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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science- Bilkent University, Ankara

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Dissertation Title: Exploring Women Columnists' Positionalities in the Public Sphere: A Study into Narratives on Feminist Identity in Contemporary Turkey

Dissertation Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Özdalga, Bilkent University/ Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul and Prof. Dr. Dilek Cindoğlu, Abdullah Gül University

Master of Arts, 2007-2009, Political Science- Sabancı University, Istanbul

Thesis Title: Sexual Politics in Women's Writing in Turkey

Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sibel Irzık, Sabancı University

Bachelor of Arts, 2001-2006, Political Science– Middle East Technical University, Ankara

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Scholar, 2016-2017, CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology, NY.

Visiting Scholar, 2014-2015, Rutgers University, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, New Jersey.

Visiting Scholar, 2013-2014, Central European University, Department of Gender Studies, Budapest.

Graduate Research Assistant, 2009-2013, Bilkent University, Department of Political Science, Ankara.

Graduate Research Assistant, 2009-2011, Başkent University, Department of Political Science, Ankara.

Graduate Research Assistant, 2007-2009, Sabancı University, Department of Political Science, Istanbul.

FELLOWSHIPS

Junior Thyssen Fellowship Central European University, Institute of Advanced Studies, 2017-2018.

French Embassy in Turkey Postdoctoral Fellowship in France, September-November, 2015.
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TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) International Doctoral Research Fellowship, 2014-2015.

TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) Domestic Doctoral Fellowship, 2010-2014.

Bilkent University Graduate Study Scholarship, 2009-2013.

Sabancı University Graduate Study Scholarship, 2007-2009.

Oslo University International Summer School Scholarship, 2004.

PUBLICATIONS (SSCI JOURNALS)

Unal, Didem (2017) “Gender and Sexuality in the Authoritarian Discursive Strategies of New Turkey”, *European Journal of Women’s Studies*, 24 (1): 39-54 (co-authored with Dilek Cindoğlu)

Unal, Didem (2015) “Vulnerable Identities: Pious Women Columnists’ Narratives on Islamic Feminism and Feminist Self-Identification in Contemporary Turkey”. *Women’s Studies International Forum*, 53: 12-21.

Didem Unal, (2015) “Gender in Political Sex Scandals in Contemporary Turkey: Women’s Agency and Public Sphere”, *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*, 36 (4): 464-485. (co-authored with Dilek Cindoğlu)

Unal, Didem (2013). “Reproductive Citizenship in Turkey: Abortion Chronicles”, *Women’s Studies International Forum*, 38: 21-31. (co-authored with Dilek Cindoğlu)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Unal, Didem, “Booming Populism in Alliance with Patriarchy in Western and non-Western Contexts: Trump and Erdoğan” (Article in Preparation)

Unal, Didem, “Narrating Feminist Self-Identification in a Patriarchal Gender Regime: Women Columnists’ Positionalities vis-à-vis Feminist Subaltern Publics in Turkey” (Article in Preparation)

Unal, Didem, “Veiling Fashion in Islamic Lifestyle Magazines: Intersections of Class, Gender and Piety in Turkey” (Article in Preparation)

PRESENTED PAPERS

Unal, Didem (2017) “Women’s Entrepreneurship in the Islamic Fashion Sector in Turkey”, 2nd Annual Women’s History Month Conference, Rutgers-Camden, USA.

Unal, Didem (2016) “Veiling Fashion, Women’s Empowerment and the Neoliberal Logic in Contemporary Turkey”, Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Boston, USA.

Unal, Didem (2016) “Women’s Bodies and the Contours of Embodied Feminist Protests in Contemporary Turkey”, Paper presented at the Doing the Body in the 21st Century Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA.

Unal, Didem (2016) “Pious Women Intellectuals’ Conceptions of Islamic Feminism in Contemporary Turkey: Unsettling the Divide between Secular and Pious Selves in Postsecular Contexts”, Paper presented at the 2016 Women and Gender Studies Conference, Seton Hall University, New Jersey, USA.

- Unal, Didem** (2013) “Islamist Women Intellectuals’ Narratives and Gender Debates in Contemporary Turkey”, Paper presented at *the Global South Workshop*, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Unal, Didem** (2012) “The Idea of Multiple Belonging in Women Intellectuals’ Perceptions of Feminisms”. Paper presented at *the International Conference: New Forms of Multiple Belonging: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, Luzerne, Switzerland.
- Unal, Didem** (2011) “Gendered Violence and Women’s Writing in Turkey”. Paper presented at the *PhD Workshop: Contextualizing Gendered Violence and Masculinity*, Linköping, Sweden.
- Unal, Didem** (2011) “Gender and Female Body in Turkey”. Paper presented at the *PhD Workshop: Body Images, Gender Inside/Outside*, Paris, France.
- Unal, Didem** (2010) “Gender Effect in the Democratization Process in Contemporary Turkey”, Paper presented at the *Colloquium on Epistemologies of Identity Studies: Understanding Transition and Gender in the Southeastern Europe*, Skopje, Macedonia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Bilkent University

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2013)

Women and Health (Fall 2012)

Politics and Gender (Fall 2011)

Teaching Assistant, Sabanci University

History of Modern Turkey (Fall 2008)

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Certificate of participation, Ph.D Workshop: Studying Feminist Thinkers and Texts, University of Helsinki, 6-9 September 2013.

Certificate of participation, UCSIA Graduate Summer School on Religion, Culture and Society: Religion, Reform and the Challenge of Plurality, Antwerp, 25-30 August 2013.

Certificate of participation, DAAD Summer Academy “Metropolitan Minorities in Europe”, Leibniz University, Hannover, 18-29 August 2010.

Certificate of Participation, International Summer School, University of Oslo, June-August 2004.

LANGUAGES

Turkish: Mother tongue

English: Advanced in speaking, reading and writing

German: Intermediate in speaking, reading and writing

French: Elementary