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## AREAS OF INTEREST

- Ethno-religious identity of Turkish Alevis
- Women in Islam (Islamic feminism)
- Gender, war and migration (Syrian migrant women in Turkey)

## EDUCATION

- 2018-present: PhD at Charles University, Philosophical Faculty, Institute of Ethnology
- 2010-2018: Metropolitan University Prague, PhD unfinished due to maternity leave
- 1997-1998: MA degree at Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary
- 1990-1994: BA degree at Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, USA

## ACADEMIC CAREER

- June 2013-present: Oriental Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences - researcher
- September 2019-August 2020: Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey- Erasmus training
- 2011-2012: Nottingham Trent University, UK – Erasmus research stay
- 2007-2017: Metropolitan University Prague – lecturer and TA
- 2002-2004: Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey – lecturer
- 1998-2002: Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey – research assistant, Dpt. of Political Science
- 1994-1996: Harvard University, Widener Library, Dpt. Of Slavic Studies – researcher

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### Selected research projects

- 2019-2021: GENDER–NET Plus ERA-NET Cofund: “Violence against women migrants and refugees: Analysing causes and effective policy response” (transnational research project funded from the EU Horizon 2020)
- January-December 2018: Strategy AV21 Global Conflicts in Local Contexts - “Feminist Re-Interpretations of Islam”
- January-December 2017: Strategy AV21 Global Conflicts in Local Contexts - “Gender Aspects of Middle Eastern Conflicts”

### Selected conferences and workshops

- February and May 2019: Paris workshops - GENDER–NET Plus “Violence against women migrants and refugees: Analysing causes and effective policy response”
- November 2018: Prague - main organizer, international conference on “Feminist Re-Interpretations of Islam”
- July 2018: WOCMES (World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies), Sevilla – main organizer of a panel on Gender Aspects of Middle Eastern Conflicts, presented a paper on “Syrian Women at War: Victims of Violence or Agents of Change?”
- June 2015: BISA 40th Anniversary Conference, “The Worlds of Inequality”, London – presented a paper on “Neo-Ottomanism in Turkish Foreign Policy”
- February 2014: „Gezi Protests and Beyond. Contesting AKP Rule“, Lisbon – presented a paper on „Citizen Movement in Turkey: the Case of Occupy Gezi“

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

### **Edited special issues**

- "Feminist Re-Interpretations of Islam", special issue of *Gender and Research*, Vol. 20, No. 2, 2019
- Břetislav Tureček - Gabriela Özel Volfová (eds.), "Ženy trpící, ženy bojující" [Women as victims, women as warriors], Metropolitní univerzita Praha-Nakladatelství Lidové noviny, 2020 (in print)

### **Book chapters**

- "Diffusion of Democracy in Turkey: Analysis of AKP's Discourses of Conservative and Advanced Democracy", in Mats Rickard Braun et al., *The Diffusion of EU Norms: The Challenge of the Domestic Context*, Prague: Metropolitan University Prague Press, 2016

### **Articles in peer-review journals**

- "Turkey's Middle Eastern Endeavors: Discourses and Practices of Neo-Ottomanism under AKP", *Die Welt des Islams*, Vol. 56, Issue 3-4, 2016
- "Changes in Turkish-Israeli Relations: Implications for Regional Security," *CEJISS* 8.1, 2014

### **Conference Proceedings**

- "Headscarf in Turkey: a Symbol of Global Jihad or Means to Democratization?", in Efe Duyan and Ayşe Güngör (eds.), *Symbols in the History of Art and Culture*, Culthist'13 Cultural History Conference, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, No.: 777, ISBN: 978-975-6264-91-1