

**Osman Balkan**  
Curriculum Vitae

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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SWARTHMORE COLLEGE Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2016 – Present
THE LAUDER INSTITUTE AT THE WHARTON SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA Director, Lauder Europe Summer Regional Program	2018 - Present
CORNELL UNIVERSITY Lecturer, Department of Near Eastern Studies	2008 – 2009

## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Ph.D., Political Science (2016), M.A., Political Science (2012)

*Dissertation:*

“Death On The Move: Burial, Repatriation, and the Politics of Belonging Among Muslims in Germany”  
Honorable Mention, Ernst B. Hass Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association

REED COLLEGE  
B.A., Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa (2005)

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Political Identity, Migration and Citizenship, Religion and Politics, Transnationalism, Race and Ethnicity, Islam, Europe, the Middle East, Political Ethnography, Qualitative and Interpretative Methods, Necropolitics

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Book Project:** *Migrant Deathscapes in Multicultural Germany*

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

(Forthcoming) “The Cemetery of Traitors” in *Turkey’s Necropolitics: Mobilizing Death and Destruction*. Ed. Banu Bargu. Edinburgh University Press, 2019.

(Forthcoming) “Not In My Graveyard” in *The Democratic Arts of Mourning*. Eds. David McIvor and Alexander Hirsch. Lexington Press, 2018.

2016. “Charlie Hebdo and the Politics of Mourning.” *Contemporary French Civilization*. Vol. 41, No. 2. Pgs. 253-271.

2016. "Between Civil Society and the State: Bureaucratic Competence and Cultural Mediation Among Muslim Undertakers in Berlin." *Journal of Intercultural Studies*. Vol. 37, No 2. Pgs. 147 – 161.

2015. "Burial and Belonging." *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Vol. 15, No. 1. Pgs. 120 – 134.

2015. "Until Death Do Us Depart: The Necropolitical Work of Turkish Funeral Funds in Germany" in *Muslims in the UK and Europe*. Ed. Yasir Suleiman. Cambridge University Press. Pgs. 19 – 28.

## Other Publications

2016. "Disorder at the Border: Europe's Migrant Crisis in Comparative Perspective." (Editor's Introduction for Symposium) *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Vol. 16, No. 1. Pgs. 118 -120.

2015. Review of *Islam and the Politics of Culture: Memory, Aesthetics, Art*. Eds. Frank Peter et al. In *Review of Middle East Studies*. Vol. 49, No. 2. Pgs. 200 – 202.

2014. Kurtar Tanyilmaz. "The Deep Fracture in the Big Bourgeoisie of Turkey" in *The Neoliberal Landscape and the Rise of Islamic Capital*. Eds. Nesecan Balkan et al. Berghahn Books. (Translation: Turkish to English)

2007. "Alcohol" in *Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States*. Ed. Jocelyn Cesari. Greenwood Press. Pgs. 48-50.

2006. Ülker Gökberk. "Mekan Olarak Geçmiş: Walter Benjamin'in Das Passagen-Werk Çalışmasının İstanbul'un Eski Levanten Semtlerindeki Yankıları" in *Bellek, Mekan, Imge*. Multilingual Press. (Translation: English to Turkish)

## AWARDS

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2017	Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, American Political Science Association
2016	Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Anthropological Association
2014	Presidential Leadership Award, University of Pennsylvania
2013	Alvin Z. Rubenstein Memorial Award for Graduate Student Teaching, University of Pennsylvania
2005	Phi Beta Kappa, Reed College

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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2018-19	Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Development Grant, Swarthmore College
2017-18	Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Development Grant, Swarthmore College
2015 – 2016	SAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
2015 – 2016	Graduate Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, University of Pennsylvania
2014	Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Research Grant
2014	Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania,
2013	Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute in European Studies Fellowship, University of Minnesota

## INVITED TALKS

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March 2018	"Death Out of Place: Mortuary Practices of Turkish and Kurdish Communities in Germany," University of Arizona, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
November 2017	"The Political Afterlives of Terrorism in Europe," Pomona College, Political Science Department
November 2017	"The Right to Have Rites," Haverford College, Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Program
March 2017	"The Cemetery of Traitors," Tri-College Political Theory Workshop, Philadelphia

- December 2016 “Charlie Hebdo and the Politics of Mourning,” University of Copenhagen
- November 2016 “Repatriation, Burial, and the Politics of Belonging among Muslims in Germany,”  
Université du Québec à Montréal, Faculté des Sciences Humaines
- April 2015 “The Graves of Berlin,” UPenn, Democracy, Constitutionalism, and Citizenship Workshop
- June 2014 “Dead Bodies on the Move,” Humboldt University, Berlin
- March 2014 “The Necropolitical Work of Islamic Funeral Funds in Germany,” Cambridge University, Centre  
of Islamic Studies

## SELECTED CONFERENCES

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- 2018 American Political Science Association  
Council for European Studies  
Project on Middle East Political Science “Islam in Europe and the United States Conference”  
International Migration, Integration, and Social Cohesion in Europe Conference
- 2017 American Political Science Association  
International Studies Association  
Philadelphia Europeanists Workshop
- 2016 Western Political Science Association  
Council for European Studies
- 2015 Western Political Science Association  
International Studies Association
- 2014 Council for European Studies  
International Migration, Integration, and Social Cohesion in Europe Conference

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2018-20 Executive Council Member, American Political Science Association “Migration and Citizenship”  
Section (elected)
- 2018-Present Co-Convener, APSA “Political Ethnography Working Group”
- 2017 – Present Associate Editor, Communications Team, *International Political Sociology*
- 2016 – Present Associate Editor, Special Features Section, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*

Manuscript Reviewer for: *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Political Sociology*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, *Museum Anthropology*, *Diversité Urbaine*.

## DEPARTMENTAL & CAMPUS SERVICE

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2018-19: Organizer, "Contending Visions of the Middle East Colloquium," Swarthmore College  
2017-Present: Organizer, "Global Ethnographies Workshop," Tri-College Consortium  
2017-18: Co-Organizer, "Searching for Sanctuary: Borders, Migration, and Human Rights," Swarthmore  
2016-17: Organizer, "Borders and Migration Workshop," Tri-College Consortium  
2016-Present: Faculty Mentor, Richard Rubin Scholar Mentoring Program (for low income and first generation college students), Swarthmore College  
2016-Present: Organizer, "Culture and Identity in Europe" Lecture Series, Swarthmore College  
2015-16: Coordinator, Penn-Temple European Politics Colloquium  
2014: Organizer, "Ruptures," Penn Political Science Graduate Conference  
2013-14: Organizer, Penn Political Theory Graduate Workshop  
2013: Organizer, "Order and Change," Penn Political Science Graduate Conference  
2012-14: Organizer, Penn Social Theory Workshop

## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Resident Director, Critical Languages Scholarship Turkish Program, Istanbul (2010) and Izmir (2011)  
Selection and Advisory Committee, Critical Languages Scholarship, 2009 – Present

## LANGUAGES

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English (Native), Turkish (Native), French (Reading and Speaking), German (Reading)

## PERSONAL

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Born: Greensboro, NC May 7, 1983. Raised: Clinton, NY and Istanbul, Turkey. Have lived in Ankara, Berlin, Brussels, New York, Portland, Philadelphia, Rennes.

## REFERENCES

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