

Osman Balkan
Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

Huntsman Program in International Studies & Business
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of Pennsylvania**, Political Science, 2016
M.A. **University of Pennsylvania**, Political Science, 2012
B.A. **Reed College**, Political Science, 2005 (Phi Beta Kappa)

APPOINTMENTS

University of Pennsylvania, Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business

Associate Director and Program Director of Curriculum, Experiential Learning, and Innovation, 2022 - Present
Research and Teaching Fellow, 2021 – 2022
Curriculum Director, Global Immersion Program, 2019 – 2020

University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science

Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2023 – Present

University of Pennsylvania, Lauder Institute of Management & International Studies

Senior Fellow and Faculty Advisor, Global Knowledge Lab, 2018 – Present
Faculty Coordinator, Lauder Global Immersion Program, Summer 2022
Director, Lauder Europe Regional Program, 2017 – 2019

Swarthmore College, Department of Political Science

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2016 – 2023

Cornell University, Department of Near Eastern Studies

Lecturer, 2008 – 2009

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2023 *Dying Abroad: The Political Afterlives of Migration in Europe*, Cambridge University Press. *LSE International Studies Series*
- Contested Corpses: Violence, Memory, and the Politics of Mourning* (work in progress)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 “The Transnational Afterlives of European Muslims.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*. Vol. 42, No. 1. Pgs. 221 – 236. Co-authored with Yumna Masarwa.

- 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 (2016): 147 – 161.
- 2015 “Burial and Belonging.” *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Vol. 15, No. 1. Pgs. 120 – 134.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2019 “The Cemetery of Traitors.” *Turkey’s Necropolitical Laboratory: Democracy, Violence, Resistance*. Ed. Banu Bargu. Edinburgh University Press, Pgs. 232 – 252.
- 2019 “Not in my Graveyard: Citizenship, Memory, and Identity in the Wake of the Boston Marathon Bombing.” *The Democratic Arts of Mourning: Political Theory and Loss*. Eds. D. McIvor and A. Hirsch. Lexington Press, Pgs. 83 – 101.
- 2015 “Until Death Do Us Depart: The Necropolitical Work of Turkish Funeral Funds in Germany.” *Muslims in the UK and Europe*. Ed. Yasir Suleiman. Cambridge University Press, Pgs. 19 – 28.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 “Death Interrupted: Mourning Across Borders in the Wake of Covid-19.” SSRC *The Immanent Frame*.
- 2019 “Bring Out Your Dead: Corpses and the Limits of Sovereign Power in James Martel’s *Unburied Bodies*.” *Theory & Event*. Vol. 22, No. 4. Pgs. 1125 – 1127.
- 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. *Review of Middle East Studies*. Vol. 49, No. 2. Pgs. 200 – 202.
- 2007 “Alcohol.” *Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States*. Ed, Jocelyn Cesari. Greenwood Press, Pgs. 48 – 50.

AWARDS

- President’s Racial Justice Award, Swarthmore College, 2020
- Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, American Political Science Association, 2017
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Anthropological Association, 2016
- Presidential Leadership Award, University of Pennsylvania, 2014
- Alvin Z. Rubenstein Memorial Award for Graduate Student Teaching, University of Pennsylvania, 2013

TEACHING

General Areas

- International Studies, Comparative Politics, Interpretive & Qualitative Methods

Recent Graduate Courses | (* indicates experiential learning course with travel component)

- European Politics and Political Economy*
- Democracy, Migration, and Populism in Europe*
- Lauder Global Immersion*

Recent Undergraduate Courses | (* indicates experiential learning course with travel component)

- International Studies and Business: A Global View
- Senior Thesis: International Studies
- Huntsman Global Immersion*
- Borders & Migration*
- Middle East Politics
- Identity Politics*
- Islam, Race, Empire*
- Politics Across the World
- Senior Comprehensive

INVITED TALKS (PAST 5 YEARS)

- 2023 **University of Copenhagen**, Department of Political Science
Cambridge University, Department of Politics and International Studies
Institut Convergences Migrations, Paris, France
Hamilton College, Department of Government and Levitt Public Affairs Center
- 2022 **Northwestern University**, Middle East and North Africa Program
- 2021 **Harvard University**, Immigration Initiative at Harvard
University of Coimbra, Ancient Necropolitics Conference (Keynote Address)
- 2020 **University of Texas, Austin**, Department of Germanic Studies (canceled due to Covid-19)
- 2019 **Boston University**, Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs
Brown University, Center for Middle East Studies
Columbia University, Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PAST 5 YEARS)

