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EDUCATION

- 2019: Ph.D. in Middle Eastern Studies, Leiden University
2007-2012: Guest Student, in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University
2007: M.A in Eurasian Studies, Middle East Technical University
2004: B.S. in International Relations, Hacettepe University

EMPLOYMENT

- 2020-present: Research Associate and Lecturer, Methodological Center Social Sciences, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
2020-present: Postdoc Researcher in the project “Biographies of migrants from Syria and West Africa in Brazil and in Germany – processes of inclusion and participation in the context of so-called irregular migration”, PI: Gabriele Rosenthal, funded by German Research Foundation (DFG).
2017-2020: Research Fellow, Methodological Center Social Sciences, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
2012-2017: Lecturer, Political Science and International Relations Program, Middle East Technical University - Northern Cyprus Campus
2005-2007: Project Assistant, EU Projects Department, Middle East Technical University
2004-2005: Researcher, Eurasian Strategic Research Center

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023: “Reconceptualizing Women’s Agency in Iran and Turkey at the Turn of the 20th Century”, *A Century of Gender Equality Struggles in Turkey: Feminist History Revisited*, special edition of *Diyâr: Journal of Ottoman, Turkish and Middle Eastern Studies*. (**forthcoming**)
2022: “Forced Migration of Kurdish Activist Women to Germany: Navigating through a Political Movement, an Armed Conflict, and an Engaged Diaspora” in *Transnational Biographies: Changing we-images, collective belongings and power chances of migrants and refugees* ed. by Gabriele Rosenthal, Göttingen University Press. (**forthcoming**)
2021: “One of the First Struggles of Feminism in Turkey: My Body My Choice!” in *100 Years of Republic of Turkey in 100 Sources* ed. by Turkish Studies, Leiden University (**forthcoming**).
2020: “Staying Politically Active in Exile: Kurdish Activists in Germany”, in *Global Processes of Flight and Migration*, ed. by Eva Bahl and Johannes Becker, Göttingen University Press.
2019: *The Radicalization of the Left in Turkey and Iran in the 1970s and a Comparative Analysis of Activist Women’s Experiences*, unpublished PhD thesis, Leiden University, Middle Eastern Studies.

Research Reports

2021: “Kurdish migrants and refugees in Germany” in *Navigating Through Increasing Social Inequalities in Times of Covid-19: A Research Report on Interviews with Migrants in the Middle East and Europe and Migrants and Indigenous People in South America* Bahl, E.& Rosenthal, G. (Eds.) (2021).

Book & Conference Reviews

2020: *Exile within Exiles: Herbert Daniel, Gay Brazilian Revolutionary*, The Oral History Review, Published online: 31 Jan 2020

2018: *Biography and Violence: Violent dynamics and agency in collective processes and individual life histories*, (Conference at the Center of Methods in Social Sciences, University of Goettingen), Co-authored with Lucas Cé Sangalli, *Soziologie*, Jahrgang 47, Heft 3, 2018, 330-333.

2016: *I did it to save my life. Love and survival in Sierra Leone*, *Oral History Review* (Winter/Spring 2016) 43 (1): 235-237.

2015: *Women, War, and the Making of Bangladesh: Remembering 1971*, *Oral History Review* (Winter/Spring 2015) 42 (1): 164-166.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Designed and Taught

2022 – 2022 : Feminist Methodologies: Researching Gender, Power, and Race

2021 – 2022 : Qualitative Research Methods,

2021 – 2022 : Social Movements in the Global South

2021 – 2022 : Gender and Violence

2020 – 2021 : Research on Social and Political Movements in the Global South

2014 – 2017 : Iranian Politics and Foreign Policy

2013 – 2016 : Social Movements

2012 – 2013 : Middle East in World Affairs

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social movements, gender, biographical research, activism, radicalization, political violence, Middle East, Kurdish studies, qualitative research methods, oral history, migration.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Association for Iranian Studies (AIS), Biography and Society RC38-International Sociological Association (ISA), The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Sektion Biographieforschung- German Sociological Association (DGS).

