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Humboldt University

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## EDUCATION

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- 09/07 – 05/14 Brown University, USA  
**PhD in Sociology**
  - Dissertation Title: *Waiting For the Future, Longing For the Past: Ambiguities of Belonging in Turkey and Egypt*
- 09/07 – 05/09 Brown University, USA  
**MA in Sociology**
  - Thesis Title: *Civil Society in Being: The Realm of Struggles for Recognition and Representation*
- 09/04 – 09/05 The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK  
**MSc. in Development Studies (Research) degree (Merit)**
  - Thesis Title: *Social Policy Implementations to Alleviate Poverty in Turkey since 1990*
- 09/99 – 07/04 Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey  
**BA in Economics (High Honours)**

## RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 01/19 – 12/19 Humboldt University of Berlin  
**Einstein Senior Fellow**
- 08/17 – 12/18 Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)  
**IPC-Stiftung Mercator Fellow**
- 10/15 – 7/17 Lichtenberg Kolleg, The Göttingen Institute of Advanced Study at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen  
**Early Career Fellow, “Human Rights, Constitutional Politics and Religious Diversity” Research Group**
- 08/13 – 08/15 University of South Florida, Department of Sociology  
**Post-Doctoral Scholar (Provost’s Initiative)**
- 09/12 – 05/13 University of Michigan, Islamic Studies Program  
**Visiting Scholar**
- 09/11 – 05/13 Brown University, Watson Institute  
09/09 – 05/10 **Co-Managing Editor, Studies in Comparative International Development**

09/08 – 05/10 Brown University, Department of Sociology  
**Research Assistant, Prof. John Logan**

05/08 – 09/08 Universität Konstanz, CONSENSUS Project  
**Country expert (Turkey) on a comparative social policy project**

03/06 – 08/07 Boğaziçi University, Social Policy Forum  
**Research Assistant**

#### **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS**

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Adar, Sinem. (Forthcoming in 2019). "Understanding Religion: Continuities and Ruptures Between "Old" and "New" Turkey. In *Exploring Islam. Sociological perspectives on knowledge production, institutions and religious practice*. Edited by Heidemarie Winkel and Christel Gärtner (eds.). Wiesbaden: Springer.

Adar, Sinem. 2018. "Emotions and Nationalism: Armenian Genocide as a Case Study." *Sociological Forum*. Vol 33 (3). Pp: 735-756.

Adar, Sinem. 2016 "Regimes of Political Belonging: Turkey and Egypt in Comparative Perspective." In *Citizenship, Belonging, and Nation-States in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Edited by N. Stokes-Dupass and R. Fruja (foreword by Craig Calhoun). New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. Pp: 137-161.

Adar, Sinem. 2013. "Ambiguities of Democratization: Nationalism, Religion, and Ethnicity under AKP Government in Turkey." *Political Power and Social Theory*. Vol.25 (Decentering Social Theory). Pp: 3-36.

Logan, John, Elisabeta Minca and Sinem Adar. 2012. "The Geography of Inequality: Why Separate Means Unequal in American Public Schools." *Sociology of Education*. Vol. 85. No. 3. Pp: 287-301.

Bugra, Ayse and Sinem Adar. 2008. "Social Policy Change in Countries without Mature Welfare States: The Case of Turkey." *New Perspectives on Turkey* 38:83-107.

Adar, Sinem. 2007. "Turkey: Reform in Social Security." *Journal of European Social Policy* 17 (2): 167-8.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

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Adar, Sinem. 2016. "Human Rights under State-Enforced Religious Family Law in Israel, Egypt and India." *Review of Social Studies* 3(2):71-73.

Adar, Sinem. 2008. "Regulating Aversion: Tolerance in the Age of Identity and Empire." *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Vol. 8. No. 2. Pp: 367-9.

#### **BOOK MANUSCRIPT-IN-PROGRESS**

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Adar, Sinem. *Precarious Belonging: Paradoxes of Nation-Building in Turkey and Egypt*.

