

# DR. TALIN SUCIYAN

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Place and Date of Birth: Istanbul/Turkey, 10.04.1978

Current Residence: Munich, Germany

## EDUCATION

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- **Oct. 2008 - June 2013** – Received a PhD degree, at Ludwig Maximilian University, Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Studies under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Christoph K. Neumann and Prof. Dr. Hans-Lukas Kieser (University of Zurich). The title of the PhD thesis is: Surviving the Ordinary: The Armenians in Turkey, 1930s to 1950.
- **April 2003 – April 2005** Master's of Art in Social Sciences, Global Studies Programme(GSP, [www.global-studies.de](http://www.global-studies.de)) offered jointly by Albert – Ludwig University of Freiburg/Germany, University of Kwazulu Natal Durban/South Africa and Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi/India.
  - **October 2004 – March 2005** Albert-Ludwigs University, Freiburg writing the thesis.  
M.A. thesis: The Role of Women in Nation Building Processes: Turkey and India.
- **1997 – 2002** BA at the Istanbul University Communication Faculty, Dept. of Radio Television and Cinema.
- **High School** – Sahakyan Nunyan Armenian High School, Istanbul

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENTS AND JOB TALKS

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- **April 2014 --Currently** -Assistant Professor (Akademische Raetin auf Zeit) LMU, Dept. of Turkish Studies.
- **July 2014 – Currently** – *Habilitation* candidate of LMU, Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Studies.
- **April 2017** – Job talk delivered at Columbia University, MESAAS, for Armenian Studies Chair.
- **March - April 2016** - Short- term visiting scholar at UC Berkeley Armenian Studies.

(LMU-UCB Research in Humanities)

- **February 2014** – Erasmus Exchange Program for University Staff at Bilgi University, Department of History, offering courses on Methodology and History of Turkey.
- **October 2008 – April 2014** - Lecturer (wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin) at LMU, Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Studies; teaching modern Turkish and late Ottoman history, and modern Western Armenian.
- **October 2013** – Job talk delivered at Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg, for Junior Professorship at Turkish Studies.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- **2015 – Currently** : Member of Society for Armenian Studies
- **2014 – Currently** : Editorial board of Etudes Armeniennes Contemporaines.

### LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

#### BOOKS

- *The Armenians in the Modern Turkey: Post-Genocide Society, Politics and History*, I.B. Tauris, 2016.
- Forthcoming: Turkish translation of *The Armenians in Modern Turkey*, translated by Ayşe Günaysu, Aras Publishing.

#### EDITED VOLUMES

- Etudes Armeniennes Contemporaines September 2017, with Sossie Andezian (CNRS) and Boris Adjemian (Boghos Nubar Library, Paris).

#### ARTICLES

- Forthcoming: “A History of Armenians Remaining in Turkey: Survival and Denial” ed. by Stephan Astourian and Raymond Kevorkian, Zoryan Institute.
- Forthcoming: “Can the Survivor Speak”, in *After the Ottomans. The Long Shadow of Genocide, and Armenian Resilience* ed. by Hans Lukas Kieser, Seyhan Bayraktar and

Thomas Schmutz I.B. Tauris.

