstanbul'a: Mimarlık ve Kent, 1910-2010*. İstanbul: Osmanlı Bankası Arşiv ve Araştırma Merkezi. Pp: 122-134.
- Hechter, Michael; Tuna Kuyucu and Audrey Sacks. 2006. "Nationalism and Direct Rule" Kumar, Krishan and Gerard Delanty (eds) *The Sage Handbook of Nations and Nationalism*. London: Sage Publications. Pp: 84-93.

Non-Academic Publications

- Kuyucu, Tuna ve Miray Özkan. 2023. "Merkez-Yerel Kıskaçında Kentsel Dönüşüm". *İstanbul Kent Araştırmaları ve Düşünce Dergisi*. Sayı: 9.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2012. "Profiles: Çağlar Keyder-Interviewed by Tuna Kuyucu", *Development and Change*, 43(1): 361-373.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2011. "Excluding and Controlling the Urban Poor: The Role of Housing Markets and Urban Governance Strategies", *OpenDemocracy.org*. (www.opendemocracy.org)
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2009. "Housing Development Administration" Pelin Derviş ve Meriç Öner (ed.) *Mapping Istanbul*. İstanbul: Garanti Gallery, 154-155.
- Kuyucu, Tuna. 2008. "Liberalism, Legal Domination and Urban Transformation" (in Turkish) *İstanbul Dergisi*, no. 64.
- Kuyucu, Tuna and Ulus Atayurt. 2008. "Başibüyük is Resisting!" (in Turkish) *İstanbul Dergisi*, no. 64.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 12-month long grant from *BAP* (Bogazici Universitesi Bilimsel Arastirma Projeleri/Bosphours University Scientific Research Projects). Project no: 19365. Amount: 90,000 TL. (2022-23)
- *Kadir Has Üniversitesi Gelecek Vaat Eden Bilim İnsanı Ödülü*, 2017 yılı.
- *Outstanding Teaching Award* from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Bogazici University, for the 2015-6 academic year.
- *International Scholarship* from the Urban Studies Foundation (USF) Amount: 22000 GBP. (2016-17)
- 12-month long grant from *BAP* (Bogazici Universitesi Bilimsel Arastirma Projeleri/Bosphours University Scientific Research Projects). Project no:10500. Amount: 29235 TL (9950 USD) (2016-17)
- 18-month long grant from *BAP* (Bogazici Universitesi Bilimsel Arastirma Projeleri/Bosphours University Scientific Research Projects). Project no: 6331. Amount: 45000 TL (15000 USD) (2011-13)
- *Outstanding Teaching Award* from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Bogazici University for the 2010-11 academic year.
- *FURS* (Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies-in the UK) *Fellowship* to conduct doctoral research. Amount: 16000 GBP. (2007-08)
- *Schwartz Fellowship* awarded by University of Washington's Near and Middle Eastern Languages and Civilizations Center to conduct doctoral research. Amount: 3000 USD. (2007)
- Departmental research grant from the Department of Sociology, University of Washington. Amount: 2000 USD (2007)
- *Book Award* from the Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, for outstanding work as a graduate student. June 2002.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Türkiye’de Neoliberal Kent Politikalarının Başarısızlığı” (Miray Özkan ile birlikte)
4. *Uluslararası Kent Araştırmaları Kongresi, Ankara, Ekim 2019*
- “Kentsel Dönüşümün Dönüşümü: Hukuki ve Kurumsal Çatışmalar Üzerinden Bir Açıklama”
4. *Uluslararası Kent Araştırmaları Kongresi, Ankara, Ekim 2019*
- “The Transformation of Urban Transformation: An Inquiry into the Institutional and Legal Factors Behind the Failure of Urban Regeneration Projects in Istanbul”

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2019 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Washington D.C.
May 2019

