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Born in Teplice, Czechoslovakia, May 31, 1969. Citizen of the European Union.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021 (April-August) Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, Germany

• Visiting Professor, Faculty of Cultural Studies/Fakultät für Kulturwissenschaften Undergraduate course: *Mittelasien, Mittlerer Osten, Mittelmeer: 1500-2020, eine Gesellschaften un Kulturen im Panorama.*

Graduate Seminars: The Global Ottoman Empire; Comparative Crisis: A Rethinking of Turkish and Iranian Studies..

2019-2021 **American University of Sharjah**, United Arab Emirates

• Visiting Professor, Department of International Studies

Undergraduate courses: *The 20th Century World; Globalization; The Modern History of the Gulf; The Middle East and the Americas; A Modern History of Palestine; UAE-Studies; The Ottoman Empire.*

2015-(on leave) **Stockholm University**, Sweden

• Docent (granted 2018)/Associate Professor, Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies and Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS).

Director of Curriculum Development, Graduate Studies Program, Middle Eastern Studies Undergraduate courses: Modern History of the Middle East; MENA Politics and Economy Graduate Seminars in Middle Eastern Studies: Sources; Middle Eastern Studies: Debating a Discipline; Area Studies: Theory and Method; Human Rights in the Middle East, East Asia, and Turkey; De-Westernizing Key Concepts in the Study of the World.

2018 University of Copenhagen, Denmark

• Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, School for the Humanities.

Courses Taught: (Co-taught) Structural Change in the Modern Middle East; Comparative Methods in Cultural Studies; Group Supervision Seminar for Turkish Studies students at department.

2018 **Ludwig-Maximilians University**, Munich, Germany

• Visiting Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies (January 8 to February 4, 2018).

Project, "Representing Migration" and Co-organizer of International Workshop "Representing Migration: The Legacy of Post-Imperial Migrations from World War I to the Cold War (January 29 and 30, 2018). https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/termine-36277?language=en

2017 University of Toronto, Canada

• Visiting Professor, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, (March to September, 2017).

2006-2016 Georgia State University (GSU), Atlanta, GA

• Associate Professor, History Department/Middle East Institute (Promoted 2011)

Director of Study Abroad Program to Turkey and UAE/Oman

Courses Taught: Upper-level undergraduate courses: *The American Empire and Southeast Asia, 1900-1990; Modern East European History; Empire; Modern Europe since 1789; The Ancient Mediterranean World; Middle East History, 600-1800;* and *The Middle East since 1800.* Undergraduate survey courses taught: *World History I* and *World History II.*

Graduate Seminars in Modern Middle Eastern History; Ottoman Historiography; Modern European History; Diasporas and Migrations; and Southeast Asia since the Eighteenth Century.

Designed four new courses for department: *The Middle East and the Americas*; *The American Empire and Southeast Asia, 1900-1990*; *Turkey: Bridge to the Ages* (study abroad to Turkey)' *The Ottoman Empire, 1300-1922* and *A Modern History of Palestine*.

2014-2015 **University of Antwerp**, Antwerp Belgium.

• Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Hoofddocent, Departement Geschiedenis, Center for Political History and Center of Migration and Intercultural Studies.

Undergraduate Courses: Muslims in World History; The Modern Balkans; The Ottoman Empire. Graduate Seminars: Ethnographies of Islam in Europe: Belgium's Muslims; The Low Countries and the Islamic World.

2013 (Sept-Dec.) The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

• Visiting Professor, International History Department

Seminar: Consequences of Empire: Ottoman Collapse and the Birth of the Middle East, 1839-1939.

2010-2014 (Jan.) **Leipzig University**, Leipzig Germany

• Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Area Studies

Seminars: The Modern Middle East: Its Political Relations to the World and International Politics and the Modern Balkans.

2005-2010 American University, Washington DC

• Lecturer/Director of Overseas Program in the United Arab Emirates, School of International Service Graduate Supervision: Senior and MA project supervisor to 16 projects based in the UAE. Role included organizing professional internships and running seminar in the region.

2005-06, 2007, 2013 American University of Sharjah (AUS), United Arab Emirates

Assistant Professor (and visiting Professor), Department of International Studies

Courses Taught: Introduction to Politics; War, Conflict and Diplomacy; World History Survey I/II; Modern Arab Society; History of Modern Palestine; Introduction to International Relations; and A Social History of the Arab Gulf.

2004-2005 **Trinity College**, Hartford, CT.

- Visiting Lecturer, History/International Studies Departments
- Courses Taught: The Modern Middle East: 1600-2001; Middle East History: 700 to 1600; Islam and Muslim Migration: A New Look at the World; The Lost History of Islam in Europe: A Story of Engagement and Exclusion; and Terrorism or Armed Resistance?
- Thesis Supervisor for 4 Senior Projects and 1 Master's thesis.

2004 (Summer) New School University, New York, NY

- Adjunct Instructor, Department of Social Sciences
- Course Taught: A History of the Modern Middle East

2004 (Spring) Yeshiva University, Stern College for Women, New York, NY

- Adjunct Instructor, History Department
- Course Taught: A Social History of Islam: Women, Law and Politics.

2003 (Fall) New York University, School of Continuing Education, NY

- Adjunct Instructor, General Studies Program
- Courses Taught: Near Eastern Civilization and The Politics of the Modern Middle East.

2003-2004 New York University, College of Arts and Sciences, NY

- Preceptor, Morse Academic Plan: World Cultures Segment
- Course Taught: Islam in Asia and Islamic Societies and Shi'ism.

2000 (Summer) Central European University, Summer School in International Relations

- Instructor/Lecturer (Visiting Faculty), Tirana, Albania.
- Course Taught: The International Politics of the Balkans

1995, 1998-1999 New York University, College of Arts and Sciences, NY

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Middle Eastern Studies
- Course Taught: *Sufis: Mystics of Islam*, Fall Class for Prof. Peter Chelkowski and *Iran: 1800 to the Present* Spring Class for Prof. Chelkowski and *Survey of the Modern Middle East*, Summer 1995 Class for Prof. Max Kortepeter.

EDUCATION

1996-2005 **New York University**, New York, NY

- PhD. Joint program in the Departments of Middle Eastern/Islamic Studies and History
- Dissertation: "The Consequences of Empire in the Balkans and Red Sea: Reading Possibilities in the Transformations of the Modern World." (Defended April 20, 2005).
- Committee: Zachary Lockman (Chair), Frederick Cooper, Khaled Fahmy, and Ruth Ben-Ghiat, New York University, and Maria Todorova, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1993-1995 New School for Social Research, New York, NY

- M.A. in Political Science and Historical Studies. January, 1995.
- Master's Thesis: "The Politics of Culture and Power in Albania's Postwar State."
- Committee: Charles Tilly, Aristide Zolberg and Eric Hobsbawm.

1990-1991 **Sorbonne, Paris IV.** Paris, France.

- Première et deuxième années de DEUG
- Histoire Contemporaine de l'Afrique du Nord et du Proche Orient.
- Advisor: Claude-André Julien.

1988-1993 **New School for Social Research**, New York, NY

- B.A. Political Science, June, 1993.
- Committee: Talal Asad and Aldo-Lauria Santiago

JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (SELECTED)

- Collaborator and co-applicant in multi-year project, "Decolonizing Hellas: Imperial Pasts, Contested Presents, Emancipated Futures, 1821-2021" (Jointly organized with Anthropology Department, American University of Beirut, The Decolonizing Initiative, Brown University, and the Social Anthropology Department, University of Thessaly).
- Coordinator of research projects on indigenous Islamic practices (legal, ceremonial, cultural) in the Balkans and East Africa (with editorial responsibilities for another 7 regional studies) The World Muslim Communities Council, Geneva/Abu Dhabi (Switzerland and UAE). 2020 (\$200,000).
- American University of Sharjah, SEED Grant, 2019-2020. (\$3500).
- Core Member of Working Group "Global Environmental Borderlands in the Age of Empire," Jointly Sponsored by the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University and Stanford University, 2019-2021. (\$5000 annually).
- Organizer of "Movement and Gender in Late Ottoman Contexts," Public Panel Debate with guests: Carole Woodall (University of Colorado) and Stacy Fahrenthold (UC Davis), December 9, 2018 (Copenhagen, Denmark). Funds provided by Carlsberg Foundation (15,000 DK).
- Co-organizer of International Workshop "The Last Ottoman Generation and Interwar Europe," CEMES/SAXO, Copenhagen University, December 5 and 6, 2018 (Denmark) (100,000DK).
- Visiting Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies, LMU-Munich. Project Coordinator, "Representing Migration." (January 8 to February 4, 2018).
- Co-organizer of International Symposium "Islamophobia in Europe," funded jointly by the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies (BALKAR) of Yıldız Technical University and IRCICA, January 13 and 14, 2017 (Istanbul, Turkey). (30,000 Euros).
- Finalist, "Animating Muslim Memories in Europe," (700,000 Euro budget) Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek-Flemish Research Foundation (FWO) Odysseus Group II Program, Project Sponsored by University of Antwerp, History Department. Declined to move to Stockholm.
- Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek-Flemish Research Foundation (FWO), Postdoctoral Research Fellowship and Faculty Appointment (2014-2016). (56,000 Euros per year).
- NEH Summer Seminar Scholar for World War I and Ottoman Empire project, hosted by Georgetown University, Washington DC (Summer, 2014). (\$3500).
- Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Area Studies, "Cultural Encounters and Political Orders in a Global Age" Leipzig University (2010-2014). (39,000 Euros annually).
- Faculty development grant, Georgia State University, History Department, 2006 and 2007. (\$5000).
- Research Development Funding from Chancellor's Grant-for-new-faculty program. American University of Sharjah, UAE, 2005. (\$2500).
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Title VIII Supported Short-term Scholar, 2004.

- American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2003-2004. (\$28,000).
- CAORC Grant for Dissertation Research in Tirana, Rome and Istanbul, 2003. (\$12,000).
- American Research Institute of Turkey/NEH Dissertation Fellowship, 2002. (\$12,000).
- Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Award, 2001-2002. (\$22,000).
- SSRC Near and Middle Eastern Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2001. (\$15,000).
- American Research Institute of Turkey Dissertation Fellowship, 2000. (\$12,000).
- SSRC/ACLS International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship (IDRF), 1999-2000. (\$18,000)
- Fulbright Fellowship, 1999-2000. (\$8,000).
- American Institute of Yemeni Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 1998. (\$5500).
- Foreign Languages and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Title VI (Arabic, Ottoman and Turkish) full year 1997, 1998 and 2003 and summer 1997 and 1998.
- New School Scholarship, 1993-1995.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Albanian (Fluent), French (Fluent), Modern Turkish (Advanced) and Ottoman Turkish (Reading), Arabic (Advanced), Italian (Advanced), Spanish (Advanced), German (Reading, Basic Spoken), Swedish (Reading), Dutch (Reading), Portuguese (Reading), and Serbo-Croatian (Reading).

Publications - Books, Journal Articles, Chapters, Professional Reports, Book Reviews

Books and Monographs

- Destroying Yemen: What Chaos in Arabia tells us About the World (University of California Press, 2018). ISBN: 9780520296145; https://doi.org/10.1525/california/9780520296138.001.0001. Reviewed in Global Intellectual History (Fall 2018); Middle East Journal (Fall 2018), Arab Studies Quarterly (Spring 2019); Asian Review of World Histories (Winter 2020).
- Ottoman Refugees, 1878-1939: Migration in a Post-Imperial World (Bloomsbury Academic, November 2013). ISBN: 9781474227896

Reviewed in *Choice* (Sept. 2014); *American Historical Review* (2014); *Journal of Refugee Studies* (2015); *Arab Studies Journal* (2015).

• Foundations of Modernity: Human Agency and the Imperial State (Routledge, July 2012). ISBN: 9780203815878; https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203815878.

Reviewed in International Journal of Middle East Studies, (Feb. 2013); Rethinking History: The Journal of Theory and Practice, (Spring 2013). Balkanistica (Spring 2014); The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms (2015), International Journal for History, Culture and Modernity (2015)

• *Reinstating the Ottomans: Alternative Balkan Modernities, 1800-1912* (Palgrave, May 2011). ISBN: 978-0-230-11018-2; https://doi.org/10.1057/9780230119086.

Reviewed in *Slavic Review*, (Summer 2012); *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, (Summer 2012); *Dîvân* (in Turkey), (Summer 2012); *American Historical Review* (January, 2013); *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (August, 2013); *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* (2013).

• *Chaos in Yemen: Societal Collapse and the New Authoritarianism* (Routledge Advances in Middle East and Islamic Studies series, 2010). ISBN 9780203847428; https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203847428.

Reviewed in Yemen News no. 10, (2011); International Journal of Middle East Studies, Vol. 43 (2011); British-Yemeni Society, (Fall 2011); Review of Middle East Studies (Winter 2013).

