

Basak Gemici

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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022- Postdoctoral Fellow, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, USA
Dissertation: “*Three Essays on Authoritarian Populism in Everyday Life: Turkey 2017-2019*”
Certificates: Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies and Cultural Studies

2016 M.A., Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, USA
Thesis: “*Dynamics of Collective Action in Turkish Prisons: 1980-1985*”

2015 M.A., Comparative Studies in History and Society, Koc University, Turkey

2012 B.A., Social and Political Science, Sabanci University, Turkey

2011 Erasmus Study Abroad, Exeter University, UK

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles & Book Chapters

2021 **Gemici, Basak.** “Human Security Approach to Emergency Rule in Turkey.” In: Bonino S., Ricucci R. (eds) *Islam and Security in the West*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. Invited chapter contribution.

- **2021 Elise Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention**, ASA Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section
- **2021 Norman P. Hummon Memorial Research Award for Outstanding Research**, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh

2018 Smith, Jackie, **Gemici, Basak.**, Plummer, Samantha, & Hughes, Melanie. M. “Transnational Social Movement Organizations and Counter-hegemonic Struggles Today.” *Journal of World-Systems Research*. 24(2), 372-403.

Under Review

Gemici, Basak. “Social Discomfort in Everyday Life under Populist Authoritarianism,” **Conditionally Accepted at *Social Problems***.

In Progress

Gemici, Basak. “Voters as Audiences and Propagandists: The Use of New Media During the 2017 Referendum Campaign in Turkey.”

Gemici, Basak. "Ethnography and Feminist Inquiry in Research on Conflict and Change."

Gemici, Basak. "Clashing Understandings of Democracy in Turkey."

Gemici, Basak. "Dynamics of Repression and Insurgent Inmate Interaction in Turkish Military Prisons."

Op-eds & Blogs

2022 ["How We Talk about Wars."](#) *Conflict(ed)-The ASA PWSC Official Blog*, March 31.

["Closing 2021: Summary Reports on Partisanship and Violence in the United States,"](#) *Conflict(ed)-The ASA PWSC Official Blog*, Jan. 24.

2021 ["Rumors and Conflict in Authoritarian Settings."](#) *Conflict(ed)-The ASA PWSC Official Blog*, Nov. 24.

["States of Exception and Community Insecurities."](#) *Conflict(ed)-The ASA PWSC Official Blog*, May 28.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

2022 Graduate Student Teaching Prize, Sociology Department, University of Pittsburgh.

2021 Elise Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section.

2021 Norman P. Hummon Memorial Research Award for Outstanding Research, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh.

2019 Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh.

- Won competitive grant for individual research on de-democratization.

2018 Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh.

- Won competitive grant for individual research on de-democratization.

2018 Year of Pitt Global Grant. "Workshop on Transnational Networks Amid Global Change" with Jackie Smith, Melanie Hughes, and Samantha Plummer.

2014-2019 Ph.D. Fellowship (Tuition and teaching fellowship).

RESEARCH SKILLS and EXPERIENCE

**The positions listed below are at the University of Pittsburgh unless otherwise mentioned.*

2017-Present **PhD Researcher, Doctoral Dissertation Fieldwork**

- Autonomously designed a qualitative research protocol qualifying for IRB requirements

- Conducted 96 in-depth interviews and 10-months long ethnography
 - Coded and analyzed qualitative data using MAXQDA
 - Clearly communicated findings through a published book chapter and an article under Revise & Resubmit at a leading peer-reviewed Sociology journal
 - Identified and secured Andrew Mellon and Social Science Dissertation Fellowships to support research
 - Presented six different articles at seven different internationally recognized premier academic conferences
- 2021-Present **PhD Researcher, Collaboratory Against Hate Research and Action Center, Carnegie Mellon University & University of Pittsburgh**
- Conducting literature review on conceptualizations of “extremism” across disciplines.
 - Draft survey questionnaire on hate motivation among military, veterans, and civilians in the U.S.A.
- Summer, 2021 **Community Outreach Intern, Community Engagement Urban and Regional Impact Framework, Office of Engagement and Community**
- Conducted literature review on best practices of community outreach at higher education institutions
 - Reported and presented recommendations for measuring and framing the community engagement outcomes
- 2015-Present **PhD Researcher, Gender Inequality Research Lab (GIRL)**
- Collected quantitative data on gender equality in public administration
 - Collaborated with a team of PhD researchers, synthesized, and presented data on women’s representation in public administration in the MENA region to the UNDP representatives.
- 2015-2018 **Research Assistant, Transnational Networks Amid Global Crisis and Change, NSF Award #1323130.**
- Successfully led quantitative data collection effort on Transnational Social Movement Organizations (TSMOs)
 - Corrected and coded data, and assisted reliability checks for final analysis
 - Conducted the data analysis using SAS and co-authored a publication in a peer-reviewed Sociology journal
 - Organized an international workshop to make the dataset public
- 2013-2014 **MA Thesis Fieldwork**
- Designed a qualitative research protocol, passed IRB requirements
 - Prepared interview questions, conducted 30 in-depth interviews, and archival research
- Additional Training*
- 2018 8th Annual Arizona Methods Workshop Training in Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Network Analysis; University of Arizona.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Prepared course materials including syllabus, lectures, homework, in-class assignments, and exams. Managed class size of 30-60 students. Teaching evaluations are available upon request.

