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Education

- 2011-2017 **Goldsmiths College, University of London**, PhD in Anthropology
Dissertation: 'Migration, Waiting, and Passing at the Borders of Europe: Syrian Refugees in Istanbul'
- 2009-2010 **University of Oxford, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology**, MSc in Social Anthropology
- 2006-2009 **American University of Beirut**, BA in History

Areas of Interest

Migration, displacement, border politics, temporality, ethnography, qualitative research

Work Experience

- Feb 2024- Current Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, **Boğaziçi University**, İstanbul
- Mar 2019-Jan 2024 Post-Doctoral Researcher **MiReKoc, Koç University**, İstanbul

Publications

- 2023 MacFarlane, A. Puthooppambal, S.J., Waagensen, S., Grazia Sisti, L., Costanzo, G., Kayi, I., Osseiran, S., Sakarya, S., Severoni, S., Hannigan, A.. (2023). Framework for refugee and migrant health research in the WHO European Region. *Tropical Medicine and International Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/tmi.13845>
- 2020 "The Intersection of Labour and Refugee Policies in the Middle East and Turkey: Exploring the Dynamics of "Permanent Temporariness"", *Civil Society Review*. doi: 10.28943/CSR.004.007
- 2018 "Syrian Refugees and the Digital Passage to Europe: Smartphone Infrastructures and Affordances" co-authored with Marie Gillespie and Margie Cheesman, *Social Media + Society* 4:1, 1-12.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming İçduygu A. and Osseiran, S. Syrian Refugees in Urban Turkey: An Overview. In Are Knudsen and Sarah Torbin (Eds.) *Urban Displacement: Syria's Refugees in the Middle East*. Berghahn: Oxford & New York.
- 2017 "'Europe' from 'here': Syrian migrants/refugees in Istanbul and Imagined Migrations into and within 'Europe'." In *The Borders of 'Europe'* Nicholas De Genova (eds.). Duke University Press
- 2017 "A Guest in Turkey: Syrian Migrants in Istanbul, Conditionality and Hospitality." In *Bordered Places / Bounded Times. Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Turkey*, Emma Baysal and Leonidas Karakatsanis (eds.) BIAA Monograph series. London: The British Institute at Ankara.

- 2016 "Distance Beyond the Border: Kurds from Syria in Istanbul." In *Conflict, Insecurity and Mobility: Turks, Kurds, and Syrians*, Welat Zeydanlioğlu and Jeffery Cohen (eds.). London: Transnational Press.
- 2016 "Mapping Refugee Media Journeys Smartphones and Social Media Networks," Marie Gillespie Lawrence Ampofo, Margaret Cheesman, Becky Faith, Evgenia Illiou, Ali Issa, and Dimitrist Skleparis, Souad Osseiran, The Open University and France Medias Monde Online Research Report.

Manuscripts Under Review

Osseiran, S. & Nimer, M. "Knowledge Production in Migration Studies from the South: Theorization of Refugee Labour in the Literature on Turkey" *Migration Studies* Expanding Refugee Access to Healthcare and Governing Refugee Mobility: Conflicting Rationales in a Single Field. In Luca Follis, Karolina Follis and Nicola Burns (Eds.) *Migrant and Refugee Access to Health Systems: Challenging (Im)mobilities in Healthcare*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Reports

- 2022 "Syrian Refugees in Istanbul and Gaziantep: Comparative Findings on Settlement, Livelihood and Support" CMI Insight co-authored with Ahmet İçduygu. CHR. Michelsen Institute, Bergen. Available at: <https://www.cmi.no/publications/8332-syrian-refugees-in-istanbul-and-gaziantep-comparative-findings-on-settlement>
- 2021 "Superdiversity in Higher Education Settings: A State-of-the-Art Report" co-authored with Birce Demiryontar and Birce Altiok. Available at: <https://rb.gy/8umrv0>
- 2020 *İstanbul'da Suriyeli Mültecilerin Sağlık Hizmetlerine Erişimi: Toplumsal Cinsiyete Duyarlı Bir Bakış Açısı*. Workshop report, co-authored with Gabriele Cloeters, Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University. Istanbul: IPC.
- 2019 "Healthcare Access for Syrian Refugees in Istanbul: A Gender-Sensitive Perspective" Workshop report, co-authored with Gabriele Cloeters, Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University
- 2018 "Syrians in Turkey" report, co-authored with Gabriele Cloeters, Emre Üçkardeşler, Kristen Biehl, Wiebke Honberger and Hande Paker, Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University

