

Curriculum Vitaé – İlkan Can İPEKÇİ/ Ph.D.

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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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17/09/2019 – 29.08.2024

**Sabancı University | İstanbul, Turkey**

Ph.D.: **Gender Studies (Specialization/Track:** Social Developmental Psychology of Gender)

**Thesis Title:** Beyond the Clinic: A Psychosocial Politics of Queer\* Trauma and LGBTQ+ Mental Health in Turkey

Thesis Supervisor I: Prof. Dr. Sibel Irzık

Thesis Co-supervisor II: Doç. Dr. Sibel Halfon

CGPA: **4.00**

09/2016 – 08/2018

**Yeditepe University | İstanbul, Turkey**

M.A.: **Social Anthropology**

**Thesis Title:** A Culture-sensitive, non-cisheteronormative Examination of the Oedipus Complex at the Junction of Anthropology and Psychoanalysis

Supervisors: Dr. Levent Yurdakul Kavas and Dr. Ayşe Hilal Tuztaş Horzumlu

CGPA: **3.86**

09/2014 – 08/2016

**Yeditepe University | İstanbul, Turkey**

B.A.: **Interpreting and Translation Studies**

Supervisor: Dr. Perihan Duygu Tekgül Akın CGPA: **3.96**

B.A.: **Psychology (Double Major)**

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alev Yalçınkaya

CGPA: **3.92**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**08.07.2024 – 23.08.2024 (Department of Cultural Studies/Sabancı University)**

*Visiting Lecturer (Part-time)*

- ❖ To teach;
  - SOC 201 (SUMMER 2024) – Social Theory

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**12.02.2024 – 21.06.2024 (Department of Psychology/Bahçeşehir University)**

*Visiting Lecturer (Part-time)*

- ❖ To teach;
  - PSY 4052 (SPRING 2024) – Cross-Cultural Psychology
  - PSY 1050 (SPRING 2024) – Understanding Social Behavior
  - PSY 2006 (SPRING 2024), Section 1 – Social Psychology II
  - PSY 2006 (SPRING 2024), Section 2 – Social Psychology II
  - PSY 1002 (SPRING 2024) – Introduction to Psychology II

**18.09.2023 – 10.02.2024 (Department of Psychology/Bahçeşehir University)**

*Visiting Lecturer (Part-time)*

- ❖ To teach;
  - PSY 4058 (FALL 2023), Section 1 – Psychology of Gender
  - PSY 4058 (FALL 2023), Section 2 – Psychology of Gender

**14.02.2022 – 25.06.2022 (Department of Psychology/ Yeditepe University)**

*Visiting Lecturer (Part-time)*

- ❖ To teach;
  - PSY 362 (SPRING 2022), Section 1 – Measurement in Psychology
  - PSY 362 (SPRING 2022), Section 2 – Measurement in Psychology
  - PSY 362 (SPRING 2022), Section 3 – Measurement in Psychology
  - PSY 160 (SPRING 2022) – Scholarly Reading and Writing Skills in Psychology II
  - PSY 101 (SPRING 2022) – Introduction to Psychology

**17.09.2019 – 24.08.2024 (Department of Gender Studies/ Sabancı University)**

*Teaching Assistant*

- ❖ To assist and teach;
  - ANTH 214 (SPRING 2024) – Anthropology as Cultural Critique (Dr. Kristen Biehl)
  - GEN 444 (SPRING 2024) – Gender and Sexuality in Turkey (Dr. Arzu Ünal)
  - IR 394 (FALL 2023) – World Politics (Prof. Dr. Ayşe Betül Çelik)
  - CONF 400/500 (FALL 2023) – International Conflict and Peace (Prof. Dr. Ayşe Betül Çelik)
  - FALL 410/610 (FALL 2023) – Gender and Politics (Dr. Gülru Göker)
  - CULT 361 (SUMMER 2023) – Oral History (Dr. Arzu Ünal)
  - CULT 361/561 (SPRING 2023) – Oral History (Dr. Arzu Ünal)

