

CIHAN TEKAY LIU

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2023 (expected) **Ph.D. in Anthropology**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY
- Dissertation:** “The Electrification of Istanbul: Public Utilities and the Political Economy of Citizenship between the Ottoman Empire and Europe, 1890-1923”
- Committee:** Gary Wilder (Chair), Mandana Limbert, Marc Edelman
- Subfields and Areas:** Economic, Political and Historical Anthropology, Middle East and Europe
- 2020 **M.Phil. in Anthropology**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, NY
- 2020 **M.A. in Anthropology**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, NY
- 2008 **B.A. in Art History**, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Tekay, Cihan.** “#AşağıBakmayacağız (We Will Not Look Down): International Solidarity with Boğaziçi University Protests and the Struggle for University Autonomy under Authoritarian Neoliberalism”, *South Atlantic Quarterly* 121:1, 20 January 2022.
- Tekay Liu, Cihan.** “*Kaçak* Electricity: Negotiating Rights and Privileges in Imperial Istanbul”, *Journal of Cultural Economy* for the Special Issue: “*Kaçak*: Fugitive Forms of Bureaucracy and Economy Across Southwest Asia.” Revise & resubmit.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Tekay, Cihan.** “[Critical Public Scholarship in Times of Uncertainty: Editing *Jadaliyya*’s Turkey Page since 2013](#)”, *Jadaliyya*, 31 October 2019.
- Sarı, Elif, **Cihan Tekay**, Mustafa Emin Büyükcoşkun, Cemile Gizem Dincer, Esra Ozban, Özge Kelekçi, and Nicholas Glastonbury. “[First Thoughts on the Elections in Turkey: A Roundtable](#)”, *Jadaliyya*, 9 June 2015.
- Tekay, Cihan.** “[In Memory of Suphi Nejat Ağırnaslı](#)”, *Jadaliyya*, 16 October 2014.

Alessandrini, Anthony, Jay Cassano, **Cihan Tekay**, Nazan Üstündağ, and Emrah Yildiz. “[What’s Happening in Turkey? A Roundtable with the Turkey Page Editors](#)”, *Jadaliyya*, 21 February 2014.

PODCASTS

Tekay, Cihan. Interview with Alize Arican. “[Urban Transformation and Resistance in Tarlabası: The Politics of a Delayed Construction Project in Istanbul](#)”, *Status Audio Magazine*, 19 November 2019.

Tekay, Cihan. Interview with Yasemin Özer. “[Structured Precarity: The Plight of Syrian Refugees in Turkey](#)”, *Status Audio Magazine*, 19 August 2019.

INTERVIEWS

Mustafa, Naheed and Nahlah Ayed. Radio interview with Arfa Khanum Sherwani, **Cihan Tekay Liu** and Sara Khorshid, “[On the frontlines of the fight against strongman politics](#)”, *Ideas, CBC Radio One*, 29 September 2022.

Conlin, Jonathan. Interview with **Cihan Tekay**. “[Electric Ottomans](#)”, *The Lausanne Project*, 20 May 2021.

War Resisters League. Interview with **Cihan Tekay**. “[On the Ground in Turkey: Repression Gets Personal](#)”, *War Resisters League*, 2013.

SELECTED BLOG POSTS

Tekay, Cihan. “[Creating Space within Constraints: A Reflection on Conference Planning in a Pandemic](#)”, *Distributaries*, The Center for the Humanities, 12 April 2021.

Tekay, Cihan. “[Reflections on Black History Month 2021](#)”, The Futures Initiative, 2 February 2021.

Tekay, Cihan and Siqu Tu. “[Thinking through a pandemic: reflections & resources from humanities and social sciences](#)”, HASTAC, 8 April 2020.