- Rethinking the Late Ottoman Empire: A Comparative Social and Political History of Albania and Yemen, 1878-1918 (Republished with Gorgias Press, 2010). ISBN: 978-1-61719-096-4
 Reviewed in Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies, Arab Studies Journal, The Toyo Gakuho (Tokyo), and Südost-Forschungen (Munich).
- *Political Islam among the Albanians: Are the Taliban Coming to the Balkans?* (Prishtina: Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development, 2005). 2 editions. ISBN: 9951140157.
- Rethinking the Late Ottoman Empire: A Comparative Social and Political History of Albania and Yemen, 1878-1918 (Istanbul: ISIS Press, 2003). 2 editions. ISBN: 975-428-242-0

Edited Contributions

- Co-editor (with Mehmet Hacısalihoğlu) Special Issue: Islamophobia in Europe, *IRCICA Journal* vol. 3 issue 6 (February 2018), 208 pages. http://www.balkar.yildiz.edu.tr/sayfa/5/IRCICA-Journal/159.
- Co-editor (With Hakan Yavuz), War & Nationalism: The Balkan Wars (1912-1913) and Socio-Political Implications (University of Utah Press, August 2013), 884 pages. ISBN: 9781607812401.
- Editor and co-author (with Robert Muharremi), *The United Nations Mission in Kosovo and the Privatization of Socially Owned Property: A Critical Outline of the Present Privatization Process in Kosovo* (Prishtina: Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development, 2005). 2 Editions. ISBN 9951140130.
- Editor and co-author (with Robert Muharremi), *Administration and Governance in Kosovo: Cluster of Competence and the Rehabilitation of War-Torn Societies* (Prishtina: Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development, 2005) 2 Editions. ISBN 9951140092.
- Editor and author of introduction/conclusion, *Administration and Governance in Kosovo: Lessons Learned and Lessons to be Learned* (Geneva: CASIN, 2003). ISBN 995112009-2.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- "Imperial Equivocations: Britain's Temperamental Mobilization of the Caliphate, 1912-1924," *Rivista italiana di storia internazionale*, vol. IV, no. 1 (2021, Forthcoming).
- "Amerika'da Balkanlar'ın Kültürel Elitinin Paradoksal Dağılımı: Sona Kadar Bir Osmanlı Arnavut Hikayesi," *Kebikeç* (Ankara) Vol. 50 (2020), 261-284.
- "An Ottoman Story Until the End: Reading Fan Noli's Post-Mediterranean Struggle in America, 1906-1922," *Journal of Balkans and Black Sea Studies* Vol. 3 Issue 5 (2020), 121-143.
- "The Albanian Question Looms Over the Balkans Again." *Current History* 119/815 (March, 2020): 95-100. https://doi.org/10.1525/curh.2020.119.815.95.
- "Speaking above Yemenis: A reading beyond the Tyranny of experts," *Global Intellectual History* 4/4 (2019), 1-25. https://doi.org/10.1080/23801883.2019.1699332.
- "Albanian Slide: The Roots to NATO's Pending Lost Balkan Enterprise." *Insight Turkey* (Special Issue The Balkans at a Crossroads) Spring Vol. 21. No. 2 (2019): 149-170. https://doi.org/10.25253/99.2019212.10.
- "Introduction: Islamophobia in Europe," IRCICA Journal, 6/1 (February 2018): 1-28. ISSN: 2148-2772.

- "Nothing New: Islamophobia by Default in Postwar Europe," *IRCICA Journal*, 6/1 (February 2018): 29-65. ISSN: 2148-2772.
- "[What You Should Read] What is Happening in Yemen," *The Maydan*, November 15 (2017). https://themaydan.com/2017/11/read-happening-yemen/.
- "Reorientating European Imperialism: How Ottomanism Went Global," *Die Welt des Islams*, 56/3-4 (2016): 290-316. Print ISSN: 0043-2539; https://doi.org/10.1163/15700607-05634p02.
- "An Honorable Break from Besa: Reconsidering Ottoman Administration in the Balkans, 1850-1881," *European Journal of Turkish Studies* 18 (2014): 1-23. https://doi.org/10.4000/ejts.4857.
- "Entangled Trajectories: The Interweaving Interests of the Local and the Evolution of Modern Imperialism in the Balkans," *Balkanistica* 24 [2011]: 25-58. ISBN: 0360-2206.
- "The Frontier as a Measure of Imperial Power: Local Limits to Empire in Yemen, 1872 to 1914," *Proceedings of the British Academy* 156 [2009]: 289-304. ISBN: 9780197264423.
- "Unique Authoritarianism: Shifting Fortunes and the Malleability of the Salih Regime in Yemen, 1990-Present," *EUI Working Papers, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies: Mediterranean Programme* RSCAS 2009/10 (Florence, 2009).
- "The Evolution of Red Sea Trade in the 19th Century Ottoman Yemen," *Journal of Turkish Studies* Special Issue: In Memoriam Şinasi Tekin, 31/1 [2007]: 157-175.
- "Seeing Beyond the River Drin: Sarajevo, Ottoman Albanians and Imperial Rivalry in the Balkans after 1878," *Kakanien* (Vienna, Austria) [2007]: 1-9.
- "Demystifying the Mystical in Kosova," Ojo de Pez (Barcelona) [November 2006]: 114-141.
- "Toward a New Approach to Ottoman Historiography" *Arab Studies Journal* Vol. XII No. 2/ Vol. XIII No. 1: [Fall 2004/Spring 2005]: 226-232. ISSN: 10834753.
- "Defining Social Spaces by Way of Deletion: The Untold Story of Albanian Migration in the Post-war Period" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 29/6, [November 2003]: 949-965. https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183032000171311.
- "Thwarting the Ottoman Empire: Smuggling through the Empire's New Frontiers in Ottoman Yemen and Albania, 1878-1910." *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 9/1-2 [Summer 2003]: 255-274.
- "Negotiating Globalization: The Challenges of International Intervention Through the Eyes of Albanian Muslims, 1850-2003." *UCLA Center for European and Eurasian Studies*, Occasional Lecture Series, Paper 2 [2003].
- "Contesting the Edges of the Ottoman Empire: Rethinking Ethnic and Sectarian Boundaries in the Malësore, 1878-1912," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 35/2 [May 2003]: 237-256. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020743803000102.
- "Capitulations in the Late Ottoman Empire: The shifting parameters of Russian and Austrian interests in Ottoman Albania, 1878-1912," *Oriente Moderno* 83/3 [2003]: 635-647. https://doi.org/10.1163/22138617-08303005.
- "Beyond the Margins of the Empire: Searching the Limitations of Ottoman Rule in Yemen and Albania." in *MIT-Electronic Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* [Vol. 3 Spring, 2003]: 10-18.
- "The War in Bosnia: Internationalizing Ethnic Conflict," Review Essay, *Balkanistica* [Vol. 16 Spring, 2003]: 159-163. ISBN: 0360-2206.
- "Publishers, Hitmen, Diplomats, and Dreamers: Switzerland's Ottoman-Albanian Diaspora, 1899-1920," *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Geschichte/Revue Suisse d'Histoire* [Vol. 52, 2002]: 309-320. ISSN: 00367834

- "The Islamist Challenge in Kosova," *Current History* 101/2 [March 2003]: 124-128. https://doi.org/10.1525/curh.2003.102.662.124.
- "Preparation for a Revolution: The Young Turks, 1902-1908." in *MIT-Electronic Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* eds. Hanssen and Yahya [Vol.2, October 2002]: 13-21.
- "A Story of Mitigated Ambitions: Kosova's Torturous Path to its Postwar Future," *Alternatives: Turkish Journal of International Relations* 1/4, [2002]: 30-52. ISSN 2146-0809.
- "Kosova: From the Brink—and Back Again" *Current History* 100/650 [November, 2001]: 15-20. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1525/curh.2001.100.649.369.
- "Teaching Loyalty in the Late Ottoman Balkans: Educational Reform in the Vilayets of Manastir and Yanya, 1878-1912," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* [Vol. 21, October 2001]: 15-23. https://doi.org/10.1215/1089201X-21-1-2-15.
- "Recent Studies on Albanian Nationalism at the End of the Ottoman Empire from Turkey and the Arab World," Review Essay, *Balkanistica* [Vol. 14 Spring, 2001]: 139-44. ISBN: 0360-2206.
- "Outside the Foreseeable Future: The Tyranny of Ethnicity Politics in Kosova," *The Anthropology of East Europe Review*, 19/1 [Spring, 2001]: 109-127. eISSN: 2153-2931
- "Looking Beyond the Tribe: Abandoning Paradigms to Write Social History in Yemen during World War I," *New Perspectives on Turkey* No. 22 (Summer, 2000): 117-145. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/S0896634600003307.
- Internalized Marginality: Ethnic Borders to Democratic Growth in Kosova (Florence: RSCAS, 2000).
- "One Year of Failure in Kosova: Chances Missed and the Unknown Future," *South Eastern European Politics* 1/1, Summer, 2000]: 15-24. ISSN 1586-9733.
- "Forging a New Kosovo," Central European Review 2/26, [July 2000].
- "Hoxha's Class War: The Cultural Revolution in Albania, 1961-1971." *East European Quarterly* [XXXIII, No. 3, September, 1999]: 534-569. ISSN: 0012-8449.
- "The Commodification of Otherness in the Study of the Balkans: How to Look at the Albanian." *East European Politics and Societies* 12/3 [Fall 1998]: 527-569. https://doi.org/10.1177/0888325498012003006.
- "Makedonya Arnavutları," (in Turkish) Avrasya Dosyası 4/1 [Spring-Summer, 1998]: 150-161.
- "The Politics of Culture and Power: The Roots of Hoxha's Postwar State," *East European Quarterly* [XXXI, No. 3, September 1997]: 409-428. ISSN: 0012-8449.
- "Albanians in Macedonia: Has the Rain Come?" *International Journal of Albanian Studies* 1/1 [Fall 1997]: 32-56. ISSN: 1535-6809.

Peer Reviewed Chapters in Edited Volumes

- "Exceptionally Normal (post)Ottomans: The Paradoxical Dispersal of the Balkans' Cultural Elite," in Laura Almagor. Gunvor Simonsen, and Haakon A. Ikonomou (eds.) *Global Biographies:* (Manchester University Press, forthcoming).
- "Ottoman Albanians in an era of Transition: An Engagement with a Fluid Modern World," in Chovanec, Johanna, Heilo, Olof (Eds.). *Narrating Empires: Perceptions of Late Habsburg and Ottoman Multinationalism* (Palgrave, 2021), 191-212. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-55199-5.
- "Imam Muhammad al-Badr," in Encyclopedia of Islam, 3rd Edition (Brill: 2021).
- "Yemen, Imperialism in," in Ness I., Cope Z. (eds.) *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism* (Cham-Palgrave-Macmillan, 2020). https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-91206-6_51-1.

- "Navigating the Challenge of Liberalism: The Albanian Orthodox Church's Century," in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.) *Orthodox Churches and Politics in Southeastern Europe* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019), 197-222. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-24139-1 9.
- "Battles of Nostalgic Proportion: The Transformations of Islam-as-Historical-Force in Western Balkan Reconstitutions of the Past," in Catharina Raudvere (ed.) *Nostalgia, Loss & Creativity in South-East Europe: Political and Cultural Representations of the Past* (Palgrave, 2018): 37-71. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-71252-9_3.
- "Battles of Nostalgic Proportion: The Transformations of Islam-as-Historical-Force in the Ideological Matrix of a Self-Affirming 'West'," in Agon Hamza (ed.) *Althusser and Theology: Religion, Politics, and Philosophy* (Leiden, Brill, 2016): 182-197. https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004291553_014.
- "The Transformation of Islam in Kosovo and its Impact on Albanian Politics," in Branislav Radeljić and Martina Topić (eds.) *Religion in the Post-Yugoslav Political Context* (Lexington Press, 2015): 173-96. ISBN: 978-1-4985-2247-2.
- "Albanians' Islam[s]," in Jocelyn Caesari (ed.) *Handbook for European Islam* (Oxford University Press, 2014), 475-516. Co-authored with Gëzim Krasniqi. https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199607976.013.19.
- "Religion and Politics among Albanians of Southeastern Europe," in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.) *Religion and Politics in Post-Socialist Central and Southeastern Europe* (Palgrave-Macmillan 2014): 286-313. ISBN 978-1-137-33072-7. https://doi.org/10.1057/9781137330727.
- "World War I in Albania" in Oliver Janz and Nicolas Apostolopoulos (eds.) 1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War. http://www.1914-1918-online.net/.
- "Introduction," in Blumi and Yavuz (eds.) *War & Nationalism: The Balkan Wars* (1912-13) and Socio-Political *Implications* (University of Utah Press, 2013): 1-30. ISBN: 9781607812401.
- "Impacts of the Balkan Wars: The Uncharted Paths from Empire to Nation-State," in Blumi and Yavuz (eds.) War & Nationalism: The Balkan Wars (1912-13) and Socio-Political Implications (University of Utah Press, 2013): 528-557.
- "Unsettling Paradigms: War in the Balkans, Refugees and the Forgotten Spaces of Change," in Matthias Middel (ed.) *Self-Reflexive Area Studies* (Leipziger Universitätsvlg, 2013), 79-101. ISBN: 978-3865837899.
- "Not our Kind: Generational Barriers Dividing Postwar Albanian Migrant Communities," Silberman, Till and Ward (eds.) *Walls, Borders, Boundaries: Strategies of Surveillance and Survival* (Berghahn Books, 2012), 173-190. ISBN 978-0-85745-504-8.
- "Agents of Post-Ottoman States: The Precariousness of the Berlin Congress Boundaries of Montenegro and how to define/confine people," Yavuz and Sluglett (eds.) *War & Diplomacy: The Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 and the Treaty of Berlin* (University of Utah Press, 2011): 194-231. ISBN-13: 978-1607811503.
- "Neither Eastern nor Welcome: The Confused Lives of Berlin's Balkan Migrants, 1950-2000," Marc Silberman, (ed.) *The German Wall: Fallout in Europe* (Palgrave-Macmillian, 2011): 183-207. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1057/9780230118577.
- "Adding New Scales of History to the Eastern Mediterranean: Illicit Trade and the Albanian," Meltem Toksoz and Biray Kirli (eds.), *Cities of the Mediterranean: From the Ottomans to the Present Day* [London: I.B.Tauris, 2010]: 116-138. ISBN: 9781780767697.
- "Translating Imperial Failures into Smugglers' Gold: The Boundaries of State in Ottoman Albania and Yemen, 1872-1908," I. William Zartman (ed.) *Boundaries in Depth and in Motion* [Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2010]: 73-100. ISBN-10: 0820334073.
- "The Frontier as a Measure of Imperial Power: Local Limits to Empire in Yemen, 1872 to 1914," AGC Peacock (ed.) *Ottoman Frontiers: Political History of Territorial Limits* [Oxford University Press, 2009]: 289-304.