- Forthcoming: “A repatriation that never took place: The Soviet Armenian call for Immigration of 1946 and its impact in Turkey”, in *After the Ottomans. The Long Shadow of Genocide, and Armenian Resilience* ed. by Hans Lukas Kieser, Seyhan Bayraktar and Khatchig Mouradian, I.B. Tauris.
- “ ‘Kimsenin Yüzünü Görmedim, [çocuk] dayımdandır’: 1856’da Konya Akşehir’de Ermeni Kilisesi’nde Çözülememiş bir dava” in *Aurum* Winter 2017, No.2, Vol. 2, p. 33-42.
- With Boris Adjemian “Making space and community through memory: Orphans and Armenian Jerusalem in the Nubar Library’s photographic archive” in *Etudes Armeniennes Contemporaines*, September 2017.
- “Anerkennung aber wie?”, in *100 Jahre Leugnung: Der Völkermord an den ArmenierInnen*, ed. by Katharina Kunter, Meron Mendel, Oliver Fassing, (Frankfurt: Aschendorff Verlag, 2017)
- *Ermeni Bestekarlar: Kemani Sarkis Efendi Suciyan Hayati ve Eserleri*, Introduction. Aras Publishing. Istanbul, March 2012.
- “Neutralitaet tötet” in *Lotta Magazin*, July 2015, Pp.57-60.
- “Toplumsal Anma Pratikleri Şekillenirken Bölüm II: Istanbul, 24 Nisan 2015” in *Azadalik*, June 2015. <https://azadalik.wordpress.com/2015/06/21/toplumsal-anma-pratikleri-sekillenirken-bolum-ii-istanbul-24-nisan-2015/>
- With Dr. Christl Catanzaro, „Şarkiyat Çalışmalarını Yapıbozumuna Uğratmak ya da Ortadoğu Çalışmalarını Dekolonize Etmek“, in *Toplumsal Tarih*, No:257, May 2015. Pp. 24-25.
- “Dört Nesil: Kurtarılamayan Son” in *Toplum ve Bilim*, No:132, April 2015. Pp. 132-149.
- „A History of a Perfect Crime“ in *Armenian Weekly Special Issue*, April 2013, Boston. Pp. 14-17.
- „Malatya, Yozgat, Ordu ve Samatya“ in *Radikal* 2, 3.2.2013.
- „Bir Cumhuriyet Açmazı: Ermeni Karşıtlığı Ortamında Ermeni Temsiliyeti“, in *Toplumsal Tarih*, No: 224, (August 2012). Istanbul. Pp. 76-79
- „Armenian Representation in Turkey“ in *Armenian Weekly Special Issue*, April 2012,

Boston.

- „Geçmeyen Geçmiş“, in *Azadalik*, 2 March 2012  
<http://azadalik.wordpress.com/2012/03/02/gecmeyen-gecmis1/>
- „Gündelik Irkçılık Start Aldı“, in *Radikal*, 28 February 2012
- “Suçun ve Özrün Sonsuzluğu”, in *Radikal*, 6 December 2011
- “The Elections in Turkey: An Assessment”, in *Armenian Weekly*, 20 June 2011
- “NTV’den Seçimleri Takip Edememek”, in *Azadalik*  
<http://azadalik.wordpress.com/2011/06/23/ntv%E2%80%99den-secimleri-takipedememek/> 23 June 2011.
- “Tarafsızlık Kurbanı Yeniden Kurban Eder”, in *Azadalik*  
<http://azadalik.wordpress.com/2011/05/30/tarafsizlik-kurbani-yeniden-kurban-eder/>  
May 2011
- “Ermeniler Varujan Köseyan’a Tarihlerini Borçludur” in *Agos*, No 786, May 2011
- “Ebru, Mozaik, Anadolu’nun Rengi Değilim Ben!”, in *Agos*, No 787, May 2011
- With Ayda Erbal “One Hundred Years of Abandonment”, in *Armenian Weekly Special Issue*, Boston: April 2011.
- “Dink Davası, Utanma ve Rehine Layık Görülen Adalet”, in *Toplumsal Tarih* Sayı: 204, Istanbul: December 2010.
- “Yokluk Coğrafyasına Yolculuk "Akdamar"ın Rehini, Surp Haç Kilisesi”, in *Toplumsal Tarih*, No:202, Istanbul.
- ‘Zero Problems’ with Whom?, in *Armenian Weekly*, 10 June 2010. Boston.
- “Istanbul, 24 Nisan 2010”, in *Toplumsal Tarih*, No:199, May 2010. Istanbul.
- “What do we know about women’s experiences?” in *Armenian Weekly*, 7 March 2010  
<http://www.armenianweekly.com/2010/03/07/suciyan-what-do-we-know-about-women%E2%80%99s-experiences/>
- “An Uneasy Choice” in *Armenian Weekly*, 11 January 2010  
<http://www.armenianweekly.com/2010/01/11/suciyan-an-uneasy-choice/>
- “Diyaspora Kim?”, *Taraf*, 20 October 2009.
- “Türkiye 1908-1914: Biyografik Yaklaşımlar” Konferansına Dair Notlar” in *Tarih ve Toplum Yeni Yaklaşımlar*. No: 8, 2009, pp.187-193

