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I am an urban ethnographer, multi-method researcher, dedicated educator, and former humanitarian worker focused on forced migration. I am committed to developing research-based solutions to improve the lives of forced migrants, influence policy, support local integration efforts, and theorize the practice.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Expected 2025), Sociology, 4.0
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Committee members: Dr. Stephanie Nawyn (Chair), Dr. stef shuster, Dr. Xuefei Ren, Dr. Ani Sarkissian
Specializations: Global Urban Studies Program and Women’s and Gender Studies Program
Working Thesis Title: Urban Citizenship Creation of Middle Class Syrians in Istanbul: Navigating (in)visibility and (non)belonging

M.S. (2015), Social Psychology
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
Thesis title: The role of social dominance orientation, empathy and perceived threat in predicting prejudice of citizens of Turkey toward Syrian refugees (Advisor: Dr. Nuray Sakalli Ugurlu)

B.A. (2012), Psychology, Dean’s Honor Roll
Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Graduate Office Fellowship , MSU (\$8850 in total)	between 2019-2024
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Grant , College of Social Science, MSU (\$2730)	June 2024
Dissertation Writing Fellowship , The Center for Gender in Global Context and Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change, MSU (\$8500)	April 2024
The Jay Artis Endowment Fund , MSU (\$6000)	March 2024
Graduate Travel Grant , Middle Eastern Studies Association (\$500)	2023
Dissertation Research Fellowship , The Center for Gender in Global Context and Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change, MSU (\$10000)	2023
John & Ruth Useem Endowment Award , The College of Social Science, MSU (\$1500)	2021
Milestone Award Fellowship , Department of Sociology, MSU (\$450)	2021
Graduate Fellow , Cultural Heritage Informatics Initiative, MSU (\$6000)	2020-2021

MSU Muslim Studies Graduate Students Paper Contest-Honorable Mention (\$100) Spring 2020

Professional Fellow, Partnership for the Advancement of the New Americans, San Diego, CA

October-November 2017

Under the scope of Professional Fellows Program (PFP) sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, that affords promising young professionals the opportunity to gain practical experience in, and exposure to, U.S. government, innovation ecosystems, and other topics depending on their professional background, I participated in the organization and implementation of the advocacy work such as better access to accommodation, food, social rights, social cohesion for the refugees resettled in San Diego, CA

Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship, Koc University (\$35000)

2008-2012

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

“Self-Settlement and the Challenges of Local Integration of Syrians in the Absence of Government Support”, **Ezgi Karaoglu** & Stephanie J. Nawyn, *Refugee Survey Quarterly*, Accepted (In Press)

“Covid-19 Skepticism and Public Health Norms during Refugee Assistance: Does Skepticism Always Lead to Poor Safety Protocol Adherence?”, Stephanie J. Nawyn, **Ezgi Karaoglu**, Natalie Qaji, Natalynn Qaji, *BMC Public Health*, March 2024 (<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-024-18232-3>)

"Refugee COVID-19 Protocol Adherence and NGO Staff Perceptions: Paternalism and Power in Humanitarian Assistance", **Ezgi Karaoglu**, Stephanie J. Nawyn, Natalynn Qaji, Natalie Qaji, Ayat J. J. Nashwan, Stephen Gasteyer, *Journal of International Humanitarian Action*, October 2023

"Resilience to Nested Crises: The Effects of the Beirut Explosion on COVID-19 Safety Protocol Adherence", Stephanie J. Nawyn, **Ezgi Karaoglu**, Stephen Philip Gasteyer, Rania Mansour, Ali Ghassani and Sandra T Marquart-Pyatt, *Frontiers in Public Health*, July 2022 (<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/public-health/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2022.870158/full>)

“Beyond COVID skepticism: Humanitarian assistance to refugees and hyper precarity during the COVID-19 pandemic”, Ayat J. J. Nashwan, Stephanie J. Nawyn, **Ezgi Karaoglu**, Natalie Qaji, Natalynn Qaji, *Migration Letters* (Accepted in September 2023)

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

“When Government Denies Care: Refugee Self-Initiated Settlement”, *Transnational Care: Bridging Borders and Digital Landscapes Podcast Series*, University of Cologne, (Elifcan Celebi & Mert Kocak eds.). Available at: <https://open.spotify.com/show/1c25V4iZAlFYGQaISd7Zdq?si=9fdbf0c5acd747b3>, November 2024

“Makbul vatandaş olamamak: Seçim tartışmalarının odağındaki Suriyeli Türkiye vatandaşları- Being a nondeserving citizen: Turkey’s Syrian citizens under the focus of election debates”, **Ezgi Karaoglu**, Rima Bayar, *Birikim Dergisi*, April 2023 (in Turkish)

“Protecting Refugees from COVID-19: Identifying Barriers to Safer Practices during Humanitarian Assistance in Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon.” Minimizing COVID-19 Spread in Refugee Humanitarian Settings Comprehensive Report, Nawyn, Stephanie J., Ezgi Karaoğlu, Stephen P. Gasteyer, Adnan Hammad, Mahmoud Durid, Ali Ghassani, Rania Mansour, and Ayat Nashwan (May 2021). Available at: https://refugeescovid19.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/protecting-refugees-fromcovid-19_may-2021_rev-1.pdf, May 2021

TEACHING

Instructor of Record: Taught over 400 students in total
SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2020 & Summer 2021 & Summer 2022 & Summer 2023 & Summer 2024

Teaching Assistant: Taught over 1500 students in total
SOC 100-Introduction to Sociology (Dr. Sarah Prior, Spring 2024, Fall 2023 & Dr. Eric Beasley, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
ISS 310-People and Environment (Dr. Benjamin Marley, Spring 2020)
SOC 216-Sex, Gender, and Sexuality (Dr. Sarah Prior, Fall 2019)

RESEARCH

Research Assistant
Center for Gender in Global Context, August 2022-January 2023

- Analyzed class evaluations and prepared reports.
- Assisted in literature review and writing for NHS grant application on gender equity in higher education institutions.