- "Failing the Empire: A Social History of the Late Ottoman Yemeni Borderlands," Emérite Abdeljelil Temimi (ed.) *Mélanges en l'Honneur du Prof. Dr. Suraiya Faroqhi* [Tunis: Foundation Temimi pour la Recherche Scientifique et l'Information, 2009]: 117-142. 9789973320889.
- "Seeing Beyond the River Drin: Sarajevo, Ottoman Albanians and Imperial Rivalry in the Balkans after 1878." Usha Reber, Clemens Ruthner and Raymond Detrez (eds.), *WechselWirkungen. The political, social and cultural impact of the Austro-Hungarian occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina (1878-1918)*, [New York: Peter Lang, 2008]. DOI: https://doi.org/10.3726/978-1-4539-0952-2. 978-1-4541-8909-1
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- "Ethnic Borders to a Democratic Society in Kosova: The UN's Identity Card," *Understanding the War in Kosovo*, Bieber, (ed.) [London: Frank Cass, 2003]: 318-356. ISBN 9780714683270.
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- "The Social Parameters of Identity: The Role of Education in Albanian Identity Formation" Ali Çaksu (ed.) *International Congress on Learning and Education in the Ottoman World*. [Istanbul: IRCICA, 2001]: 225-236. ISBN-10: 9290630922.
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SEMINARS AND INVITED LECTURES

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- "An Ottoman Story Until the End: Reading Fan Noli's Post-Mediterranean Struggle in America, 1900-1922," Balkan Circle, Department of Slavic Studies, University of Texas-Austin, 26 February 2021. (Austin, Texas, USA). https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/slavic/events/balkan-circle-isa-blumi.
- "Assessing Kosovo's Election Results: What to Expect Next?" at SETA, 25 Feb. 2021 (Ankara, Turkey). https://www.setav.org/en/events/web-panel-assessing-kosovos-election-results-what-to-expect-next/.
- "Unsettling the Rewriting of History: An Exercise in Unreading History," presented for seminary series "Unsettling Knowledge" at Utrecht University, 4 February 2021 (Utrecht, The Netherlands).

2020

• "Cultivating Knowledge, Sowing Destruction: North Atlantic Scholarship during the Cold War, the cases of the Balkans and South Arabia" presented to US Think Tanks and Foundations in World Politics:

The Nexus of Knowledge and Power webinar, Department of International Studies, City University of London, 4 December 2020 (London, UK).

- "Pay to Play: Imperial Adventure Literature on Ottoman Albania and Arabia, 1800-1933" AIS Workshop: Travelogues of the Ottoman Empire in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries, organized by Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, 27 November 2020 (Jena, Germany).
- "Identifying the Proximate Diaspora Experience in the long 20th century American Industrial City" lecture hosted by Center for Study of Migration, University of Toronto at Mississauga, 29 October 2020 (Toronto, Canada).
- "Putting Yemen's War in a Global Context: AnsarAllah's Resistance to the Business of Empire," lecture commissioned by MA Peace Action, University of Mass-Boston, 20 August 2020 (Boston, USA).
- "The Lens of Modernity: Rethinking Europe's Engagement with Muslims in the Balkans," invited lecture hosted by Center of Global Studies, Philosophy Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, 30 June 2020 (Prague, Czech Republic).
- "Istanbul: The East Mediterranean's Conduit of Arab/Balkan Emigrational Exchange," Arabicities of Istanbul: Setting the Research Agenda, 14 February 2020 (Istanbul, Turkey).

- "Albanians' Slide" The Balkans at a Crossroads, SETA Roundtable, October 24, 2019 (Ankara, Turkey).
- "Defining Empire: The Commodification of Borderland Nature in Albania and Yemen "Global Environmental Borderlands in the Age of Empire" workshop organized by Stanford University and SMU, first meeting: October 12-13, 2019 (Taos, New Mexico, USA).
- Keynote Address: "Reading between the Lines: The Balkan Borderlands as History of the Modern World," Borders in Southeast Europe, Akademie für Politische Bildung, September 30, 2019 (Tutzing, Bavaria, Germany).
- "Contextualizing Fan Noli: Dispersal, Diaspora, Nation and the Historic Roots of Modernity," Global Biographies: A Writers' Workshop, Centre for Modern European Studies, University of Copenhagen, August 29, 2019 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- "Ruptures in the Generational Transmission of Bridal Wear in Kosovo/Albania," International ERC MusMar Workshop/The Multiple Materialities of Muslim Marriages, Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, June 14, 2019 (Amsterdam, The Netherlands).
- "An Environmental Account of Ottoman Borderlands: The Balkan and Arabian Frontiers," Higher Seminar Series, Institutionen för Asien-,Mellanöstern-och Turkietstudier, May 29, 2019 (Stockholm, Sweden).
- "Transitional Boundaries: Balkan/Middle Eastern Post-State Refugees and a New Regime of Plunder," Center for Arts and Humanities, American University of Beirut, May 15, 2019 (Beirut, Lebanon).
- "Imperial Hinterlands: The Commodification of Borderland Nature in the Adriatic and Red Seas, 1878-1920," Arab Crossroads Studies Lecture Series, NYU-Abu Dhabi, April 17, 2019 (Abu Dhabi, UAE).
- "Rewriting History: A Guiding Warning to Students of International Studies" Seminar Lecture, American University of Sharjah Student "Model United Nations", February 12, 2019 (Sharjah, UAE). 2018
- "Infringements of History: Borders and the International Regime of Regulated Mobility: The Cases of Yemen and Albania," Institut d'Histoire, University of Neuchâtel, December 12, 2018 (Neuchâtel, Switzerland).
- Chair and Organizer of "Movement and Gender in Late Ottoman Contexts," Public Panel Debate with guests: Carole Woodall (University of Colorado) and Stacy Fahrenthold (UC Davis), December 9, 2019 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- Co-organizer of International Workshop "The Last Ottoman Generation and Interwar Europe," CEMES/SAXO, Copenhagen University, December 5 and 6, 2018 (Copenhagen, Denmark).

- "Fan Noli: Albanian State-building, culture and networks in interwar Balkans," The Last Ottoman Generation and Interwar Europe, CEMES/SAXO, Copenhagen University, December 6, 2018 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- "Yemen: Uncovering the Forgotten War," in Conversation with Maria-Louise Clausen, Malmö University, December 4, 2018 (Malmö, Sweden).
- "Destroying Yemen: What Violence in South Arabia Tells Us about the World," Presented to Commonwealth Club, November 16, 2018 (San Francisco, Ca USA).
- "The Ottoman Refugee and Euro-American Colonial Terror: A Global Story," Department of History and Global History Center, UC Santa Cruz, November 14, 2018 (Santa Cruz, Ca. USA).
- "Why Yemen's Ruin: How to Study Capitalism's Artifices of History," presented at UC Davis, Department of Religious Studies and History Department "Notes from the Field" series, November 13, 2018 (Davis, Ca. USA).
- "Mobilizing Ottoman Multinationalism: A Global Story about the Modern World," Presented at Seminar Viribus Unitis: Myths and Narratives of Habsburg and Ottoman Multinationalism, 1848-1918, November 3, 2018 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- "Narrating Global Transition: Challenges to Analyzing the Collapse," Presented to National Defense University, October 31, 2018 (Islamabad, Pakistan).
- "Reclaiming Purity: The Interminable Concern about Sexual Violence in Postwar Ottoman Lands," Presented to Working Group: "Thinking Sex after the Great War," October 18, 2018 (Brussels, Belgium).
- "Leaving Europe to Get In: Lessons from Balkan Muslim Journeys," Presented at Seminar: Leaving Europe: Alternative Routes Out/Upward Mobility, Anthropology Department, Catholic University of Leuven, September 13, 2018 (Leuven, Belgium).
- "Krigen i Yemen," Public Lecture at Arabian Nights Film Festival, Cinemateket, August 25, 2018 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- "Unsettled History: Recovering the Ottoman Context in World War I Migration Patterns," Presented at TEAW Symposium: To End All Wars? Geopolitical Aftermath and Commemorative Legacies of the First World War, CC Perron, Ypres, August 23, 2018 (Ypres, Belgium).
- "Violence, Memory and Cinema in the MEM Region: Soft Power and the Investment in Memory," Presented to the Seminar Middle East Mediterranean Region: Narratives, Representations, Images organized by Prof. Riccardo Bocco at The Middle East Mediterranean Summer Summit, August 22, 2018 (Lugano, Switzerland). https://www.mem-summersummit.ch/
- "Barely Home: Marriage Politics among Balkan Migrants since 1968," Presented at Graduate Student Development Seminar on Marriage among Muslims in Europe, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, June 18, 2018 (Amsterdam, Netherlands).
- "Why Destroy Yemen?: Roots to the World's Greatest Humanitarian Catastrophe," Middle East Studies and History Departments, UCSD, June 5, 2018 (San Diego, USA).
- "Yemen's Destruction: A Globalist Artifice" Centre for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, June 4, 2018 (Los Angeles, USA).
- "Global Migration: Modernity and the Liberal Social Order," History Department, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, May 9 (Brussels, Belgium)
- "Thinking about the Forgotten: Yemen and a World Catastrophe," South Campus Lecture, Copenhagen University, April 20 (Denmark)
- "Yemen's Ruination: Preempting Capitalism's Artifices of History," ANSO Seminar Series, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, April 10 (Geneva, Switzerland).
- Co-organizer of International Workshop "Representing Migration: The Legacy of Post-Imperial Migrations from World War I to the Cold War," Ludwig Maximilians University, January 29 and 30 (Munich, Germany).
- "The Global Regime of Migration: Understanding the Logistics of Historical Refugees" Centre for Advanced Studies, January 30 (Munich, Germany).

- "Settling Globally: The Logistics of History and the Consequences of Refugees" Higher Seminar, Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies, Stockholm University, December 6 (Stockholm, Sweden).
- "Adapting to Global Transformations: Finance Capitalism and Balkan Muslim Migrations to the Larger World, 1900-1919," Faculty of Arts, Middle Eastern Lecture Series, Charles University, 21 November 2017 (Prague, Czech Republic).
- "War in the Larger Region and the Future of Arabia: Making Sense of the Chaos," Orientální ústav, Institute Seminar Series, 21 November 2017 (Prague, Czech Republic).
- "Osmanları Küreselleştirmek: Yemen ve Emperyalist Mirası," Department of History, Istanbul University, 18 November 2017 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- "Arabian Spillage: Chaos in Arabia and its Impact on the Larger Region," PRIO Cyprus Centre and the Friedrick-Ebert-Stiftun Cyprus sponsored roundtable- "National, International and Human Security in the Eastern Mediterranean," 16 November 2017 (Nicosia, Cyprus).
- "Global Migration: Modernity, and the Neoliberal Social Order," Department of International Studies, American University of Sharjah, 12 November 2017 (Sharjah, United Arab Emirates).
- "Transitional Borderlands: Ottoman Migrants and the New World Order of Plunder," Department of Byzantine and Balkan History at the Faculty of History, Sofia University, 30 October 2017 (Sofia, Bulgaria).
- "Transitional Regimes and the Staggered Rise of the Ethno-national/Sectarian Citizen in Arabia and the Balkans, 1900-1939," Department of History, Oslo University, 30 August 2017 (Oslo, Norway).
- "Settling Globally: The Logistics of History and the Consequences of Refugees," Department of Sociology, Corvinus University, 1 September 2017 (Budapest, Hungary).
- "Pluralism on Whose Terms? The Dangers of Post-Ottoman Regimes of Religious Tolerance in the Balkans and Turkey," Recreating Pluralism: Socio-Religious Continuity in Post-Ottoman Societies, Inaugural Workshop Focused on Shrines: Places of Inter-Communal Connection, Swedish Research Institute, 21 June 2017 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- "Terms and Concepts in Historical Perspective for the MENA Region," Lecture to Working Group on Regional (Dis)order in the Middle East: Historical Legacies and Current Shifts, hosted by Istituto Affari Internazionali, 11 April 2017 (Bologna, Italy).
- "War in Yemen: A Genealogy of a Human Catastrophe," RE: Orient, Fokus Mellanöstern, Lund University, 14 February 2017 (Stockholm, Sweden).
- "Nothing New: Islamophobia by Default in Postwar Migration of Turkish and Balkan Muslims to Germany," Yildiz Technical University, 13 January 2017 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- Co-organizer of International Symposium "Islamophobia in Europe," funded jointly by the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies (BALKAR) of Yıldız Technical University and IRCICA, January 13 and 14, 2017 (Istanbul, Turkey).

- "A Genealogy of War and the Future of Arabia," CMES Seminar, Lund University, 7 December 2016 (Lund, Sweden).
- "Ottoman Refugees: 1878-1939," Invited Lecture, Department of History, Stockholm University, 23 November 2016, (Stockholm, Sweden).
- "Reorientating European Imperialism: How Ottomanism went Global," Seminar in Ottoman & Turkish Studies, Departments of History and Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, 16 November 2016 (Toronto, Canada).
- "The Fine Line between Genocide and Defeat: The Forgotten Roles of Smugglers in the Demographic Regime of World War I-Ottomans, the Arabian and Albanian Fronts," Demographic Concepts, Population Policy, Genocide-The First World War as a Caesure?" Lepsiuhaus, Potsdam University 29 September 2016 (Potsdam, Germany).
- "'Don't We Have Enough Problems?' When Kosovo Exports its Crisis" Presented to The Many Roads in Modernity Series, Copenhagen University, 25 August 2016 (Copenhagen, Denmark).

- "Transitional Resistance: The Global Ottoman Refugee and Colonial Terror," Resistance and Empire: New Approaches and Comparisons hosted by ICS-ULisboa Research Group 'Empires, Colonialism, and Post-Colonial Studies' 26 June 2016 (Lisboa, Portugal).
- Concluding Remarks for Balkan Research Symposium: Balkan Cities during Ottoman Rule and the Land Registry System, University of Tuzla, 5 June 2016 (Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina).
- "Chaotic Thresholds: The Socio-Economic Impact of Refugee Settlement in late Ottoman Balkan Cities," Balkan Research Symposium: Balkan Cities during Ottoman Rule and the Land Registry System, University of Tuzla, 4 June 2016 (Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina).
- "Itinerate Spiritualties: Albanians' Role in Mediating the post-Cold War Transformations in the Islamic World" Department of Islamic Studies, Marburg University, 27 May 2016 (Marburg, Germany).
- "Ottoman Arab Province Municipalities" Invited lecture, sponsored by Minister of Municipalities and Interior, Turkey, 26 May 2016 (Ankara, Turkey).
- "Return to the Land: Identifying the Origins of the Modern Gulf from its Ottoman Hinterland," New York University-Abu Dhabi, Department of International Studies, 7 May 2016 (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates).
- "Exploiter la transformation économique du monde: l'essor de la finance capitaliste et le rôle émergent des musulmans balkaniques dans le monde islamique élargi, 1900-1919," Collège Belgique (Académie Royale de Belgique) and the University of Utah roundtable, 24 March 2016 (Brussels, Belgium).
- "What is Happening in Yemen?" Open Talk hosted by The Student Council at the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies, Swedish MENA Association and MENA Magazine, Stockholm University, 18 March 2016 (Stockholm, Sweden).
- "The Global Ottoman Refugee: Thinking Anew about who Shapes the Modern World," Public Lecture, Institute of Turkish Studies, Stockholm University, 25 February 2016 (Stockholm, Sweden).

