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## ABOUT THE AUTHORS / O AVTORICAH IN AVTORJIH

### ANNA MARIA BEYLUNIOĞLU

Anna Maria Beylunioğlu is a social scientist and trained as a professional chef. She completed her PhD at EUI in Florence, Italy and published book chapters and journal articles in the fields of religion-state relations, freedom of religion, religious minorities as well as several opinion pieces about food, politics, and society. She is the co-author of the book *Kismet Tabii* (For Sure It Is Fate) published by istos publishing in 2021.

Anna Maria Beylunioğlu je družboslovka in šolana kuharska mojstrica. Doktorski naziv je pridobila na Evropskem univerzitetnem inštitutu (EUI) v Firencah, objavila pa je že več znanstvenih člankov v strokovnih revijah in zbornikih s področij odnosov med vero in državo, verske svobode in verskih manjšin ter številne mnenjske prispevke o hrani, politiki in družbi. Je tudi soavtorica knjige *Kismet Tabii* (To je usoda, zagotovo), ki je leta 2021 izšla pri založbi istos.

### ÖZGÜR KAYMAK

Özgür Kaymak completed her PhD with her dissertation titled “The Socio-Spatial Construction of Istanbul’s Rum, Jewish and Armenian Communities” at Istanbul University. She has published in the fields of ethnic and religious minorities, identity construction of social groups, state-minority relations, women’s studies and gender, including two books, several book chapters and journal articles, as well as opinion pieces. She is currently working on a project about the Armenian image in modern Turkish politics and society in collaboration with the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. Her academic areas of interest are ethno-religious minorities, memory studies, family and marriage studies, gender and feminist theories. Dr. Kaymak teaches “Gender and Society” and “Introduction to Family and Marriage Studies” at MEF University.

Özgür Kaymak je doktorirala na Univerzi v Istanbulu z disertacijo »Družbeno-prostorska izgradnja grških pravoslavnikov, judovskih in armenskih skupnosti v Istanbulu«. Na teme etničnih in verskih manjšin, gradnje identitete družbenih skupin, odnosov med državo in manjšinami, ženskih študij in študij spola je ob-

javila dve knjigi, več člankov v zbornikih in strokovnih revijah ter več mnenjskih prispevkov. Trenutno s Fundacijo Calouste Gulbenkian sodeluje v projektu, ki preučuje podobo Armencev v sodobni turški politiki in družbi. Raziskovalno se osredotoča na področja etničnih in verskih manjšin, spominskih študij, zakonskih in družinskih študij ter teorije spola in feministične teorije. Dr. Kaymak predava predmeta Spol in družba ter Uvod v zakonske in družinske študije na Univerzi MEF v Istanbulu.

#### MELIH ÇOBAN

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Dr. Melih Çoban je docent na Oddelku za sociologijo na Fakulteti za znanosti in umetnosti Univerze v Marmari. Njegova raziskovalna področja zajemajo politično sociologijo, sociologijo filma, turško politično zgodovino, etnične in verske manjšine v Turčiji ter področje zasvojenosti.

#### WILLIAM GOURLAY

William Gourlay teaches Politics and International Relations at Monash University, Australia, and is a Research Associate in the Middle East Studies Forum at Deakin University, Australia. In 2016, he completed his PhD at Monash University, an examination of Kurdish identity in Turkey. His research interests include authoritarianism and issues of ethnicity, nationalism, and majority-minority relationships in the Middle East and Europe. His book *The Kurds in Erdoğan's Turkey* was published by Edinburgh University Press in 2020.

William Gourlay predava politiko in mednarodne odnose na Monashevi univerzi v Avstraliji in sodeluje kot znanstveni sodelavec pri Forumu za bližnjevzhodne študije na Deakinovi univerzi v Avstraliji. Leta 2016 je zaključil doktorski študij na Monashevi univerzi z disertacijo o pregledu kurdske identitete v Turčiji. Njegova področja raziskovanja vključujejo avtoritarizem ter vprašanja etničnosti, nacionalizma in odnosov med večinami in manjšinami na Bližnjem vzhodu in v Evropi. Leta 2020 je pri založbi Edinburgh University Press izšla njegova knjiga *The Kurds in Erdoğan's Turkey*.