#### **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES-IN-PROGRESS**

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Adar, Sinem. "Interreligious Marriages and National Membership: The Curious Case of Atatürk's Stepdaughter's Marriage to Yesua Bensusen." (R&R at *The History of the Family*)

Adar, Sinem. "Re-thinking Cross-Border Ties during Nativist Times: Turkey in Germany/Germany in Turkey" (in preparation for, to be submitted in the Spring 2019)

Adar, Sinem. "Nationalism, Populism and Emotional Disintegration: Turkey as a case study." (with Gülay Türkmen-Derrişođlu, in progress)

Adar, Sinem. "Turkey's Authoritarian Turn: An Analysis of Discourse and Alliances." (with and Gülay Türkmen-Derrişođlu, in progress)

Adar, Sinem. "Introduction" to the special issue *Populism Beyond the West: Dissonant Diversities and Fragmented Politics*. (guest-edited with Gülay Türkmen-Derivoğlu, to be published in *New Diversities* in the summer 2019. Expected publication date: Summer 2019)

#### **POLICY PAPERS AND OP-ED PIECES**

Adar, Sinem. "Voting from Abroad: A Question of Loyalty?" October 23, 2018. <https://www.resetdoc.org/story/voting-abroad-question-loyalty/>.

Adar, Sinem. "Rethinking EU-Turkey co-operation over migration". April 11, 2018. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/can-europe-make-it/sinem-adar/re-thinking-eu-turkey-co-operation-over-migration>.

Adar, Sinem. March 14, 2018. "Understanding Religion in (new) Turkey." <http://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/36307>. [Among the top 100 most read articles in 2018]

Adar, Sinem. May 26, 2017. "Paradoxes of 'New Turkey'." <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/26602/paradoxes-of-'new-turkey'>. [Among the top 100 most read articles in 2017]

Adar, Sinem. January 25, 2017. "Nations Dissolving? Populism, Nationalism, and Emotional Disintegration." <http://policytrajectories.asa-comparative-historical.org/2017/01/nations-dissolving-populism-nationalism-and-emotional-disintegration/#more-596>. (with Gulay Turkmen)

Adar, Sinem. December 2, 2015. 'New Turkey': Toward an Authoritarian and Sectarian Police State. <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/23296/'new-turkey'-toward-an-authoritarian-and-sectarian>.

Adar, Sinem. October 13, 2015. "We Have Lost Too Much." <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/22902/we-have-lost-too-much>.

Adar, Sinem. December 18, 2014. "Turkey's Emerging Police State." <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2014/12/turkey-police-state-2014121813140408212.html>

Adar, Sinem. November 17, 2014. "Armenian Diaspora Tourism in Turkey: An Interview with Anny Bakalian." [http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/19987/armenian-diaspora-tourism-in-turkey\\_an-interview-w](http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/19987/armenian-diaspora-tourism-in-turkey_an-interview-w).

Adar, Sinem. August 12, 2014. "Turkey: A Future of Anxieties and Unknowns." <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2014/08/turkey-future-anxiety-unknowns-2014812134823599657.html>

Adar, Sinem. January 25, 2014. "Pandora'nin Kutusu." (*Pandora's Box*, in English) <http://www.bianet.org/biamag/siyaset/153042-pandora-nin-kutusu>.

Adar, Sinem. July 14, 2013. "State Authoritarianism in Egypt: the Military, Al-Azhar & the Coptic Church Triad." <http://muftah.org/state-authoritarianism-in-egypt-the-military-al-azhar-coptic-church-triad/>.

Adar, Sinem. July 6, 2013. "Misir'da Ordu-Siyaset Iliskisi." (*The Army-Politics Relation in Egypt*, in English) <http://www.bianet.org/biamag/dunya/148254-misir-da-ordu-siyaset-iliskisi>.

Adar, Sinem. January 24, 2013. "Emerging Political Alliances on the Second Anniversary of the Egyptian Revolution." <http://muftah.org/emerging-political-alliances-on-the-second-anniversary-of-the-egyptian-revolution/>.

Adar, Sinem. March 28, 2011. "Referandum Sonrasi Misir." (*Egypt after the Referandum*, in English) <http://www.bianet.org/bianet/siyaset/128922-referandum-sonrasi-misir>.

Adar, Sinem. March 5, 2011. "Mis Kifaye." (*It is not Enough*, in English)  
<http://www.bianet.org/biamag/dunya/128350-mis-kifaye>.

## HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**IPC-Stiftung Mercator Fellowship**, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politics, to support fieldwork for the project on how 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Turkish immigrants living in Berlin engage with home country politics (August 2017-December 2018, awarded 42,000 Euros)

**Early Career Fellowship**, Lichtenberg Kolleg – University of Goettingen, to support writing and research (October 2015-July 2017, awarded 48,818 Euros)

**Dissertation Fellowship**, Brown University Graduate School, to support Ph.D. dissertation fieldwork (May 2010-August 2011, awarded 20,000 USD)

**Research Fellow**, American Research Center in Egypt, (January-May 2011, institutional and logistical support)

**Summer Fieldwork Grant**, Brown University Watson Institute, to support preliminary fieldwork for Ph.D. dissertation in Turkey Egypt (summer 2009, awarded 2,000 USD)