- "Le Moyen-Orient entre Islams et Christianismes" participant in Colloque International Yves Oltramare 2015, Des empire aux États-nations: religion et citoyenneté en Méditerranée orientale (19e-21e siècle), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 8 December 2015 (Geneva, Switzerland).
- "Muslims in a Global Struggle; Albanians and the Global Jihad," guest lecture in Trials of the Ummah-Muslims in the Balkans Today Series, 3 December 2015, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz (Graz, Austria).
- "Zionism, Israel and the Modern Middle East: A History in Context" guest lecture, 24 November 2015, University of Antwerp (Antwerp, Belgium).
- "The Global Ottoman Refugee and Colonial Terror," guest lecture, 18 November 2015, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies (Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA).
- "Harnessing the World's Economic Transformation: The Rise of Finance Capitalism and the Role of Local Government in Regulating its Impact on Late Ottoman Cities," Workshop Participant: Ottoman Municipalities and Governing the Late Ottoman City, 6 November 2015, Istanbul Şehir University (Istanbul, Turkey).
- "Yemen, War and the Future of Arabia," Guest Public Lecture, Department of Anthropology and Sociology of Development, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 9 October 2015 (Geneva, Switzerland).
- *• Workshop Director: "The Future of Yemen's Unity" Organized and Directed Workshop for Gulf Research Meeting, August 24-27, Cambridge University and Gulf Research Centre (Cambridge, United Kingdom).
- "Withholding Evidence: Turkey's Investment into the Past" Higher Seminar Presentation, 18 June 2015, Stockholm University (Stockholm, Sweden).
- *• Workshop Director: A Modern World in Flux: Studying Migration, Refugees, and Settlement Regimes from the Middle East and Beyond, Third Annual MUBIT Doctoral Workshop in Late and Post-Ottoman Studies, 29-30 May 2015, Basel University (Basel, Switzerland).

- Invited Discussant: Urban Agency? Towards a New Urban History of Europe since 1500, 28 May 2015, University of Antwerp, (Antwerp, Belgium).
- "Seas of Transition: Post-Ottoman Transformations in the Red and Mediterranean Worlds, 1918-1930," Invited Lecture, Bochum University 11 May 2015 (Bochum, Germany).
- *• Workshop Co-Director: "Heritage and (social) media" International Expert Meeting, UNESCO Netherlands, 7 May 2015 (Leiden, Netherlands).
- "Lost in Translation: Polyglot Armies and the Dangers of Fighting an Insurgency in Ottoman Yemen," Workshop: Enmity, Loyalty, Empire and Nation: Languages in the Great War, Centre for War Studies, Trinity College, 26 March 2015 (Dublin, Ireland).
- "The Role of Film Directors as Social Actors: Perspectives from History," Workshop: Violence, Memory and Cinema, held between 12-13 February 2015 at Graduate Institute (Geneva, Switzerland).
- "Productive Violence: The Transitional Histories of Western Balkan Komitadji Resistance to the State: 1878-1930," Round-table: The Age of the Komitadji, held between 22-24 January, 2015, at University of Basel (Switzerland).

- *• Co-director/organizer of conference: The First World War and its Heritage held between November 6-8 at Çanakkale March 18 University, (Çanakkale, Turkey).
- "Mobilizing the Local to Reconsider Ottoman Arabia's Legacy in World War I Studies," Invited lecture, Çanakkale March 18 University, 6 November 2014 (Çanakkale, Turkey).
- "Transitional Regimes and the Contingencies of Multiple Modernities in the Balkans, 1910-1923" Invited participant at the Sawyer Seminar: Imagining Alternative Modernities: Interventions from the Balkans and South Asia, The Ohio State University, 10 October 2014 (Columbus, Ohio, USA).
- "Cultural History: The 21st Century and Developing the Tools of Analysis," Invited lecture, History Department, Oslo University, 7 October 2014 (Oslo, Norway).
- "Website Memories: A Study of Migrant Worker Claims to Nostalgic Pasts in Turkey and Yemen," Invited Participant in round table for New Islamic Public Sphere Programme, hosted by University of Copenhagen, 20 June 2014 (Denmark)
- "Forgotten Agents of Empire: Middle Eastern Refugees Transforming Southeast Asia, 1850-1930," Invited lecture, University of Zürich, 21 May 2014 (Zürich, Switzerland).
- "Migration and Movement: Middle Eastern Refugees and Expatriates in the Far Corners of the World," Lecture for Asian, Pacific Islander & Middle Eastern Heritage Month, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2 April 2014 (Las Vegas, USA).
- "Transitional Migrants: Ottoman Refugees and American Colonial Terror in the Philippines," for round-table: Alien Nations: Identity and Empires in Global History, University of Warwick, 15 March 2014 (Warwick, United Kingdom).
- Keynote Address: "The Occupation Effect: The Consequences of Occupation Regimes in the Balkan Territories of both the Habsburg and Ottoman Empires, 1916-1925," for Conference: The Collapse of Ottoman and Austria-Hungarian Empires: Patterns and Legacies, Ludwig Boltzmann-Institute for Social Science History and the Institute for East European History at the University of Vienna, 16 January 2014 (Vienna, Austria).

- "Battles of Nostalgic Proportion: The Transformations of Islam as Historical Force in Kosovar Reconstitutions of the Recent Past, 1990-2013," for The Many Roads in Modernity Program, University of Copenhagen, 13 December 2013 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- "Reorientating Turkey: From a Global to Regional Trajectory, and Back Again," University of Graz, 11 November 2013 (Graz, Austria).
- Invited Discussant "The Fragments Define the Nation? Minorities in the colonial and post-colonial Middle East" Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 9 November 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland).

- "Albanian Muslims and a Twentieth Century Disorder," presented at European University Institute Seminar, Islam in Europe through the Balkan Prism, 25 October 2013 (Sarajevo, Bosnia).
- "Global Traumas that Shaped Modernity: Ottoman Refugees, 1878-1939," invited lecture to working group: The Many Roads in Modernity, Copenhagen University, 22 October 2013 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- "Transitional Migrants: The Global Ottoman Refugee and Colonial Terror," invited lecture, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 15 October 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland).
- "The Shaping of Balkan Identities in the 19th Century and their Relevance Today," 110 Jahre Mürzsteg 1903-100 Jahre Balkankriege 1912/13, Landesverteidigungsakademie, Institut für Strategie und Sicherheitspolitik, 1 October 2013 (Vienna, Austria).
- "The Origins of the Middle East in Western Scholarship," Centre for Area and Cultural Studies, École Polytechnique Fédéral de Lausanne 25 September 2013 (Lausanne, Switzerland).
- "Occupation Regimes in Albania during WWI and the Roots of Albanian National Identities," The First World War and its Impact on the Balkans and Eurasia, Sofia University, 18 September 2013 (Sofia, Bulgaria).
- "Breaking with Empire: The Possibilities of Violence in the Ordering of Imperial Collapse," 4th Turkish Studies Project of the University of Utah, The Caucasus at Imperial Twilight: Nationalism, Ethnicity & Nation-Building (1870-1920s), Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, 6 June 2013 (Tbilisi, Georgia).
- "Itinerate Ottomans & A Transitional History of the Modern World," Seminar Series, Institute of Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 23 April 2013 (NY, USA).
- "A Relational History and the Emergence of Modern Gulf Urban Politics, 1855-1907," presented at Gulf Studies Symposium, 23 March 2013 (Kuwait).
- "An Honorable Break from Besa: Reorientating Violence in the Late Ottoman Mediterranean," presented at: Central European University, 21 March 2013 (Budapest, Hungary).

- Keynote Lecture, "Recovering Human Agency from the Tyranny of the Arab Spring," at International Middle East Studies Conference, hosted by American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, 9 December 2012 (Sharjah, United Arab Emirates).
- "The Refugees of the Balkan Wars: A Century-Long Perspective," presented at Istanbul Sabahattin Zain University, 22 October 2012 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- "Impacts of the Balkan Wars: The Uncharted Paths from Empire to Nation-State," Leipzig University, CAS Annual Lecture, 27 August 2012, (Leipzig, Germany).
- "Delineating the Frontier: Ottoman Balkan Cities in Face of post-1878 Boundaries," Stadt und Region in Südosteuropa, Humboldt University, 21 June 2012, (Berlin, Germany).
- "Harvesting the Empire: The Struggle over Western Balkan Forests and the Cultivation of Global Finance, 1878-1920." Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Texas, 9 March 2012, (Austin, Texas).

- "Empire under Siege: Violence in Shkodër and Hudaydah, 1911-1912," Workshop: Rethinking Urban Violence in Middle Eastern Cities. Zentrum Moderner Orient, 8 December 2011, (Berlin, Germany).
- "The Elephant in the Room: How Outsiders undermine Yemen's Future," Public Colloquium on Area Studies and Political Order, Leipzig University, 1 November 2011, (Leipzig, Germany).
- "Yemen and Libya: Positioning for a Range of Outcomes Beyond 2011," Round-Table discussion organized by DIA/DI, Middle East and North Africa Analysis Office, United States of America Government, 5 July 2011, (Warrenton, Virginia).
- "The Elephant in the Room: Suggestions for an Alternative Analysis of Yemen's Chaos," Round-table discussion organized by CAORC and American Institute of Yemeni Studies, 21-24 June 2011, (Istanbul, Turkey).

- "Reinterpreting the 'Arab Spring' in Face of Yemen's Chaos," Round-Table discussion, Department of International Studies, American University of Sharjah, 16 May 2011 (Sharjah, United Arab Emirates).
- *• Co-organizer of Conference entitled: "Lasting Socio-Political Impacts of the Balkan Wars," 4-7 May 2011 (Salt Lake City, University of Utah).
- "Decoupling of Sovereignty, Citizenship Rights and Ethnicity/Nationality: The Role of International Institutions/Agreements and Supranational Bodies," Presented to Working Group on East and Southeast Europe. Supported by Volkswagen Foundation, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, and Hamburg University, 12 March 2011 (Pöcking, Germany).
- "Late Ottoman Citizenships," Symposium on Turkish Studies, Florida State University, Center for Global Engagement, 11 February 2011 (Tallahassee, Florida).

- "The American 20th Century: From Euro-Atlantic Outpost to Financial and Military Domination," The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, History Department, 9 December 2010 (Trondheim, Norway).
- Discussant at roundtable on "Rihlah: Arabs in Southeast Asia," sponsored by the Singapore National Library and Middle East Institute at the National University of Singapore, 1 December 2010 (Singapore).
- "Diasporic Agency and the Shifts in the Possibilities of Empire," presented in Seminar entitled Migration and Portals of Globalization, Leipzig University, 28 October 2010 (Leipzig Germany.)
- "How Itinerate Ottomans Shaped the Modern World in a Transitional Era," Leipzig University, 22 June 2010 (Leipzig, Germany).
- "Rethinking the Late Ottoman Empire in the Western Balkans," Center for Slavic and East European Studies and Department of History, The Ohio State University, 13 May 2010 (Columbus Ohio).
- "Why Yemen Now? Reassessing South Arabia's Recent Past" Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University, 12 May 2010 (Columbus, Ohio)
- "Agents of Post-Ottoman States: The Precariousness of the Berlin Congress Boundaries of Montenegro and how to define/confine people," for roundtable on The Treaty of Berlin organized by Department of Political Science, University of Utah, 2 April 2010 (Salt Lake City, Utah).
- "Chaos in Yemen: Societal Collapse and the New Authoritarianism," SAXO Institute, SAXO Lectures Series, University of Copenhagen, 24 March 2010 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- "Tensions within Balkan Muslim Communities during Periods of Transition. A Comparison between the Post World War II and Cold War Eras." University of Copenhagen, Centre for Modern European Studies and Department of Cross Cultural and Regional Studies, 23 March 2010 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- "Kosovo/Kosova: Historiography and A New Direction to Scholarship," presented to Working Group on Kosovo/Kosova, Supported by Volkswagen Foundation, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, 19 March 2010 (Berlin, Germany).

- "Neither Eastern nor Welcome: The Confused Lives of Berlin's Balkan Migrants, 1950-2000," presented at Wisconsin Workshop: The Wall Came Down: On the 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, organized by Venkat Mani and Marc Silberman, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 5-7 November 2009 (Madison, Wisconsin).
- "Not Our Kind: Generational Barriers Dividing Postwar Migrant Communities," presented while participating in interdisciplinary panel series "Walls, Borders, Boundaries: Containment" organized by Marc Silberman, Karen Till and Janet Ward and held during German Studies Association Conference 2009, 10 October 2009 (Washington DC).
- "Learning the Wrong Lesson: Local Challenges to Educational Reform in the Late Ottoman Balkans," University of Copenhagen, Centre for Modern European Studies, 29 September 2009 (Copenhagen, Denmark).

- "Transitional Dynamics in Europe Compared: A Century of European Islam," University of Copenhagen, Centre for the Study of Equality and Multiculturalism, 28 September 2009 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- "The Limitations of French Power in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf and its Consequences, 1870-1908" University of Edinburgh, Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World Research Workshop: "France and the Arab World, 1600-present," 15-16 September 2009 (Edinburgh, UK).

