

Seda Baykal

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EDUCATION

- 2020 - Present** **Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology**
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, US
Ph.D. Certificate in Cultural Studies Program (in progress)
- 2017 - 2019** **M.A. with High Honors in Political Science**
Bilkent University, Ankara, TR
Thesis: Faith and Reason in Higher Education: Social Scientific Study of Islam at Ankara University School of Divinity
- 2017 - 2019** **B.S. with Honors in Sociology**
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, TR

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political & historical sociology
- Post-colonial studies & social change
- Social theory
- Turkish social and political history; modernity, secularism, and Islam
- Intelligentsia, knowledge production, politics and education, higher education

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022** **Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Fellowship**
Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, US
\$3,000.00
- 2020 - 2022** **Fulbright Program Foreign Student Grant**
Institute of International Education
\$100,000.00
- 2021** **Student Research Grant**
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)
\$1,575.00
- 2021** **International Studies Fund (ISF)**
University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, US
\$500.00
- 2021** **Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Fellowship**
Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, US
\$3,000.00

2020 - 2025 **Dietrich School of Art and Sciences Dean's Tuition Scholarship**
Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, US

2017 - 2019 **Full Tuition Scholarship with Graduate Stipend**
Bilkent University, Ankara, TR

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & SEMINARS

May 2022 "Genealogy of Higher Religious Education in Turkey: The Foundation of Ankara University Divinity School" in the **Voices of Emerging Scholars Webinar Series at Columbia Global Centers**, Istanbul, TR. (scheduled)

November 2021 "Institutionalization of the Turkish-Islamic Theology: Ankara University Divinity School" in Panel "The Power of Education: Instituting Religion, Nationalism and Memory" at the **Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Montreal, CA. (scheduled)

October 2020 "Beyond the Dilemma of Science and Religion: A Critical Modernist Approach to the Academic Study of Islam" in Panel "Current Debates in Islamic Political Thought in Turkey: Conservatism, Progressivism, and Critical Modernism" at the **Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Washington, DC

WORKSHOPS

2021 - Present **Political Thought in Turkey Workshop**
Türkiye'de Siyasi Düşünce Çalışması

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017 - 2018 **Research Assistant**
TUBITAK project directed by Prof. Dr. Alev Çınar.
"Dynamics and Key Concepts of Current Islamic Political Thought in Turkey: Civilization, Justice and Order,"
Bilkent University, Ankara, TR

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017 - 2019 **Teaching Assistant**
Courses: Power and State, Politics and Society in Turkey
Department of Political Science, Bilkent University, Ankara, TR

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2021 – Present

Graduate Committee Liaison

Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, US

CERTIFICATE & TRAINING

April 2020

Religion, Conflict and Peace

Organized by HarvardX online

May 2016

Istanbul Seminars Philosophy & Social Criticism: Religion, Rights, and the Public Sphere

Organized by RESET-DOC at Istanbul Bilgi University

LANGUAGE, SKILLS & MEMBERSHIPS

Languages: Turkish (native language), English (fluent), German (beginner)

Software Skills: NVivo (qualitative research), STATA and SPSS (quantitative research), M.S. Office and Spreadsheets

Memberships:

- American Sociological Association
- Middle East Studies Association
- Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Society for the Social Problems
- Theology Network

RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon request