

TUTKU AYHAN

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EMPLOYMENT

- 2022 - Current** Postdoctoral Fellow in International Security, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona.
- 2021 - 2022** Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, State University of New York, Binghamton.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender and conflict, sexual and gender-based violence, Feminist Security Studies, forced displacement and migration, post-conflict empowerment.

EDUCATION

- December 2021** PhD, Security Studies, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Dissertation: Trauma, Resilience, and Empowerment: Post-Genocide Experiences of Yezidi Women
- 2015-2017** PhD Student, Bogazici University, Istanbul
- 2014** MA, Sociology (Specialty: Gender, Politics, and Sexuality), Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
- 2013** BA, Political Science Department, Galatasaray University, Istanbul

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2024 Tutku Ayhan & Hannah Colpitts-Elliott. "Radical care in displacement: Rohingya women's activism amidst neoliberal humanitarianism and repression." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2024.2415408>.
- 2024 Tutku Ayhan. "Failing to End Genocide: Structural Factors, Triggers, and Ineffective Responses." *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal*, Vol. 18: Iss. 1: 130–150. <https://doi.org/10.5038/1911-9933.18.1.1960>.
- 2024 Tutku Ayhan. "Security and Empowerment as Justice: Yezidi Women's Demands and Perceptions of Post-Genocide Justice." *The Middle East Journal*, 77(3-4), 372-391. <https://doi.org/10.3751/77.34.16>.

Manuscripts under review

Tutku Ayhan. “Social Consequences of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: A Survivor and Context Focused Analysis”

Tutku Ayhan & Güneş Murat Tezcür. “Selective Immigration, Gendered Victimhood, and Neoliberal Nationalism: Yazidi Refugees in Germany”

Editorially Reviewed Articles

2019 Tutku Ayhan. “[Genocidal Rape and Community Cohesion: The Case of Yazidis.](#)” *POMEPA Studies*, 35: 68-72.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

2024 Tutku Ayhan. Strategic Adoption And Rejection Of Norms: The Case Of Türkiye’s Withdrawal From Istanbul Convention.” in [La violencia contra las mujeres en un orden internacional en transición.](#) Esther Barbé y Magdalena M. Martín (eds.). Aranzadi.

2021 Tutku Ayhan. “We are Yazidi, Being Otherwise Never Stopped our Persecution: Yazidi perceptions of Kurds and Kurdish Identity.” In [Kurds and Yazidis in the Middle East: Shifting Identities, Borders and the Experience of Minority Communities.](#) ed. Güneş Murat Tezcür. London: I.B. Tauris.

2021 Tutku Ayhan & Güneş Murat Tezcür. “Overcoming “Intimate Hatreds:” Reflections on Violence against Yazidis.” In [Conceptualizing Mass Violence: Representations, Recollections, and Reinterpretations.](#) ed. Navras J. Aafreedi & Priya Singh. Routledge.

Academic Blog Posts

2022 Tutku Ayhan. “[Reparation Challenges Ahead for Yazidi Survivors.](#)” **Near East Policy Forum**, April 22.

2019 Tutku Ayhan & Güneş Murat Tezcür. “[5 years after Islamic State massacre, an Iraqi minority is transformed by trauma.](#)” **The Conversation**, 26 November.

2019 Tutku Ayhan. “[Kadem’s ‘Gender Justice’ or the Momentum of Anti-Genderism in Turkey.](#)” **Engenderings (LSE Blog)**, 29 April.

2018 Tutku Ayhan. “[A Yazidi activist was awarded the Nobel Prize. But what happens next for Yazidis?](#)” **Monkey Cage, Washington Post**, 30 October.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

October 2022 -2024 Coordinator of [SECUREU](#) (The Securitization of Migrants and Ethnic Minorities and the Rise of Xenophobia in the EU) Project.

May 2022 Field research among displaced Rohingya community in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh.

2018 – 2021	Field research among Yezidi communities in Northern Iraq, Germany, and Nebraska.
January – August 2019	Graduate Research Assistant for Kurdish Political Studies Program, University of Central Florida.
February 2018 – May 2019	Research Associate for the project “After the last firman: Victimhood, survival, and societal transformation among the Yezidis” supported by Global Religion Research Initiative International Collaboration Grant, University of Notre Dame
April – August 2017	Research Assistant at Political Science Department, Galatasaray University, Istanbul
February 2016 – April 2017	Research Assistant at Foreign Policy Forum, Bogazici University, Istanbul.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022-2024	<u>Graduate Level courses at IBEL:</u> Gender, Security and Peace Issues, Actors and Policy in International Security Gender, Security and Development Research Methods in International Security Research Methods in International Development Advanced Social Research
Spring 2022	Gendered Approach to Atrocity and Prevention (Graduate level) Binghamton University
2020- 2021	International Relations Theory (Undergraduate level) Women, Gender, and Globalization (Undergraduate level) (Quality Online Course Designation and Affordability Counts Medallion) School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida.
<u>Research Supervision</u>	
Fall 2022 - Fall 2024	Completed supervision of 19 master’s theses on topics related to gender, politics, conflict, development, and migration.
2023-2024	Supervision of two research internship projects.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2022	Honorable Mention, APSA Women, Gender, and Politics Research Section, Best Dissertation Award Competition.
2022	Honorable Mention for Outstanding Dissertation, College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.