- "Transcending Imperial Borderlands: A Discussion on Migrations and their Consequences on the Persian Gulf, Yemen and Albania, 1870-1971," History Department, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, 13 November 2008 (Las Vegas, Nevada)
- "Generational Discordances: A Political Economy of the Gulf's Historical Transitions," School of International Services, American University, 31 October 2008 (Washington DC)
- "Exploring the Parameters of an Albanian Question after Kosova's Independence," Hellenic Centre for European Studies, 12 September 2008 (Athens, Greece)
- "The Use of 'Soft-Power' in the Balkans to Put the GCC Back on the Map," The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, 27 June 2008 (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- "Current Security Developments in the Gulf and their Historical Roots," Gulf Research Center, 23 June 2008 (Dubai, UAE)
- "Putting the A back into Kosov@: How Independence Compels us to Reconsider the history of the state, Islam and identity in the Balkans," Woodrow Wilson Center, 30 April 2008 (Washington DC).
- "Shifting Fortunes and the Malleability of the Salih Regime in Yemen, 1990-Present," for seminar on Authoritarian Regimes and their Perpetuation in the Middle East: The Changing Politics of Class Identities in Mediterranean Research Meeting, 12 15 March 2008 (Montecatini Terme, Italy)
- "Off the Radar Screen: The Unacknowledged Struggle to Protect Kosova's Islamic Traditions" Islam in the Balkans Lecture Series, Center for European and Eurasian Studies, University of California at Los Angeles. 21 February 2008 (Los Angeles, CA).

2007

- "The GCC as a Model of Regional Cooperation: Central Asia and Balkans," Briefing to EU delegation, Gulf Research Centre, 30 May 2007 (Dubai, UAE).
- "Reassessing Societies in Transition. Unaccounted Constituencies in the 20th c. Balkans," Project Seminar: Captive States, Divided Societies. Political Institutions of Southeastern Europe in Historical-Comparative Perspective, Three-year project sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation, Wolfsburg. Second meeting, 18-20 April 2007 (Munich, Germany).
- "Colonialism and its Impact on the Modern Middle East," Invited Lecture, Middle East Socio-Political Association, Georgia State University, April 10, 2007 (Atlanta, Georgia).
- "Charting the Settlement of Muslim Labourers in the British Empire," Invited Lecture, Fijian Muslim Student Association, University of the South Pacific, 6 April 2007 (Suva, Fiji).
- "Pushing Beyond the Ottoman Frontier: Measuring Transformations in Arabia and Balkans, 1870-1935" Invited Lecture, History Department, University of California-Riverside, 23 February 2007 (Riverside, California).
- "The Frontier as the Definitive Measure of Imperial Power: Limits of Government in the Face of Resistance in Ottoman Yemen and Albania, 1876 to 1908" The British Academy, 16 February 2007 (London, United Kingdom).

- "Smuggling out of Empire and into an Era of Turmoil: A Comparison of Trade along the Frontiers of Albania and Yemen, 1870-1925," Groupe de recherche, Centre d'Études et de Recherches Internationales, 20 December 2006 (Paris, France).
- "Skenderbeg and What We Want our History to Say," Lecture at symposium on the 600th anniversary of Skenderbeg's Death, Wayne State University, 23 September 2006 (Detroit, MI).

- "Rethinking Societies in Transition: Unaccounted Constituencies in the 20th Century Balkans and Arabia." ISA and University of Florida sponsored workshop titled: In the Interstices of Sovereignty: States and Illicit Activity in the World Economy, held at Central European University, 26-27 April 2006 (Budapest, Hungary).
- *• Chair and Discussant to panel "Western Visions of Central and Southeastern Europe" At ASN Conference, Columbia University, 25 March 2006 (New York, NY).
- "Adjusting Empire: Ottoman Measures of Government along the Yemen and Albanian Frontiers" Third Circular of the Great Lakes Ottoman Workshop, held at University of Toronto, 17-19 March 2006 (Toronto, Canada).
- "Mitigating Imperialism: The Grey Areas of Ottoman Rule in Yemen" Invited lecture, Florida International University, Department of History, 21 January 2006. (Miami, Florida).

- "History's Graveyard: A Call for Resurrecting the Religious Diversity of Contemporary Kosovo," Participant in Seminar Entitled: Religions as a Factor of Stability and Development in South Eastern Europe, held at Maribor University, 6-9 October 2005 (Maribor, Slovenia).
- "Reassessing Societies in Transition. Unaccounted Constituencies in the 20th c. Balkans," Member of Project: Captive States, Divided Societies. Political Institutions of Southeastern Europe in Historical-Comparative Perspective, Three-year project sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation, Wolfsburg. First meeting, 6-9 July 2005 (Constanta, Romania).
- "Painted into a Corner: European Muslims" Guest lecture at American University in Rome, 26 April 2005 (Rome, Italy).
- "Translating Imperial Failures into Smuggler's Gold: Illicit Trade and the Emergence of Albania and Yemen, 1872-1908," Presentation before Borderlands Interdisciplinary Project (BLIP) Group, 16 April 2005 (Albuquerque, New Mexico).
- Discussant to panel "New Approaches to Balkan Historiography" At ASN Conference, Columbia University, 14 April 2005 (New York, NY).
- "Lost in the Shuffle: Balkan Muslims and Western Xenophobia After 9/11." Guest Lecture for UCLA International Institute, 12 April 2005 (Los Angeles, CA).
- "Saudis in Europe: Wahhabism in the Balkans." Guest lecture to Transnational and Global Studies Center, University of Florida, 3 February 2005 (Gainesville, Florida).

- "Illicit Trade and the Albanian Mediterranean, 1872-1908." Mapping out the Eastern Mediterranean. Working Group: Modernity and Islam (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin), 16-18 December 2004 (Beirut, Lebanon).
- "Harboring Misconceptions and Introducing New Pathologies of Failure in the Balkans: A Critical Assessment of EU/UN Administration in Kosova and How we can Teach it." Political Science and Balkan Society: Challenges of Democratization, Development and European Integration. ALPSA Seminar, 19-20 November 2004 (Tirana, Albania).
- "Think before We Act: New Questions about Decentralization in Kosovo." Guest Lecture Woodrow Wilson Center, Eastern European Department, 6 October 2004 (Washington DC).
- "The Shifting Parameters of the Capitulations in the Late Ottoman Empire: The Case of Austrian Interests in Ottoman Albania, 1878-1912." Guest lecture for Instituts für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung der Universität Wien, 25 September 2004 (Vienna, Austria).
- "Seminar on Islam in Kosovo." Invited lecture to United States State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. 17 June 2004 (Washington DC).
- "Translating Imperial Failures into Smuggler's Gold: Illicit Trade and the Emergence of Albania and Yemen, 1872-1908." Borderlands Interdisciplinary Project, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins U. 15 May 2004 (Washington DC).

- "Translating Wahhabism in the Balkans: How Albanians Negotiate a Globalized Faith." Guest Lecture for UCLA International Institute, 26 April 2004 (Los Angeles, CA).
- "Une relecture de l'Empire: La Mobilisation locale des forces globales en Mer Rouge, 1901-1905." Guest Lecture at Department of History, University of Ottawa, 17 January 2004 (Ottawa, Canada). 2003
- "Educating the Imperial Subject: A Study of Imperial Rivalries and the Fundamental weaknesses of the School to shape the Ottoman-Albanian Child." The Mediterranean World, Periodic Seminar Series, Department of History, New York University, 3 December 2003 (New York).
- "Negotiating 'Freedom': The Challenges of post-Conflict Kosova and the Politics of International Intervention." Presented at Workshop on Islam in Europe sponsored by the Center for European and Eurasian Studies at UCLA, University of California at Los Angeles, 15 May 2003 (Los Angeles, CA).
- "Resisting Globalization through the Eyes of Albanian Muslims: Comparing the Successes of the 19th Century to the Failures of the 21st." Presented at Workshop on Islam and Globalization, Islam and Localization, Stanford University, 19 April 2003 (Palo Alto, CA).
- "Local Politics at the Frontiers: Redefining the Empire in Yemen and Albania, 1878-1911." Presented at Seminar on Comparing Empires: The British and the Ottoman Empires in the Long Nineteenth Century, George Washington University, 11-12 April 2003 (Washington DC).
- "Challenging Modernity: Albanian Commercial Networks at the Edges of the Ottoman Empire, 1850-1912" prepared for workshop: Mediterranean Merchants: Politics, Economics and Culture of Informal Trade Networks, Fourth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, 19-23 March 2003 (Montecatini Terme, Italy).

- "Kosov@'s Past Experiences with Decentralization: From Ottoman Chaos to Yugoslav Tyranny" Presented at the OSCE roundtable on: "Decentralization in Kosovo: Identifying Issues, Developing Options," 15-17 December 2002 (OSCE Headquarters, Prishtina Kosovo).
- "Competing for the Albanian Soul: Are Islamic Missionaries Making Another Lebanon in the Balkans?" Guest Lecture for the Woodrow Wilson Center, Eastern European Department, 25 September 2002 (Washington DC).
- "Competing for the Albanian Soul: How Missionaries Are Making a Lebanon Out of the Balkans" Guest lecture at the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University, 24 September 2002 (Washington, DC).
- "Undressing Malësore Albanians: Rewriting Late Ottoman History through its Material Culture" Presented for Seminar on Material Worlds: Consumption, Circulation and Meaning in Colonial Societies. Host: McNeil Center, University of Pennsylvania. 19-21 September 2002 (Philadelphia, PA).
- "Whatever Happened to the Albanians? Some Clues to a Twentieth-Century European Mystery." Presented at Seminar on Albanian Migration and New Transnationalisms at Sussex University. 6-7 September 2002 (Brighton, UK).
- *• Group Leader for Kosova/Albania section, "Scholars' Initiative: Resolving the Yugoslav Controversies" Second Meeting, 5-9 July 2002 (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina).
- "Educating Loyalty: Ottoman School Reform in the Southern Balkans, 1878-1912" Lecture at American Research Center in Turkey, 29 April 2002 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- "La Question de la frontière moderne au Yémen de la période Ottomane cirque 1900" presented at Le Cercle Franco-Yémenite, débat sur L'Histoire Contemporaine du Yémen, 19 March 2002 (Paris, France). 2001
- "Making a Drizzle into a Storm: Lessons to be Learned from the Conflict in Macedonia." Guest Lecture for the Woodrow Wilson Center, Eastern European Department, 15 November 2001 (Washington DC).
- "Understanding the Margins of Albanian History: Communities on the Edges of the Ottoman Empire" Nationalist Myths and Pluralistic Reality in Central Europe Presented by The Canadian Centre for

Austrian and Central European Studies, University of Alberta and The Center for Austrian Studies, University of Minnesota, 26-27 October 2001 (Edmonton, Canada, 2001).

- "At the crossroads of modernity: The End of Kosovar Communal Integration, 1878-1912, 1999-2000" Guest Lecture to the Departments of East European and Near Eastern Studies, University of Toronto, 25 October 2001 (Toronto, Canada).
- "The Shifting Parameters of the Capitulations in the Late Ottoman Empire: The Case of Austrian Interests in Ottoman Albania, 1878-1912." The Ottoman Capitulations: Text and Context, Leiden University, CNWS Workshop, 21-22 September 2001 (Leiden, The Netherlands).
- "The Impact of Modernity on Late Ottoman Period Albanians," Woodrow Wilson Center's Junior Scholars Training Seminar, 10-12 August 2001 (Wye Woods, Maryland).
- "Defying Modernity in High Albania: Rethinking Ottoman Borders in Face of the Globalization of European Power, 1878-1912." Guest Lecture for Lehrstuhl Slavische Philologie und Lehrstuhl Turkologie in Zusammenarbeit mit der Südosteuropagesellschaft, Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg, 19 June 2001 (Bamberg, Germany).
- Member of "State and National Identities" panel, SSRC-ACLS International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship Workshop, 24-29 May 2001 (New Orleans, Louisiana).
- Chair of Panel "Collective Memories of Societies Participating in WWI" Workshop: The First World War as Remembered in the Countries of the Eastern Mediterranean, 29 April 2001 (Beirut, Lebanon).
- "Divergent Loyalties: Albanian Soldiers at the Edge of the Great War" Workshop: The First World War as Remembered in the Countries of the Eastern Mediterranean, April 27-May 1, 2001 (Beirut, Lebanon).
- "Reframing Social History in the Middle East: The Case of Ottoman Yemen, 1904-1918" prepared for workshop: New Research Agenda in Saudi and Arabian Peninsula Studies: Comparative and Transnational Perspectives on the XXth C. Second Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, 21-25 March 2001 (Florence, Italy).

- "Beyond the Margins of the Empire: Issues Concerning Ottoman Boundaries in Yemen and Albania" for Seminars in History, Sabanci University Round-table series, 19 December 2000 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- "Historical Dynamics of Albanian Identity: Shifting Borders in Exile" Assimilation, Diasporization, Representation: Historical Perspectives on Immigrants and Host Societies in Postwar Europe, Working Group on European Migration History: Humboldt Universität and Forschergruppe Gesellschaftsvergleich, 26-28 October 2000 (Berlin, Germany).
- "Undressing the Albanian: Reading Social History in an Ottoman Material Culture" Workshop: Material Cultures of the Ottoman Empire, Boğaziçi University, 19-20 October 2000 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- "Precarious Identities: Kosovars as Albanians in an Ottoman Balkans" Seminar: New Doctoral Research on the History of Southeastern Europe, 6-8 October 2000 (Kassandra-Chalkidiki, Greece).
- "The Consequences of Empire: The Integration and Negotiation of Identity in Yemen and Albania" presentation as member of Working Group on Modernity and Islam, Wessenshaftkoleg at the Freie Universität 18-29 September 2000 (Berlin, Germany).
- "Modern Solutions to Modern Issues: How the UN lost Kosova" Public Lecture to Albanian Political Science Association, 26 July 2000 (Tirana, Albania 2000).
- "Understanding the Margins of History: Balkan Communities on the Edges of the Ottoman Empire," Borders, Orders and Identities of the Muslim World, IBRU and CMEIS University of Durham, 12-14 July 2000 (Durham, UK).
- "The UN's Role in the Development of Democracy in Kosova: The Destruction of Local Autonomy" Workshop: Democracy and Human Rights in Multi-Ethnic Societies, 3-7 July 2000 (Konjic, Bosnia-Herzegovina).
- "Ethnicity and State Power through the Eyes of UNMIK: Kosova and a Recalcitrant Modernity" Perceptions of "Modernities:" Workshop: Emergence of Political Modernity, Social Transformation and

Ideologies of Modernism in Central and Southeast Europe in the 19-20th Centuries, Central European University, 26-28 May 2000 (Budapest, Hungary).

