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EDUCATION AND DEGREES

Harvard University, Ph.D. in History and Middle Eastern Studies, *November 2002*

- Dissertation: “The Politics of Civilizational Identities: Asia, West and Islam in the Pan-Asianist Thought of Ôkawa Shûmei”
- General Examination Fields: Ottoman/Turkish History, Arabic Language and Civilization, Japanese History, Modern German History
- M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies, *1997*

The University of Tokyo, Department of Oriental Studies, *1997-1999*

- Visiting Research Student and *Monbusho* Fellow

Istanbul University, M.A. in History of Science, *July 1995*

- Ottoman Intellectual History
- Thesis: “The Crisis of Civilizationism as an Ottoman Reform Ideology: A Study on the *Mecmua-i Fünun* (1863-1866) and *Mecmua-i Ulum* (1877-1878) Journals”

Institute of Islamic Thought & Civilization, Malaysia, M. A. coursework, *September 1991-June 1992*

- Legacy of Early Islamic Theology & Philosophy in the Modern Period

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, B.A. in Political Science & International Relations, *June 1991*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of History, **University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill** (January 2012-Present)

IIIT Chair in Islamic Studies and Associate Professor of History, **George Mason University**, Department of History and Art History (August 2009-December 2011)

Director, **Ali Vurak Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies at George Mason University** (October 2009-December 2011)

Assistant to Associate Professor of History, **University of North Carolina-Charlotte**, Department of History (August 2004-June 2009)

Post-Doctoral Fellow, **Princeton University**, Near Eastern Studies Department (September 2007-August 2008)

Academy Scholar, **Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies** (October 2002-December 2003)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Book

The Politics of Anti-Westernism in Asia: Visions of World Order in Pan-Islamic and Pan-Asian Thought (New York: Columbia University Press, Global and International History Series, 2007)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“The ‘Image of the West’ and Alternative Visions of World Order in Interwar Era Japan and Turkey: What Does a Comparison Teach Us?” in *Turbulent Decade: Japan’s Challenge to the International System of the 1930s*, Toshihiro Minohara and Kimura Masato, eds. (University of Toronto Press, forthcoming in 2012).

“The Question of Orientalism in Pan-Islamic Thought: The Origins, Content and Legacy of Transnational Muslim Identities,” in *From Orientalism to Post-Colonialism: Asia, Europe and the Lineages of Difference*, Sucheta Mazumdar, Vasant Kaiwar, and Thierry Blanca, eds. (Routledge, 2009): 115-136.

“Japan’s Pan-Asianism and the Legitimacy of Imperial World Order, 1931–1945” in *Japan Focus: An Asia Pacific E-Journal*, (March 2008) accessible at <http://japanfocus.org/products/details/2695>

“Emperyalizm Karşıtı Bir İmparatorluk: Osmanlı Tecrübesi Işığında 19. Yüzyıl Dünya Düzeni (An Anti-Imperialist Empire? Ottoman Lessons on the Nature of 19th Century World Order),” *Divan, Disiplinler Arası Çalışmalar Dergisi* (Divan: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, Istanbul), . 12: 22 (2007/1): 39-85.

“A Global Anti-Western Moment? The Russo-Japanese War, Decolonization and Asian Modernity” in *Conceptions of World Order, ca. 1880-1935. Global Moments and Movements*, Sebastian Conrad/Dominic Sachsenmaier, eds., (New York City: Palgrave Transnational History Series, 2007), 213-236.

“Between Reverse Orientalism and the Global Left: Islamic Critiques of the West in Modern Turkey” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, 26: 3 (Fall 2006): 446-461.

“Beyond Civilization: Pan-Islamism, Pan-Asianism and the Revolt against the West” *Journal of Modern European History*, 4:2 (Fall 2006): 204-223.

“Overcoming Eurocentrism? Japanese Orientalism on the Muslim World (1913-1945),” *Princeton Papers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, (Fall 2006): 139-164.

“Orientalism, Imperialism and the Renan Debates: The Formation of Modern Muslim Narratives on Islamic Science,” in *Essays in Honor of Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu*, compiled by Mustafa Kaçar and Zeynep Durukal (Istanbul: IRCICA Publications, 2006), 817-832.

“Orientalism by the Orientals? The Japanese Empire and Islamic Studies,” *İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi* (Journal of Islamic Studies, ISAM, Istanbul) No. 14 (2005): 1-36.

“The Politics of Conceptualizing Islam and the West” *Ethics and International Affairs*, 19:1 (Winter 2005): 93-100.