“Using Humanitarian Engineering to Solve Social Distancing Barriers in Refugee Humanitarian Interventions: A Cross-Country Comparison of Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan”-Collaborative Research Study between Michigan State University; Global Health Research, Management & Solutions; Altkaful Charity Association; Amel Association; Jordanian Pioneering Center; National Institution of Social Care and Vocational Training; and Safa for Development, June 2020-August 2022

- Helped the PI, Dr. Stephanie Nawyn, to coordinate the of 25+ people.
- Assisted the design of the study and worked in both quantitative and qualitative data analysis.
- Trained data collectors in the region on the ethics of data collection and logistical procedures. Redesigned data collection materials based on feedback from the field.
- Supervised the undergraduate assistants in the project on literature review, data analysis and reporting.
- Wrote the first drafts of reports, assisted the conference presentations and peer-reviewed manuscripts.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

“Urban Citizenship Creation: (In)visibility and (non)belonging of High-cultural Capital Syrians in Istanbul”, paper presentation, as a part of workshop titled “Placing skill: Displacement and emplacement among highly skilled refugees and migrants in post-industrial urban Europe”, International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) Annual Conference, July 2024, Lisbon, Portugal

“Making Home Without Care: Organic Resettlement of Middle Class Syrians in Istanbul”, paper presentation, Migration, Care, and Digitalization Workshop at University of Cologne, July 2024, Cologne, Germany

“(In)visibility and (non)belonging of High-cultural Capital Syrians in Istanbul, Turkey”, paper presentation in Asian Cities on the Edge section, Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, April 2024, New York, NY, the USA

“(In)visibility and (non)belonging of High-cultural Capital Syrians in Istanbul, Turkey”, paper presentation in Citizenship and Cities section, Middle East Studies Association, November 2023, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

“Citizenship, anyone? The examination of lived citizenship of Syrian refugees in Turkey under the precarious globalization”, paper presentation, Section on Citizenship, The American Sociological Association Annual Conference August 2021, Virtual Attendance, the USA

“A Marxist Perspective on the EU Humanitarian Aid in Intervention of Syrian Refugees in Turkey”, paper presentation, Section on Marxist Sociology, The American Sociological Association Annual Conference August 2020, Virtual Attendance, the USA

“Gendered Approach to International Migration” in “Center for Comparative Politics” Course (Dr. Elifcan Celebi), Center for Comparative Politics at University of Cologne, Germany, May 10, 2023

“Gender and Migration” in “Sex, Gender, and Sexuality” Course (Dr. Sarah Prior), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, October 14, 2019

“The situation of refugees in Turkey and the gender specific challenges faced by women, LGBTI refugees and interventions.” in “Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective” Course (Dr. Huma Ahmed-Ghosh), SDSU, San Diego, CA, November 4, 2017

PROFESSIONAL WORK IN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Center Manager, Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants (ASAM), Multi-Service Centre for Syrian Refugees, İstanbul, Turkey September 2016-July 2019

- Was the executive and administrative focal point of all operations in the center including social, legal, psycho-social, health counseling provided for Syrian refugees and the activities of mobile outreach team.
- Supervised the staff (more than 65) on all operations and fostered a safe working environment for all.
- Was one of the focal points in ASAM to foster the communication between UN Refugee Agency Country Office, Ankara and Field Unit, İstanbul about individual case management of Syrian refugees on the ground.
- Prepared internal and external monthly/weekly/annual reports for project donors including the UN Refugee Agency, the European Union, US Department of State.
- Represented ASAM with stakeholders such as public authorities, local governments, INGOs, national NGOs, and others in the project region.

Project Officer, Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants (ASAM), Multi-Service Centre for Syrian Refugees, İstanbul, Turkey April-Sep 2016

Protection Screening Officer, Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants, Multi-Service Centre for Syrian Refugees, İstanbul, Turkey Sept 2014-March 2016

Program Assistant, United Nations Refugee Agency, Ankara, Turkey Feb 2014-Sept 2014

- Conducted social assessment interviews with refugees and asylum seekers in order to identify the needs of persons of our concern.
- Assisted in coordinating all issues related with asylum seekers and refugees' medical, financial, travel, education and accommodation needs.
- Provided guidance and information to asylum seekers and refugees via gate counselling.
- Was in daily contact with implementing partners and local authorities follow up on refugees and asylum seekers under risk for identification of the possible solutions in the shortest time.

COMMUNITY WORK

The community work I have done in Turkey, Kenya and Tanzania mainly includes tutoring and mentoring underprivileged kids and youngsters to improve their communication skills, and academic performance. In Thailand, I supported the local community on a special rehabilitation for drug abuse including mindfulness practices and sustainable farming.

New Life Foundation , Chang Mai, Thailand	June 2013
UVIKIUTA , Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	Aug 2012
Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV)	2008-2012
Kenya Volunteering Development Association , Essumba, Kenya	Sep 2011

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATES

Specialized Training on Child Protection Case Management Supervision and Coaching by Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action, May 2018

Conflict Management Skills Training by Irene Omondi and Zsofia Tukacs, Oct 2017

Training for UNHCR Partners on Anti-fraud awareness, prevention and remedial actions to mitigate cases of fraud by David Parkinson, Regional Integrity Office, MENA Bureau, July 2017

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Software: STATA SPSS Nvivo MAXQDA	Language Skills: Turkish-Native/Fluent English-Advanced
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REFERENCES

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