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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2021- Assistant Professor of Sociology. Uskudar University.
2019-2020 Postdoctoral Fellow. Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Immigration (CSERI). University of Pennsylvania.

EDUCATION

2019 University at Buffalo, State University of New York
Ph.D., Department of Sociology
Dissertation: Refugee Integration in Comparative Perspective: Syrians in Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the United States
Committee: Robert Adelman (Chair), Erin Hatton, Debra Street, and Rick Su
Qualifying Examination Areas: Sociology of Race, Ethnicity, and Migration; Sociology of Law
2010 Sabanci University, Istanbul
M.A., Cultural Studies
2008 Bogazici University, Istanbul
B.A., Sociology; Political Science and International Relations

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International Migration, Refugee Studies, Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Law and Social Policy, Global and Transnational Sociology, Research Methods, Urban Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2020. "Buffalo, NY: A Model of Good Practice in Refugee Resettlement." *Global Dialogue* 10(1):58–59.

Adelman, Robert M., Aysegul Balta Ozgen, and Watoii Rabii. 2019. "Buffalo's West Side Story: Migration, Gentrification, and Neighborhood Change." *City & Community* 18(3):770–791. doi:10.1111/cico.12412

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2018. "How Does Policy Shape the Integration Experiences in Turkey? The Case of Syrian Refugees." Pp. 149-162 in *Uluslararası İlişkilerde Göç: Olgular, Aktörler ve Politikalar*, edited by N. A. Şirin Öner and S. G. Ihlamur-Öner. Istanbul: Der Yayınları. (In Turkish).

Balta, Aysegul. 2014. "The Role of NGO's in the Europeanization of the Asylum System in Turkey." Pp. 165-224 in *Migration, Asylum, and Refugees in Turkey: Studies in Control of Population at the Southeastern Borders of the EU*, edited by N. O. Baklacioğlu and Y. Özer. Lewiston, New York: Edwin Mellen Press.

Nal, Ayse, Aysegul Balta, Aytug Sasmaz, Cigdem Tongal, Isik Tuzun, Irem Aktasli, and Nihan Koseleci Blanchy. 2011. *Education Monitoring Report 2010*. Istanbul: Education Reform Initiative.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. *What Are My Chances? Refugee Integration in Comparative Perspective*. Book manuscript in preparation.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. "How Does Law Interact with Culture to Shape Integration? Syrian Refugees in Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the U.S." Manuscript in preparation.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul and Christopher Mele. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship, Cultural Diversity and Rustbelt Revitalization: A Critical Analysis." Draft available.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. "Refugee Students in the United States: The Role of Volunteers in a Mainstream Community Organization." Draft available.

Metok, Tenzin, Robert M. Adelman, and Aysegul Balta Ozgen. "The Post-Migration Experiences of Tibetan Refugee Women in Canada: Work, Family, and Gender Dynamics." Draft available.

PROJECTS

2021 "The Impacts of Refugee Policies on the Wellbeing of Muslim Refugees in the United States and Germany."
Asli Cennet Yalim, PhD (PI), Theresia Pachner (Co-PI) and Aysegul Balta Ozgen (Co-PI)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021 *The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)*
Asli Cennet Yalim, PhD (PI), Theresia Pachner (Co-PI) and Aysegul Balta Ozgen (Co-PI), Project Title:
"The Impacts of Refugee Policies on the Wellbeing of Muslim Refugees in the United States and Germany" (\$2000)

- 2019 *University at Buffalo, SUNY*
Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award
- 2018 *National Science Foundation*
Robert Adelman (PI) and Aysegul Balta Ozgen (Co-PI), Project Title:
“Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: The Impact of
Immigration Policies on Refugees’ Integration Experiences: A
Comparative Analysis” (\$11,995)
- 2018 *College of Arts and Sciences, University at Buffalo, SUNY*
Dissertation Fellowship (\$6,000)
- 2018 *Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research*
Visiting Scholar, Humboldt University of Berlin
- 2017, 2018, 2019 *Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY*
Nominated for the Adeline Gordon Levine Excellence in Teaching
Award
- 2017 *Centre for Refugee Studies*
Visiting Graduate Fellow, York University
- 2017 *Institute for Community Health Promotion/ Collaborative Research Initiative
(ICHP/CRI)*
Fellowship, Research Foundation for the State University of New
York
- 2016-present *Centre for Refugee Studies*
Affiliate, York University
- 2016-present *Immigrant and Refugee Research Institute*
Affiliate, University at Buffalo, SUNY
- 2016 *Mark Diamond Research Fund, Graduate Student Association, University at
Buffalo, SUNY*
Dissertation Research Grant (\$2,500)
- 2016 *Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY*
Nathalie Devine Howe Best Graduate Student Paper Award for
“Organizational Mediation of Immigrant Integration: Transnational
Entrepreneurship and Integration with Difference.”
- 2009 *Ministry of National Education of Turkey*
Research Grant, Arabic Language Summer School, El Manar
University, Habib Burgiba Institute, Tunisia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

State University of New York at Buffalo, 2013-2019

Courses taught as sole instructor:

Introduction to Sociology
Sociology of Immigration
Social Research Methods

Teaching assistant for:

Sociology of City Life
Environment & Society
Social Change
Individual & Society
Families & Inequality
Social Research Methods
Sociology of Social Policy
Sociology of Health Care
Sociology of Food (London study abroad course)

Uskudar University, 2021-present

Sociology of Migration
Industrial Sociology
Sociology of Economy
Advanced Social Research Methods (graduate)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

Adelman, Robert M., Aysegul Balta Ozgen, and Watoii Rabii. 2017. "Buffalo's West Side Story: Migrants and Neighborhood Change." Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, October 2017, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2017. "Trump's Immigration Executive Orders and Its Effects on Immigrants and Refugees." Panelist for the panel discussion of American Constitution Society, UB Law Chapter, University at Buffalo, SUNY, March 2017, Buffalo, New York.