“Türk Bilim Tarihi Yazımı’nda ‘Zihniyet’, ‘Din’ ve ‘Bilim’ İlişkisi: Osmanlı Örneği (Mentality, Religion and Science in Turkish Historiography: The Case of the History of Ottoman Science)” in *Türkiye Araştırmaları Literatür Dergisi* (TALID), 2:4 (Istanbul: Bilim ve Sanat Vakfı 2004): 29-44.

“Beyond Culturalism? An Overview of the Historiography on Ottoman Science in Turkey” in *Multicultural Science in the Ottoman Empire*, eds. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Kostas Chatzis, Efthymios Nicolaidis (Brepols, Belgium 2003), 201-215.

“Modern Japon Tarihinde Batı Karşıtlığı: Ôkawa Shûmei’nin Asyacılık Düşüncesi (Anti Westernism in Modern Japanese History: Pan-Asian Thought of Ôkawa Shûmei)” in *Divan: İlmî Araştırmalar*, 13:2 (Istanbul: Bilim ve Sanat Vakfı 2002): 107-133.

“Nihon Wa Itsu Tôyô No Kuni Ni Natta No Ka? Chutô Kara Mita Kindai Nihon” (When Did Japan Become an “Eastern” Nation? Modern Japan in the Imagination of Middle Eastern Nationalists), in *Atarashi Nihongaku no Kôchiku -Constructing Japanese Studies in Global Perspective*, (Tokyo: Ochanomizu University 1999), 81-88.

Edited Journal Issue

Juliane Hammer and Cemil Aydın, "Muslims and media: perceptions, participation, and change" (special issue), *Contemporary Islam* (10 December 2009)

Cemil Aydın and Juliane Hammer, “Critiques of the ‘West’ in Turkey, Iran and Japan: Occidentalism, the Crisis of Global Modernity and the Politics of Nationalism,” special issue of *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 26:3 (Fall 2006). (Editor’s Introduction: 347-352)

Interviews, Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

Cemil Aydin and Michael Penn, "Interview with Cemil Aydin by Michael Penn on Imperial Japan's Islamic Policies and Anti-Westernism" *Shingetsu Electronic Journal of Japanese-Islamic Relations* (SEJJIR), Volume 3, March 2008. Accessible at http://www.shingetsuinstitute.com/publications_current.htm

"ISESCO," "Asia," "Africa," in *The Palgrave Dictionary of Transnational History* Akira Iriye and Pierre Saunier, eds. (London: Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming in 2009)

Review of *Civilization and Its Contents* by Bruce Mazlish, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2005) in *Journal of World History* 17:4 (Fall 2006): 451-454.

"Pan-Asianism," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, Peter N. Stearns, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), Volume 6, 28-29.

Review of *Science, Technology, and Learning in the Ottoman Empire* by Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu (Ashgate Publishing, 2004) in *Technology and Culture* 46:1 (January 2005): 249-250.

Review of *Between East and West: New Challenges for a Rising Regional Power* by Vojtech Mastny and R. Craig Nation, eds, (Westview Press, 1997) in *Studies in Contemporary Islam*, 5:1-2 (Spring and Fall 2003): 199-201.

"Gülhane Imperial Edict (1839)" and "Islamic Congresses" in *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa*, ed. Philip Matar (Macmillan Reference USA, 2004).

Work in Progress

The Idea of the Muslim World: A Modern History (advance contract with Harvard University Press) (manuscript is currently under preparation)

"Pan-Nationalism" *The Oxford Handbook of History of Nationalism*, ed. John Breuilly, (Cambridge University Press, 2009) (article completed- in production stage)

Islam in World History (advance contract with Routledge Publisher Series on Themes of World History) (manuscript to be prepared and submitted within three years)

Selected Works of Ismail Kara (translation of eight selected articles by the leading historian of late Ottoman-Turkish intellectual history) (manuscript under preparation)

Recent Academic Papers & Presentations

"The Idea of the "Muslim World": Between International History and Intellectual History," **Northeastern University**, Boston, April 2011

“Cosmopolitanism, International Law and Decolonization through the Perspective of The Ottoman Empire, British India and Japan,” **College of Holy Cross**, April 2001

“Muslim Identities, Modernity and Orientalism in Global Public Sphere,” **Haverford College**, April 2011

“The End of Empire in Asia as Transnational History” **Rice University, Chao Center for Asian Studies**, March 2011

“The End of the Ottoman Empire in the Histories of Decolonization,” **Columbia University**, International History Seminar, December 2010

“Late Ottoman Era Muslim Intellectual Networks,” **Middle Eastern Studies Association** Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2010

“The Ottoman Empire in Transnational Muslim Thought”, **Harvard University**, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, April 2010

“Debating the Ottoman Caliphate and the Muslim World," 1839-1924”, **Princeton University, Davis Center for Historical Studies**, April 2010

