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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Byzantine economic and social history, esp. politics of charitable institutions, monasticism, Orthodox Church; material culture; Asia Minor in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries; urban and religio-social topography of Constantinople/Ḳoṣṡanṡnīye; reception studies, esp. perception of Byzantine cultural heritage in Turkey.

CURRENT AFFILIATION

Post-doctoral Research Fellow at *the British Institute at Ankara & Bilkent University*; Ankara, Turkey

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Classics (Byzantine Studies) (2016–2024) *University of Edinburgh*; Edinburgh, U.K.

M.A. in Medieval Studies & History, *with distinction* (2014) *Central European University (CEU)*; Budapest, Hungary

M.A. in Archaeology and History of Art: Late Antique and Byzantine Studies (2012) *Koç University*; Istanbul, Turkey

B.A. in Tourism Management (2010) *Boğaziçi University*; Istanbul, Turkey

PREVIOUS FELLOWSHIPS

2022–23 Doctoral Research Fellow at İstanbul Research Center (IAE)
Suna & İnan Kıraç Foundation

2017–18 Junior Fellow at ANAMED, *Koç University*; Istanbul, Turkey

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

2016–18 “Crossing Frontiers: Christians and Muslims and their Art in Eastern Anatolia and the Caucasus” Connecting Art Histories Initiative
The Getty Foundation & Courtauld Institute of Arts

2015 “Communication and Knowledge Transfer in Medieval Monastic Networks”
Forschungsstelle für Vergleichende Ordensgeschichte, Dresden & CEU, Budapest

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2014–15 Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education for Doctoral Students
Center for Teaching and Learning, *CEU*, directed by Dr. Sally Schwager

2012–14 Religious Studies Specialization, *CEU*, directed by Prof. Aziz Al-Azmeh

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), Modern Greek (C1), Italian (B1); Reading skills: French, German
Source languages: Ancient and Byzantine Greek, Karamanlidika, Latin

PUBLICATIONS

“21. Yüzyılda Theodora, Yine ve Yeniden” (Theodora in the 21st Century, Once Again and Evermore) In *İstanbul’da Bu Ne Bizantinizmi? Byzantium in Popular Culture. Exhibition Catalogue*, edited by

Emir Alışık. Pera Müzesi: İstanbul, 2022.

“Changing Profiles of Monastic Founders in Constantinople. The Case of the Theotokos Pammakaristos in Context.” In *Trends & Turning-Points: Constructing the Late Antique and Byzantine World (c. 300 - c. 1500)*, edited by Matthew Kinloch. Medieval Mediterranean Series. Leiden: Brill, 2019.

“Imperial Women and Religious Foundations in Constantinople in the Middle Byzantine Period.” In *Piroska and the Pantokrator: Dynastic Memory, Healing and Salvation in Komnenian Constantinople*, edited by Marianne Sághy and Robert Ousterhout. Budapest: CEU Press, 2019.

“Eirene Khournaina Palaiologina. Geç Bizans dönemi Konstantinoupolisi’nde Güçlü Bir Kadın” [Eirene Chournaina – A Woman of Power in Late Byzantine Constantinople] In *Suna İnan Kıraç Foundation Istanbul Research Institute Annual of Istanbul Studies* 5 (2016): 83–93.

“Dynamics of Monastic Patronage in Constantinople, 1081–1204 and 1261–1341.” In *Annual of Medieval Studies at CEU* 21 (2015): 9–24.

ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

(Accepted) Co-convener with Ayşe Ercan Kydonakis of the organised panel titled “Afterlives of Material Culture of Byzantium and Beyond: Perspectives on Preservation, Representation, and Appropriation” at the 25th International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Vienna 2026.

(Accepted) Organiser of the round table titled “Late Medieval Practices of Ownership in Byzantium and Beyond: Byzantine, Armenian, Serbian, and Ottoman Contexts” (with Nevra Necipoğlu as convener) at the 25th International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Vienna 2026.

Convener of the panel titled “Undulating Demographics in Late Medieval Anatolia and Greece” at the Conference of Society for the Medieval Mediterranean, Edinburgh 2024.

