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Burçak Keskin Kozat

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Bio

BIO

I help build, manage, and grow educational programs in order to foster rigorous operations and vigorous communities that create sustainable social and intellectual impact through learning, teaching, and research.

As Director of Finance & Operations at the Stanford History Department, I oversee the unit's operational, financial, human and infrastructural resources in partnership with department chair, vice chair, faculty directors, committees, and staff. I primarily focus on faculty affairs, people operations, budget planning & forecasting, and relationship management. My work builds on mutually transformative collaboration that strives to achieve equitable futures, global perspectives, psychological safety, and meaningful belonging.

My team at Stanford History includes 7 full-time staff members (including 2 managers), 2 intra-organizational liaisons, and a growing number of project managers. Together we support close to 40 active & 20 emerit University-line faculty members, 10 lecturers & fellows, 100 graduate students, and 50 undergraduate majors/minors while preserving and stewarding Stanford's History Corner, a vibrant educational hub that has been serving the entire campus community since 1903. Beyond the Department, I contribute to the campus life by serving on School-level committees (such as H&S IT Task Force, Directors' Retreat) and University-level review panels (such as Fulbright Fellowship, James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program).

Before joining Stanford History, I served as Associate Director in Stanford Global Studies Division, where I helped develop academic programming, communications strategy, and strategic planning for the Center for South Asia, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, and the Mediterranean Studies Forum. I also worked as Associate Director of Stanford University Corporate & Foundation Relations, where I helped develop and implement a foundation relations plan across the university and engaged primary investigators, university staff and external partners. At the University of Michigan, I taught undergraduate courses in sociology, worked on comparative research projects, and served on committees about interdisciplinary, international programming.

Trained as a political and historical sociologist, I am interested in how power inequalities within and between communities shape, and are shaped by, the processes of identity formation and institution-building. My M.A. thesis at the University of Chicago explored how Turkey’s nationalist, Islamist and feminist activists interacted with each other through the binarism of secular modernity and religious traditionalism, and thereby failed to challenge the predominant forms of discrimination within and beyond their particular communities. My doctoral dissertation at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor focused on the limits of power and resistance, exploring the asymmetric negotiations and economic modernization efforts during the Marshall Plan in Turkey (1947-52). Some of my research on religion, nationalism, modernization, and gender appeared in academic journals and books.

My hobbies include gardening, collecting porcelain items, and traveling. I enjoy reading about global affairs, information technology, organizational theory, neuroscience, photography, and street art.

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Director of Finance & Operations

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Amy J. Blue Award Nomination (short-listed), Stanford University (2022, 2023)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Manager Academy, Stanford University (2014)
- PhD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor , Sociology (2006)
- MA, University of Chicago , Social Sciences (1999)
- BA, Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey) , Political Science & Public Administration (1998)

SERVICE, VOLUNTEER, AND COMMUNITY WORK

- Pre-major Advisor
- Cardinal Service Connector
- Fulbright Fellowship Campus Reviewer
- Mentor for Ph.D.s in the Humanities
- Academic Manuscript Reviewer
- Steward

LINKS

- LinkedIn Profile: https://www.linkedin.com/in/burcakkeskinkozat/
- Google Citation Index: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=5vycoGAAAAAJ

Professional

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

- Global Higher Education Administration, Program Management

- Historical Sociology, Modernity/Modernization, Nationalism, Religion, Gender

- Europe, Middle East, modern Turkey, Cold War

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Interim Associate Director, Center for South Asia - Stanford University (9/3/2018 - 6/3/2019)
- Associate Director of University Corporate and Foundation Relations - Stanford University (May 1, 2017 - 5/31/2018)
- Associate Director, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies & Mediterranean Studies Forum - Stanford University (10/1/2008 - 4/30/2017)
- Instructor & Graduate Student Instructor - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1/1/2000 - 5/30/2006)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Deciphering the Coup Attempt in Turkey**
  Keskin-Kozat, B.

Stanford Global Studies. Global Perspectives Blog.
2016

- **Negotiating an Institutional Framework for Turkey's Marshall Plan: Conditions and Limits of Power** *Turkey's Cold War: State, Ideology and Culture*
  edited by Ungor, C., Ornek, C.
  2013
- **Re-interpreting Turkey's Marshall Plan: Of Machines, Experts and Technical Knowledge** *Turkish American Encounters: Politics and Culture, 1830- 1989*
  edited by Criss, N. B., Esenbel, S., Mazzari, L.
  2011
- **The Question of Islamic Feminism in the Middle East** *The Middle East Journal*
  Keskin-Kozat, B.
  2010; 64 (2)
- **Review of Berna Turam's Between Islam And the State: The Politics of Engagement** *American Journal of Sociology*
  Keskin-Kozat, B.
  2009; 114 (6)
- **Grappling with 9/11 and Its Aftermath: Reflections on the Collective Past, Present and Future of Contemporary Societies** *International Sociology*
  Keskin-Kozat, B.
  2006; 21 (6)
- **Review of Michael Meeker's A Nation of Empire: The Ottoman Legacy of Turkish Modernity** *New Perspectives on Turkey*
  Keskin-Kozat, B.
  2005
- **Secularism, Women and Gender: Turkey** *Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures, Vol. 2*
  edited by Joseph, S.
  2004
- **Review of Zygmunt Bauman's Liquid Love: On the Frailty of Human Bonds** *Contemporary Sociology*
  Keskin-Kozat, B.
  2004; 33 (4)
- **Entangled in Secular Nationalism, Islamism and Feminism: The Life of Konca Kuriş** *Cultural Dynamics*
  Keskin Kozat, B.
  2003; 15 (2)
- **Confronting Double Patriarchy: Islamist Women in Turkey** *Right-wing Women: From Conservatives to Extremists Around the World*
  edited by Powers, M., Bacchetta, P.
  2002
- **Review of Tamara L. Hunt and Micheline R. Lessard (eds.)'s Women and the Colonial Gaze** *Gender & History*
  Keskin-kozat, B.
  2002; 16 (2)