“Muslim World as a Site of Global Intellectual History,” **NYU**, Global Intellectual History Workshop, April 2010

“Straight Line to War?: Locating the Transnational Roots of Greater East Asia,” **Association of Asian Studies**, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, April 2010

“An Intellectual History of the South-South Cooperation,” **GMU- Center for Global Studies**, Workshop on South-South Cooperation, March 2010

“Pan-Asianism and Pan-Islamism as a Counter Public Opinion,” **Colgate University**, March 2010

“Anti-Westernism: A Global History,” **College of William and Mary**, February 2010

“From a “Civilized” to an “Islamic” Empire: Ottoman Grand Strategy during the Long Nineteenth Century, 1815–1923,” **American Historical Association**, Annual Meeting in San Diego, January 2010

"The Muslim World after WWI: From the Versailles Treaty to the Abolishment of Caliphate" **University of Munich**, June 2009

“Problem of Asia in Cold War Era Turkish Intellectual History,” **Binghamton University**, April 2009

“Geopolitics of Non-Western Empires: Ottoman and Japanese Grand Strategies,” **University of Washington at Seattle**, February 2009

“Wilson, Lenin and the Caliphate: Transformation of Muslim World in the Aftermath of WWI,” **Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Washington DC, November 2008.

“East Asia and the Middle East: What Can We Learn from Comparative Approaches to Global History?” **University of Pennsylvania**, March 2008.

“Modernization Theory and Turkish Secularism” **Princeton University**, Turkey in Motion: International Conference on Turkish Foreign and Domestic Policy, February 2008.

“Humiliation and Modernity: Reflections on Pan-Islamic and Pan-Asian Discourses” **Princeton University**, Department of East Asian Studies, December 2007.

“Pan-Nationalisms and Geopolitics,” **Boğaziçi University**, Workshop on Japanese History, May 2007

“Anti-Imperialist Empires: Ottoman and Japanese Lessons on the Nature of Modern Imperialism,” **UCLA**, Clark Library Lecture Series on Imperial Models in World History, April 2007

“Cultural Internationalism in Asia and Beyond: from the 1800s to the Present,” **Stanford University**, International Symposium on Public Diplomacy in Asia, April 2007

“The Impact of WWI on Chinese and Ottoman-Turkish Intellectuals,” **Duke University**, International Conference on WWI and the Transformation of Imperialist World Order, March 2007

“Dis-Orienting Orientalism: Ottoman Intellectuals on East and West,” **Duke University**, International Conference on Mapping Difference: Structures and Categories of Knowledge Production, May 2006

“East Asian Regionalism in Global Historical Context: Comparative Reflections on Pan-Asian and Pan-Islamic Thought,” **University of South Carolina**, Columbia, Center for Asian Studies, March 2006

“Anti-Western Critiques as Alternative Visions of World Order: Lessons from the Era of High Imperialism, 1882-1914,” **American Historical Association Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, January 2006

“Before UNESCO’s Cultural Mission: The Debates over Civilization(s) and the Legitimacy Crisis of the World Order (1882-1945),” **UNESCO Symposium on “60 Years of UNESCO History”**, Paris, November 2005

“A Global anti-Western Moment? The Russo-Japanese War in World History,” **First European Congress of World and Global History**, Leipzig, September 2005

“Between Reverse Orientalism and the Global Left: Islamic Critiques of the West in Modern Turkey,” **Harvard Academy Symposium on anti-Western Critiques in Turkey, Iran and Japan**, April 2005

“From Okakura Tenshin to Ôkawa Shûmei: Questions of Nationalism and Internationalism in Japan's Pan-Asianism,” **Duke University, Japanese History and Culture Study Group**, April 2005

“Visions of a World Order: Pan-Asian and Pan-Islamic Thought in Japan and Turkey,” **Duke University, Triangle East Asia Colloquium**, February 2005

“Construction of the Japanese Perception of the Muslim World (1868-1945),” **Stanford University, Center for East Asian Studies and the Asia Pacific Research Center**, January 2005

“Negotiating with the New World Order: Ottoman Leadership in the Aftermath of WWI,” **Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, November 2004

“Legitimacy and Ethics of Global World Order: Lessons from the Relationship between Europe and the Muslim World during the Long Nineteenth Century,” **European Union-Organization of Islamic Conference Joint Forum- International Symposium**, Istanbul, October 2004

“Ottoman Occidentalism: Pan-Islamic Critiques of the West,” **Columbia University Seminar in Ottoman/Turkish Studies**, April 2004

“The Role of Anti-Western Ideas in International History,” **Harvard University, International and Global History Seminar**, November 2003