Co-organiser with Alasdair Grant (PhD) of “Byzantium Compared” First International Graduate Student Conference in Byzantine Studies, 22–23 September 2017; The University of Edinburgh, U.K.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

“Discerning ktetorika dikaia from Monastic Founders’ Rights: Law and Social Practice in Late Byzantium” *IMC*, Leeds, 1–4 July 2024

“Syrgiannina’s Lineage: A Reevaluation of Family and Patronage in Late Medieval Constantinople through Invisible Women” *SMM*, Edinburgh, 24–27 June 2024

“Searching for Imperial Monasteries in Palaiologan Constantinople” *BSANA*, UCLA, 3–6 November 2022

“Andronikos II and the Management of Imperial Monasteries in Constantinople” 24th *International Congress of Byzantine Studies*, Venice & Padua, 21–26 August 2022

“Monasteries as Stages of Dissent in Early Palaiologan Constantinople” 51st *Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies*, “The Post–1204 Byzantine World: New Approaches and Novel Directions”, The University of Edinburgh, 12–14 April 2018

“The Monastic as an Element of Late Byzantine Constantinople” 23rd *International Congress of Byzantine Studies*, Belgrade, 22–27 August 2016

“Movement in the City” Workshop: Methodological Approaches and Problems in Constantinopolitan Topography, 8 April 2016; *University of Edinburgh*

“From the Komnenoi to the Palaiologoi: Changing Trends of Monastic Patronage in Constantinople” Oxford University Byzantine Society (OUBS) XVIII International Graduate Conference

“Different Kinds of Monastic Communication in Byzantine Constantinople” *Forschungsstelle für*

- Vergleichende Ordensgeschichte & CEU*; Dresden/Budapest II. International Workshop of the CEU and FOVOG Project | Knowledge Transfer: Forms and Material Evidence
- “Identity and Identity Politics among Constantinopolitan Monastics in the Early Palaiologan Period (1261–1341)” VIII^{ème} édition des Rencontres internationales des doctorants en études byzantines; *Association des étudiants du monde byzantin*; Paris
- “The Politics of (Female) Monastic Foundations in Komnenian Constantinople” Dynastic Memories. Healing and Salvation. Piroška and the Pantokrator, An International Conference; *CEU, Budapest*
- “Power Transition in the Asian Suburbs of Byzantine Constantinople in the Fourteenth Century – Glazed Ceramics from Küçükalyalı as a Case Study” OUBS 15th International Graduate Conference; *Oxford University*
- “Küçükalyalı ArkeoPark: a Byzantine Period Urban Archaeology Project in Istanbul” First Amsterdam Meeting on Byzantine and Ottoman Pottery *University von Amsterdam*

OUTREACH & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2022a [“Of Venice and the 24th Byzantine Congress: Reflections by Elif Demirtiken”](#) Opinion piece on IAE Blog
- 2022b [“Theodora Sen Aslında Kimdin?”](#) Interview with SOSO Blog
- 2017–18 Online catalogue entries in the *Crossing Frontiers* Project: [Ulu Camii](#), [Döner Kümbe](#), the [Convent of the Virgins](#) in Turkey; the [Monastery of Ubisi](#) in Georgia; the [Monastery of Sagmosavank](#) in Armenia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Seminar session entitled “Byzantine Monastic Endowments: Definitions” for MIT523: Special Topics in Architectural History (Assoc. Prof. Bilge Ar) *Istanbul Technical University*; Istanbul, Turkey [Nov. 2024]
- 2023a Tutor/Session Lead, Writing Retreat for PGT Students, *University of Edinburgh* [Oct. 2023]
- 2023b Seminar session entitled “A Critical Approach to Byzantine Monasteries” for MIT523: Special Topics in Architectural History (Assoc. Prof. Bilge Ar) *Istanbul Technical University*; Istanbul, Turkey [Dec. 2023]
- 2020 Bilnet Schools Integrated Curriculum Design (Secondary Education); Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019 Seminar session entitled “Urban and Rural Monasticisms in the 13th–14th c. Byzantium” for ARHA 502: Late Antique and Byzantine Anatolia: Archaeology and Art (Assoc. Prof. Alessandra Ricci) *Koç University*; Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019 Seminar session entitled “Urban Monasteries in the 13th–14th c. Constantinople” for ARHA 526 Material and Textual Evidence on LA and Byzantine Urban Studies (Asst. Prof. Nikos Kontogiannis) *Koç University*; Istanbul, Turkey
- 2017 Class session entitled “History of Byzantine Monasticism 4th–14th centuries” for Byzantine History (Prof. Niels Gaul) *University of Edinburgh*
- 2016–17 Tutor, CLGE08004: History of the Roman World 1b, The Roman Empire
Sem. 2 Dr. Matthew Hoskin, *University of Edinburgh*
- 2015 Fall Teaching Assistant (TA), HIST 108: A Comparative History of Europe 400–1450 (Distance learning initiative); Dr. Vladimir Ryzhkov, *CEU & St. Petersburg University*
- 2012 Spr. TA, ARHA 507: Archaeological Methods and Theory II; Prof. Aslihan Yener, *Koç University*
- 2011 Fall TA, ARHA 245: History of Istanbul: Ancient to Contemporary; Asst. Prof. Alessandra Ricci, *Koç University*