## A. BANU HÜLÜR

Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Banu Hülür has been working at the Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, Faculty of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Publicity since 2015. After completing her doctorate at Gazi University in 2014, she focused on research on new media, persuasion, advertising, consumption culture, and the sociology of migration, and published many international articles, book chapters, and papers in these fields. She is also the co-author of the book *Bizim Müstakbel Hep Harap Oldu* (2016, Istanbul Bilgi University Press) and the co-editor and chapter writer of the book *Yeni Medya ve Toplum* (2016, Literatürk).

Izredna profesorica dr. A. Banu Hülür je od leta 2015 zaposlena na Oddelku za odnose z javnostmi in oglaševanje Fakultete za komunikologijo, na Univerzi Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal. Potem ko je leta 2014 doktorirala na Univerzi Gazi, se je posvetila raziskovanju novih medijev, komuniciranja in prepričevanja, oglaševanja, potrošniške kulture in sociologije migracij ter objavila številne članke v mednarodnih publikacijah, znanstvene prispevke za zbornike in razprave s teh področij. Je tudi soavtorica knjige *Bizim Müstakbel Hep Harap Oldu* (2016, Istanbul Bilgi University Press) ter sourednica in avtorica prispevka v zborniku *Yeni Medya ve Toplum* (2016, Literatürk).

## YUSUF EKİNCİ

Yusuf Ekinci was born in Hatay, Turkey in 1984. He completed his bachelor's degree at Kafkas University, his master's degree in Sociology at Gaziantep University, and his doctorate in Sociology at Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, in Turkey. He contributed as a co-author to the book *Bizim Müstakbel Hep Harap Oldu* (2016, Bilgi University Press), about the everyday life of Syrian refugees in Turkey. He still works as a teacher in Gaziantep, Turkey.

Yusuf Ekinci se je rodil v Hatayu, v Turčiji, leta 1984. Diplomiral je na Univerzi Kafkas, magistriral iz sociologije na Univerzi v Gaziantepu, doktorski študij sociologije pa opravil na Univerzi Yıldırım Beyazıt v Ankari. Je soavtor knjige *Bizim Müstakbel Hep Harap Oldu* (2016, Bilgi University Press), ki obravnava vsakdanje življenje sirskih beguncev v Turčiji. Še vedno dela kot učitelj v Gaziantepu v Turčiji.

## A. ÇAĞLAR DENİZ

A. Çağlar Deniz studied Theology at Selçuk University (2002), wrote a MA thesis on Sociology of Religion at Gazi University (2006) and obtained his PhD in Sociology from Istanbul University (2013). He has served as a faculty visitor at Delaware University (2012–2013, USA), University of Ljubljana (2014, Slovenia), and Kırgız-Türk Manas Üniversitesi (2015, Kyrgyzstan). He has published several books on Turkish modernization, everydaylife, sociology of history, migration, and gender: *Türk Modernleşmesinde Düşümsel Dönüşümler* (Anahtar K., 2013), *Öğrenci İşi* (İletişim, 2015), *Hafıza Yelpezesi* (E, 2014), *Toplumsal Hareket Teorileri ve Ortadoğu İsyamları* (Orion, 2015), *Öteki Muhafazakarlık* (Phoenix, 2016), *Yeni Medya ve Toplum* (Literatürk, 2016), *Bizim Müstakbel Hep Harap Oldu* (Bilgi Üniversitesi, 2016). He acted as consultant on a documentary made by TRT based on his book titled “Öğrenci İşi.” Since 2017 Deniz has worked with religious migrant groups and migrants. He is the moderator of a gender equality project focused on Syrian refugee men living in Turkey, conducted by Mavi Kalem since 2018.

A. Çağlar Deniz je diplomiral iz teologije na Univerzi Selçuk (2002), magistriral iz sociologije religije na Univerzi Gazi (2006), doktorski študij sociologije pa opravil na Univerzi v Istanbulu (2013). Kot gostujoči profesor je delal na Univerzi v Delawaru (2012–2013, ZDA), Univerzi v Ljubljani (2014) in Univerzi Kırgız-Türk Manas (2015, Kirgizistan). Je avtor več knjig na temo turške modernizacije, vsakdanjega življenja, historične sociologije, migracij in spolov: *Türk Modernleşmesinde Düşümsel Dönüşümler* (Anahtar K., 2013), *Öğrenci İşi* (İletişim, 2015), *Hafıza Yelpezesi* (E, 2014), *Toplumsal Hareket Teorileri ve Ortadoğu İsyamları* (Orion, 2015), *Öteki Muhafazakarlık* (Phoenix, 2016), *Yeni Medya ve Toplum* (Literatürk, 2016), *Bizim Müstakbel Hep Harap Oldu* (Bilgi Üniversitesi, 2016). Kot svetovalec je sodeloval pri pripravi dokumentarca, ki ga je družba TRT posnela po njegovi knjigi *Öğrenci İşi*. Od leta 2017 dela z verskimi migrantskimi skupinami in migranti. Kot moderator sodeluje v projektu s področja enakosti spolov, ki preučuje sirske begunce v Turčiji in ga od leta 2018 vodi Mavi Kalem.

## AYŞE SERDAR

Ayşe Serdar is an Assistant Professor at Istanbul Technical University, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. She received her PhD from Binghamton University, Department of Sociology in 2009. Her research interests include nationalism, ethnicity and social movements.

Ayşe Serdar je docentka na Oddelku za humanistiko in družbene vede Tehniške univerze v Istanbulu. Leta 2009 je doktorirala iz sociologije na Univerzi v Binghamtonu v ZDA. Njeni raziskovalni interesi vključujejo nacionalizem, narodnost in družbena gibanja.

#### ABDULMESIH BARABRAHAM

Abdulmesih BarAbraham has a Master of Science degree in Engineering from the University of Erlangen/Nürnberg. As an independent researcher he has published various scholarly articles on Assyrians. Among others, he is the author of "Turkey's Key Arguments in Denying the Assyrian Genocide," in David Gaunt et al. (eds.), *Let Them Not Return* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2017), and with Jan Bet-Sawoche, "Cumhuriyet Tarihi Boyunca Doğu ve Batı Asurlara Karşı: Baskı, Zulüm, Asimile, Kovulma," in Fikret Başkaya and Sait Çetinoglu (eds.), *Minorities in Turkey* (Ankara: Özgür Üniversite Kitaplığı [Resmi Tarih Tartışmaları], 2009). He is also the author of "Safeguarding the Cross: Emergence of Christian Militias in Iraq and Syria," in Andreas Schmoller (ed.), *Middle Eastern Christians and Europe – Historical Legacies and Present Challenges* (Zürich: LIT Verlag, 2018). Abdulmesih is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of both the Yoken-bar-Yoken Foundation and the Mor Afrem Foundation, Germany.

Abdulmesih BarAbraham je pridobil magistrski naziv iz strojništva na Univerzi v Erlangenu/Nürnbergu. Ko samostojni raziskovalec je objavil več strokovnih člankov o Asircih. Med drugim je njegov prispevek »Turkey's Key Arguments in Denying the Assyrian Genocide« izšel v zborniku *Let Them Not Return* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2017) Davida Gaunta in sodelavcev, v soavtorstvu z Janom Bet-Sawochejem pa je napisal članek »Cumhuriyet Tarihi Boyunca Doğu ve Batı Asurlara Karşı: Baskı, Zulüm, Asimile, Kovulma« za zbornik Fikreta Başkaya in Saita Çetinogluja *Minorities in Turkey* (Ankara: Özgür Üniversite Kitaplığı [Resmi Tarih Tartışmaları], 2009). Je tudi avtor prispevka »Safeguarding the Cross: Emergence of Christian Militias in Iraq and Syria« v zborniku *Middle Eastern Christians and Europe – Historical Legacies and Present Challenges* (Zürich: LIT Verlag, 2018), ki ga je uredil Andreas Schmoller. BarAbraham je predsednik upravnega odbora tako Fundacije Yoken-bar-Yoken kot sklada Mor Afrem v Nemčiji.