- ANTH 321/521 (SPRING 2023) – Anthropology of Migration and the City (Dr. Kristen Biehl)
- CULT 453/553 (FALL 2022) – Spaces of Migration (Dr. Aslı İkizoğlu Erensü)
- GEN 343 (FALL 2022) – Transnational Intimacies, Transnational Families (Dr. Aslı İkizoğlu Erensü)
- GEN 444 (SUMMER 2022) – Gender and Sexuality in Turkey (Dr. Arzu Ünal)
- LIT 212 (SPRING 2022) – Analyzing Text and Context (Dr. Hülya Adak)
- CULT 361/561 (FALL 2021) – Oral History (Dr. Arzu Ünal)
- ANTH 468/568 (FALL 2021) – Ethnography: Fieldwork and Writing in Anthropology (Dr. Arzu Ünal)
- GEN 444 (SPRING 2021) – Gender and Sexuality in Turkey (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cenk Özbay) An Hour Weekly Lecturing and Discussion Leading
- GEN 410/610 (SPRING 2021) – Gender and Politics (Dr. Gülru Göker)
- SOC 201 (FALL 2020) – Social Theory (Dr. Ateş Altınordu): Two Hours Weekly Discussion Leading
- SOC 201 (SUMMER 2020) – Social Theory (Dr. Tolga Kobaş): Two Hours Discussion Leading
- ANTH 251 (SPRING 2020) - Anthropology of the Global City (Dr. Arzu Ünal)
- CULT 299 (SPRING 2020) – Topics in Turkish Cultural Studies (Dr. Arzu Ünal)
- SOC 201 (FALL 2019) – Social Theory (Dr. Ateş Altınordu): Two Hours Weekly Discussion Leading

**13.02.2019 – 25.08.2019 (Department of Psychology & Department of Anthropology/ Yeditepe University)**

*Visiting Lecturer (Part-time)*

❖ To teach;

- PSY 362 (SPRING 2022), Section 1 – Measurement in Psychology
- PSY 362 (SPRING 2022), Section 2 – Measurement in Psychology
- PSY 362 (SPRING 2022), Section 3 – Measurement in Psychology
- PSY 160 (SPRING 2022) – Scholarly Reading and Writing Skills in Psychology II
- PSY 101 (SPRING 2022) – Introduction to Psychology
- RSCH 411 (SUMMER 2021) – Quantitative Research Methods
- PSY 314 (SUMMER 2021) – Experimental Psychology
- PSY 101 (SUMMER 2019) – Introduction to Psychology
- PSY 160 (SPRING 2019), Section 1 – Scholarly Reading and Writing Skills in Psychology II

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- PSY 160 (SPRING 2019), Section 2 – Scholarly Reading and Writing Skills in Psychology II
- PSY 160 (SPRING 2019), Section 3 – Scholarly Reading and Writing Skills in Psychology II
- PSY 101 (SPRING 2019) – Introduction to Psychology
- ANT 485 (SPRING 2019) – International Migration

**15.12.2017 – 15.03.2018 (Gender and Women’s Studies Center at Kadir Has University)**

*Research Intern*

- ❖ Participate in continuing research projects
- ❖ Survey contemporary studies in the field
- ❖ Assist with the on-going research projects.

**01.01.2017 – 07.07.2018 (Department of Anthropology/ Yeditepe University)**

*Research Assistant & Teaching Assistant*

- ❖ Participate in the continuing departmental research projects
- ❖ Help students with their academic needs and in-departmental demands
- ❖ Writing measurable learning outcomes
- ❖ Provide organizational support and planning to the department
- ❖ To assist and lead discussion sessions for:
  - ANT 329 (FALL 2017) – Advanced Readings in Anthropology
  - ANT 383 (SPRING 2017) – Contemporary Themes: Gender and Culture
  - ANT 334 (SPRING 2017) – Ritual and Religion

**07.08.2013 - 09.03.2016 (Translation and Interpreting Studies/ Yeditepe University)**

*Student Assistant*

- ❖ Assist with the departmental workload, both academic and administrative
- ❖ Assist students during the course registration

**31.07.2015 - 28.08.2015 (Habitus Research Company/İstanbul)**

*Field Researcher*

- ❖ Conduct ethnographic, in-depth interviews in İstanbul related to the selected projects
- ❖ Following the in-depth interviews, prepare final reports
- ❖ Perform translations and transcriptions when necessary

