

**Basak Gemici**  
Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

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- 2022 (*expected*)      Ph.D., Sociology, University of Pittsburgh  
Dissertation: “*Populist Authoritarianism in Everyday Life: The Case of Turkey*”  
Committee: Lisa D. Brush (Chair), John Markoff, Dana M. Moss, Mohammed A. Bamyeh, Mihriban Müge Finkel  
Certificates: Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies and Cultural Studies
- 2016                      M.A., Sociology, University of Pittsburgh  
Thesis: “*Dynamics of Collective Action in Turkish Prisons: 1980-1985*”
- 2015                      M.A., History & Sociology, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012                      B.A., Social and Political Science, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011                      Erasmus Study Abroad, Exeter University, Exeter, UK

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Political sociology, cultural sociology, race, gender, social change, populism, social movements, authoritarianism and democracy, ethnic conflict & peace, prisons, Turkey, Middle East.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

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*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.”

*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."

*Other Publications*

2021 ["States of Exception and Community Insecurities,"](#) *Conflict(ed)-The ASA PWSC Official Blog*, May 28.

**FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS**

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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.

2019 Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship. University of Pittsburgh

2019 Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Teaching Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

2018 Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. University of Pittsburgh

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

2017 Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Teaching Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

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

2012-2014 M.A. Tuition Scholarship (tuition and stipend) Koc University, Turkey

2011 Erasmus International Scholarship Exchange Student Stipend Exeter University, UK

2007 – 2012 B.A. Merit Scholarship (Tuition) Sabanci University, Turkey

*Research Grants*

*(Awarded by University of Pittsburgh)*

2017 Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Program Student Research Fund.

International Studies Fund.

Center for Russian and East European Studies Graduate Small Grant.

Department of Sociology Graduate Students Summer Research Grant.

*Travel Grants (Selected)*

- 2019 The Lee Student Support Fund. Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), USA
- 2018 Center for Russian and East European Studies Graduate Small Grant.
- 2017 Department of Sociology Graduate Student Travel Grant.
- 2016 Department of Sociology Graduate Student Travel Grant.
- 2016 Student Travel Grant Award. Midwest Sociological Society (MSS).

## **RESEARCH SKILLS and EXPERIENCE**

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Qualitative research skills (ethnography, in-depth interviews, focus groups, QCA, coding and content analysis in Maxqda). Quantitative research skills (SAS-OLS Regression)

### *Research Assistant*

- 2021 **Community Engagement Urban and Regional Impact Framework**  
*Primary Investigator: Lina Dostilio, Office of Engagement and Community Affairs*
- 2021- **Gender Inequality Research Lab (GIRL)**  
*Primary Investigators: Müge Finkel, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) and Melanie Hughes, Dept. of Sociology.*
- 2015-2018 **Transnational Networks Amid Global Crisis and Change**, NSF Award # 1323130. *Primary Investigators: Jackie Smith and Melanie Hughes, Dept. of Sociology.*
- 2015 **UNDP in Gender Equality in Public Administration (GEPA)**  
*Primary Investigators: Müge Finkel, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) and Melanie Hughes, Dept. of Sociology.*

### *Additional Training*

- 2021 Data Basics with Python; The Research Computing Education initiative, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2018 8th Annual Arizona Methods Workshop Training in Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Network Analysis; University of Arizona.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### *Instructor of Record*

#### **University of Pittsburgh (2016-2021)**

- 2021 SOC0446: 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)**

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| 2017 | STAT 200: Applied Statistics         |
| 2016 | SOC 0002: Sociology of Everyday Life |
| 2015 | SOC 0005: Societies                  |
| 2014 | SOC 438: Sociology of the Family     |

**Koç University, Turkey (2012-2013)**

HIST 406: European Diplomacy & the Ottoman Empire  
HIST 207: Modern History

*Training*

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| 2020  | ASA Webinar, “Confronting the Canon: Decolonizing and Diversifying Your Department's Curriculum.” |
| 2015  | Practicum on University Teaching Course, University of Pittsburgh                                 |
| 2014- | University Center for Teaching and Learning (Multiple workshops)                                  |

**ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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*(Panelist unless otherwise noted)*

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| 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"><li>• Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting (Virtual), Oct. 5-17.</li><li>• European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Annual Meeting (Virtual), Aug.24-28.</li></ul>                              |
| 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.<br><b>Presider</b> , 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: Diyarbakir Prison between 1980-1984.” 5th Global Conference: Experiencing Prison, Inter Disciplinary.Net, Lisbon, Portugal, May 4-6.
- 2013 “Hapishanelerde Mekansal Dönüşüm ve Direniş Kültürü.” (Spatial Transformation and Culture of Resistance in Prisons). Sosyoloji Mezunlari Derneği, Sosyoloji Seminerleri, Istanbul, Turkey, April 23.

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

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- 2022(*scheduled*) **Panelist.** “Clashing Understandings of Democracy in Turkey.” Council for European Studies, June 29- July 31, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2021(*scheduled*) “Social Discomfort in relation to Hate Motivation.” 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.

#### ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- 2021 Co-editor and blog contributor to Colflct(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**

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**Languages:** Turkish (native), English (fluent), Kurdish-Kurmanji (advanced), Spanish (beginner)

**Software Skills:** SAS, MAXQDA, SPSS, ArcGIS, ELAN, UCINET, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Acrobat Professional

**Memberships:** American Sociological Association, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Middle East Studies Association, Sociologists for Women in Society, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), International Studies Association.