## ÖZGE ONAY

Özge Onay is a doctoral researcher at the School of Sociology at the University of York. Özge's PhD research focuses on the impact of Islamophobia in the daily lives of young British-Turks. She currently teaches as a Graduate Teaching Assistant on the module *Introducing Social Psychology* and has previously worked on two other modules, *Introduction to Sociological Theory* and *Division and Inequality: Race and Ethnicity* at the Department of Sociology. Özge is also a book reviewer and since 2020 has published three book reviews in the prestigious journal *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

Özge Onay je raziskovalka na doktorskem študiju Fakultete za sociologijo Univerze v Yorku. Njeno raziskovalno delo se osredotoča na vpliv islamofobije na vsakdanje življenje mladih britanskih Turkov. Trenutno poučuje kot asistentka na modulu *Uvod v socialno psihologijo*, pred tem je delala na modulih *Uvod v sociološko teorijo* ter *Delitve in neenakost: Rasa in narodnost* na Oddelku za sociologijo. Onay je tudi recenzentka, od leta 2020 do danes so v ugledni strokovni reviji *Ethnic and Racial Studies* izšle že tri njene knjižne recenzije.

## METTURSUN BEYDULLA

Dr. Mettursun Beydulla was born in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China (aka East Turkistan), went to Uyghur schools, studied two years intensive Chinese and graduated from university preparation courses at the Central Nationalities University in Beijing. He received a BA in Chinese history from Shaanxi Normal University in Xi'an and an MA in Turkish history and a PhD in Social/Cultural Anthropology from Ankara University, Turkey. He researched and taught Uyghur at the American University in Cairo in 2006, and was a visiting scholar in Harvard in 2007. Between September 2008–June 2013, he conducted research and taught Uyghur language, literature, and culture at Harvard and MIT. He taught Sociology and Anthropology courses between July 2013 and June 2016 at Fatih University, Istanbul and at the same time carried out a Uyghur diaspora project. He then taught Uyghur in the Diplomatic Language Services in Arlington, VA, and Turkish at the ICA Language Service. He was a 2020 EHLS scholar (National Security Education Fellow) at Georgetown University. Currently he is continuing his teaching, research and other work in the field of linguistics as an independent researcher and linguist in the Washington, D.C. area. His research and publication topics include: Uyghur national identity, social and identity change among the Uyghurs; Chinese socio-cultural practices in "Xinjiang"; Uyghur Diasporas; relations between "Xinjiang" and Central Asia; the social, linguistic, cultural, re-

ligious and institutional history of the Uyghurs and “Xinjiang”; and pan-Turkic culture. His has published one book and more than 10 journal articles and book chapters in English, Turkish, and Uyghur, including in the *Central Asian Survey*.

Dr. Mettursun Beydulla se je rodil v ujugurski avtonomni pokrajini Xinjiang na Kitajskem (poznani tudi pod imenom Vzhodni Turkestan), obiskoval ujugurske šole, se dve leti intenzivno učil kitajščine in na Osrednji manjšinski univerzi v Pekingu opravil pripravljalni program za vpis na univerzitetni študij. Diplomiral je iz kitajske zgodovine na Splošni univerzi province Shaanxi v Xi'anu, magistrirjal iz turške zgodovine in doktorat iz družbene/kulturne antropologije pa je opravil na Univerzi v Ankari, v Turčiji. Leta 2006 je delal kot raziskovalec in poučeval ujugurščino na Ameriški univerzi v Kairu, leta 2007 pa predaval na Harvardski univerzi v ZDA kot gostujoči profesor. Od septembra 2008 do junija 2013 je raziskoval ter poučeval ujugurski jezik, književnost in kulturo na Harvardski univerzi in Massachusettskem inštitutu za tehnologijo (MIT), med julijem 2013 in junijem 2016 predaval sociologijo in antropologijo na Univerzi Fatih v Istanbulu, hkrati pa je vodil tudi projekt o ujugurski diaspori. V Arlingtonu, v zvezni državi Virginiji, je nato poučeval ujugurščino in turščino za zaposlene v diplomatskih, vladnih in vojaških službah. Leta 2020 je bil izbran za najboljšega predavatelja angleščine kot jezika porekla (v Programu izobraževanja za nacionalno varnost) na Univerzi v Georgetownu. Trenutno nadaljuje poučevanje, raziskovanje in širše jezikovno delo kot samostojni raziskovalec in jezikoslovec v Washingtonu. Področja njegovih raziskav in objav vključujejo: ujugursko nacionalno identiteto, družbene in identitetne spremembe med Ujuguri; kitajske družbeno-kulturne prakse v Xinjangu; ujugurske diaspore; odnosi med Xinjiang in Centralno Azijo; družbena, jezikovna, kulturna, verska in institucionalna zgodovina Ujugurov in Xinjanga; vseturška kultura. Objavil je knjigo in več kot 10 strokovnih člankov in knjižnih poglavij v angleščini, turščini in ujugurščini, med drugim v *Centralnoazijski raziskavi*.