- “Kentsel Dönüşümün Dönüşümü: Hukuki ve Kurumsal Çatışmalar Üzerinden Bir Açıklama”
Kent, İnşaat ve Ekonomi Kongresi, Gaziantep Mayıs, 2019.
- “The Great Failure: An Institutional Inquiry into Why Urban Regeneration Initiatives in Istanbul Fail”
2017 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, USA, April 2017.
- “The Great Failure: An Institutional Inquiry into Why Urban Regeneration Initiatives in Istanbul Fail”
2nd Annual Turkish Political Economy Society Workshop, Sabancı University, December 2016.
- “Two Crises, Two Trajectories: The Impact of the 2001 and 2008 Crises on Urban Governance in Turkey”
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, USA, August 2016.
- “Belediye Eliyle Kentsel Yenileme: Bursa, İzmir ve Diyarbakır Sümerbank Fabrikalarının Dönüşüm Süreçleri”
II. Uluslararası Kent Araştırmaları Kongresi, İTÜ, Mayıs 2016.
- “Two Crises, Two Trajectories: The Impact of the 2001 and 2008 Crises on Urban Governance in Turkey”
Spotlight on İstanbul: Building and Rebuilding the Periphery, Major Collaborative Research Initiative-York University, İstanbul, December 2015.
- “Has Turkey Turned into a Constructocracy? Assessing the Impact of Economic Crises on the Economics and Politics of Construction in Turkey”
II. International İstanbul University Political Science Conference, İstanbul, December 2014.
- “Similar Processes, Divergent Outcomes: Analyzing Urban Redevelopment Processes in Three Rapidly Growing Turkish Cities” (with Didem Danış)
21st International Seminar on Urban Form, Porto, July 2014.
- “Neoliberalism and Urban Processes: The transformation of Sümerbank Factories in Kayseri, Denizli and Malatya” (delivered in Turkish with Didem Danış)
Local Politics, Capital and Space Workshop, Boğaziçi University, March 2014.
- “Reflections of Neoliberalism on Middle-Scaled Towns: The transformation of Sümerbank Factories in Anatolian Cities” (delivered in Turkish with Didem Danış)
4. Symposium of Urban and Regional Research Network Symposium, Mersin University, November 2013.
- “AKP’s New Low-Income Housing Regime as a Case of Anti-Social Housing Policy”
Re-Ordering the Social – Producing Change: Contemporary Ethnographies of Turkey in an Interconnected World, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, October 2012.

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- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of Istanbul’s Informal Settlements”
Annual Meeting of the Royal British Geographical Society, Edinburgh, UK, August 2012.
- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of Istanbul’s Informal Settlements”
Ordering the Social, Producing Change: An International Workshop, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2011.
- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of Istanbul’s Informal Settlements”
Council of European Studies, Eighteenth International Conference, Barcelona, Spain, June 2011.
- “An Anti-Social Housing Project: Perpetuating Poverty and Marginality through ‘Urban Transformation’ in Istanbul”
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, USA, November 2010.
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Gentrification: An Analysis of Two Urban Renewal Projects in Istanbul”
Right to the City Conference, European Science Foundation, Vadstena, Sweden, October 2008.
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer: Two Cases of Urban Renewal in Istanbul” (with Özlem Ünsal)
Oriental Istanbul: Cultural Capital of Europe? Conference, University of California, Berkeley, USA, August 2008.
- “Perpetuating Poverty Through Formalization of Informality: Slum Clearance and Urban Renewal Projects in Istanbul”
Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada, June 2008.
- “Neoliberalism and Urban Governance: ‘Urban Transformation Projects’ in Istanbul”
The Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany, July 2007.
- “‘Urban Transformation’ or Neoliberal Rent-Seeking: Political Economy of Urban Renewal and Slum Clearance Programs in Istanbul”
Liberalism, Governance, and the Geographies of Law Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, May 2007.
- Discussant for the Panel “Changing State-Society Relations in Turkey”
Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Anchorage, USA, November 2003.
- “6-7 September Riots: A Window to Turkish Nationalism”
Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Washington D.C., USA, November 2002.

INVITED LECTURES

- “Peeping into the State: How the Failed Coup in Turkey Broke the State’s Spell and What This Means for Us, the Mortals?”
Sociology Seminar Series, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, November 2016

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- “Two Crises, Two Trajectories: The Impact of the 2001 and 2008 Crises on Urban Governance in Turkey”

Urbanization, Planning and Development Seminar, Department of Geography & Environment, London School of Economics, London, October 2016

- Panelist for “*HEYU! Urbans: 6 Cities, 6 Thinkers*”
Amsterdam Central Library, Amsterdam, May 2016.

- “Politics of Urban Regeneration in Turkey: Possibilities and Limits of Local Regeneration Initiatives in a Highly Centralized Country”
Atatürk Enstitüsü Cuma Seminerleri, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, İstanbul, February 2016.