Presentations

- 06.09.2023 'Complicating the Migration and Refugee Category Boundaries, Syrian Refugee Experiences in Esenyurt' at the **International Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Commission of Anthropology of the Middle East**, Istanbul
- 04.07.2023 'The Migrant/Refugee Distinction and Refugee-as-labour: Theorizing Literature on Syrian Refugee labour in Turkey' **2023 British Society for Middle East Studies (BRISMES) Conference Ecology, Crisis and Power in the Middle East**, Exter University
- 05-06.05.2023 **Exploring Vulnerability(ies) and Resilience: Learning from Populations on the Move**, workshop co-organizer with Meriç Çağlar and Aslı İkizoğlu Erensu. Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University

- 14.09.2022 'Exploring Urban Refugee Settlement in Istanbul: Case of Syrian Refugees' presented (virtually) at the **Looking back to look forward: Celebrating 10 Years of Research on Migration, Forced Displacement and Superdiversity (IRiS)** conference, Bristol, UK.
- 13.05.2022 'Exploring Urban Refugee Settlement in Istanbul: Case of Syrian Refugees' co-presented with Ahmet İçduygu at the **Urban Resilience, Policies and Futures** conference, Istanbul.
- 30.04.2022 'Exploring Urban Refugee Settlement in Istanbul: Case of Syrian Refugees' in the Urban Displacement, Development and Donor Policies in the Middle East workshop Cyprus.
- 02.10.2021 'Migration Considerations in Urban Settings & the Covid-19 Pandemic' presented (virtually) in the Pandemic Resilient Cities: Withstanding an Array of Unprecedented Challenges panel at the **Marmara Urban Forum (MARUF)**, Istanbul.
- 11.06.2021 'Superdiversity in Higher Education Settings: State-of-the-Art and its Implications for Covid-19' co-presented with Birce Demiryontar and Birce Altıok in **University of Post-Industrial Cities (UNIC)** (online).
- 10.10.2020 'Time and Movement: Syrian Refugees in Istanbul and Crossing the Border to Europe' in the *New Perspectives on Borders, Time and Migration* panel in the **B/ORDERING CULTURES: Everyday Life, Politics, Aesthetics** Conference, Frankfurt Oder.
- 10.10.2019 'Actualizing Migratory Strategies: Reputation and Uncertainty in Syrian Refugees' Dealings with Smugglers and Brokers in Istanbul' MiReKoc Panel, Transnational Dimensions of Global Governance: Micro-Meso-Macro Perspectives, **KEKAM** Conference, Yeditepe University, Istanbul.
- 28.03.2019 'Migrant Health Centers in Istanbul: Sites of Labor, Value and Temporariness' presented as part of the *Güncel Göç Meseleleri Seminerleri* organized by **Göçmen Araştırmaları Derneği (GAR)**, Istanbul.
- 13.12.2018 'Temporal Horizon and Partial integration: The Incorporation of Syrian Refugee Healthcare Professionals in Istanbul', presented as part of **Urban Studies Talk Series**, Şehir University, Istanbul.
- 17.08.2018 Co-organizer and co-chair with Gabriele Cloeters, on the 'On Migration and (Im)mobilities in Turkey: Temporariness, Precarity and Differential Inclusion' panel accepted in the **19th Nordic Migration Conference 2018: New (Im)mobilities: Migration and Race in the Era of Authoritarianism**.
- 08.02.2018 'Spaces of Perseverance, Spaces of Hope: Syrian refugees' migrations to Europe,' presentation at **Routes of Hope: Transitions and Destinations in Global Migration Flows**, IFEA, Istanbul
- 23.02.2016 'Differentiated waits and movements: Syrian migrants/refugees in Istanbul,' seminar presentation **Bilgi University**, Istanbul.
- 21-26.09.2014 Panel presentation entitled, 'What is your Passport Worth? Illegalized Migration and the Paper Market.' Collaborative presentation with Dr Stephan Scheel and Soledad Alvarez Velasco at **Expanding the Margins: Migration, Mobilities, Borders**, International Summer School, Humboldt University.

- 16.09.2014 'Waiting and being at the ready in Istanbul: Syrian migrants/refugees in Transit' presented at **Workshop on Waiting: Temporalities of Migration**, Stockholm University, Stockholm.
- 30.05.2014 'Distance Beyond the Border: Kurds from Syria and Turkey in Istanbul', presented at **Turkish Migration Conference**, Regent's College, London.

Academic Grants

- Sept 2017-Sept 2018 Stiftung Mercator-IPC Research Fellow, **Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University, Istanbul**
Research project entitled 'Syrian Healthcare Professionals' Integration in Turkey: Altering Formulations of Citizenship'
- 2012 British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara (BIAA) study grant award
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Additional Skills

- Languages English (native), Arabic (native), Turkish (B2 level)
- Skills Microsoft Office, SPSS (Working Knowledge)