- 2021 Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching Award, College of Sciences, University of Central Florida, \$500.
- 2020 Small Grant for Research, APSA Religion and Politics Section, \$2,000.
- 2019 Graduate Presentation Fellowship, University of Central Florida, \$800.
- 2019 Doctoral Research Support Award, University of Central Florida, \$3,600.
- 2018 Travel Research Engagement Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science, \$3,000.
- 2017 The ORC Doctoral Fellowship, University of Central Florida, \$25,000.
- 2017 Student Travel Grant Award, European Conference on Politics and Gender, Lausanne, €500
- 2013 French Embassy Scholarship for Graduate Students, €7,000.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentation

- 2024 “Navigating Neoliberal Displacement Response In A Repressive Setting: Rohingya Female Activists And Caring For The Community”, International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco.
- 2023 “Selective Immigration and Gendered Victimhood: The Case of Yezidi Refugees in Germany and France”, Rethinking Securitization and Ontological Security in the Wake of Catastrophe Conference, Koc University.
- 2023 “The Intersection of Religion and Gender on Migration Policies: A Comparative Study of Yezidis in France and Germany”, International Conference of Europeanists, University of Iceland.
- 2023 “Researching Sexual Violence in Post-Atrocity Settings: Ethical and Methodological Dilemmas”, ‘Do No Harm’: Researching the Pasts, Presents, and Futures of Sexual Violence Conference, Birkbeck, University of London.
- 2023 “Yezidi Women’s Narratives of Transitional Justice and Reconciliation”, “Iraq Twenty Years After the US Invasion: Memory Politics, Governance and Protests” Conference, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg.
- 2023 “Failing to end genocide: Structural factors and ineffective responses”, IBEI Security Symposium.
- 2019 “If I can’t have you, no one can: Patterns of Femicide in Turkey”, Gender Conference: On Violence, University of Helsinki.
- 2019 “Yezidi Perceptions of Kurds and Kurdish Identity”, Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans.
- 2018 “The Last “Firman”: Explaining the anti-Yezidi Violence” (with Güneş Murat Tezcür). Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, San Antonio.

- 2018 “Fieldwork in a Post-Genocidal Setting: Navigating Ethics, Gender and Power” (with Güneş Murat Tezcür). American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston.
- 2018 “Revisiting the “Ancient Hatreds” Thesis: Explaining the Islamic State’s Campaign against the Yezidis” (with Güneş Murat Tezcür). Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual World Convention, Columbia University.
- 2018 “Revisiting the “Ancient Hatreds” Thesis: Explaining the Islamic State’s Campaign against the Yezidis” (with Güneş Murat Tezcür). Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago.

Conference Organization

- 2019 [Politics of Borders, Refugees, and Identity: The Kurdish Experience in the Middle East](#), International Conference, University of Central Florida.

Panel Organization & Moderation

- 2022 Post-Atrocity Resilience of Survivors of Sexual Violence. [Frontiers of Prevention Conference](#). Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention. Binghamton University.
- 2022 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Post-Coup Myanmar: Women’s Voices from the Burmese Diaspora. Frontiers of Prevention Conference. Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention. Binghamton University.

INVITED TALKS/LECTURES

- 2023 “The intersection of gender and religion in the securitization of migration in the EU”, Policy Summer School: Diversity Governance and Securitization in the EU and Beyond, EURAC Research.
- 2021 Politics of Genocide and Human Rights Class. Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2021 Micro-dynamics of Mass Atrocities Class. Binghamton University.
- 2019 “Genocidal Rape and Community Cohesion: The Case of Yezidis.” at Yazidi Genocide: Prosecution, Protection, Preservation Symposium, organized by Yale Genocide Studies Program, Yale University.

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023 Summer Institute: Researching Mass Violence and Human Rights: Ethical, Personal, and Methodological Challenges, Universitat de Barcelona & CSIC & University of Minnesota.
- 2022 Facilitator, Atrocity Prevention Simulation for Students. Binghamton University.
- 2021 Building an Inclusive Syllabus, APSA Teaching & Learning Webinar.

- 2021 CEST Graduate School on Intersectionality, Universität Duisburg-Essen & Stockholm University.
- 2021 The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University.
- 2021 College and University Educators Workshop, Council on Foreign Relations.
- 2020 Essentials of Online Teaching, UCF Center for Distributed Learning.
- 2019 Preparing Tomorrow's Faculty Program Certificate, UCF Karen L. Smith Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.
- 2019 Graduate Grantsmanship Certificate (online course on finding and applying for funding opportunities), UCF College of Graduate Studies.
- 2018 Managing Qualitative Data and Qualitative Research Transparency Training, APSA Annual Meeting.
- 2018 Teaching and Learning Conference, APSA Annual Meeting.

SKILLS

Methodological: NVivo, Stata, Tableau.

Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (beginner).

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
 International Studies Association (ISA)
 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
 International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS)
 Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.