- "Ethnic Borders to a Democratic Society in Kosova: The UN's Identity Card" Seminar: Kosovo: Understanding the Past, Looking Ahead, Central European University, March 31-April 2, 2000 (Budapest, Hungary).
- "The Dynamics of Albanian Identity: Ethnic Borders to Democratic Growth" Seminar at First Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, 22-26 March 2000 (Florence, Italy, 2000).
- "The Dynamics of Identity: Albanians in the Post Ottoman Balkans" lecture at Harvard University Center for South Eastern European Studies, 11 February 2000 (Cambridge, MA).
- "Defining New Boundaries of History: Social Capital in Kosova's Past, Present and Future," Seminar: Social Capital and Policies in the Former Communist Countries, 14-16 January 2000 (Cluj-Napoca, Romania).

1999

- "A Debate with the Silent: Serbian Colonialism and NATO Bombing Revisited," Public Debate with Andres Gunder Frank held at Koç University, 21 December 1999 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- "The Dynamics of Identity: The Ottoman Empire and its Albanians" SSEES Workshop on South-Eastern Europe: Concepts, Histories, Boundaries. 19 June 1999 (London).
- "The Role of Education in the Formation of Albanian Identity and its Myths." SSEES Workshop on the Role of 'Myths' in History and Development in Albania, 11-13 June 1999 (London).
- "The Articulation of Arab Gulf Traditions in Urban Spaces: The Cases of Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah." The First Arab Gulf Conference on Folklore and Oral History, 21-23 March 1999 (al-'Ain, United Arab Emirates).

1998

- "The Internal Dynamics of Empire: The Struggle for Power in Yemen during World War I." Koç University "The Ottoman Empire During World War I" workshop, 23-25 July 1998 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- "Internal Dynamics of Politics in Yemen During World War I" Lecture at American Institute of Yemeni Studies, 23 April 1998 (San'a', Yemen).

1997

• "How to Represent the Albanian in History" Roundtable: The Albanian Crisis: Its Origins, New School for Social Research, 30 September 1997 (New York, NY).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2018

- Chair and Discussant: Panel "Appropriating Space in Contested Borderlands, 1919-1989," Association for Borderlands Studies 2nd World Conference July 13 (Budapest)
- "Transitional Borderlands: Ottoman Migrants and the New World Order of Plunder," Association for Borderlands Studies 2nd World Conference, July 11 (Vienna).

2016

• "The Rise of Finance Capitalism and Role of Balkan Muslims in the Arabic-Speaking World's Absorption of Euro-American Power," American Historical Association annual conference, 9 January 2016 (Atlanta, USA).

2015

• Chair and Discussant: Panel "Hydroelectric Development in Mexico, Palestine, and the US South: Three Cases of Modern State Coproduction," American Historical Association annual conference, 3 January 2015 (New York, USA).

2014

• Chair and Discussant: Panel "Ottomans Abroad? Comparative Studies in Ottoman Migration from the Americas to Afghanistan." Middle East Studies Association annual Conference, 24 November 2014 (Washington DC, USA).

- "The Occupation Effect: The Consequences of Temporary Regimes in Ottoman Albania/Western Balkans, 1912-1917," for panel: The Balkan Wars and its Aftermath: A Centennial Perspective, Presented at Middle East Studies Association annual Conference, 25 November 2014 (Washington DC, USA).
- "Harnessing the World's Economic Engine: The Rise of Finance Capitalism and the Marginalization of Arabian Port Cities, 1870-1939," for panel: 'Peripheral Port-Cities as Portals of Globalization' Presented at the 4th European Congress on World and Global History, 7 September 2014 (Paris, France).

• Chair and Discussant: Panel "Rethinking Nationalisms in the Late Ottoman Empire," Middle East Studies Association annual Conference, 11 October 2013 (New Orleans, USA).

2012

• Participated in round-table discussion entitled: Recent Developments in the Gulf Region: The Impact for Switzerland and Europe organized by Gulf Research Center Foundation, 14 June 2012 (Geneva, Switzerland).

2010

- Participated in round-table discussion entitled: Religion and Democracy in Central and Southeastern Europe organized by Sabrina P. Ramet at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual meeting, 18 November 2010 (Los Angeles, USA).
- "(Illuminating the Importance of Islands and Maritime Interaction Points in Islamic Empires, Part 1: The Indian Ocean," AHA Annual Conference, 7-10 January 2010 (San Diego, CA).

2008

• "How Independence Compels Us to Reconsider the History of State Power, Identity Politics and Islam in the Balkans," The Return of the Balkans? Co-sponsored EKEM and NATO round-table at the European Cultural Centre 12-13 September 2008 (Dephi, Greece).

2007

• "Entangled Empire: Ottoman Nationalism among Diasporas in Hapsburg Lands," ASN Panel, Crownlands and Empire, 18 April 2007 (New York, NY).

2006

• "Adjusting Empire: Ottoman Measures of Government in the Face of Resistance in Yemen and Albania" Annual Meeting of MESA, 20 November 2006 (Boston, MA).

2005

• "From Comrade to Brother: Albanian Muslims See the Light in the Globalization of the Islamic Mission." Annual Meeting of AHA, 6 January 2005 (Seattle, WA).

2004

- Discussant for panel: The Southern Balkans: State-Building and The Challenge of Multiethnic Societies. 9th Annual World Convention, Association for the Study of Nationalities, 17 April 2004 (New York).
- "Resisting Violence or Violent Resistance: Rethinking Power Relations in Late Ottoman Yemen and Albania." Annual meeting of AHA, 9 January 2004 (Washington DC).

2002

- "Beyond the Margins of the Empire: Issues Concerning Ottoman Boundaries in Yemen and Albania." Annual meeting, MESA, 24-26 November 2002 (Washington DC).
- "Contesting the Limits of Empire: Issues Concerning Ottoman Boundaries in Yemen and Albania, 1878-1914" AHA Annual Conference, January 3-6, 2002 (San Francisco, CA).

2001

- "Beyond the Foreseeable Future: Albanian Migrations since World War II" Annual meeting, AAASS, 16-19 November 2001 (Crystal City, VA).
- "Pouring Salt into the Empire's Wounds: Smuggling in the Vilayets of Işkodra and Yemen, 1878-1915." Türk Külüründe Ayrintilar: Tuz Uluslar Arasi Sempozyum, 19-20 April 2001 (Istanbul, Turkey).

• "Outside the Foreseeable Future: The Tyranny of Ethnicity Politics in Kosova, 1998-2000." Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association, 15-19 November 2000 (San Francisco, CA).

1999

- "Imam Yahya and the Ottoman State, 1911-1918," MESA Annual Conference, 24 November 1999 (Washington DC).
- "The Social Parameters of Identity: The Role of Education in Albanian Identity Formation." IRCICA International Congress on Learning and Education in the Ottoman World, 12-15 April 1999 (Istanbul).
- Chair of Panel "History in Contention: Armenians in the Ottoman Empire" CIEPO, 23 September 1998 (Vienna, Austria)
- "The Dynamics of Identity: The Albanian in the Ottoman Empire." CIEPO, 21-25 September 1998 (Vienna, Austria).

1995

• "Albanians in Macedonia: Has the Rain Come?" Northeastern Political Science Association, 4 December 1995 (Newark, 1995).

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

PhD Supervision and/or Committee Member (in progress):

- Charles Sills, "The US in the Middle East during the Cold War: Ba'athist and Pan-Arab Resistance Stories," Department of History (University of California-Davis) Co-Supervisor, in progress.
- Özlem Has, "Structured Agencies of the Paramilitaries in the Turkish-Kurdish Conflict," Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, (Copenhagen University) Co-Supervisor, in progress (due to defend in Spring 2021).
- Erik Sundblad, "Interpreting the Qur'an in the Modern Era: The Qur'anic Hermeneutics of the Qur'an Alone Movement in Egypt," Department Asian, Middle Eastern, and Turkish Studies (Stockholm University) Supervisor, in progress.
- Walter Lorenz, "Late Ottoman Bureaucratic Reforms: The Case of Libya," Department of Middle Eastern Studies (University of California, Los Angeles-UCLA), member of dissertation committee directed by James Gelvin, in progress.
- Hanna Berg, "Syrian Refugee (im)mobility: Jordan and Europe" Anthropology and Sociology Department, Graduate Institute, Geneva, external member of dissertation committee directed by Riccardo Bocco, in progress.
- Nafiseh Moradi, "Investigating the Post-colonial and Occidentalist Features in Discourses Dominating Iranian Novels during the 1960s through 1980s," (Department of Arts, University of AlZahra, Teheran, Iran), external member of committee, in progress.
- Dafna Dori, "Interwar Baghdad: Jewish Musicians in 1930s and 1940s Iraq," Dept. of Musicology, Uppsala University, external member of committee, directed by Lars Berglund, in progress.
- Aslı Akbaş, "Difference and the Rise or Fall of Multiculturalism in Europe," Civilization Studies, Fatih Sultan Mehmet University, external member of committee, in progress.

PhD Supervision and/or Committee Member (defended):

• Jaafar Alloul, "Navigating Access, Aspiring Privilege. A Critical Anthropology of Maghreb-Muslim Mobilities in between the EU and UAE," Department of Social Anthropology (Universities of Leuven and Amsterdam), secondary supervisor, directed by Nadia Fadil and Annelies Moors, completed, final reward March 2021. Awarded post-doc fellowship NTU-Singapore, starts in September 2021.

- Atdhe Hetemi, "Social Movements in Kosova (1968-1997)," Department of History (University of Ghent, Belgium) secondary supervisor, defended 2019. University of Prishtina (Kosovo), Department of Anthropology.
- Jonathan Schmitt, "American Empire and the Native World," Dept. of International History, Graduate Institute, Geneva, directed by Davide Rodogno, Defended 2019. Currently Writer, Chorus Films.
- Shokoufeh Arvin, "The Presence of the Other in Iranian Novels and Films on the Subject of the Iran-Iraq War," (Department of Arts, University of AlZahra, Teheran, Iran), external member of committee, defended, May 2018. Currently Post-doc fellow, University of Teheran.
- Houssine Alloul, "Belgium's Conflicted Relationship with the Ottoman Empire, 1850-1918," (History Department, University of Antwerp, Belgium), co-supervisor, (Defended June 2017). Currently Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Amsterdam.
- Vahram Ter-Matevosyam, "Kemalism and the Soviet Union: Ideological Transformations in Turkey and Problems of Interpretation, 1920-1970s," Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen, external member of committee, directed by Anne K. Bang, (Defended September 2017). Currently Associate Professor of Political Science, American University of Armenia.
- Catherine Aieno Jimbo Odari, History Dept. GSU, "South Asians in Kenya: Losing Independence, 1935-1968," (defended, 2017). Currently Lecturer, History Department, Spelman College.
- Kamila al-Eriani, "The Apprehensive Republic: De-democratising the 2011 Yemen Uprising," Political Science (University of Melbourne, Australia), external member of dissertation committee, (Defended December 2016). Currently Lecturer at the Political Science Department, Monash University.
- Abdullah Şimşek, "Trial by Fire: Ottoman Nationalism in Transition from Empire to Republic, 1908-1926," Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, (Defended September 2016).
- Bart De Sutter, "The Paradox of Virtue: Helsinki Human Rights Activism during the Cold War (1975-1995)," (History Department, University of Antwerp) Member of Defence Committee directed by Maarten van Ginderachter, defended April 2015. Post-doc Fellow, Ghent University.

MA Supervision/Committee Member (Completed):

- Alex Krynack, "NGOs and Armenian Diasporas: A Post Ottoman Story," Middle East Studies Department, University of Georgia, USA, defended November, 2019. Currently PhD Candidate, University of Georgia.
- Hanna Berg, "We Are Not Going Anywhere: An Ethnographic Field Study of Syrian Refugee (im)mobility," Middle East Studies Department, Stockholm University, Completed (August 2018) Currently PhD candidate at Graduate Institute, Geneva.
- Esma Karadağ, "Late Ottoman Perspectives on the South African War (1899-1902): The Work of Ismail Kemal Vlora," Historical Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa, defended (May 2018). Member of faculty review committee, invited by supervisor, Dr. Shamil Jeppie.
- Julia Korkiakoski, "A Peace Work: Swedish Involvement in the Mosul-Question, 1924-1925," Middle East Studies Department, Stockholm University, completed (July 2018). Currently employed at SIDA.
- Samir Shalabi, "Challenging Conventional Narratives: Syrian Refugees in Egypt," Middle East Studies Department, Stockholm University, Completed (September 2017). Currently PhD candidate, Social Anthropology, Stockholm University.
- Andreas Olsson Ohlander, "NGO Work and Syrian Refugees: Lebanon's Bekka Valley," Middle East Studies Department, Stockholm University Completed (September 2017).
- Paul Antonopoulos, "Saudi-Iranian Geopolitical Rivalry in Syria," Political Science Department, Western Sydney University, Completed (October 2016). Currently Project director, Center for Syncretic Studies.
- Thomas Verbruggen, "Under the Moon and the Stars: The Impact of the First World War on the Eastern Sephardic Community in Antwerp (1879-1930)," (Department of History, University of Antwerp and

Poshumus Institute Leiden), Supervisor, defended May 2015. Currently PhD-Candidate, Urban Studies, University of Antwerp.

