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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021- Assistant Professor of Sociology. Üsküdar University.
- 2019-2020 Postdoctoral Fellow. Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Immigration (CSERI). University of Pennsylvania.

### EDUCATION

- 2019 University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
Ph.D., Department of Sociology  
  
Dissertation: Refugee Integration in Comparative Perspective: Syrians in Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the United States  
Committee: Robert Adelman (Chair), Erin Hatton, Debra Street, Rick Su  
  
Qualifying Examination Areas: Sociology of Race, Ethnicity, and Migration; Sociology of Law
- 2010 Sabancı University, Istanbul  
M.A., Cultural Studies
- 2008 Boğaziçi University, Istanbul  
B.A., Sociology; Political Science and International Relations

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International Migration, Refugee Studies, Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Law and Social Policy, Global and Transnational Sociology, Research Methods, Urban Sociology

### PUBLICATIONS

Balta Özgen, Ayşegül. 2023. "Book review: Refuge by Heba Gowayed." *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*. 52(3):240–242. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00943061231172096k>

Balta Özgen, Ayşegül. 2023. "EU-Turkey Relations with Regard to Migration: 2000-2021." in *Metamorphosis of Turkish Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenge*, edited by N. Özkural Köroğlu and H. Khelghat Doost. Lexington Books.

Balta Özgen, Ayşegül. 2021. “In This World: An Analysis in the Light of Agamben and Butler.” *International Relations and Dialogue of Cultures*. 9:101–114. DOI: 10.48612/HSIR/IRDC.2021.9.9

Balta Özgen, Ayşegül. 2020. “Buffalo, NY: A Model of Good Practice in Refugee Resettlement.” *Global Dialogue* 10(1):58–59.

Adelman, Robert M., Ayşegül Balta Özgen, and Watoii Rabii. 2019. “Buffalo’s West Side Story: Migration, Gentrification, and Neighborhood Change.” *City & Community* 18(3):770–791. doi:10.1111/cico.12412

Balta Özgen, Ayşegül. 2018. “How Does Policy Shape the Integration Experiences in Turkey? The Case of Syrian Refugees.” Pp. 149-162 in *Uluslararası İlişkilerde Göç: Olgular, Aktörler ve Politikalar*, edited by N. A. Şirin Öner and S. G. Ihlamur-Öner. Istanbul: Der Yayınları. (In Turkish).

Balta, Ayşegül. 2014. “The Role of NGO’s in the Europeanization of the Asylum System in Turkey.” Pp. 165-224 in *Migration, Asylum, and Refugees in Turkey: Studies in Control of Population at the Southeastern Borders of the EU*, edited by N. O. Baklacioğlu and Y. Özer. Lewiston, New York: Edwin Mellen Press.

Nal, Ayşe, Ayşegül Balta, Aytuğ Şaşmaz, Çiğdem Tongal, Işık Tüzün, İrem Aktaşlı, and Nihan Köseleci Blanchy. 2011. *Education Monitoring Report 2010*. Istanbul: Education Reform Initiative.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. *What Are My Chances? Refugee Integration in Comparative Perspective*. Book manuscript in preparation.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. “How Does Law Interact with Culture to Shape Integration? Syrian Refugees in Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the U.S.” Manuscript in preparation.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. “Refugee Students in the United States: The Role of Volunteers in a Mainstream Community Organization.” Under review.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul and Christopher Mele. “Immigrant Entrepreneurship, Cultural Diversity and Rustbelt Revitalization: A Critical Analysis.” Draft available.

Metok, Tenzin, Robert M. Adelman, and Aysegul Balta Ozgen. “The Post-Migration Experiences of Tibetan Refugee Women in Canada: Work, Family, and Gender Dynamics.” Draft available.

## PROJECTS

2022 “Integrated Smart Digital Incubator for the Inclusion of Forced Migrants into Future Oriented Labour Market.”  
Ayşegül Balta Özgen (Coordinator of the Consortium) and Hamoon Khelghat Doost (Co-PI).  
Horizon Europe, HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01 (on the reserve list) (€2,343,865)