## TRANSLATIONS

### Western Armenian - Turkish

- Vahe Berberian. *Baba ve Oğul Adına*. Aras Publishing, Istanbul. 2008
- Vahe Tachdjian. “Ruhlar Konağı”, in *Toplumsal Tarih*. December 2010, No: 204 Istanbul.
- Vartan Matiossian. “Istanbul Diaspora mıdır Değil midir?”, in <http://azadalik.wordpress.com/2011/07/05/istanbul-diyaspora-midir-degil-midir/>, July 2011

### English – Western Armenian

- With Vahe Tachjian, “Vagina Monologues – My Vagina was my Village  
“Հեւոոցը գիւղս էր” staged in Yerevan, Armenia. January 2011.

## LECTURES, CONFERENCE PAPERS and WORKSHOPS

- **January 2018:** Workshop on denial, Begegnung, Berlin, *Sprechen über den Genozid an den Armenierinnen und Armeniern, 1915/16*.
- **December 2017:** Lecture at the Congress entitled *Academic Freedom and Politics* at LMU.
- **July 2017:** Presentation held at doctoral seminar of the Faculty of Catholic Theology, with Christl Catanzaro.
- **October 2016:** Lecture at Stockton University New Jersey.
- **June 2016:** Paper presented at the International Network of Genocide Scholars, at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- **May 2016:** Paper presented at the international conference “Promised Lands: Israel-Diaspora Relations and Beyond”, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.
- **March – April 2016:** UC Berkeley, UCLA, UM Dearborn, NAASR, Rutgers College New Jersey lectures presenting *The Armenians in Modern Turkey*.
- **February 2016:** Lecture and book event at Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich
- **January 2016:** Lecture at Tarih Vakfı (History Foundation) in Istanbul.
- **December 2015:** Lecture delivered at Bogazici University in Istanbul. “Can cinema help facing the history?”

- **November 2015:** Paper presented in Kassel, lecture organized by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation.
- **November 2015:** Paper presented at SOAS Armenian Studies Program Lecture Series, “One hundred years of denial.”
- **October 2015:** Paper presented at the conference of “Ottoman Cataclysm: Total War, Genocide and Distant Future in the Middle East” paper entitled ‘Can the survivor speak?’
- **June 2015:** Paper presented at an international conference organized by Stockton University New Jersey and European University Cyprus in Nicosia, “Lines Between: Culture and Empire in the Eastern Mediterranean”. Paper entitled “Everyday Life in the Geography of Genocide.”
- **April 2015:** Paper presented at Bogazici University History Club’s lecture series, BUTİK 2015, “Erken Cumhuriyet Döneminde İnkâr Habitusunun Kurulumu.”
- **March 2015:** Paper presented at a workshop organized by Institut Francais d’Etudes Anatoliennes (IFEA Istanbul), “Failsiz bir Soykırım Yaratırken Sinema.”
- **February 2015:** Organized a workshop for Anne Frank Bildungstaette in Frankfurt “Räume der Erinnerung und Räume des Vergessens: Deutschland, der Völkermord an den ArmenierInnen und die Shoah.”
- **Januray 2015:** Paper presented at the **University of Konstanz** “Überleben im Land des Genozids.”
- **April 2014:** Lecture organized by **Columbia University Global Center in Istanbul**. Paper presented “Istanbul: Sürgün ya da Panoptikon.”
- **February 2014 :** Paper presented in Munich, at LMU, **Turkologentag 2014**, “Surviving in the Geography of Genocide.”
- **February 2014:** Paper presented in Hamburg, at the **Institut für Migrations- und Rassismusforschung**: Seminarreihe Begegnungen in Geschichte: und Gegenwart: Deutschland und die Türkei.
- **March 2014: University of Michigan Ann Arbor**, Lecture Series of Armenian Studies Program: “The Generation of *Nor Or* (Nor Orean Serunt): Resistance in the

Geography of Genocide.”