- 2022 American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Council for European Studies
- 2021 American Political Science Association
- 2020 American Political Science Association, Middle East Studies Association
- 2019 American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Middle East Studies Association, Migration, Identity, and Politics Conference, Philadelphia Europeanists Workshop
- 2018 American Political Science Association, Council for European Studies, International Migration, Integration, and Social Cohesion in Europe Conference, Islam in Europe and the United States Conference

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- Committee Chair, Hayward Alker Award, APSA Interpretive Methodologies & Methods Section, 2023
- Co-Facilitator, APSA Pre-Conference Short Course, “Ethnography and Interpretive Methods in Studies of Belonging and Migration,” 2022
- Executive Council Member (elected), APSA Migration & Citizenship Section, 2021 – 2023
- Committee Chair, Hayward Alker Award, APSA Interpretive Methodologies & Methods Section, 2022
- Co-Facilitator, APSA MENA Section Summer Workshop, “Visuality and the Creation of Liminal Spaces of Participation: Ethnographic Approaches to the Middle East and North Africa,” 2022
- Executive Council Member (elected), APSA Migration & Citizenship Section, 2018 – 2020
- Co-Founder (with Tani Sebros), APSA Political Ethnography Working Group, 2017 – Present
- Associate Editor, Communications Team, *International Political Sociology*, 2017 – Present
- Associate Editor, Special Features Section, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, 2016 – 2019

Manuscript Reviewer for: *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Political Sociology*, *New Political Science*, *Theory & Event*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Environment, Space, and Place*, *Democratization*, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, *Mortality*, *Museum Anthropology*, *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, *International Journal of Organisations*, *Diversité Urbaine*

DEPARTMENTAL & CAMPUS SERVICE

Leadership, Committees, and Mentorship

- Faculty Director, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF), Swarthmore College, 2022 – 2023
- Faculty Advisor & Committee Member, MMUF, Swarthmore College, 2020 – 2023
- Lead Faculty Participant, “Friends, Peace, and Sanctuary Program,” Swarthmore College, 2017 – 2019
- Faculty Mentor, Richard Rubin Scholar Mentorship Program, Swarthmore College, 2016 – 2023
- Campus Liaison and Faculty Advisor, Critical Languages Scholarship, Swarthmore College, 2016 – 2023
- Faculty Advisor, Swarthmore Muslim Students’ Association, Swarthmore College, 2016 – 2023
- Faculty Mentor, DACA & Undocumented Students Association, Swarthmore College, 2016 – 2023

Workshops, Events, and Lecture Series Organized

- Founder and Organizer, “Global Ethnographies Workshop,” Tri-College Consortium, 2017 – 2023
- Co-Organizer, “Culture and Identity in Europe” Annual Lecture, Swarthmore College and Temple, 2016 – 2023
- Organizer, “Global Mobilities” Lecture Series, Swarthmore College, 2019 – 2020
- Organizer, “Contending Visions of the Middle East” Lecture Series, Swarthmore College, 2018 – 2019
- Co-Organizer, “Searching for Sanctuary: Borders, Migration, and Human Rights,” Lecture Series, 2017 – 2018
- Organizer, “Borders & Migration” Faculty Colloquium, Swarthmore College, 2016 – 2017
- Coordinator, Penn-Temple European Politics Colloquium, 2015 – 2016
- Lead Organizer, “Ruptures,” Penn Political Science Graduate Conference, 2014 – 2015
- Coordinator, Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, 2013 – 2014
- Lead Organizer, Social Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, 2012 – 2014

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Development Grant, Tri-College Faculty Forum, 2022 – 2023
- Engaged Scholarship Research Grant, Lang Center for Civic & Social Responsibility, 2022 – 2023
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- Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Development Grant, Tri-College Faculty Forum, 2017 – 2018
- Engaged Scholarship Research Grant, Lang Center for Civic & Social Responsibility, 2017 – 2018
- SAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2015 – 2016
- Graduate Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, University of Pennsylvania, 2015 – 2016
- Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Research Grant, 2014
- Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2014
- Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute in European Studies Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2013

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Resident Director, Critical Languages Scholarship Program in Turkish, Istanbul (Summer 2010), Izmir (Summer 2011)
 Selection and Advisory Committee, Critical Languages Scholarship, 2009 – Present

LANGUAGES

English (Native), Turkish (Native), French (Intermediate)

PERSONAL

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