University of Pittsburgh (2016-2021)

2021	SOC 0446: Sociology of Gender (online)
2019	SOC 0333: Ideologies and Social Change
2017	SOC 0010: Introduction to Sociology
2016	SOC 0333: Ideologies and Social Change

Teaching Assistant

University of Pittsburgh (2014-2017)

2017	STAT 200: Applied Statistics
2016	SOC 0002: Sociology of Everyday Life
2015	SOC 0005: Societies
2014	SOC 0438: Sociology of the Family

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021	“Social Discomfort in Everyday Life under Populist Authoritarianism.” Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program Article Workshop, Northwestern University, May 14.
2020	“How do Accountability Structures Change in everyday life?” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Virtual), Aug. 8-11.
2020	“Doing “Normal” in Daily Istanbul.” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting (Virtual), Oct. 5-17.• European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Annual Meeting (Virtual), Aug.24-28.
2019	“Nowhere is Safe but Home: Emergency Rule in Public Interactions from Kurdish Women's Perspective in Diyarbakir, Turkey.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, NYC, NY, Aug. 10-13.
2019	“Emergency Rule as a Spatial, Gendered, and Emotional Process: Case of Turkey in 2017.” Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting. NYC, NY, Aug. 9-11. Presider , Roundtable on “Women and Globalization.”
2018	“A Non-State Turn? Assessing Cohort Differences in Women’s and Environmental Transnational Inter-Organizational Networks” (with Melanie M. Hughes, Sam Plummer, Jackie Smith, and Caitlin Hays Schroering). American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA, Aug.11-14.
2018	“Shifting Inter-Organizational Relations & Insider-Outsider Strategies in Transnational Environmental and Women’s Activism.” (with Melanie M.

Hughes, Sam Plummer, Jackie Smith, and Caitlin Hays Schroering). International Sociological Association (ISA) Annual Meeting Toronto, CA, July 15-21.

- 2017 “Ordinary Voters as Audiences and Propagandists: The Use of New Media During the 2017 Referendum Campaign in Turkey.” International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Meeting St. Louis, MO, Nov.17-18.
- 2016 “Dynamics of Collective Action in Turkish Prisons: Comparative Analysis of Mamak and Diyarbakir Prisons between 1980 and 1985”
- Midwest Sociological Society- North Central Sociological Association MSS-NCSA Annual Meeting Chicago, IL, March 23-26.
 - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, Aug. 20-23.
- 2014 “Torture in Turkish Prisons” 5th Global Conference: Experiencing Prison, Inter Disciplinary.Net, Lisbon, Portugal, May 4-6.

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

- 2022 **Panelist.** “Clashing Understandings of Democracy in Turkey.” Council for European Studies, June 29- July 31, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2021 “Everyday Life under Authoritarianism.” Emerging Scholars Symposium, East Carolina University (via Zoom), Oct. 28.
- 2020 **Guest Lecturer.** *Urbanization and its Social Discontents: The Case of Istanbul, Turkey.* Social Change in Developing Countries Seminar (invited by Dr. Ann Oberhauser). Iowa State University, Ames, IA.
- Panelist.** *De-colonizing Research Methods Courses.* Witnessing Our Powerful Narratives with Multilingual Multicultural Women Leaders. Iowa State Race and Ethnicity Conference. Ames, IA.
- 2019 **Guest Lecturer.** *Turkey amid Global Crisis of Democracy.* Sociology of Development Seminar (invited by Dr. Ann Oberhauser). Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

COMMUNICATION and EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Co-editor and blog contributor to Conflict(ed): ASA Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section’s official blog.
- 2019-2020 Social Media Manager of the Peace, War & Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2018 Workshop co-organizer, “Transnational Networks Amid Global Crisis and Change” workshop with Jackie Smith, Melanie Hughes, and Samantha Plummer. September 27-29, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2017 Appointed as Graduate Student Judge for the Third Annual GSO Summer Research Grant. University of Pittsburgh.

- 2015 Elected as University of Pittsburgh Sociology Graduate Student Organization (SGSO) Co-representative.
- 2015 Elected as Graduate Student Judge for the University of Pittsburgh Department of Sociology Capstone Seminar Poster Session.

LANGUAGE, SKILLS & MEMBERSHIPS

Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), Kurdish-Kurmanji (conversational), Spanish (beginner)
Software Skills: SAS, MAXQDA, NVivo, STATA, SPSS, ArcGIS, ELAN, UCINET, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Acrobat Professional
Memberships: American Sociological Association, International Sociology Association, Middle East Studies Association.

REFERENCES

Lisa Brush, PhD (Dissertation Committee Chair)
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