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EDUCATION

Princeton University Ph.D., Middle Eastern Studies Committee: Michael A. Reynolds (chair), Ekaterina A. Pravilova, Max Weiss, Bernard Haykel, Sabri Ateş	2015–2021
New York University M.A., Middle Eastern Studies	2012–2014
City University of New York M.A., Political Science	2010–2012
Bogazici University B.A., Political Science and International Relations	2002–2007

OTHER TRAINING

Alliance Française, Paris, France Advanced French	Spring 2019
Middlebury Language Schools, Middlebury, VT Advanced Russian	Summer 2018
Derzhavin Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia Intermediate Russian	Summer 2017
Dehkhoda Institute, University of Tehran, Iran Advanced Persian	Summer 2016

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies	January 2024–
University of Michigan in Ann Arbor Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History	2022–2023
Princeton University Postgraduate Research Associate	Spring 2022

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Race and ethnicity, environmental history, empire, world history, nationalism, colonialism, decolonization, science and technology studies, Indigeneity, slavery, Islam, Middle East, North Africa, Caucasus, Central Asia, Ottoman Empire, Persia/Iran

BOOK PROJECT

Roads to Dersim '38: Racial Thinking and Colonial Violence in Engineering the Global Middle East (book proposal under preparation for submission to Princeton University Press)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Review Journal Articles

Cevat Dargın, “Anticipatory Historical Geographies of Violence: Imagining, Mapping and Integrating Dersim into the Ottoman Empire and the Turkish State, 1866–1939,” *Journal of Historical Geography* 81 (2023): 162–178.

Cevat Dargın, “Race and the Rhetoric of Rebellion: Afterlives of Ottoman Collapse in Making of Dersim '38” (in final stages of development for submission to *Ethnic and Racial Studies*).

Cevat Dargın, “Self-Determination for Whom? The Modern Middle East and the Question of Race in International Law” (in advanced stages of development for submission to *Past & Present*).

Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

Cevat Dargın, “Dangerous Mission: Rescuing Armenian Genocide Survivors during World War I,” in *Reckoning with Loss: The Long Aftermath of the First World War in the Middle East*, eds. Elizabeth F. Thompson et al. (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming 2024).

Cevat Dargın, “Hayali İsyancılar: Türk ulus inşasında Alevi Kürtler” [Imagined Rebels: Alevi Kurds in Turkish Nation-Building], in *Kürtler ve Cumhuriyet* [The Kurds and the Republic], eds. Ayhan Işık, et al., 217-228 (Anakara: Dipnot, 2023).

Cevat Dargın, “Osmanlı’dan Cumhuriyet’e bir ‘Eşkîyalık Efsanesi’: Koçan (Koçuşığı) Aşireti (1890–1938)” [“A Legend of Banditry” across Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey: The Koçan (Koçuşığı) Tribe (1890–1938)], in *Şekâvet, Hıyânet, İsyân: Geç Osmanlı’dan Cumhuriyet’e Eşkîyalık* [Brigandage, Treachery, Rebellion: Banditry from the Late Ottoman Empire to the Republic of Turkey], eds. Yalçın Çakmak and Ahmet Özcan, 69–89 (Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları, 2023).

Book Review and Review Essays

Cevat Dargın, “Charting Transitions: Perspectives on the Late Ottoman Empire and Post-Ottoman Transformations,” (review essay under preparation for submission to *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*).

Cevat Dargın, Review of *Losing Istanbul: Arab-Ottoman Imperialists and the End of Empire*, by Mustafa Minawi, *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies* [forthcoming].

Cevat Dargın, Review of *Inventing the Berbers: History and Ideology in the Maghrib*, by Ramzi Rouighi, *Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, 152 (2022): Online.

Other Academic Publications

Cevat Dargın, “Turkish Elections, Kurdish Votes, and the Question of Race.” *Jadaliyya* (2023).

Cevat Dargın, “Kimin için Self Determinasyon? Lozan Antlaşması, Kürt Sorunu ve Uluslararası Hukukta Irk Meselesi” [Self-Determination for Whom? The Treaty of Lausanne, the Kurdish Issue, and the Question of Race in International Law], *PolitikART*, 318 (2023): Online.

Cevat Dargın, “Why Does Televizyon Become Vizonte? Kurds and Orientalism from Within,” *Annual Review*, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University (2014), 19.

Cevat Dargın and Kenan Engin, “Turkey’s Shifting Foreign Policy Toward the Middle East and Its Relationship with Israel,” *Journal of Turkish Weekly*, December 23, 2011.

