

Osman Balkan
Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

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

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

Book Manuscript: *Dying Abroad* (work in progress)

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.

(In Press) “Not In My Graveyard: Citizenship, Memory, and Identity in the Wake of the Boston Marathon Bombing” in *The Democratic Arts of Mourning*. Eds. David McIvor and Alexander Hirsch. Lexington Press, 2019.

2018. “The Islamic Deathscapes of Germany.” *Project on Middle East Political Science*. Vol. 32. Pgs. 39 – 43.

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

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

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

November 2018	"Is Immigration Good or Bad for Democracy," Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania
November 2018	"Death in the Diaspora," Radboud University (Netherlands)

October 2018	“The Jamal Khashoggi Tragedy and Its Implications for the Middle East,” Swarthmore College
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

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

2018 – 2020	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, <i>International Political Sociology</i>
2016 – Present	Associate Editor, Special Features Section, <i>Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism</i>

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

DEPARTMENTAL & CAMPUS SERVICE

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, UPenn Social Theory Workshop

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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

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

PERSONAL

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

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