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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Urban and Regional Planning), 2016, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.
Dissertation: Is it possible to plan displacement-free urban renewal? A comparative analysis of the national urban renewal program in Turkey.

MSc (Economics, Specialization in Development Economics), 2009, The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.

B.A. (Economics), 2008, Sabanci University Istanbul, Turkey.
Erasmus Exchange Student 2007, Cass Business School, City University of London, UK.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Geography, Political Urbanism and Sustainable Spatial Development, University of Bern, 2020-Present.

Research Fellow, Brussels Centre for Urban Studies/ Cosmopolis Centre for Urban Research, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 2019-2020.

Visiting Researcher and Instructor, Institute of Geography, Urban and Regional Planning Unit, University of Bern, September, 2018- January, 2019.

Senior Research Associate, City and Regional Planning Section, Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University, 2017-2018.

Lecturer, City and Regional Planning Section, Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University, 2015-2017

Research Assistant, Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2013-2015.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Finance, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2011-2013.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2009-2011.

Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Sabanci University, Turkey, 2008-2009.

PUBLICATIONS

Ay, D. Forthcoming. Empowering Cities to Make Immigrant Integration Happen. in *Migration, Equality, and Racisms* edited by Ilke Adam, Nick Schuermans, Florian Trauner, VUB Press.

Dedekorkut-Howes, A., Ay, D. and Demires-Ozkul, B. 2020. Two Decades of Planning for Earthquake Resilience in Istanbul. in *Planning Megacities in the Global South* edited by Deden Rukmana, Routledge.

Ay, D. 2019. Diverging Community Responses to State-Led Urban Renewal in the Context of Recentralization of Planning Authority: An Analysis of Three Urban Renewal Projects in Turkey. *Habitat International*, 91. Doi: 10.1016/j.habitatint.2019.102028.

Ay, D. 2017. Book Review: Cities of the Global South Reader, by Miraftab, F. and Kudva, N., *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.

Ay, D. and Miraftab, F. 2016. Invented Spaces of Activism: Gezi Park and Performative Practices of Citizenship. in *The Palgrave Handbook of International Development* edited by Daniel Hammett and Jean Grugel, Palgrave MacMillan.

Manuscripts under Review:

Ay, D. Welcoming City Movement: Mobilizing Cities for Local Immigration Policy with Transnational City Networks (Special Issue at International Migration Review)

Ay, D. and Demires-Ozkul, B. The Strange Case of Earthquake Risk Mitigation in Istanbul: An Unconventional Megaproject for the Aspiring Global City (Revise-and-Resubmit)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Politics of Urban Detransformation: Precarious Spaces and the Institutional Bottlenecks for State-led Urban Renewal”, KBAM (Urban and Regional Research Network, Turkey), September 2020.

“Transnational City Networks: Immigration Policymaking and Knowledge Exchanges”, Workshop: Cities and the global governance of migration, Migration Policy Centre- European University Institute, Florence, Italy, October 2019.

“City Networks and Local Immigrant Integration: Welcoming Communities Transatlantic Exchange”, Brussels Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Immigration and Minorities (BIRMM) Research Day, Brussels, Belgium, April 2019.

“(De)Centralization of Planning Authority and Uneven Community Responses to State-led Redevelopment: An Analysis of Three Urban Renewal Projects in Turkey”, AESOP Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, July 2018.

“Mitigating Risk in the Risk Society: An Unconventional Megaproject for the Aspiring Global City Istanbul”, ACSP Conference, Portland, OR, November 2016.

“Is it Possible to Plan Urban Renewal that does not Cause Displacement? A Comparative Analysis of National Urban Renewal Program in Turkey”, International Sociological Association RC 43, Chicago, IL, September 2015.

“Invented Spaces of Activism: Gezi Park and Performative Practices of Citizenship”, AAG Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

“Practices of Citizenship: Gezi Park”, American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2014.

“Emerging Model for Disaster Mitigation in Istanbul: How the World Bank Project is Assembled through Policy Mutation”, ACSP Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2014.

“Commodification of Risk through a Transnational Megaproject in the ‘Emerging Global City’ of Istanbul”, Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics Conference, SASE, Chicago, IL, July 2014.

“Understanding the Relevant City Characteristics in Countrywide Urban Renewal Planning: State-led Urban Renewal in the Context of Disaster Mitigation in Turkey”, Joint AESOP/ACSP Congress, Dublin, July 2013.

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

“Migration in a Globalizing Europe: People, Place, and Policy”, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Guest Lecture in Geographies of a Globalizing Europe, December 9, 2019.

“Displacement and the City”, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Guest Lecture in UP 335: Cities and Immigrants, January 31, 2017.

“EU-Turkey migrant deal and its possible impacts on urban areas in Turkey”, The Ohio State University Migration Studies Symposium, April 7, 2017.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate College Travel Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016.

Graduate College Travel Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2015.

Lewis D. Hopkins Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2014-2015.

Campus Research Board Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$18,000 with Professor Geoffrey Hewings), 2013.

Gallagher Foundation Scholarship (undergraduate tuition and expenses), 2004.

WORKSHOPS AND COURSES ATTENDED

Writing (on) the Urban Question Workshop, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, May 6-8, 2019.

Navigating the Academic World: A Professional Development Workshop in Urban Studies, Brussels Centre for Urban Studies, March 28-29, 2019.

Course Design Institute, University Center for Advancement of Teaching, The Ohio State University, June 5-9, 2017.

International Summer School in Forced Migration, Refugee Studies Centre/ Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, July 1-30, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President, Doctoral Students of Urban Planning (DSUP) Graduate Student Organization, UIUC, 2012-2014.

Conference Committee Chair, 7th Annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit/ Applied Economic, Regional and Urban Studies (AERUS), UIUC, 2013-2014.

Consultant, World Bank/ Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey, Turkey Urbanization Review Project, May-August 2012.

Policy Research Analyst, Chown Dewhurst LLP, London, UK, 2008-2009.

Intern, Central Bank of Turkey, Department of International Relations, June-July 2006.

Intern, State Planning Organization of Turkey, May 2006.

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