Cevat Dargın, “The Arab Spring and the Waves of Democracy,” *Journal of Turkish Weekly* September 22, 2011

WORKING PAPERS

“Empire of Mountains: Environmental Racialization and Colonial Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey” (under preparation for submission to *Past & Present*)

“A Tale of Tragedy and Transformation: The Journey of a Kurdish Tribal Leader under Hamidian, Young Turks, and Kemalist Regimes (1863–1937)” (under preparation for submission to *International Journal of Middle East Studies*).

“Bound by History: Entangled Stories of Aurora Mardiganian and Sabiha Gökçen in the Making of Modern Turkey” (under preparation for submission to *Gender & History*).

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Turkish (native), Kurdish (native), Russian (advanced), Persian (advanced), French (advanced), Ottoman Paleography (reading competency), Arabic (basic)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Assistant Professor of Non-Western History, University of Pittsburgh (second finalist)	2023
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Promise Armenian Institute, UCLA (declined)	2022
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Armenian Studies Center, and the Department of History University of Michigan in Ann Arbor	2022–2023

Research Grant, the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research	2022
Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Princeton University	2021
Research Grant, American Research Institute in Turkey	2019
Donald and Mary Hyde Foundation Research Fellowship	2018
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Language Study Grant	2017
Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, Language and Research Grant	2016
Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, Language Study Grant	2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Turkey: Extensive research in Ottoman Imperial Archives (BOA), Turkish Republican Archives, Turkish military archives (ATASE), Turkish Historical Society, and the National Library of Turkey

France: Extensive research in Archives nationales, Archives diplomatiques, and Bibliothèque nationale de France

United States: Extensive research in American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions Archives, and National Archives

United Kingdom: Extensive research in Foreign Office (FO) and the National Archives

Russia: Preliminary research in the Archive of the Foreign Policy of Imperial Russia and at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Iran: Preliminary research in National Archives of Iran and Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran

TEACHING

Armenians and the Modern World Instructor, Columbia University	Spring 2024
Nations and Nationalism Instructor, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor	Spring 2023
Undergraduate Research Mentorship Princeton University	2021–2022
The Politics of Modern Islam Assistant Instructor, Princeton University	Fall 2020
Minorities in the Middle East and North Africa Reading course developed and participated under the direction of Max Weiss	Fall 2017
Nationalism and Nation-State in the Middle East and Eurasia	Spring 2017

Reading course developed and participated under the direction of Michael A. Reynolds

Teaching Certificate

McGraw Center for Teaching, Princeton University

Spring 2016

Political Systems of Africa

Teaching Assistant, City University of New York

Fall 2011

WORKSHOP ORGANIZED

“Modern State and Internal Colonialism: Peoples, Places, and Power across Empire and Nation-State.” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2022). In collaboration with Melanie S. Tanielian, Hakem Al-Rustom, and Gottfried Hagen.

PUBLIC LECTURES AND INVITED TALKS

“Empire of Mountains: Environmental Racialization and Colonial Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey.” Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University (2024)

“Roads to Civilization: Imagining, Mapping, and Integrating Dersim into the Ottoman Empire and the Turkish State.” Ottoman and Turkish Studies, New York University (2024)

“Dangerous Choices: Armenian-Kurdish Entanglements Before, During, and After the Genocide.”
–University of California, Berkeley (2024)
–University of California, Los Angeles (2024)

“Rebellion as Myth in State-Making and State-Evasion: The Case of Dersim across Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey (1878–1938).” New Horizons in Kurdish History Lecture Series, Harvard University (2022).

“Race, Environment, and the Modern Middle East: A Historical Microanalysis.” Co-hosted by Princeton University and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor (2022).

“A Disease in the Lungs of Anatolia”: Politics of Reform and Modernization at the Intersection of Armenian, Kurdish, and Kizilbash Questions.” Center for Armenian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2022).

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

“Race, Rhetoric, and Rebellion: Afterlives of Ottoman Collapse in the Making of Dersim '38.” (Upcoming)
– Yale University, Macmillan Center Council on Middle East Studies. Conference: The Long Twentieth Century of Kurds and Kurdistan.

“The Orient of the Orientalized: The Kurdish Other at the Intersection of Western Orientalism and Ottoman Colonialism.” (Upcoming)
–Oxford University, The Institute of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. Conference: Orientalism and Western Travelers to the Levant before the First World War (2024).

“Roadlessness: Ottoman Modernity Navigating Uncharted Territories.”