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Fall 2022	Ethnographies of Work II, Guttman Community College
2016 - 2017	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Baruch College
Spring 2017	Sociological Theory, Baruch College
2013 - 2014	Sex and Culture, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
2012 - 2013	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Baruch College

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

2021 – 2022	Brooklyn Institute for Social Research (online and in-person monthly courses): Feminist Economics: an Introduction Labor and Capitalism: Introduction to Labor Economics
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	The Wages of Precarity: Labor and Neoliberalism
	Macroeconomics: a Critical Introduction
	What is Financialization?
	International Political Economy: an Introduction
	Capital, Colony, Core: an Introduction to World-Systems Analysis
	Development and Underdevelopment: Political Economy and Colonialism
	Rosa Luxemburg: Global Capitalism and the Contemporary World
	Capitalism and Creative Destruction: an Introduction to Joseph Schumpeter
	Economics and the Value of Everything: An Introduction to Mariana Mazzucato
2019	Introduction to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Barnard College
2010	Dialogue of Civilizations: Globalization and Social Sciences, Northeastern University & Boğaziçi University
2007	American Orientalisms: Afro/Arab/Asian Connections, Mount Holyoke College

RESEARCH GRANTS & WRITING FELLOWSHIPS

2022 - 2023	Anny Bakalian Education Fund Dissertation Fellowship , Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$25,000)
2020	Early Research Initiative Catalyst Grant , The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$2,000)
2016	Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (SSRC IDRF) (\$27,300)
2016	Provost's Pre-Dissertation Research Award , The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$4,000)
2016	Doctoral Student Research Grant , The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,500)

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

2019 - 2021	The Futures Initiative Graduate Fellowship , The Graduate Center, CUNY
2019 - 2021	Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC) Scholarship
2019	Graduate Peer Mentorship Award , University Student Senate, CUNY
2014 - 2016	Quantitative Reasoning Fellowship , Medgar Evers College, CUNY
2013 - 2014	Graduate Teaching Fellowship , John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
2012 - 2013	Vehbi Koç Foundation Scholarship for the PhD Program in Anthropology, The Graduate Center, CUNY
2004 - 2008	Full Tuition Grant , Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2019 – 2023 **Scholar**, Research Study Rooms Program, Center for Research in the Humanities, New York Public Library, New York, NY
- 2019 **Visiting Scholar**, Centre de recherches internationales, Sciences Po, Paris, France
- 2018 **Resident Scholar**, Institut historique allemand, Paris, France.
- 2018 **Visiting Scholar**, Global History, Friedrich-Meineke-Institut, Freie University, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 **Associated Doctoral Fellow**, Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe (EUME), Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin, Germany

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 **Public Lecture**, Anny Bakalian Dissertation Fellow, Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, The Graduate Center, CUNY (Title and date TBD)
- 2020 **Symposium Talk**, “*Kaçak* Electricity: Negotiating Rights and Privileges Before the Grid”, in *Kaçak*: Forms of Informality and the Making of Economy in Turkey, Northwestern University, November 14.
- 2020 **Joint Talk with Katina Rogers**, “Putting the Humanities Ph.D. to Work”, Scholars’ Lab, University of Virginia, October 7.
- 2020 **Seminar**, “Electrical Infrastructure and Political Subjectivities in Occupied Istanbul, 1918-1922”, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, January 13.
- 2019 **Guest Lecture**, “Gender and the State: A Comparative Framework for Analyzing Politics in Muslim-Majority Societies”, Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa, Pace University, April 25.
- 2018 **Public Talk**, “Türkiye’de Rızanın Altyapısı: İşgal İstanbul’undan Elektrik ve Kömür Hikayeleri”, Berliner Forum, MaHalle, Berlin, Germany, December 2.
- 2018 **Seminar**, “International Bankers and Socialist Workers: Infrastructures of Capitalism between Brussels and Constantinople, 1909-1924”, EUME - Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin, Germany, November 28.
- 2018 **Seminar**, “Electrifying Citizenship: Building Infrastructures of Consent in Occupied Istanbul, 1918-1923”, Centre d’histoire de Sciences Po, Paris, France, November 23.
- 2018 **Colloquium**, “Governing the Global City in Wartime: Constantinople’s Tramways and Electricity Society, 1909-1924”, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany, November 20.
- 2015 **Panelist**, “Rethinking the History of Turkey’s Political Economy: Generating Consent by Infrastructure”, Arab Studies Institute, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. October 8.
- 2014 **Panelist**, “Engendering Biographies & Bibliographies: Women’s Movement, Critical Media Practice, and Gezi”, The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, Boston, MA. March 3.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Between the Grid and the Market: Electrification of Istanbul on the Eve of World War I”, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, October 10-13.
- 2020 “The History of Energy Futures: A Political Economic Perspective from Turkey”, 16th EASA Biennial Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 21-24.
- 2019 “Building Turkey’s Electrical Market: International Histories of a National Future”, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association/Canadian Anthropology Society, Vancouver, BC, November 22.
- 2019 “Critical Public Scholarship in Times of Uncertainty: Editing Jadaliyya’s Turkey Page from 2013 to present”, GIS Moyen-Orient et Mondes Musulmans, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France, July 4.
- 2014 “Remixing Resistance: Aural Expressions of Youth Culture in the Gezi Uprising”, Left Forum, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, May 30-June 1.
- 2014 “The State, Global Capital and Women Workers in Turkey: A Case Study of the 2006-7 Novamed Strike”, MESAAS Graduate Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 27.
- 2013 “Between Global Capital and Patriarchal Unionism: Women, Labor and Collective Memory in Turkey”, 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 24.
- 2013 “A Short History of Feminism in Turkey and Feminist Resistance in Gezi”, Talk Turkey: Rethinking Life Since Gezi, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY, October 5. (with Zeyno Ustun)
- 2010 “Passive Revolution: Islamist Movements in Turkey from 1970s to Present”, 16th Sociology Students Congress, Yüzüncü Yıl University, Van, Turkey, May 5. (with Fatih Tatari and Mustafa Emin Büyükcoşkun)