**16.06.2014 - 02.08.2014 (KOÇ-KAM “Women Studies Research Center”/ KOÇ University)**

*Summer Research Intern*

- ❖ Participate in the project of ‘Gender Discrimination at Workplace’ within the scope of ‘UNESCO Gender Gap Project’
- ❖ Write an extensive literature review

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

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- **Central European University Summer School 2022** in ‘Transdisciplinary Trauma Studies’ Course, Acceptance and **Full Tuition Waiver** (July 10, 2022)
- Full **Ph.D. Scholarship** at **Department of Gender Studies** at **Sabancı University** (2019-ongoing)
- Full **Ph.D. Scholarship** at the **Department of Psychology** at **Koç University** / (2019-2020)
- **Excellence Scholarship** at the Department of **Gender Studies** at **Central European University (CEU)** / 2018-2019
- *Summa Cum Laude* (the Highest-Ranking Student) at the Department of **Anthropology**, High Honors (CGPA: 3.86)
- *Summa Cum Laude* (the Highest-Ranking Student) at the Department of **Interpreting and Translation Studies**, High Honors (CGPA: 3.90)
- *Magna Cum Laude* (the Second Highest Ranking Student) at the Department of **Psychology**, High Honors (CGPA: 3.96)
- *Magna Cum Laude* (the Second Highest Ranking Student) at the **Faculty of Arts and Sciences**, High Honors (CGPA: 3.96)
- Full Scholarship in **MA Program in Anthropology (Yeditepe University)**
- Full Scholarship in **Translation Studies (ÖSYM Scholarship)**, and **Psychology (Yeditepe University)**

## DISSERTATIONS

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- Ph.D.: Beyond the Clinic: A Psychosexual Politics of Queer\* Trauma and LGBTQIA+ Mental Health In Turkey – August 2024
- M.A.: A Culture-Sensitive and Non-Heteronormative Examination of the Oedipus Complex at the Junction of Anthropology and Psychoanalysis (MA Thesis, Cultural Anthropology – 2018)
- B.A. – Graduation Project: APCOM Discussion Paper: Islam, Sexual Diversity and Access to Health Services (Undergraduate Translation Project, Translation Studies – 2016)

## PUBLICATIONS

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- İpekçi, İ. C. (2024). Sexual and Gender Dissidence Outside the Clinic: A Psychosocial Analysis of Queer\* Trauma and LGBTQIA+ Mental Health in Turkey. *Frontiers in Sociology*. (Accepted with Minor Revisions: In press)
- Özbay, C., & İpekçi, İ. C. (2024). State-led Anti-Gender Politics, Islamism, and University: Experiences of Gender Studies Scholars in Turkey. *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*. DOI 10.1215/15525864-10961794
- İpekçi, İ. C. (2023). Scriptural Contentions: Challenging the Heteronormative Translational Hermeneutics of the Qur'an through the Voices of Queer\* Muslim in Turkey. In M. Blaszkowska-Nawrocka, M. Rozalska, & A. Treska-Siwon (2023). (Eds.). *Indivisible: Social Responsibility in the Age of Entropocene*. DOI: 10.59862/7H9xK2pL
- İpekçi, İ. C. (2023). Too Queer, Too Fat?: A Queer Fem(me)inist Analysis of Turkish Fat Gay Men's Embodied Experiences of Abjection and Stigma, (GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies: Submitted for Submission)
- İpekçi, İ. C., & Santoro, G. (2023). Re-examining Risk Factors in Intimate Partner Abuse among African American Lesbians in the Years of the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services* (Accepted with Minor Revisions: Resubmitted)
- İpekçi, İ. C. (2023). A Review of *Gut Feminism*. *Feminist Pedagogy*. Available at <https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/feministpedagogy/vol13/iss5/2>
- The Lived Experiences of Turkish Queer\* English Teachers within the Scope of Institutionalized Heteronormativity (*Inter Alia: A Journal of Queer Studies*/ISSN: 1689-6637)
- Artistic Masculinities: The Role of the Arts in Cosmopolitan Remaking of Masculinities and Alternative Gender Expressions in the Creative Minds. In E. Dominguez-Rue (2021). (Ed.). *Beyond Identities: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Gender*. ISBN: 978-1-9196138-7-1.
- Re-imagining the Fear of a 'Feeling' Animal: An Interdisciplinary Approach towards "The Story of the Weeping Camel" (Edited Book ISBN: 978-605-88682-6-7)