**Summer Fieldwork Grant**, Brown University Watson Institute, to support fieldwork for master's thesis (summer 2008, awarded 2,000 USD)

**University Fellowship**, Brown University Graduate School, to support full time coursework (2007/2008, awarded 19,000 USD)

**Jean Monnet Scholarship**, co-funded by the Delegation of the European Commission to Turkey and Turkish Foreign Ministry Affairs, to support MSc studies at the LSE (2004/2005, awarded 19,000 GBP)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### PhD Seminars:

08/14 – 12/14                      **University of South Florida, Department of Sociology**  
*Nation, Identity and Belonging*

### Masters Seminars:

04/17 – 07/17                      **University of Göttingen, Department of Sociology**  
*Belonging and Migration(s): Past and Present (cancelled)*

### Undergraduate Courses:

01/15 – 05/15                      **University of South Florida, Department of Sociology**  
*Political Sociology*

01/14 – 05/14                      **University of South Florida, Department of Sociology**  
*Political Sociology of Inclusion and Exclusion*

08/13 – 12/13                      **University of South Florida, Department of Sociology**  
*Political Sociology of State- and Nation-Building: Past, Present, and Future Challenges*

- 01/12 – 05/12                    **Brown University, Department of Sociology**  
*Teaching Assistant for Globalization and Social Conflict*
- 09/11 – 12/11                    **Brown University, Department of Sociology**  
*Teaching Assistant for Economic Development and Social Change*
- 09/03 – 01/04                    **Bogazici University, Department of Economics**  
*Teaching Assistant for Econometrics*
- 03/03 – 06/03                    **Bogazici University, Department of Economics**  
*Teaching Assistant for Mathematics for Economics*

**Invited Lectures:**

- 12/02/14                            **University of South Florida, Department of History**  
 Guest Lecturer for Nadia Jones-Lewis' *The Modern Middle East* class

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- Paper presented (upon invitation) at the ECPR Annual Meeting. August 22-25, 2018. "Turkey: A Nation (Re)Imagined" as part of the panel entitled *Transcending the secular-religious dichotomy: The AKP and the blurred edges of politics and religion in Turkey*.
- Paper (co-authored with Gülay Türkmen-Derviřođlu) to be presented at the *Populism and pluralism* workshop organized by the Yale MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics and Society. "Nationalism, Populism and Emotional Disintegration: Turkey as a case study." May 4-5, 2018. (cancelled)
- Paper presented at the *Religious Minorities' Self-representations, Claims of Difference and Sameness in the Politics of Belonging* workshop organized by the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. "Socio-Psychological Mechanisms of Nationhood: The Armenian Genocide as a Study Case". October 11-13, 2017.
- Organizer (and presenter at) of the panel entitled "Religion, Democracy and Democratization" at the *Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association*. November 17-20, 2016.
- Co-organizer (with Defne Över, and presenter at) of the panel entitled "Politics and Emotions: Race, Ethnicity and Political Identity" at the *Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association*. November 17-20, 2016.
- Organizer of the "Authors Meet Critics: Mahmood, Religious Difference in a Secular Age: A Minority Report" at the *Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association*. November 17-20, 2016. (cancelled)
- Organizer (and presenter at) of the panel entitled "Encounters and Scales: (Un)Making of Political Subjectivities" at the *Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association*. November 12-15, 2015.
- Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association*. "The "Infidel" Citizens of Turkey: Non-Muslims' Negotiation of Liminality Between Inclusion and Exclusion" November 12-15, 2015.
- Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association*. "Legal Pluralism: An Institutional Mechanism of Fostering Belonging?" November 12-15, 2015.
- Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association*. "Where do We Belong?: Emotional Traces of Nation-ization on Non-Muslims, 1923-1980." November 6-9, 2014.
- Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association*. "National Boundaries in the Making: Ambiguities and Hybrids of Belonging in Egypt." November 20-24, 2013.
- Paper presented at the *Annual Graduate Conference on Religion* at Harvard Divinity School. "Waiting for

the Future: Non-Muslims' Struggle for Recognition in Turkey." October 24-25, 2013.

Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association*. "Multiple Meanings of Foreignness: Non-Muslims in Istanbul and Alexandria." August 17-20, 2012.

Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society*. "From a "Cosmopolitan" City to a "City of Remnants": Everyday lives of non-Muslims in Istanbul from the early 1920s till 1970s," Feb 23-26, 2012.