- Grabiela Rojas Molina, "Placing Identities? Socio-Spatial Relations in Shkoder in the Fourteenth Century," (Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University, Budapest Hungary), Committee Member, defended May 2015. Currently PhD Candidate, CEU.
- Samir Mokrani, La tribu est devenu virtuelle. Discours, pratiques culturelles et identites collectives sur les forums internet tribaux: les 'Awaliq de Shabwa, Yemen. Graduate Institute-Geneva (MA, Department of Anthropology, second reader, directed by Riccardo Bocco). Defended June 2014. Currently works in Oil Industry as security consultant.
- Michelle Lacoss, "Producing Nostalgia: Maintaining the German Divide through Emotion since 1989," Georgia State University, Department of Political Science (Second Advisor: MA by 2014). Employed at Georgia State University.
- Jonathan Schmitt, "With Vietnam we are Bound as Brothers:" Theorizing Socialism, Internationalism and the Politics of Public Agency among Vietnamese Contract Workers in the German Democratic Republic, Georgia State University, History Department (Second Advisor: MA by 2012). Winner: John M. Matthews Distinguished Thesis Annual Award.
- Michael Castellini, "Sit In, Stand Up and Sing Out! Black Gospel Music and the Civil Rights Movement," Georgia State University, History Department (Second Advisor: MA 2012). Has been download more than 15,000 times.
- Ruhollah Manavi "American Power in the post WWII world, Political Science Department, Georgia State University" (Supervised: MA, 2012). Currently working in US Army Intelligence.
- Müsemma Sabancioğlu, "New Custom for the Old Village: Interpreting History through Turkish Village Web-Sites," Middle East Studies Department, Georgia State University (Supervised: MA 2011). Currently PhD Candidate, Anthropology Department, UC Berkeley.
- Mindy Clegg, "Through the Roof and Underground: Translocal Hardcore Punk in Los Angeles and Ljubljana" Georgia State University, History Department (Second Advisor: MA by 2010). Currently PhD Candidate, History Department, Georgia State University.
- Katherine A. Milby, "The Making of an Image: The Narrative Form of Ibn Ishaq's *Sirat Rasul Allah*," Georgia State University, Political Science Department, (Supervised: MA by 2008).

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS IN RELATION TO TEACHING AND EDUCATION

• Co-author and Consultant, *Mastering the Georgia 7th grade CRCT in social studies: Africa and Asia* (Woodstock, GA: American Book Co., 2008).

ORGANIZATION OF, AND PRESENTATIONS AT, PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR

I also organized a number of workshops and training courses for young scholars. This often entailed managing budgets, working with university administration to secure space and allocation of services. The following is a short-list of those programs that stand out most.

- Collaborator and co-applicant in multi-year project, "Decolonizing Hellas: Imperial Pasts, Contested Presents, Emancipated Futures, 1821-2021" (Jointly organized with Anthropology Department, American University of Beirut, The Decolonizing Initiative, Brown University, and the Social Anthropology Department, University of Thessaly).
- Coordinator of research projects and workshops on indigenous Islamic practices (legal, ceremonial, cultural) in the Balkans and East Africa funded by The World Muslim Communities Council, Geneva/Abu Dhabi (Switzerland and UAE). 2020.

- "Rewriting History: A Guiding Warning to Students of International Studies" Seminar Lecture, American University of Sharjah Student "Model United Nations", February 12, 2019 (Sharjah, UAE). https://ausmodcongress.com/IsaBlumi
- Co-organizer of International Workshop "The Last Ottoman Generation and Interwar Europe," CEMES/SAXO, Copenhagen University, December 5 and 6, 2018 (Copenhagen, Denmark). https://modernity.ku.dk/calendar/the-last-ottoman-generation-and-interwar-europe/ https://www.unine.ch/files/live/sites/histoire/files/shared/histoire/Projet%20ERC/Copenhagen%20FINAL%20PROGRAMME.pdf
- Organizer and Chair of Public Panel Debate "Movement and Gender in Late Ottoman Contexts" (December 6, 2018).

https://cemes.ku.dk/activities/2018/movement-and-gender-in-late-ottoman-contexts/

• Co-organizer of International Workshop "Representing Migration: The Legacy of Post-Imperial Migrations from World War I to the Cold War," Ludwig Maximilians University, January 29 and 30, 2018 (Munich, Germany).

https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/termine-36277?language=en

- Workshop co-Organizer, International Symposium "Islamophobia in Europe," funded jointly by the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies (BALKAR) of Yıldız Technical University and Research Center for Islamic History, Arts, Culture (IRCICA) and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Coorganizer of, January 13 and 14, 2017 (Istanbul, Turkey).
- Workshop Organizer and Director: "The Future of Yemen's Unity" Organized and Directed Workshop for Gulf Research Meeting, August 24-27, 2015, on behalf of Cambridge University and Gulf Research Centre (Cambridge, United Kingdom).

http://grm.grc.net/GRM-2010-2018-Brochure-Digital-Final.pdf

• Workshop Director: "A Modern World in Flux: Studying Migration, Refugees, and Settlement Regimes from the Middle East and Beyond,: Third Annual MUBIT Doctoral Workshop in Late and Post-Ottoman Studies, 29-30 May 2015, Basel University (Basel, Switzerland).

https://nahoststudien.philhist.unibas.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/nahoststudien/CfA_Blumi_Workshop.pdf

- Co-organizer/director of conference: The First World War and its Heritage held between November 6-8 at Çanakkale March 18 University, (Çanakkale, Turkey).
- Co-organizer of Conference (with Hakan Yavuz) entitled: "Lasting Socio-Political Impacts of the Balkan Wars," 4-7 May 2011 (Salt Lake City, University of Utah).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS-GOVERNMENT ADVISORIES AND EXPERT CONSULTANCIES

- Reviewer, The American Philosophical Society: Franklin Research Grant (Philadelphia, USA). 2020
- Research Coordinator for The World Muslim Communities Council, Geneva/Abu Dhabi on indigenous Muslim practices in the Balkans and East Africa.
- "Appointed Expert," European Commission in Brussels, European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant, Sub-field "Study of the Human Past" (SH6).
- Expert Peer Evaluator of Promotion and Tenure Candidate, University of California at Davis, Department of History, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Chancellors Office.
- Evaluator for the American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant Competition.
- Member, Review Committee for Grant Proposals (Final Stages) at the American Academy in Berlin.

• Advisor to Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research based in Braunschweig, Germany. Produce analysis over the next three years of national textbooks in History and the Social Sciences, throughout the candidate countries (Bosnia, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, North Macedonia, Georgia, and Ukraine).

2019

- Elected member of Czech Academy of Sciences. Member of Academy Council that leads a panel of experts surveying the five-year production of scholarly production of Academy. Areas of focus: The United States, The Middle East, Balkans, and Islamic World.
- Member of the Scientific Board, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Çanakkale Turkey.

2018

- Swedish Academy Collegium (Member since 2018).
- Editorial Board, Journal of Balkans and Black Sea Studies (Member since 2018).

2017

- Academic Advisory Board, 2nd International Symposium on Yemen under Ottoman Rule (1833-1924), Istanbul University, Turkey.
- Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Board Member and associate editor *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (2014-2017), Washington DC.

2016

• Swedish Institute, Advisory Committee on Expansion of Executive Training Program—'Sustainable Management Practices'—to the Persian/Arab Gulf. May 2016, (Stockholm, Sweden).

2002-2005

- Director of Research, Kosovo Institute of Policy Research and Training, KIPRED, Prishtina, Kosovo.
- Managed Media and Institutional Outreach program.
- Research Management and Development; Directed research on local political structures and trained junior research fellows.
- Supervised research production targeting academic, diplomatic and NGO readerships.
- Supervised training of government staff and members of Kosova's parliament.
- Researched and wrote reports on the role of Islamic NGOs operating within province since 1999, local political developments, the performance of the Health Ministry and monitored the role of international agencies in the functioning of local government offices.

Supervised reports:

- *Political Islam among the Albanians: Are the Taliban Coming to the Balkans?* (Prishtina: Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development, 2005). 2 editions. ISBN: 9951140157.
- Editor and co-author (with Robert Muharremi), *The United Nations Mission in Kosovo and the Privatization of Socially Owned Property: A Critical Outline of the Present Privatization Process in Kosovo* (Prishtina: Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development, 2005). 2 Editions. ISBN 9951140130.
- Editor and co-author (with Robert Muharremi), *Administration and Governance in Kosovo: Cluster of Competence and the Rehabilitation of War-Torn Societies* (Prishtina: Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development, 2005) 2 Editions. ISBN 9951140092.
- Editor and author of introduction/conclusion, *Administration and Governance in Kosovo: Lessons Learned and Lessons to be Learned* (Geneva: CASIN, 2003). ISBN 995112009-2.

- External Consultant, OSCE, Department of Democratization, Prishtina, Kosovo
- Wrote internal report that focused on providing review board the historical context and analysis of current conditions in Kosovo.
- Reported to review board for the OSCE on Institutional and Governance Reform in Kosovo.
- Participant in "Kosovo Agenda Deliberation" meetings on the "Decentralization of Governing and Civil Institutions in Kosovo.

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- Wrote evaluation of program's performance in the "hand-over" process of OSCE/OMIK's "democracy assistance" strategy.
- Provided recommendations for hand-over strategy and procedures that would guide the work of the department in 2003 and beyond.
- Provide a description of relevant local Kosovar institutions and the history of their interaction with OSCE Department of Democratization.

1999 (Aug.-Dec.)

- Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Kosova Times, Prishtina Kosovo.
- Directed production and distribution of daily English Language Newspaper, 16 pages of news and commentary of global coverage.
- Handled marketing, content and graphic editing of paper.
- Hired and managed staff of eight in office plus correspondents in five countries.

1999 (July-Oct.)

- Program Chief, OSCE/UNMIK, Radio/Television Prishtina Development Program. Under special appointment issued by OSCE Ambassador to Kosovo, Daan Eveerts.
- Duties included selection and supervision of provisional team of Albanian and Serbian journalists and technicians to re-establish radio programming in post-war Kosovo. 15 total number of staff under supervision.
- Worked directly with Mirlena Robin, director of OSCE media division in Kosovo in implementing initial strategy towards structural development of radio and television production units at Radio/Television Kosovo.
- Created and supervised production of radio programming which included both Albanian and Serbian language news, entertainment and United Nations information programming.
- Responsible for labor negotiations with more than 3000 ex-employees of the former state network as provisional staff was being established.
- Advised OSCE, UNMIK and international agencies on media development in Kosova during and after the establishment of programming.
- Responsible for evaluating and hiring Albanian-speaking staff as well as their training in basic journalism, media ethics, computer literacy and conceptual strategies in modern broadcasting.

1998-1999

• Media Relations and Management, Ministry of Information, Provisional Government of Kosova. Tirana, Albania and Prishtina, Kosovo

- Managed international media access to government officials and field visits to conflict zones, refugee camps and diaspora. Nature of media interaction entailed conducting interviews and press-conferences.
- Developed and supervised distribution of daily information from within conflict zones in the English language both via radio broadcast and over the internet.

ADMINISTRATION: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE, PROJECT DIRECTION AND UNIVERSITY LEVEL

I have served on mulitiple faculty selection committes during my career. Too many in fact to list for the (already abused) limited space. I quickly list some of the more recent committee work I have done and then focus on my years at Georgia State University. Both in my "home" History Department, and the Potitical Science and Religious Studies, any poistion in the university involving the Middle East/Islamic World also included my participation. Below is an abbreviated list of committee work I have participated more recently. This list is short in part because I currently do not have access to older documents from my previous employment. I also was director, administrator and financial manager of various study abroad courses that I discuss elsewhere.

2020 The World Muslim Communities Council, Abu Dhabi/Geneva

 Organize Projects on Indigenous Muslim Practices in the Balkans and East Africa, including recruit contributions and edit volumes, negotiate publication contracts for entire series, organize international conferences.

2019- American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

• Visiting Professor of Political Science, Department of International Studies

Department Service

- Member of Assessment Committee for Renewal of Department Accreditation;
- Member of Department Chair Search Committee;
- Head of Search for Ahmed Seddiqi Endowed Chair of Gulf Studies.
- Member of Selection Committee for the Sheikh Khalifa Scholarship awarded to best student in College of Arts and Science

University Service

• Member University Senate Faculty Evaluation and Standards of Performance Committee

2006-2016 Georgia State University (GSU), Atlanta, GA

• Associate Professor, History Department/Middle East Institute (Promoted 2011)

Director of Study Abroad Program to Turkey and UAE/Oman

Director of Study Abroad Program to Turkey and UAE/Oman

Turkey: Bridge to the Ages (study abroad to Turkey, first conducted in summer 2010).

Arabia: Gateway to the World (study abroad to UAE and Oman, conducted summers of 2011 and 2012).

Department Service

- •Graduate Studies Committee, 2006-2010.
- •Promotion and Tenure committee, 2008-2010.

Various Promotion and Tenure File Review Subcommittees.

•Committee for Triannual Evaluation of History Department Chair, 2008.

- •Visiting Lecturer Search Committee, 2010.
- Ancient Mediterranean/Near Eastern World Search Committee, 2008-2009.
- •Visiting Instructor/Visiting Lecturer Search Committee, 2008.
- •Library, Media, and Technology Committee, 2006-2010.
- •Early Modern Europe Search Committee, 2006-2007.
- •Undergraduate Advisement Committee, 2007-2009.

University Service:

Committee on Faculty Affairs.

- -Subcommittee on Partner and Spousal Hires, 2009-2010.
- -Subcommittee on Salary Compression, 2009-2010.

Committee on Admissions and Standards.

- -Student Petitions Subcommittees, 2008-2009.
- -Academic Regulations Subcommittee, 2009.
- •College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Council, 2010.
- •Judge, Georgia State University Undergraduate Research Conference, 2010.
- •Fulbright Teaching Assistantship Grant Evaluation Committee, 2008.
- •Acting Faculty Advisor, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies/International Studies, 2006-2007.

2014-2015 **University of Antwerp**, Antwerp Belgium.

Committee work: Library Committee (advised chief librarian on Middle Eastern and Balkan collection). Graduate Committee, Curriculum Committee (designed three courses).

Crucially, I also administered study abroad programs that encompassed my complete management from the organization to financing and ultimately supervision of programs.

2005-2010 American University, Washington DC

Lecturer and Dir. of Overseas Program in the United Arab Emirates, School of Foreign Service Graduate Supervision: Senior and MA project supervisor to 16 projects based in the UAE. Role included organizing professional internships and running seminar in the region.

Conducted annual Overseas Exchange seminar for Graduate Course on International Relations in the Arab Gulf, which included supervising MA-level thesis projects and internships for Graduate Students attending the School of Foreign Service Programs of American University. Seminar included on-site visits to institutions throughout the UAE and Oman.

Graduate Supervision: Senior and MA project supervisor to 16 projects based in the UAE. Role included organizing professional internships.