- **July 2013:** Paper presented in Jerusalem, conference organized by Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and Gulbenkian Library
- **April 2013:** Paper presented in San Francisco, at the **University of California Berkeley**, Armenian Studies chair on the history of Armenians in Turkey.
- **November 2012:** Paper presented in Zürich, at the University of Zurich, History Department.
- **October 2012:** Paper presented in Yerevan, Strategies of Un (Silencing): Yerevan Conference to Explore Complexities of Armenian/Turkish Divides, on 26<sup>th</sup> of October.
- **March 2012:** Paper presented in the Second International Graduate Students’ Conference on Holocaust and Genocide Studies on 29 March – 1 April 2012 organized by **Clark University**, USA.
- **December 2011:** Paper presented at the workshop organized by University of Bamberg, Orient Institute Istanbul and Houshamadyan, “The Imperial Center in Ottoman-Armenian Personal Memoirs (19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> centuries)”.
- **May 2009:** Participated “II. Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop” in Istanbul

## **ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND LECTURE SERIES**

- **November 2015:** Inviting Prof. Tom Papademetriou (Stockton University, New Jersey) to Munich for delivering a lecture on Ottoman Empire and Orthodox Patriarchate of Istanbul.
- **February 2015** – Organizing a workshop entitled “Deconstructing Oriental Studies” in Munich, at LMU together with Dr. Christl Catanzaro, funded by Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.
- **July 2014** - Member of organizing committee of an international conference, held in Jerusalem in July 2014, funded by Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, in Lisbon.
- **February 2014** - Member of organizing committee of **Turkologentag 2014** at LMU,

Munich.

- Organizing a lecture series jointly with Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Lisbon) and Gomidas Institute (London) at LMU Turkish Studies Chair in Munich. Guests of the lecture series were Prof. David Gaunt, Assoc. Prof. Janet Klein, Dr. Seda Altug and Prof. Hans-Lukas Kieser.
- **February 2012 and November 2012** - Performing a dramatic reading of the texts of Hagop Mntsurian on Istanbul, together with Hülya Bozkurt and Yeliz Soytemel at LMU in Munich and in Berlin, in three languages, Armenian, Turkish and in German.
- In 2010, 2011 and 2012 organizing a series of lectures entitled "*Armenian Days in Munich*", at LMU, with the participation of Prof. Kevork Bardakjian, Silvina Der Muegerditchian, Alice von Bieberstein, Prof. Marc Nichanian Prof. Raymond Kevorkian, Dr. Vahe Tachjian and Ara Sarafian and others.
- Organizing a lecture together with the chair of Jewish History at LMU: Dr. Corry Gutstadt, "Rettung oder Rückweisung - die Politik der Türkei gegenüber Juden während des Holocaust" on 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2012.
- Organizing an oral history workshop with the lecturers and students of LMU, Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, "Kars – Yerevan : Remembering the Other Side" with Prof. Dr. Christoph K. Neumann.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

- **2011 – 2012** AGBU scholarship granted for my PhD research in Istanbul.
- **March 2009** - Scholarship granted by Südosteuropa Gesellschaft, for my PhD research in Istanbul and in Yerevan.
- **June 2003** - DAAD Scholarship for studying one semester in Durban, University of Kwa Zulu Natal.
- Scholarship granted by Armenian Teacher's Association for my Master's Studies in Germany, 2003-2005.



## FILMS AND FESTIVALS

- **January 2011** - Produced a short video “Meri’s Grandma”.
- **August 2008** Co-director of a documentary entitled “Searching for Zabel Yesayan”, filmed in Armenia. The film has been screened in Istanbul, Yerevan, Beirut, Hamburg, Munich, Berlin, London, Michigan, Boston, Durham, New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia and Toronto.
- **July 2001** Directed a short documentary ‘Uncle Skipper’, a story of an Armenian skipper living in Yesilkoy, Istanbul.
- **September 2000** Directed a documentary ‘From Odrisa To Edirne’
- **April 2001** ‘From Odrisa To Edirne’ received a documentary prize by the Journalist Union of Thrace and the film has shown 13th International Short Film Festival in Istanbul/Turkey
- **November 2001**, ‘From Odrisa To Edirne’ participated in 4<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of Cinema and History, Istanbul/Turkey

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Western Armenian (mother tongue)

Turkish (native)

English (fluent)

German (fluent)

Italian (advanced)

French (basic)

Greek (basic)

Ottoman (Printed documents and Rika)



