

Areas of Interests

Civilization, Human Rights, Social Networks, Political Sociology, Sociology of Law, Sociology of Religion, Social Theory, Sociology of Knowledge, Economic Sociology, Islamic Law, Hadith, Modernization, Ottoman Social and Political Institutions.

Education

- Columbia University, New York, NY

Ph.D. in Sociology, 1998

Thesis: *Narrative Social Structure: Anatomy of the Hadith Transmission Network, CE 610-1505.*

- Columbia University, New York, NY

M.A. in Sociology, 1991

- Istanbul University, Istanbul

M.A. in Sociology, 1988

Thesis: Sociological Studies in Contemporary Egypt

- Marmara University, Istanbul

Faculty of Theology, 1986

Professional Experience

- Fatih Sultan Mehmet Waqf University
Alliance of Civilizations Institute Director
2011-Present

- Fatih Sultan Mehmet Waqf University
University Senate Member
2011-Present

- Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University
Board of Trustees Member

- TDV Islamic Research Center, ISAM, Istanbul
Researcher
1998-(Currently on unpaid leave)

- Istanbul Research and Education Foundation (ISAR), Istanbul
Board of Trustees Member
2008-Present

- International Ibn Khaldun Society
President
2006-Present

Past Positions

- Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Online Division (AIO)
Professor of Sociology, Adjunct Faculty
2005-2010
- Oxford Brookes University, School of Social Sciences and Law
Visiting Scholar
2005
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Incubator Center, Pro-Solutions Inc., Complex Systems
Visiting Researcher
2004-2005
- Emory University, Law School
Future of Shariah Project
Consultant
- Ford Foundation, Middle East Research Competition (MERC)
Researcher
2003-2005
- Emory University School of Law
Islam and Human Rights Project
Visiting Researcher
2002-2004
- Columbia University, Electronic Data Services
Data Analysis Consultant
1995-1997
- Columbia University, Department of Sociology
Teaching Assistant
January 1992-June 1994
- Istanbul University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology
Assistant
August 1987-September 1989
- Aynu al-Shams University, Egypt
Department of Sociology
Visiting Researcher
1986-1987

Teaching Experience

Istanbul University, Department of Sociology

- Social Theory I
- Social Theory II
- Sociology of Institutions
- Sociology of Religion

Columbia University, Department of Sociology

- Social Disorganization: Deviance and Social Control
(Teaching Assistant to Prof. P. Read)

ISAM Seminars, Istanbul

- Modern Social Theory
- Classical Social Theory
- Usul al-Fiqh
- Arabic Linguistics
- Human Rights
- Ibn Khaldun's Social Thought

Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Online Division (AIO)

- Introduction to Sociology
- Strategies for Online Learning

Awards and Research Grants

- TUBITAK, Social Structure and Religion in Turkey
2009-2010
- TUBITAK, Ibn Khaldun
2006
- British Academy, UK, Research Grant
2005
- Middle East Research Competition, Research Grant
2003
- ISAM, Doctoral Fellowship in America
1989-1996
- Tuition and Stipend, Columbia University
1992-1994
- Summer Travel Grant, CSS of Columbia University
Summer 1995
- Dissertation Writing Grant, CSS of Columbia University
1997-1998
- Marmara University, Istanbul
Faculty of Theology, 1986