2011 Spr. TA, CIVL 201: World Civilizations; Dr. Stephen Batiuk, *Koç University*
 2010 Fall TA, ARHA 350: Art of the Balkans; Dr. Ivana Jevtić, *Koç University*

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2024 SMM | Bursary for the International Conference of the SMM, Edinburgh 2024
 2022 *Society for Promotion of Byzantine Studies* | Turkish Solidarity Fund for the 24th *International Byzantine Congress*
 2017 *National and Kapodistrian University of Athens* | full bursary for Θ.Υ.Ε.Σ.Π.Α.
 2016–18 *University of Edinburgh, A.G. Leventis Foundation* | scholarship for Ph.D. students
 2015–18 *The Getty Foundation* | grant for Crossing Frontiers Travelling Research Programme
 2015 *Institut national d’Histoire de l’Art* | grant for conference participation
 2015 *A.G. Leventis Foundation* | grant (tuition waiver, accommodation, field trips)
The Henrik Birnbaum Memorial Scholarship Fund, travel grant
CEU Summer Grants (per diem) for the Gennadius Greek Summer Session
 2014–15 *CEU* | full scholarship for Ph.D. students
 2013 *The Classical Association* | tuition waiver
 Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies (CEMS) | travel grant for Birmingham
 Byzantine Greek Summer School
 2013 *CEMS* | grant for Byzantine Peloponnese Field Seminar
 2013 *CEMS* | travel grant for conference participation
 2012–14 *CEU* | scholarship for M.A. students
 2011 *Koç University* | travel grant for conference participation
 2011 *Koç University* | grant for Cappadocia in Context Summer Program
 2011 | 2014 *The Classical Association* | full scholarship for Byzantine Greek Summer School, Belfast, Birmingham (declined)
 2010–12 *Koç University* | full scholarship for M.A. students

PARTICIPATION IN FIELD SEMINARS & ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS

2016–2018 Crossing Frontiers organized by Prof. Anthony Eastmond, *Getty & Courtauld*
 Eastern Anatolia in July 2016; Armenia in Sept. 2016; London in July 2017; Georgia in
 Sept. 2017; Jerusalem in Dec. 2018
 2013, June Byzantine Peloponnese, organized by Profs. Niels Gaul and Volker Menze, *CEMS*
 2013, May Monasteries in the Alpine region, organized by the Dpt. of Medieval Studies, *CEU*
 2011 Cappadocia in Context; Nevşehir, Turkey, 27 June–12 July
Koç University; organized by Prof. Robert Ousterhout and Dr. Tolga Uyar.
 2010–12 *Küçükyalı ArkeoPark Project*; *Koç University*, Istanbul, Turkey |
 Excavation, processing, recording and study of pottery finds
 2007, 2008, *Neubauer Expedition of University of Chicago to Zincirli*; Gaziantep, Turkey |
 Aug. Excavation, data processing, recording

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