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING:

I have taught undergraduate level courses since the early 2000s as a graduate student at New York University. First as a teaching assistant then as an instructor who designed, taught, and graded the material, from these initial phases, and with every new adjunct appointment in various colleges and programs at New York University, the New School for Social Research, Yeshiva University, Trinity College (where I also supervised one MA thesis and 4 senior papers), I received pedagogical training. Each of these programs had their unique, individuated program which, in the 2000s still distributed packet materials and presented in classroom settings slides and supervised discussion circles among new faculty. More recently, with new technologies, the seminar setting has been replaced with material available online via cloud accounts or ilearn platforms with links provided by university centers for "the

Advancement of University Teaching" (Stockholm University)¹ or Georgia State University's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL)², which "advances a university community where the best practices of engaged teaching and learning are supported through a range of programs for all instructors, from first-time graduate assistants to longtime faculty." Considering the number of times I have gone through these introduction courses as I moved from one university to another, it would be impossible to tabulate my entire history of "training." Despite being a "longtime" faculty I have yet again in 2020 gone through a series of "introductions" to teaching and learning, this time with the American University of Sharjah (UAE)'s Faculty Development Center. https://www.aus.edu/academics/services-and-resources/faculty-development-center

Since COVID-19 led to shifting in class instruction to online, I have taken a series of new pedagogical courses that were haphazardly set up by the university. Now that it is clear a new year will likely begin teaching online again, the Faculty Development Center has recently provided online instructions to improve faculty skills.

Having come to serve as visiting Professor at the American University of Sharjah, UAE, I have once again been initiated into distinctive operating systems and teaching platforms. While I am familiar with Blackboard Systems, as I used it before in both Georgia State University and the University of Antwerp, the system has been modified specific to AUS. I thus have gone through a set of new workshops on organizing my courses. AUS Faculty Development Center has been given the added task of training in quick succession a number of preparatory classes in the use of google platform ilearn that is integrated into Blackboard. As a result of the COVID-19 events, all courses by mid-semester were converted to online services.

https://www.aus.edu/academics/services-and-resources/faculty-development-center

These are the following sessions I just attended online in order to prepare for the online courses for next semester:

Courses required last several months at the American University of Sharjah

Session	Date	Time	Description	Training Link
Course	Sunday	11:0	Provide online	https://intranet.aus.edu/Training/Reg/HR/courori
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course			tools available in	
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			tools to keep	
			your students	

¹ As a new arrival to Stockholm University, despite my decade and a half of experience, university regulations required that I take a "Research Supervision – Theory and Practice" training seminar. It was required before I could formally take on the role of supervising PhD students in Stockholm, again, despite the fact I supervised more than a dozen in my career. The program is organized through https://www.su.se/ceul/.

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² https://cetl.gsu.edu/

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Proctoring Tests with Respondus Monitor		0 PM - 03:0	iLearn with Respondus LockDown Browser and REspondus Monitor to record students test attempts. Learn how to	https://intranet.aus.edu/Training/Reg/HR/proctest
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Course Learning Outcomes Alignments and Assessment Reports	Tuesday June 2	0 AM - 12:0	to its set of CLOs and align assessments tools to individual or	https://intranet.aus.edu/Training/Reg/HR/learnout
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	Wednesda y June 3		grading/feedbac k tool	

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Now that most, if not all, interactions with such educational services are done via zoom or ilearn platforms, I have been encouraged to take preparatory training courses on the use of "Open Networked Learning" systems. We were trained in developing strategies to use digital tools to create new "learning" environments for students. My courses for the Fall of 2020, wherever I ultimately end up teaching (hopefully by 2021 at ToRs) will integrate these lessons in creating "open online learning environments" that help connect with colleagues even from different universities. While it is my sincere hope we return to the classroom to engage students as once assumed was requisite for a proper education, I have been acclimatized to this digital teaching environment enough to know that I can adapt, as I did when I taught with entirely different systems in Copenhagen in 2018. Like then, as I have this last year, and likely next year, I will adapt and ultimately provide stimulating classes to my undergraduate and graduate students.

To keep the rest of this portfolio on my background in training reasonable, I will just reference some of the training seminars I have been required to attend as faculty at Stockholm University, which have twice a year a series of "universitetspedagogiska kurser" that faculty are either required or are encouraged to take. Aside from the requisite "Research Supervision" course, in my case the schedule looked like this (I had to fly back from Toronto—where I was visiting Professor—to attend them) I copy and paste the material sent via email:

Research Supervision - Theory and Practice

(No credit, required of all faculty supervising PhDs) Dates: April 6, April 7, April 28, May 5, 2017

Time: 9 AM to 16 PM all days

Conducted by the Centre for the Advancement of University Teaching

Course Description

This course focuses on providing new or experienced doctoral supervisors with the means and opportunity to critically reflect on their supervision in order to learn new skills and generate insights and inspiration through teamwork and engagement.

About the course (as described on website)

During the course participants will reflect on what one does as a supervisor and discuss various ways to improve the supervision in order to facilitate doctoral students' learning and development. Course participants will discuss with colleagues from different academic subjects and disciplines, and gain more insights into disciplinary and local traditions. The course will also offer lectures and seminars during which various aspects of doctoral supervision is highlighted. Practical exercises and case seminars are also included in the course. All course meetings and seminars will be held on Zoom.

Topics include

The supervisor role and responsibilities
Facilitating doctoral students' learning and development
Rules and regulations regarding doctoral education at Stockholm University
Ethics, gender and equality in supervision.

I also have in my record attending in early summer 2017 the following course made available by the Swedish Research Council:

June 2017 (Seminar, no credit) GOOD RESEARCH PRACTICE SWEDISH RESEARCH COUNCIL VETENSKAPSRÅDET https://www.vr.se/english.html

The other course I remember distinctly was training for the new education platform the department in which I am based acquired. I remember well these sessions as they constituted the third time our department computer staff changed operating pedagogical systems:

Workshop - Kursdesign för Athena (no credit, required by department) Every Wednesday October and November, 2018

EXPERIENCE WITH EVALUATION OF TEACHING AND EDUCATION

2020

- Expert Peer Evaluator of Promotion and Tenure Candidate, University of California at Davis, Department of History, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Chancellors Office. Part of my tasks is to assess effectiveness of candidate for promotion in teaching/mentoring students.
- Member, Review Committee for Grant Proposals (Final Stages) at the American Academy in Berlin. Part of the criteria of selection is to determine the "educational value of the project for non-specialists and the larger public."
- Advisor to Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research based in Braunschweig, Germany. Produce analysis over the next three years of national textbooks in History and the Social Sciences, throughout the candidate countries--Bosnia, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, North Macedonia, Georgia, and Ukraine).

2002-2003

- Director of Research, Kosovo Institute of Policy Research and Training, KIPRED, Prishtina, Kosovo.
- Managed Media and Institutional Outreach program that entailed public education and training.

- Research Management and Development; Directed research on local political structures and trained junior research fellows.
- Supervised research production targeting academic, diplomatic and NGO readerships.
- Supervised training of government staff and members of Kosova's parliament.
- Researched and wrote reports on the role of Islamic NGOs operating within province since 1999, local political developments, the performance of the Health Ministry and monitored the role of international agencies in the functioning of local government offices.

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- External Consultant, OSCE, Department of Democratization, Prishtina, Kosovo
- Wrote evaluation of program's performance in the "hand-over" process of OSCE/OMIK's "democracy assistance" strategy. Paid close attention to quality of pedagogical material and effectiveness of training seminars targeting government officials and potential entry-level civic authorities.
- Provided recommendations for hand-over strategy and procedures that would guide the work of the department in 2003 and beyond.
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EXPERIENCE WITH MANAGING RESEARCH AND/OR TEACHING

Among the many endeavours I have been asked to take on behalf of my various universities has been to mentor teaching assistants who were training at the school of education in Georgia State University in Atlanta. Ostensibly I trained and supervised PhD candidates as they took on teaching roles. This role extended to mentoring new faculty and lecturers both at Georgia State University and now again at the American University of Sharjah. Additionally, I served on committees overseeing the effectiveness of junior faculty, providing annual reports and assessments for promotion and renewal of adjunct contracts in GSU (Atlanta).

Perhaps of value is the fact I advised on many early learning initiatives and appropriateness of references to Islam in the Atlanta Public School System, a volunteered role solicited by the School of Education, Georgia State University. This translated into the book:

• Co-author and Consultant, *Mastering the Georgia 7th grade CRCT in social studies: Africa and Asia* (Woodstock, GA: American Book Co., 2008). Please see PDF of flyer attached to end of this report.

In the UAE, the AUS Faculty Development office has over the years asked me to lecture newly arrived faculty to the United Arab Emirates. In an attempt to initiate them to the region and country, I provided guidelines on how to best interact with students' of different faiths, especially Islam, as well as sensitivities particular to the UAE and the specific Emirate of Sharjah, where the university is based. These issues are critical to maintaining good relations with parents, the larger community and misunderstandings or abuses, even if unintended, can lead to termination of faculty contracts.

This is a role I have played often as I prepared study abroad students from American University, in Washington DC, to Georgia State. I also was asked to provide training for students coming to the Balkans (especially Albanian-inhabited territories) and also briefly offered such services for the provisional government in dealing with diplomats from around the world.

I can serve a similar role on behalf of the department/university. As an attempt to publically reach out and address inter-communal concerns, I could do what I did both last year and almost 8 years earlier in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah. I held seminars for High School teachers of History organized by the Ministry of Education UAE 2012, 2019.

I have also gone through numerous "sensitivity" training seminars as a spouse to a UN, WHO, Global Fund officer. Living and traveling throughout Asia and Eastern/Southern Africa "on mission" meant I participated in these training sessions offered by the UN.

I have applied some of this experience extending my services to various state, NGO and international organizations. The following is a brief list of activities:

2018

• "Violence, Memory and Cinema in the MEM Region: Soft Power and the Investment in Memory," Assisted with organization of the Seminar *Middle East Mediterranean Region: Narratives, Representations, Images* initiated by Prof. Riccardo Bocco at The Middle East Mediterranean Summer Summit, August 22, 2018 (Lugano, Switzerland). https://www.mem-summersummit.ch/

2018

Svenska Forskningsinstitutet, Istanbul, Turkey

Modern Middle Eastern Studies Program (Summer). Co-Director of Summer training course entitled: Human Rights: A Recurrent History. Supervising MA/BA level students to produce summer-long projects for NGO development toward final certificate.

Teaching courses: Universal Empires and the Quest for a Humanity; Slaves, Women, and Minorities in the Reform Period; The Late Ottoman Era and the Rise of Nationalism; Rights between Elites and Subalterns in the Middle East.

2016

• Swedish Institute, Advisory Committee on Expansion of Executive Training Program—'Sustainable Management Practices'—to the Persian/Arab Gulf. May 2016, (Stockholm, Sweden).

STUDY ABROAD PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT

I have been active in promoting and then directing initiatives to help students gain access to the larger world. I did this by securing internships that help develop their prospects for future employment and introduce them to many of the institutions and socio-cultural settings about which they were learning in classrooms (now online). To this effect, I had for years directed overseas study programs for the School of Foreign Services at American University in Washington DC. Maintaining an annual summer-long internship and seminar series via the American University of Sharjah in the UAE, I helped many generations of students gain access to the complex world of business, media and foreign affairs in the region. It also facilitated an exchange of young adults that produced many future collaborations across the world. My successes with that program gave me the framework to develop a similar program once I joined Georgia State University in Atlanta, where I organized "Maymester" courses that lasted six weeks in Turkey, the UAE and Oman. (Please see attached brochures of these courses and a syllabus in annex).

2005-2010 American University, Washington DC

Lecturer and Dir. of Overseas Program in the United Arab Emirates, School of Foreign Service Graduate Supervision: Senior and MA project supervisor to 16 projects based in the UAE. Role included organizing professional internships and running seminar in the region.

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Graduate Supervision: Senior and MA project supervisor to 16 projects based in the UAE. Role included organizing professional internships.

2006-2015 **Georgia State University**, Atlanta USA

Associate Professor, History Department/Middle East Institute (Promoted 2011)

Director of Study Abroad Program to Turkey and UAE/Oman

Turkey: Bridge to the Ages (study abroad to Turkey, first conducted in summer 2010).

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Below I provide samples of my much larger history to training students in various Area Studies equivalent experiences that are global and historic as much as contemporary. From copies of brochures to

my study abroad program I could find to a sample syllabus I believe is emblematic of how I would teach Balkans, Middle Eastern, Turkish, Indian Ocean Studies from a global perspective themes at ToRs, I want also to allow members of the committee the opportunity to reach out to some of my past students, who have all agreed to provide comments/reflections on my effectiveness as a mentor. They have expressed their willingness to share their impressions on what impact I had on their lives. Importantly, their experiences would make for a great opportunity to share with students in Copenhagen.

To offer more access to how students considered my impact on their intellectual development, I also provide contact information for former and current students who are now either professors themselves or advanced PhD students. It will be noted that I have trained several anthropologists who are now positioned to complete their PhDs from major programs into which their acceptance was possible with my support. I am very proud indeed of their accomplishments and their ongoing successes is something I am certain I can assure future students.

Names of former students available to contact:

• Stacy Fahrenthold, Assistant Professor of History, University of California-Davis. A rising star in migration studies, I was able to invite her to Copenhagen in 2018 to participate in several events. Her newly released book from Oxford University Press is a revelation in Syrian-American Migration history. Dr. Fahrenthold was my undergraduate student and I have since seen to it that she thrive in the field. sfahrenthold@ucdavis.edu

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• Samir Shalabi, currently PhD Candidate, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University. I supervised Samir's work in Egypt where he conducted an urban ethnography of Syrian refugees and the use of "abandoned" space in Cairo.

https://www.socant.su.se/english/research/our-researchers/samir-shalabi

• Hanna Berg, a PhD candidate currently at the Graduate Institute in Geneva is writing her dissertation entitled: "Paper refugees: a study of the everyday experiences of Syrians' (im)mobility in Jordan" I supervised her MA thesis in Stockholm and encouraged her to continue with her studies at the GI. hanna.berg@graduateinstitute.ch

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