–Princeton University. Conference: 4th Annual Mid-Atlantic Ottomanist Workshop (2023).

–University of Michigan. Conference: 11th Workshop on Armenian and Turkish Scholarship

“‘You are Real and Pure Turks!’: Racialization and Colonial Violence in the Middle East.” (Upcoming)

– Middle Eastern Studies Association, Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada (2023).

“Self-Determination for Whom? The Treaty of Lausanne, the Question of Race, and the Politics of International Law.”

–Northwestern University. Conference: The Afterlives of Lausanne (2023).

“A Boil in the Heart of Anatolia: Environmental Knowledge in the Making of Ottoman and Turkish Colonial Encounters.”

–American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting. Roundtable: Resisting Nature: European Imperial Projects and the Limits of Environmental Knowledge. Boston, MA (2023).

“Ottoman Collapse or Absolute Sovereignty? The Dersim ‘Rebellion’ as Myth in State-Making and State-Evasion.”

–Heidelberg University. Conference: Diaspora and Indigeneity: Intersections of Modern Jewish, Kurdish, and Amazigh History Germany (2023).

–The Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies Annual Meeting: The Middle East in Myth and Reality, Reykjavik, Iceland (2022).

“Internal Colonialism in the Middle East: The Case of Dersim across Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey (1877–1938).”

–Middle Eastern Studies Association, Annual Conference. Denver, CO (2022).

–Social Science and History Association Annual Conference. Session: Reverberations of Empire: Histories, Legacies & Lineages, Chicago, IL (2022).

–Third Annual Mid-Atlantic Ottomanists Workshop: Continuity and Change Throughout the Ottoman Longue Durée, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA (2022).

“The Kizilbash Kurds’ Dangerous Mission: Smuggling Armenian Genocide Survivors to Safety During World War I.” Conference: The First World War in the Middle East: Aftermath and Legacies.

–Flanders Fields Museum, Ypres, Belgium (2022).

“The Middle East in Rebellion: Resistance to Nation-States and Colonial Administrations in the Aftermath of Ottoman Collapse (1918–1938).” Symposium: An Anarchist Turn? Imperial Rule and Resistance in the Long Twentieth Century.

–Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan (2022).

“Governing a Nonstate Space: Alevism in Theory and Practice.” Shai Studies Conference.

–Islamic College, London (2022).

“A Mobile and Invisible Religion: The Kizilbash Belief System in Practice.” Workshop: New Horizons in Alevi and Bektashi History.

–College of William and Mary and Harvard University, Williamsburg, VA (2022).

“Alî Şîr: A Kurdish Nationalist Poet and Warrior in the Early 20th Century.” Workshop: Kurdish Nationalism and Russian Imperial Projects.

–Institute of Orientalism of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia (2019).

“United Kingdom and the Kurds during World War I: A Critical Analysis of British Documentary Sources: 1914–1920.” Conference: Historical and Comparative Perspectives on Kurdish Politics,

–Buffett Institute, Northwestern University (2016).

“Identity in the Ideology, Art, and Literature of Kurdish Intellectuals at the End(s) of the Ottoman Empire.” Workshop on identity politics.

–New York University (2015).

PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH

Podcast: “Osmanlı’dan Cumhuriyet’e Dersim’de Devlet İnşası” (State-Making in Dersim across Empire and Nation-State). *Kıymık*, podcast hosted by Yalçın Çakmak (2023).

Panel: “Turkey and Democracy at the Crossroads.” Panel organized by Writers for Democratic Action & Democracy Book Club. Moderated by Peter Balakian (2023).

Film Screening: “Zer: A film by Kazım Öz.” Panel organizer and Q&A Coordinator, Princeton University (2018).

Panel: “A Voice from Syrian Kurdistan: The Civil War, Refugees, and Women.” Panel hosted by Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Princeton University (2017).

Panel: “Beyond the Arab Spring: Political (De)formation and Social Revolution in Rojava.” Panel hosted by Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, NYU (2015).

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Public Programs and Outreach Assistant, Center for Near Eastern Studies, NYU (2013–2014).

Research Assistant Intern, World Policy Institute, NYC (2011).

Assistant Proposition Development Specialist, İş Bank Headquarters, Istanbul (2008–2009).

Council on International Educational Exchange, *Work and Travel Program*, Michigan, Colorado, and New York (Summer 2005, 2006, and 2007).

WORK AUTHORIZATION STATUS

Legally authorized for unrestricted and permanent employment in the United States.