- 2022 “The Effect of Sociology Education on University Students.”  
Barış Erdoğan (PI), Ayşegül Balta Özgen (Co-PI) and Tuğba Aydın Öztürk (Co-PI)
- 2021 “The Impacts of Refugee Policies on the Wellbeing of Muslim Refugees in the United States and Germany.”  
Asli Cennet Yalim, PhD (PI), Theresia Pachner (Co-PI) and Aysegul Balta Ozgen (Co-PI)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 TÜBİTAK (*Koordinatorlülüğü Destekleme Programı, 123U044*)  
“Developing an Integrated Smart Talent Management System and a Digital Incubator for the Inclusion of Forced Migrants into Labor Market.” Ayşegül Balta Özgen (PI) and Hamoon Khelghat Doost (Co-PI). (₺75,000)
- 2022 *Üsküdar University Fund for Scientific Research Projects (BAP)*  
“The Effect of Sociology Education on University Students.”  
Barış Erdoğan (PI), Ayşegül Balta Özgen (Co-PI) and Tuğba Aydın Öztürk (Co-PI). (₺4,500)
- 2021 *The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)*  
Asli Cennet Yalim, PhD (PI), Theresia Pachner (Co-PI) and Aysegul Balta Ozgen (Co-PI).  
“The Impacts of Refugee Policies on the Wellbeing of Muslim Refugees in the United States and Germany” (\$2000)
- 2019 *University at Buffalo, SUNY*  
Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award
- 2018 *National Science Foundation*  
Robert Adelman (PI) and Aysegul Balta Ozgen (Co-PI).  
“Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: The Impact of Immigration Policies on Refugees’ Integration Experiences: A Comparative Analysis” (\$11,995)
- 2018 *College of Arts and Sciences, University at Buffalo, SUNY*  
Dissertation Fellowship (\$6,000)
- 2018 *Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research*  
Visiting Scholar, Humboldt University of Berlin
- 2017, 2018, 2019 *Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY*  
Nominated for the Adeline Gordon Levine Excellence in Teaching Award

2017	<i>Centre for Refugee Studies</i> Visiting Graduate Fellow, York University
2017	<i>Institute for Community Health Promotion/ Collaborative Research Initiative (IChP/ CRI)</i> Fellowship, Research Foundation for the State University of New York
2016-present	<i>Centre for Refugee Studies</i> Affiliate, York University
2016-present	<i>Immigrant and Refugee Research Institute</i> Affiliate, University at Buffalo, SUNY
2016	<i>Mark Diamond Research Fund, Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, SUNY</i> Dissertation Research Grant (\$2,500)
2016	<i>Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY</i> Nathalie Devine Howe Best Graduate Student Paper Award for “Organizational Mediation of Immigrant Integration: Transnational Entrepreneurship and Integration with Difference.”
2009	<i>Ministry of National Education of Turkey</i> Research Grant, Arabic Language Summer School, El Manar University, Habib Burgiba Institute, Tunisia

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### State University of New York at Buffalo, 2013-2019

#### Courses taught as sole instructor:

Introduction to Sociology  
Sociology of Immigration  
Social Research Methods

#### Teaching assistant for:

Sociology of City Life  
Environment & Society  
Social Change  
Individual & Society  
Families & Inequality  
Social Research Methods  
Sociology of Social Policy  
Sociology of Health Care  
Sociology of Food (London study abroad course)

## **Üsküdar University, 2021-present**

Sociology of Migration  
International Migration Problems  
Industrial Sociology  
Sociology of Economy  
Sociology of Law  
Civil Society and Democracy  
Social Research Methods

Basic Sociology  
University Culture I & II  
Graduation Project I & II  
Advanced Social Research Methods (graduate)  
International Migration and Multiculturalism  
(graduate)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Presentations**

Adelman, Robert M., Aysegül Balta Özgen, and Watoii Rabii. 2017. "Buffalo's West Side Story: Migrants and Neighborhood Change." Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, October 2017, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Balta Özgen, Aysegül. 2017. "Trump's Immigration Executive Orders and Its Effects on Immigrants and Refugees." Panelist for the panel discussion of American Constitution Society, UB Law Chapter, University at Buffalo, SUNY, March 2017, Buffalo, New York.

Adelman, Robert M., Watoii Rabii, and Aysegül Balta Özgen. 2016. "Immigrants and Neighborhood Change on Buffalo's West Side." Immigrant and Refugee Research Institute, University at Buffalo, SUNY, May 2016, Buffalo, New York.

Adelman, Robert M., Watoii Rabii, and Aysegül Balta Özgen. 2016. "Immigrants and Neighborhood Change on Buffalo's West Side." Department of Geography, University at Buffalo, SUNY, April 2016. Buffalo, New York.

### **Conference Presentations**

Balta Özgen, Aysegül. 2021. "Interaction of Law, Culture, and Political Attitudes in Integration: Comparison of Four Countries Hosting Syrian Refugees." The Migration Conference 2021, London, UK.