Adelman, Robert M., Watoii Rabii, and Aysegul Balta Ozgen. 2016. "Immigrants and Neighborhood Change on Buffalo's West Side." Immigrant and Refugee Research Institute, University at Buffalo, SUNY, May 2016, Buffalo, New York.

Adelman, Robert M., Watoii Rabii, and Aysegul Balta Ozgen. 2016. "Immigrants and Neighborhood Change on Buffalo's West Side." Department of Geography, University at Buffalo, SUNY, April 2016. Buffalo, New York.

Conference Presentations

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2020. "Perceptions of Legal Precarity in Refugee Integration: Beyond Temporary vs Permanent." Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society, February 2020, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul and Christopher Mele. 2020. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship, Cultural Diversity and Rustbelt Revitalization: A Critical Analysis." Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society, February 2020, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2019. "A Comparative Analysis: How Perception of Public Opinion and Attitudes Shapes Refugee Integration." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2019, New York.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2018. "Perceptions of Temporariness in the Process of Refugee Integration." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2018. "Impact of Immigration Policies on Syrian Refugees' Integration in Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the United States." World Congress of International Sociological Association, July 2018, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2017. "NGO Representatives' Perceptions of Immigration Policies: (What Can Canada and the U.S. Learn From Each Other?)" Centre for Refugee Studies Student Caucus Annual Conference, York University, October 2017, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2017. "Impact of Immigration Policies on Syrian Refugees' Integration in Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the U.S." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2017, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2016. "The Impact of Immigration Policies on Syrian Refugees' Integration Experiences: A Comparative Analysis of Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the United States." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 2016, Chicago, Illinois.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2016. "Organizational Mediation of Immigrant Integration: Transnational Entrepreneurship and Integration with Difference." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2016, Seattle, Washington.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2016. "Integration of Refugee Students: The Role of Volunteers in a Mainstream Community Organization." Graduate School of Education Student Research Symposium, April 2016, Buffalo, New York.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2015. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship: Deriving Meaning through a Transnational Lens." Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society, February 2015, New York, New York.

Balta, Aysegul. 2011. "The Role of NGOs in the Europeanization of the Turkish Asylum System." Convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association, June 2011, Istanbul, Turkey.

Balta, Aysegul. 2010. "The Role of NGOs in the Turkish Asylum System." European Consortium for Political Research Graduate Conference, August 2010, Dublin, Ireland.

Balta, Aysegul. 2010. "The Role of NGOs in the Turkish Asylum System." Bogazici University Political Science and International Relations Department Graduate Students Conference, April 2010, Istanbul, Turkey.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (Sections: International Migration, Global and Transnational Sociology)

Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies

Eastern Sociological Society

International Sociological Association

Social Science History Association

SERVICE

2017-2019 Advisory Board Committee Member, Westminster Economic Development Initiative, Inc. (WEDI), Buffalo, New York.

2018 Speaker, New Graduate Student Orientation, "Making (and Getting) the Most Out of Graduate School," Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

2017 Review Council Member, Mark Diamond Research Fund, Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

2014-2016 Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

2015 Speaker, New Graduate Student Orientation, "How to Approach Faculty," Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

2014 Speaker, Graduate Student Panel, "Surviving and Thriving in Graduate School," Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"Project- and Problem-based Learning to Promote Active, Deep Thinking." UB Professional Development Workshop, University at Buffalo, February 2017.

"Designing Effective Classroom Measures to Assess Student Learning." UB Professional Development Workshop, University at Buffalo, February 2017.

"Classroom Management Issues." UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, March 2016.

“Effective Classroom Discussions.” UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, February 2016.

“Different Pedagogical Styles.” UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, April 2015.

“Teaching Workshop: Constructing Your First Syllabus.” UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, February 2015.

“Creating a Teaching Portfolio.” UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, January 2015.

“Strategies for Effective Teaching.” Conference for Graduate Teaching Assistants, University at Buffalo, August 2013.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 2012-2013 | Foundation for the Protection and Promotion of the Environment and Cultural Heritage (ÇEKÜL Vakfı), Education Specialist |
| 2011-2012 | Sabancı Foundation, Program Associate |
| 2011 | Education Reform Initiative, Project Assistant |
| 2010-2011 | Sabancı University Civic Involvement Projects, Supervisor of the Yeldegirmeni Refugee Children Project |
| 2010-2011 | IIMP-Caritas Refugee Adult Education Program, Instructor |
| 2009-2010 | Helsinki Citizens’ Assembly, Turkey Refugee Advocacy and Support Program, Intern |

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (fluent), German (fluent), French (intermediate), Arabic (beginner), Armenian (beginner), Turkish (native)

MEDIA COVERAGE AND INTERVIEWS

“The dimensions of integration and the well-being of refugees” (Kotoutumisen ulottuvuudet ja pakolaisten hyvinvointi) by Johanna Hiitola, *Sosiaalitarkkailija – Socialobservatören (Social Observer)* (<https://sosiaalitarkkailija.wordpress.com/>), September 12, 2018. (In Finnish)

“From Bhutan to Buffalo,” by Sushmita Gelda, *The Spectrum*, October 7, 2014.

REFERENCES

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