Paper presented at the Seminar series of the *American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE)* Cairo Office. "(Un)Making Citizens in Urban Spaces: Istanbul and Alexandria in the Nation-State Building Period." May 25, 2011.

Paper presented at the *Annual Mediterranean Research Meeting at EUI*. "Civil Society in Being: The Realm of Struggles for Recognition and Representation." March 24-27, 2010.

Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of Middle Eastern Studies Association*. "Citizens or Enemies: Associational Life of Rum Orthodox in Contemporary Istanbul." Nov 22-25, 2008.

#### **INTRAMURAL PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

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Co-organizer (with Doerthe Engelcke, Matthias Koenig, Julia Mink and Iris Sportel) of the *Religious freedom and the varieties of religious establishment: National identities, public morals and cultural values*. Workshop. Lichtenberg- Kolleg, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. June 9-10, 2017.

Co-organizer (with Doerthe Engelcke, Matthias Koenig, Julia Mink and Iris Sportel) of the *Legal Pluralism in personal status law: Historical and Comparative Perspectives* Workshop. Lichtenberg- Kolleg, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. October 28-29, 2016.

Co-organizer (with Markus Dressler, Matthias Koenig and Zeynep Özgen) of the *Imagining and Regulating Ethnic and Religious Diversity in Turkey: Macro-configurations and micro-dynamics* Workshop at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious & Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen. July 8-9, 2016.

Paper presented at the Human Rights and the Governance of Religious Diversity. "Religion between Difference and Freedom: Turkey and Egypt Compared." Lichtenberg-Kolleg, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. January 7, 2016.

Paper presented as part of the Colloquium Series, Sociology Department, University of South Florida. "Where do We Belong?: Emotional Traces of Nation-ization on Non-Muslims, 1923-1980." November 17, 2014.

Organizer of the *Comparative Historical Sociology: Ontologies, Epistemologies and Methodologies Workshop* for the graduate students. Department of Sociology, University of South Florida. February 6 & March 27, 2015.

#### **INVITED TALKS**

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Paper (co-authored with Gülay Türkmen-Derviřođlu) presented at the *Lineages of the People: Embedded and transregional histories of contemporary populism* workshop organized by the Social Science Research Council and University of Goettingen. "Nationalism, Populism and Emotional Disintegration: Turkey as a case study." August 17-18, 2017.

Paper (co-authored with Gülay Türkmen-Derviřođlu) presented at the Chair's Political Sociology section of the *American Sociological Association*. "Nationalism, Populism and Emotional Disintegration: Turkey as a case study." August 12-15, 2017.

Paper (co-authored with Gülay Türkmen-Derviřođlu) presented at the *Turkey at Critical Crossroads* conference at the Instituto Superior de Ciencias Sociais e Politicas. "Nations Dissolving?: Populism, Nationalism and Emotional Disintegration in Erdoğan's 'New Turkey'." February 1-3, 2017.

Paper presented at the *Religion and citizenship in comparative perspective: media, performance, and publics* conference at Center for Modern Indian Studies (CEMIS), University of Göttingen. "Religion, Electoral Politics and National Membership in Turkey, 1923-1980." November 11, 2016.

Paper presented at the *Postnationalism, Citizenship and Migration in the Mediterranean area* workshop at *École Française de Rome*. “Precarious Citizenship on the Southern Side of the Mediterranean: Common Dynamics and Distinctions in terms of Religion and Nation-Building in Turkey and Egypt.” April 22, 2016.

Paper presented at the panel on *Alexandria and Cosmopolitanism* at the Graduate Center, CUNY. “Nation, Space and Time: Being in and of Alexandria, 1922-1967.” September 26, 2014. Sponsored by the Middle East & Middle Eastern American Center.

Paper presented at the *Graduate Center, CUNY*. “Belonging in Istanbul and Alexandria: Individual Citizens or Members of Communities.” September 27, 2013. Co-sponsored by the Middle East & Middle Eastern American Center and the Department of Sociology.

#### **REVIEWER**

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American Journal of Sociology  
Sociological Forum  
Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies  
Democratization  
New Diversities  
Turkish Studies

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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American Sociological Association  
Social Science History Association  
American Anthropological Association  
Middle East Studies Association

#### **LANGUAGES**

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Turkish (Native), German (Reading: B2, Speaking: A2/B1), Arabic (Reading: Intermediate, Speaking: Beginner Egyptian Colloquial), French (Reading: Intermediate, Speaking: Beginner), Crimean Tatar (Speaking: Beginner)

#### **STATISTICAL PACKAGE PROGRAMMING/DATABASE MANAGEMENT**

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STATA (Advanced), GIS (Intermediate), MS Office