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2021 **Graduate Education at Work in The World**, The Graduate Center, CUNY (Virtual), February 18-19.

PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2021 “Gender and Political Economy Across the Middle East”, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, November 29-December 3.
- 2020 “Science, Medicine, and Technology in the Middle East: Infrastructures of Global Knowledge, 17th - 20th Centuries”, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, October 10-13. (with Duygu Yildirim)
- 2017 “Post-Coup Politics in Turkey: Consolidating Power in a State of Emergency”, Verso Books, New York, NY, January 5.
- 2016 “Speaking Truth to Power: A Panel on Academic Freedoms and the War Against Kurds in Turkey”, The Graduate Center, CUNY, February 17.

- 2014 “After Gezi, After the Elections, After ISIS: Politics in Turkey Now”, The Graduate Center, CUNY, October 20.
- 2013 “Rethinking Gezi Through Feminist and LGBT Perspectives”, Talk Turkey: Rethinking Life Since Gezi, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY, October 5.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2021 **Assistant Director**, The Futures Initiative, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2019-2020 **Institutional Leadership Specialist**, The Futures Initiative, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2015-2016 **Graduate Fellow**, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Medgar Evers College, CUNY

OTHER TRAINING

- 2017 **Political Economy Project Summer Institute**, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.
- 2016 **Ottoman Calligraphy & Paleography II**, Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 – 2016 **Coursework in Ottoman Turkish & Paleography**, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2010 – 2012 **M.A. Program in Sociology**, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (Defended thesis and passed with revisions)
- 2007 **Coursework in Ottoman Turkish & History**, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Student Member**, Cultural Admissions and Awards Committee, Anthropology Program, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2018 - 2019.
- Co-Chair**, Middle Eastern Studies Organization, Doctoral Students' Council, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2013 - 2019.
- Anthropology Program Student Representative**, Graduate Council, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2015 - 2016.
- Anthropology Program Representative**, 2014 - 2015; At-Large Representative, 2015 - 2016, Doctoral Students' Council, The Graduate Center, CUNY.
- Student Member**, Elections Committee, Anthropology Program, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2013 - 2014.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-editor, Turkey Page, *Jadaliyya* (www.jadaliyya.com), Arab Studies Institute, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 2013 - present.

LANGUAGES

Turkish, native (reading, writing, speaking)

English, fluent (reading, writing, speaking)

French, fluent (reading), advanced (writing and speaking)

German, advanced (reading), advanced intermediate (writing and speaking)

Ottoman Turkish and Paleography, fluent

Kurdish, Arabic and Farsi, basic knowledge

MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

Council for European Studies (CES)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.