## RESEARCH POSTERS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- İpekçi, İ. (2023). Matters that Matter (No More?): Neoliberal Transformation of Gender Studies Academia in Turkey and the Intersectional Politics of Epistemic

- Justice – the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ROLES Sexuality and Gender Studies Conference (Online, Open Paper/Talk)
- İpekçi, İ., & Altan-Atalay, A. (2023). The Association between Minority Stress and Psychological Distress: The Moderator Role of Self-Compassion, STAR Society Conference, Portugal (Online/Poster)
  - İpekçi, İ. (2023). Gender and Sexuality Outside the Clinic: A Psychosocial Politics of Queer\* Trauma and LGBTQIA2S+ Mental Health in Turkey – Sabancı University Cultural Studies Graduate Students Conference 2023, Open Paper/Talk (İstanbul, Turkey)
  - İpekçi, İ. (2023). The Unholy Trinity of the Gendered Self: Body, Mind, and Desire in Trans-Exclusionary ‘Radical Feminists’ Online Discourse – Indivisible: Social Responsibility in the Age of Entropocene Conference 2023, Open Paper/Talk (Poland, Krakow)
  - Şener, G., Boluvat, M. F., İpekçi, İ. C., Uğur, B. M., & Sert, H. S. (2022). Saldırganlık: Aciliyet Hissi, Sıkıntıya Dayanma ve Öfkeye İlişkin Derin Düşünme Üzerinden İncelenmesi (Aggression: An Examination on Negative Urgency, Distress Tolerance, and Anger Rumination) – 21<sup>st</sup> National Psychology Conference (Poster)
  - Queer and Muslim?: Challenging the Heteronormative Translational Hermeneutics of the Qur’an in Turkey (Queer in the Middle East, Queering the Middle East Conference at the University of Texas at Austin, Comparative Literature Conference 2022, Presentation)
  - Oceans Away from the Wakeful Day: A Psychoanalytical Reading of Maurice Sendak’s “Where the Wild Things Are” (978-625-7034-21-0, Cultural Studies ’22, International Conference on Cultural Studies, Presentation)

## RESEARCH LAB AFFILIATIONS

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- **2022 - Ongoing – Research Assistant at TAMLAB Psychology Research Lab**  
Tasked with conducting group-based research projects on the relationships between embitterment and various clinical outcomes and moderating variables as well as moderating social media and organizing online seminars and cross-listed online talks at the lab)
- **2023 – Ongoing – the Principal Investigator at Queer PSY-Force (Interdisciplinary Psychology Research Lab)** – Founder of the first Feminist/Queer Science-oriented psychological research lab that conducts five different empirical

research projects on issues such as menstruation stigma, transfeminist stereotyping in Turkish feminist activist scape, heteronormative stigmas of feminization, etc.

## WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

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- **2017- 2018 - Queer Anthropology Workshop** (Six weeks – In cooperation with Yeditepe Psychology Students' Club)
- **2015-2016 – Gender in Translation – Reading Workshop** (Three weeks with the students of the Department of Interpreting and Translation Studies)

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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- **Jan. 1, 2022, “LGBTQIA+ Mental Health and Neurodiversity”**, Yeditepe University, 7Renk 7Tepe LGBTQIA+ Student Club, İstanbul
- **July 2, 2021, “Developmental Social Psychology of Gender and Sexuality”**, Enstitü Fabrika (NGO), İstanbul
- **Feb. 28, 2020, “Revisiting Anne Fausto-Sterling on Gendered Body and Mind”**, Yeditepe University, İstanbul
- **Sept. 25, 2020, Psychoanalytical Film Readings, “Mommy”** by Xavier Dolan, Psychology Student Club Activity, Yeditepe Uni./İstanbul
- **Apr. 17, 2020, Sexual Development in “2:37”** by Murall K. Thalluri, Film Reading for Psychology Student Club, Yeditepe Uni./İstanbul
- **Nov. 22, 2019, Psychoanalytical Film Readings, “Boy Erased”** by Joel Edgerton, Psychology Student Club Activity, Yeditepe Uni./İstanbul
- **Sep. 13, 2019, Conference Moderation for ‘Evolution and Human Behaviors Symposium’**