### UIAŞ SUNATA

UIaş Sunata is a professor in the Department of Sociology at Bahçeşehir University. After completing a bachelor's degree in statistics and a master's degree in Sociology at the Middle East Technical University, she received a doctoral qualification in Sociology. Due to her success in migration research, she received an invitation from Germany's Institute for Migration Studies and Intercultural Studies (IMIS). She won the DAAD and Hans-Böckler Foundation fellowships and completed her PhD in sociology at the University of Osnabrück. Sunata has been working on migration and diaspora studies for more than 20 years and has two books published in Germany and one published in Turkey. In addition, she has

numerous academic articles published in journals with high international recognition. After evaluating the ever-increasing importance of migration and urbanization, Sunata founded Bahçeşehir University Center for Migration and Urban Studies (BAUMUS) in 2014 to further strengthen inter-disciplinarity and teamwork. Ulaş Sunata has completed a comprehensive project on diasporas in Turkey and has conducted research on the Circassian Diaspora, Syrian refugees, and Balkan migrants in recent years. In addition, her latest project, "Migrant Experiences Following the Pandemic, Work-Home Dynamics, and Domestic Relations: The Case of Immigrant Domestic Workers" has qualified for support from TUBITAK in 2021.

Ulaş Sunata je redna profesorica na Oddelku za Sociologijo na Univerzi Bahçeşehir. Po opravljenem diplomskem študiju iz statistike na Bližnjevzhodni tehniški univerzi v Ankari je na isti instituciji tudi magistrirala iz sociologije. Zahvaljujoč uspešnim raziskavam o migracijah je prejela povabilo nemškega Inštituta za migracijske in medkulturne študije (IMIS). Po prejemu štipendije Nemške akademske službe za izmenjavo (DAAD) in Sklada Hansa Böcklerja je doktorski študij iz sociologije zaključila na Univerzi v Osnabrücku. Sunata, ki že več kot 20 let preučuje migracije in diaspore, je objavila dve knjigi v Nemčiji in eno v Turčiji. Številni njeni akademski članki so izšli v visoko indeksiranih mednarodnih strokovnih revijah. Zavedajoč se naraščajočega pomena migracij in urbanizacije ter za nadaljnjo krepitev interdisciplinarnega in timskega dela, je leta 2014 ustanovila Center za migracijske in urbane študije na Univerzi Bahcesehir (BAUMUS). Ulaş Sunata je izvedla obsežen projekt o diasporah v Turčiji, v zadnjih letih pa je vodila raziskave o čerkeški diaspori, sirskih beguncih in balkanskih migrantih. Njen najnovejši projekt, »Izkušnje migrantov po pandemiji, dinamike delo-dom ter družinski odnosi: Primer priseljenskih delavcev v gospodinjstvu«, je v letu 2021 podprl turški Znanstveni in tehnološki raziskovalni svet (TUBITAK).

### GÖKÇE BALABAN

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Gökçe Balaban je docent na Oddelku za mednarodne odnose na Univerzi Okan v Istanbulu. Raziskovalno se osredotoča na kritične pristope do varnosti in na politično zgodovino Turčije, s posebnim poudarkom na kurdskem vprašanju.