

TUTKU AYHAN

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EMPLOYMENT

- 2022 - 2025** Fellow in International Security, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Spain.
- 2021 - 2022** Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, State University of New York, Binghamton.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender and conflict, sexual and gender-based violence, genocide studies and prevention, post-conflict dynamics, migration and refugee studies.

EDUCATION

- 2021** PhD, Security Studies, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Dissertation: Trauma, Resilience, and Empowerment: Post-Genocide Experiences of Yezidi Women
- 2015-2017** PhD Student, Bogazici University, Istanbul
- 2014** MA, Sociology (Specialty: Gender, Politics, and Sexuality), Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
Thesis: Femicide in Turkey: A Sociology of Policies against Gender-Based Violence
- 2013** BA, Political Science Department, Galatasaray University, Istanbul

PUBLICATIONS

Editorially Reviewed Articles

- 2019 Tutku Ayhan. "[Genocidal Rape and Community Cohesion: The Case of Yezidis.](#)" *POMEPA Studies*, 35: 68-72.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2021 Tutku Ayhan. "We are Yezidi, Being Otherwise Never Stopped our Persecution: Yezidi perceptions of Kurds and Kurdish Identity." In [Kurds and Yezidis in the](#)

Middle East: Shifting Identities, Borders and the Experience of Minority Communities, ed. Güneş Murat Tezcür. London: I.B. Tauris.

- 2021 Tutku Ayhan & Güneş Murat Tezcür. “Overcoming “Intimate Hatreds:” Reflections on Violence against Yezidis.” In *Conceptualizing Mass Violence: Representations, Recollections, and Reinterpretations*, ed. Navras J. Aafreedi & Priya Singh. Routledge.

Academic Blog Posts

- 2022 Tutku Ayhan. “Reparation Challenges Ahead for Yezidi Survivors.” **Near East Policy Forum**, April 22.
- 2019 Tutku Ayhan & Güneş Murat Tezcür. “5 years after Islamic State massacre, an Iraqi minority is transformed by trauma.” **The Conversation**, 26 November.
- 2019 Tutku Ayhan. “Kadem’s ‘Gender Justice’ or the Momentum of Anti-Genderism in Turkey.” **Engenderings (LSE)**, 29 April.
- 2018 Tutku Ayhan. “A Yazidi activist was awarded the Nobel Prize. But what happens next for Yezidis?” **Monkey Cage, Washington Post**, 30 October.

Manuscripts in Progress

Submitted work under review

Tutku Ayhan. If I can’t have you, no one can: Patterns of femicide in Turkey. (Research article).

Manuscripts in preparation

Tutku Ayhan. Women’s post-conflict resilience and empowerment: Yezidi women after the last firman. (Book manuscript).

Tutku Ayhan. Researching Sexual Violence in Post-Atrocity Settings: Ethical and Methodological Dilemmas. (Research article).

Tutku Ayhan. Yezidi Women’s Narratives of Transitional Justice and Reconciliation in Iraq. (Research article).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2022 Honorable Mention, APSA Women, Gender, and Politics Research Section, Best Dissertation Award Competition
- 2022 Honorable Mention for Outstanding Dissertation, College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.
- 2021 Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching Award, College of Sciences, University of Central Florida, \$500.
- 2020 Small Grant for Research, APSA Religion and Politics Section, \$2,000.

- 2019 Graduate Presentation Fellowship, University of Central Florida, \$800.
- 2019 Doctoral Research Support Award, University of Central Florida, \$3,600.
- 2018 Travel Research Engagement Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science, \$3,000.
- 2017 The ORC Doctoral Fellowship, University of Central Florida, \$25,000.
- 2017 Student Travel Grant Award, European Conference on Politics and Gender, Lausanne, €500
- 2013 French Embassy Scholarship for Graduate Students, €7,000.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- May 2022 Field research among displaced Rohingya community in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.
- 2018 – 2021 Field research among Yezidi community in Northern Iraq, Germany, and Nebraska.
- January – August 2019 Graduate Research Assistant for Kurdish Political Studies Program, University of Central Florida.
- February 2018 – May 2019 Research Associate for the project “After the last firman: Victimhood, survival, and societal transformation among the Yezidis” supported by Global Religion Research Initiative International Collaboration Grant, University of Notre Dame
- April – August 2017 Research Assistant at Political Science Department, Galatasaray University, Istanbul
- February 2016 – April 2017 Research Assistant at Foreign Policy Forum, Bogazici University, Istanbul.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2022 GMAP 538E Gendered Approach to Atrocity and Prevention (Graduate level), Instructor of Record
Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, Binghamton University
- Spring 2021 INR 4603 International Relations Theory (Undergraduate level)
Instructor of Record
School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida.
- Spring & Fall 2020 INR 4085 Women, Gender, and Globalization (Undergraduate level)
Instructor of Record
(Quality Online Course Designation and Affordability Counts Medallion)
School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida
- Fall 2018 – 2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant
School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida

CPO 3403 Politics of Middle East
CPO 3034 Politics of Developing Areas
CPO 4400 Kurdish Politics
POS 3234 Protest Movements
POS 3272 Civic Engagement
POS 3233 Public Opinion
POS 4206 Political Psychology
POT 3302 Modern Political Ideologies
PUP 3203 Environmental Politics
PUP 3314 Minorities in American Politics

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Conference Organization

2019 Politics of Borders, Refugees, and Identity: The Kurdish Experience in the Middle East, International Conference, University of Central Florida.

Panel Organization & Moderation

2022 Post-Atrocity Resilience of Survivors of Sexual Violence. Frontiers of Prevention Conference. Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention. Binghamton University.

2022 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Post-Coup Myanmar: Women's Voices from the Burmese Diaspora. Frontiers of Prevention Conference. Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention. Binghamton University.

Paper Presentation

2019 "If I can't have you, no one can: Patterns of Femicide in Turkey", Gender Conference: On Violence, University of Helsinki.

2019 "Yezidi Perceptions of Kurds and Kurdish Identity", Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans.

2018 "The Last "Firman": Explaining the anti-Yezidi Violence" (with Güneş Murat Tezcür). Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, San Antonio.

2018 "Fieldwork in a Post-Genocidal Setting: Navigating Ethics, Gender and Power" (with Güneş Murat Tezcür). American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston.

2018 "Revisiting the "Ancient Hatreds" Thesis: Explaining the Islamic State's Campaign against the Yezidis" (with Güneş Murat Tezcür). Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual World Convention, Columbia University.

2018 "Revisiting the "Ancient Hatreds" Thesis: Explaining the Islamic State's Campaign against the Yezidis" (with Güneş Murat Tezcür). Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago.

INVITED TALKS

2019 “Genocidal Rape and Community Cohesion: The Case of Yazidis.” at Yazidi Genocide: Prosecution, Protection, Preservation Symposium, organized by Yale Genocide Studies Program, Yale University.

Invited Guest Speaker

2022 International Women’s Day Event, organized by Master of Public Administration Graduate Student Organization.

2021 Politics of Genocide and Human Rights Class. Virginia Commonwealth University.

2021 Micro-dynamics of Mass Atrocities Class. Binghamton University.

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022 Facilitator, Atrocity Prevention Simulation for Students. Binghamton University.

2021 Building an Inclusive Syllabus, APSA Teaching & Learning Webinar.

2021 CEST Graduate School on Intersectionality, Fall 2021, Universität Duisburg-Essen & Stockholm University.

2021 The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Summer 2021, Syracuse University.

2021 College and University Educators Workshop, Council on Foreign Relations.

2020 Essentials of Online Teaching, UCF Center for Distributed Learning.

2019 Preparing Tomorrow’s Faculty Program Certificate, UCF Karen L. Smith Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.

2019 Graduate Grantsmanship Certificate (online course on finding and applying for funding opportunities), UCF College of Graduate Studies.

2018 Managing Qualitative Data and Qualitative Research Transparency Training, APSA Annual Meeting.

2018 Teaching and Learning Conference, APSA Annual Meeting.

2017-2020 Graduate Professional Development Workshops at UCF:
Authorship, Credit, and Collaborative Scholarship and Research: Ethical Pitfalls to Avoid.
Intellectual Property Rights.
Ethics: Personal Integrity as a Graduate Student.
Ethical Decisions in Grad School
Kognito at-risk for Faculty
Ethical and Legal Issues in Teaching

SKILLS

Methodological: NVivo, Stata, Tableau.

Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent).

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)

International Studies Association (ISA)

International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.