- “Has Turkey Turned into a Constructocracy? Assessing the Impact of Economic Crises on the Economics and Politics of Construction in Turkey”
Urban Lab Istanbul, Rice University, Istanbul, March 2015.

- “Post-2002 Istanbul: A Playground for Urban Growth Coalitions”
Istanbul Field Visit, Edinburgh University, Istanbul June 2014.

- “Post-2002 Istanbul: A Playground for Urban Growth Coalitions”
Department of Architecture, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn USA, December 2013.

- “The Right to Housing of the Urban Poor in Istanbul”

Violation of Housing Rights, International Council on Human Rights Policy, Geneva, Switzerland, December 2013.

- “Drowning in ‘Mud of the Field’: Understanding the City with Qualitative Methods” (delivered in Turkish with Didem Danış)
Qualitative Studies Workshop, Chamber of Architects, Istanbul, March 2013.

- “Solving the Social Housing Paradox: How and Why Does Social Housing Kill Being Social?” (delivered in Turkish)
Saturdax Talks, Tütün Deposu, Istanbul, March 2013.

- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of Istanbul’s Informal Settlements” (delivered in Turkish)
Istanbul Seminars, Bilgi University, Istanbul, March 2013.

- “From Sümerbank to Sümerpark: The Redevelopment of Brown Field Sites in Anatolian Cities” (with Didem Danis, delivered in Turkish)
KİM Seminerleri, Yıldız Teknik Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Aralık 2012.

- “Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in the Remaking of Istanbul’s Informal Settlements” (delivered in Turkish)
Wednesday Seminars, Mimar Sinan University, Istanbul, November 2012.

- “TOKİ and Urban Transformation Projects as ‘Anti-social’ Policy Tools” (delivered in Turkish)
4. İstanbul Meetings, Chamber of Urban Planners, Istanbul, October 2012.

- “The Changing Housing Economy and Geography of Istanbul: Policies, Prospects, Problems”

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Mobility Today Workshop, Sabancı University, Istanbul, October 2012.

- “TOKİ and Urban Transformation Projects as ‘Anti-social’ Policy Tools” (delivered in Turkish)
Turkey Discusses Its Social Politics, Koç University, Istanbul, June 2012.
- “Capitalism in the Housing Sector and Re-definement of Housing Rights” (delivered in Turkish)
Citizenship Regime in Turkey: Rights and Duties in Urban Life, Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul, November 2011.
- “Excluding and Controlling the Urban Poor: The Role of Housing Markets and Urban Governance Strategies”
Penalizing People in Extreme Poverty, International Council on Human Rights Policy, Geneva, March 2011.
- “Mass Housing Administration and Urban Transformation Projects as Tools of Property Transfer” (delivered in Turkish)
3. Istanbul Symposium, Garanti Kultur and Osmanli Bankasi Muzesi, Istanbul, October 2010.
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer” (delivered in Turkish)
Faculty of Architecture Seminar Series, Bilgi University, Istanbul, March 2009.
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer: The Contradictions of Redefining Property in İstanbul’s Gecekondu Areas”
Social Sciences Seminar Series, Koç University, Istanbul, March 2009.
- “Urban Transformation as State-Led Property Transfer: The Contradictions of Redefining Property in İstanbul’s Gecekondu Areas”
Social and Political Sciences Speaker Series, Sabancı University, Istanbul, February 2009.
- “Social Housing Projects in Search of Their ‘Social’: The Case of Bezirganbahçe” (delivered in Turkish)
Department of Sociology Seminar Series, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, November 2008.
- “The Bezirganbahçe Public Housing Project as a Case of ‘Closed’ Settlement”
Gated Communities Workshop, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, October 2008.
- “Popular Resistance Against ‘Urban Transformation Projects’ in İstanbul: The Experience of İstanbul Neighborhood Associations Platform” (with Erdoğan Yıldız)
Grassroots Movements Against Gentrification Conference, organized by City Mine(d), Barcelona, April 2008.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Editorial Board Member of *Social Forces*
- Manuscript reviewer for *Social Forces*; *Urban Studies*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *Urban Affairs Review*; *Urban Geography*; *Political Geography*; *City and Community*; *Cultural Geographies*; *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Law and Society Review*; *Development and Change*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *New Perspectives on Turkey*; *METU Journal of Architecture*

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