Balta Özgen, Aysegül. 2020. "Perceptions of Legal Precarity in Refugee Integration: Beyond Temporary vs Permanent." Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society, February 2020, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Balta Özgen, Aysegül and Christopher Mele. 2020. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship, Cultural Diversity and Rustbelt Revitalization: A Critical Analysis." Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society, February 2020, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Balta Özgen, Aysegül. 2019. "A Comparative Analysis: How Perception of Public Opinion and Attitudes Shapes Refugee Integration." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2019, New York.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2018. "Perceptions of Temporariness in the Process of Refugee Integration." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2018. "Impact of Immigration Policies on Syrian Refugees' Integration in Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the United States." World Congress of International Sociological Association, July 2018, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2017. "NGO Representatives' Perceptions of Immigration Policies: (What) Can Canada and the U.S. Learn From Each Other?" Centre for Refugee Studies Student Caucus Annual Conference, York University, October 2017, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2017. "Impact of Immigration Policies on Syrian Refugees' Integration in Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the U.S." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2017, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2016. "The Impact of Immigration Policies on Syrian Refugees' Integration Experiences: A Comparative Analysis of Canada, Germany, Turkey, and the United States." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 2016, Chicago, Illinois.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2016. "Organizational Mediation of Immigrant Integration: Transnational Entrepreneurship and Integration with Difference." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2016, Seattle, Washington.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2016. "Integration of Refugee Students: The Role of Volunteers in a Mainstream Community Organization." Graduate School of Education Student Research Symposium, April 2016, Buffalo, New York.

Balta Ozgen, Aysegul. 2015. "Immigrant Entrepreneurship: Deriving Meaning through a Transnational Lens." Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society, February 2015, New York, New York.

Balta, Aysegul. 2011. "The Role of NGOs in the Europeanization of the Turkish Asylum System." Convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association, June 2011, Istanbul, Turkey.

Balta, Aysegul. 2010. "The Role of NGOs in the Turkish Asylum System." European Consortium for Political Research Graduate Conference, August 2010, Dublin, Ireland.

Balta, Aysegul. 2010. "The Role of NGOs in the Turkish Asylum System." Bogazici University Political Science and International Relations Department Graduate Students Conference, April 2010, Istanbul, Turkey.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association (Sections: International Migration, Global and Transnational Sociology)

Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies

Eastern Sociological Society  
International Sociological Association  
Social Science History Association

## **SERVICE**

- ongoing      Reviewer for TÜBİTAK, American Sociological Review, Sage Open, Social Problems, International Journal of Migration and Border Studies, Üsküdar University Journal of Social Sciences
- 2021-      Member of Measurement and Assessment Commission, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Üsküdar University, Istanbul.
- 2017-2019      Advisory Board Committee Member, Westminster Economic Development Initiative, Inc. (WEDI), Buffalo, New York.
- 2018      Speaker, New Graduate Student Orientation, “Making (and Getting) the Most Out of Graduate School,” Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.
- 2017      Review Council Member, Mark Diamond Research Fund, Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, SUNY.
- 2014-2016      Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, SUNY.
- 2015      Speaker, New Graduate Student Orientation, “How to Approach Faculty,” Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.
- 2014      Speaker, Graduate Student Panel, “Surviving and Thriving in Graduate School,” Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

“Project- and Problem-based Learning to Promote Active, Deep Thinking.” UB Professional Development Workshop, University at Buffalo, February 2017.

“Designing Effective Classroom Measures to Assess Student Learning.” UB Professional Development Workshop, University at Buffalo, February 2017.

“Classroom Management Issues.” UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, March 2016.

“Effective Classroom Discussions.” UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, February 2016.

“Different Pedagogical Styles.” UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, April 2015.

“Teaching Workshop: Constructing Your First Syllabus.” UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, February 2015.

“Creating a Teaching Portfolio.” UB Sociology Teaching Workshop, University at Buffalo, January 2015.

“Strategies for Effective Teaching.” Conference for Graduate Teaching Assistants, University at Buffalo, August 2013.

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

English (fluent), German (fluent), French (intermediate), Arabic (beginner), Armenian (beginner), Turkish (native)

### **MEDIA COVERAGE AND INTERVIEWS**

“The dimensions of integration and the well-being of refugees” (Kotoutumisen ulottuvuudet ja pakolaisten hyvinvointi) by Johanna Hiitola, *Sosiaalitarkkailija – Socialobservatören (Social Observer)* (<https://sosiaalitarkkailija.wordpress.com/>), September 12, 2018. (In Finnish)

“From Bhutan to Buffalo,” by Sushmita Gelda, *The Spectrum*, October 7, 2014.

### **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

2012-2013	Foundation for the Protection and Promotion of the Environment and Cultural Heritage (ÇEKÜL Vakfı), Education Specialist
2011-2012	Sabancı Foundation, Program Associate
2011	Education Reform Initiative, Project Assistant
2010-2011	Sabancı University Civic Involvement Projects, Supervisor of the Yeldegirmeni Refugee Children Project
2010-2011	IIMP-Caritas Refugee Adult Education Program, Instructor
2009-2010	Helsinki Citizens’ Assembly, Turkey Refugee Advocacy and Support Program, Intern



## REFERENCES

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