

Meriç Balkan

Istanbul, Turkey

EDUCATION

Kadir Has University, Fatih, Istanbul

- M.A. in Political Science and Public Administration Sep 2021 – Sep 2024
 - Cumulative GPA: 3.87 / 4.0
 - Thesis: "The Last Decade of Turkish Migration Regime: From Disposable Labour to Wasted Bodies"
 - Advisor: Dr. Sibel Karadağ
 - Focus: Migrant illegality, Turkish migration governance, city-based registration and residence, techniques and mechanisms of illegalization, informal labour market, human waste, disposable labour

Bilgi University, Eyüpsultan, Istanbul

- B.A. in Political Science and Public Administration Sep 2016 – Jun 2021
 - Graduated with the Third Highest GPA
 - Cumulative GPA: 3.47 / 4.00
 - Thesis: "Alienation in Existentialist Thought"
 - Advisor: Dr. Can Cemgil

Notre Dame De Sion, Şişli, Istanbul

Sep 2011 – Jun 2016

- High School

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Field Research for M.A. Thesis

Sep 2023 – May 2024

- Aim: Investigating the techniques and mechanisms of illegalization of registered migrants in two phases of Turkish migration governance through an extensive field research
- Supervisor: Dr. Sibel Karadağ
- As a part of the research: Conducted semi-structured in-depth interviews with 50 interviewees including NGO workers, municipality officers, lawyers, and migrants.

Researcher in TÜBİTAK Project:

The Role of Social Interaction in De-Securitization of Syrians in Turkey,

Sep 2023 – Jun 2024

- Project owner: Dr. Doğu Durgun
 - Conducted in-dept interviews with Syrian migrants
 - Transcription of recorded interviews and focus group studies
 - Review and summary of reports and articles
 - Focus group study

Researcher in TÜBİTAK Project:

Household Indebtedness in Turkey: Causes, Dynamics, Consequences, and Public Policy Proposals,

Dec 2022 – Aug 2023

- Project owner: Dr. Berkay Ayhan
 - Participated in the organization of focus group studies
 - Review and summary of the reports of Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency of Turkey
 - Review and summary of reports of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Pembe Hanım Derneği-

Organization for Solidarity with Cancer Patients, İstanbul, Turkey

- Voluntary Worker Aug 2016 – Jun 2021
 - Attended conferences, meetings and events
 - Reviewed and edited content for the website
 - Contributed to the promotion of the organization

Yönetim Kurulunda Kadın Derneği, İstanbul, Turkey

- Voluntary Worker Aug 2016 – Jun 2021
 - Prepared and reviewed content for the website

- Produced original content for the website regarding the 'situation of employed women during pandemic'
- Translated content to Turkish

İmaj Seslendirme, İstanbul, Turkey

- Voice Artist 2009 – 2017
- Worked as a voice artist for several animated movies and commercials

CONFERENCES **Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği XIX. Lisansüstü Konferansı 2023,**

Ankara, Turkey

- Presented the research titled "Legal Production of Illegality and Irregularization of the Registered: Turkey Case" in which she discussed the city-based registration and residence system that Turkey applies to migrants and its irregularizing effects.

LANGUAGES

- Turkish: Native language.
- English: Fluent(speaking, reading, writing).
- French: Advanced (reading); basic (speaking, writing).

**CAMPUS
ACTIVITIES**

Bilgi Musical Club, Bilgi University

- Singing, Dancing and Acting Sep 2018 – Mar 2020
- A Musical Play at Zorlu Performance Center

SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, NVivo.

INTERESTS

Critical Migration Studies, Political Theory, Philosophy, Political Sociology, Social Policy, Border Studies.

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