“Crescent versus Cross? Challenging the Exceptionality Paradigm in Explaining Muslim Critiques of the West,” **Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Anchorage, November 2003

“Beyond Crescent vs. Cross: Historicizing Late Ottoman Critiques of the West,” **Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies**, October 2003

“Asian Identity in Japanese Foreign Policy,” **Shibusawa Foundation**, Tokyo, October 2003

“Occidentalism and the Legitimacy of the International Order,” **Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University**, March 2003

“Japanese Orientalism on the Muslim World (1913-1945),” **American Historical Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, January 2003

“Culturalism versus Sociology? An Overview of the Historiography on Ottoman Science in Turkey,” **XXI International Congress of History of Science**, Mexico City, July 2001

“Defining an Anti-Western Internationalism: Visions of Civilization in the Pan-Asianist and Pan-Islamist Arguments for Solidarity between Japan and the Muslim World, 1905-1945,” **Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Congress**, Chicago, March 2001

“What Did the “Rest” Want from the West? Comparing Pan-Asianist and Pan-Islamist Discourses on Race and Civilization,” **AAS-New England Association of Asian Studies Conference**, Brown University, September 2000

Grants and Fellowships

National Endowment for Humanities, Bridging Cultures, Muslim World Bookshelf Project Web Site Preparation, August 2011 to December 2013 (Principle Investigator and Consultant)

National Endowment for Humanities, Bridging Cultures Grant on Impact of Muslim Societies on the Formation of Global Modernity, August 2010-December 2011. (Project Director and Principle Investigator)

Princeton University, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Exploratory Seminar Grant for a Workshop on “Turkish Modernity in the Social Sciences,” Spring 2009

Princeton University, Near Eastern Studies Department, Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 2007-2008

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Reassignment of Duties Grant, 2007-2008

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Faculty Summer Research Grant, Summer 2006

Symposium Grant, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, April 2005

Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, October 2002-December 2003

Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Supplementary Dissertation Grant, September 2001-May 2002

Graduate Student Associate at Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, September 2000-June 2002

Harvard University GSAS Dissertation Grant, September 2000-May 2001

Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Summer Research Grant, Summer 2000

Toyota Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant, Fall 1999

Japanese Education Ministry Fellow, September 1997-April 1999

Middlebury College, Japanese Summer School, Language Study Grant, Summer 2006

Mellon Foundation Grant for the Study of Arabic, Summer 1995

Graduate Study Fellowship from Center for Islamic Studies, Istanbul, 1992-1996

Fellow of International Institute of Islamic Thought & Civilization, Kuala Lumpur, (1991-1992)

Collaborative Research Projects

German Research Foundation (DFG), “Conceptions of World Orders in Global History,” June 2004-June 2007

Shibusawa Foundation, “Turbulent Decade: Japan’s Challenge to the International System of the 1930s,” September 2003-June 2006

Languages

Fluency in Turkish and English; Proficiency in Japanese and Arabic; Reading Ability of Ottoman Turkish

TEACHING

George Mason University

1. Graduate Seminar on Politics of Historical Memory (Fall 2009)
2. Islam in World History (Fall 2009)

University of North Carolina-Charlotte (2004-2008)

1. Graduate Seminar on History Battles: Public Memory Controversies and Scholarly Historiography (Fall 2008)
2. Imperialism in Asia (Spring 2007)
3. Islamic Modernism (Spring 2007)
4. Visions of World Order: Seminar on International History (Fall 2006)
5. International-Global History (Fall 2004 and Fall 2005)
6. History of the Modern Middle East (Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Summer 2007, Fall 2008)
7. A History of Muslim Societies (Fall 2005 and Fall 2006)
8. Modern Japanese History (Spring 2005, Spring 2006 and Summer 2007)

9. Independent Study & Readings in Modern Islamic Political Thought (Fall 2005)
10. Independent Study & Readings on Islam and the West (Fall 2007)

Princeton University (Spring 2008)

1. History of the post-WWII Middle East: Decolonization, Cold War and Crisis of Modernization

The Ohio State University (Winter and Spring Quarters 2004)

1. History of Pre-Modern East Asia
2. History of Modern East Asia
3. Islam, Politics and Society
4. History of the Modern Middle East

Harvard University (1999-2002)

1. Senior Thesis Tutorial in East Asian Studies Concentration
2. Junior Tutorial in Social Studies of Japan
3. Sophomore Tutorial on International History
4. Reading & Research Seminar on Modern Islamic Political Thought
5. 20th Century Japan
6. Thought and Change in the Contemporary Middle East

Teaching Award

Derek Bok Center Award for Distinction in Teaching at Harvard University (Fall 1999)

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Top Young Historians, History News Network (HNN), December 2007

Accessible at <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/45173.html>