The International Conference on The Fragility of Global Migration, May 20-21, 2021. (Co-organized with Johannes Becker, took place online due to the Covid-19 Pandemic)

Member of German Research Foundation (DFG) Network of Turkish Modern History (<https://www.uni-due.de/humanities/dfg-network-turkey/index.php>)

Moderation of Feminist Queer Researchers Network
(<https://feministqueerarastirmacilar.wordpress.com/>)

Board Member of the Academics for Peace - Germany Association
(<https://www.academicsforpeace-germany.org/>)

M.A. Thesis Supervision

Lara Farag; *Women's Participation in Violent Conflicts and Revolutions - An Analysis of the Syrian-Kurdish Movement in Rojava*, Göttingen University.

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES (a selection)

- 2021: "Conception of Activist Biographies: The Kurdish Migrant Women in Germany", the Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA), Nov. 29 - Dec. 3, 2021.
- 2021: "Fragile statuses, fragile souls? Interviewing Kurdish migrant women in Germany", International Conference on The Fragility of Global Migration, May 20-21, 2021.
- 2021: "The Left and Political Violence in Turkey in the 1970s." Making Sense of Turkey's Cold War, online Workshop organized by Leiden University, Turkish Studies, March 26, 2021.
- 2021: "The Life Histories of Political Activists: The Cases of Kurdish Refugees in Germany" paper presentation, at the IV ISA Forum of Sociology, February 23-28, 2021.
- 2019: "Resistance Practices of Immigrants: Organizing in Exile", paper presentation, at Exile-Flight-Persecution International Conference, Goettingen University, 28-30 November.
- 2018: "Radical Leftist Women in Iran And Turkey in the 1970s. Oral History and other approaches to Interviewing", Lecture and Workshop, at Gender-Labor, Graduate School for Gender Studies, Goettingen University, 29.06.2018.
- 2018: "Everyday Experiences of Activist Women and Leftist Clandestine Political Violence in Iran and Turkey during the 1970s", paper presented at Biography and Violence Conference at the University of Goettingen.
- 2016: "Women in Radical Left in Iran and Turkey in the 1970s" ECPR General Conference 2016 (Prague), 7-10 September.
- 2015: "Women in the Revolutionary Left in Iran and Turkey during the Long Sixties" paper presented in the 40th Annual Meeting of the Social Science and History Association, in Baltimore, the USA, November 12-15.
- 2015: "Women in Revolutionary Left in Iran and Turkey in the 1970s" paper presented in the Gender and Crisis in History Conference, in Naples, Italy, 21 – 24 May.
- 2014: "Observations on the Everyday Experiences of Women in the Leftist Guerrilla Movements in Iran and Turkey in the 1970s" paper presented at the 48th annual meeting of Oral History Association, 8 – 12 October.
- 2014: "Being a guerrilla woman in Iran and Turkey" paper presentation at ESSHC, 23 – 26 April.
- 2013: "Reconceptualizing Women's Agency in Iran and Turkey at the Turn of the 20th Century" paper presentation at MESA Conference, 10 – 13 October.
- 2011: "History of women's movement in Turkey", Near Eastern Studies Department, Princeton University, October 21.
- 2010: "A Summer in Iran during the Presidential Election Crisis", Near Eastern Studies Department, Princeton University, February 1.

2009: “Women in Iran before and after the June 12, 2009 Elections” (in Persian), Near Eastern Studies Department, Princeton University, November 10.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (near native), Persian (very good), German (very good), French (basic), Arabic (basic).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2020: DAAD Conference Travel Funding to participate in the Forum of International Sociological Association (ISA)

2020 The German Research Fo

undation (DFG) Additional Funding (1 year) for the inclusion in the DFG Project "Biographical trajectories of migrants from Syria and West Africa in Brazil and in Germany".

2017 “Wissenschaft. Niedersachsen. Weltoffen” scholarship for 3 years - The Ministry of Science and Culture of the federal state of Lower Saxony in Germany

2016 MESA Wadad Kadi Travel Fellowships

2014 Leiden University Fieldwork Research Scholarship

2014 Leiden University Fund

2014 Oral History Association International Scholarship