

ÖVGÜ ÜLGEN

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023 - 2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada
Department of Education

EDUCATION

- 2017 - 2023 Ph.D. (*mention "excellent"*) in Sociology, Université de Montréal, Canada
Dissertation: "Language, Religion, and Difference: North African and Turkish Jewish Immigrants in Canada"
- 2014 - 2016 Graduate Study without degree, The Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 - 2014 M.A. (*magna cum laude*) in Sociology, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, France
Mémoire: "Le déplacement forcé kurde après les années 1990 sur la naissance d'une identité communautaire à Tarlabası, İstanbul"
- 2006 - 2011 B.S. (*honours*) Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

LANGUAGES

English	Bilingual proficiency
French	Bilingual proficiency
Turkish	Native
German	Beginner

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity, Migration, Religion, Diversity, Qualitative Methods, Political Sociology, Gender

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2022 Ph.D. Candidate in the International Research Training Group (IRTG) Diversity: Mediating Difference in Transcultural Spaces, 3rd cohort, Université de Montréal, Montreal/ QC, Canada
- 2018 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal, Montreal/ QC, Canada
- 2016-2017 Research Assistant on the project “European Union Accession Process and the NGO-ization of Turkish Civil Society,” International Relations Department, Kültür University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014-2015 Project Coordinator of the project “With Internally Displaced Persons For Internally Displaced Persons: Access to the social, cultural and economic rights for the people who have been displaced and living in Marmara region,” Migrants’ Association for Social Cooperation and Culture (Göç-Der), Istanbul, Turkey

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021-2022 Teaching Assistant
Université de Montréal, Department of Sociology
Graduate Level Course: “Education and Society.”

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- In Progress* *Language, Religion and Difference: North African and Turkish Jewish Immigrants in Canada*, book manuscript under contract at McGill-Queen’s University Press.

Peer-reviewed articles

- Forthcoming* “Comprendre le pluralisme linguistique et religieux canadien: une étude empirique travers des récits des juif•ves marocaines,” *Les Cahiers Tocqueville*.
- Working paper* “Language, Religion and North African Jewish Identification in Québec”. (Revise & Resubmit)
- 2022 “Language, Religion and Difference: North African and Turkish Jewish Identity Formation Vis-À-Vis Ashkenazim in Canada,” *Canadian Jewish Studies / Études juives canadiennes*, Vol. 34 (Fall 2022): 130-141.
<https://cjs.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/cjs/article/view/40295>

Work in Progress articles

- “Legal Precarity, language, resilience, and resistance: Asylum-seeking mothers’ post-migratory adaptation in Quebec” (tentative title) with Prof. Gina Lafortune
- “Language, Education, and the Israel-Palestine Conflict: Jewish Minority in Morocco and Turkey in the 1950s and 1970s”

“Narratives of asylum seeker parents on the lived experiences of their children in schools of Quebec” (tentative title) with Prof. Gina Lafortune

Book reviews

- 2023 “Jews and Palestinians in the Late Ottoman Era, 1908-1914: Claiming the Homeland” by Louis Fishman, in *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, May 2023.
- 2020 “Moments of Crisis: Religion and National Identity in Québec” by Ian A. Morrison, in *Nations & Nationalism*, 26.3., July 2020.
- 2019 “Impossible Exodus: Iraqi Jews in Israel” by Orit Bashkin, in *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 37.3, November 2019.
- 2018 “Memories of Absence: How Muslims Remember Jews in Morocco” by Aomar Boum, in *HistoireEngagee.ca*, December 2018.

Translation

- 2022 “Turkish Jews in Canada: A Conversation with Roger and Ida Gilodo,” in *Canadian Jewish Studies / Études juives canadiennes*, Vol. 34 (Fall 2022): 205-211. [Translation from Turkish into English and French]
<https://cjs.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/cjs/article/view/40302>
<https://cjs.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/cjs/article/view/40310>

MEDIA COVERAGE

Authored

- 2021 “Can Religious or Linguistic Commonality Create a Greater Sense of Belonging?” [Online]. *The Sociological Review*. October – Generations <https://doi.org/10.51428/tsr.pg9350>
- 2021 “Language, Religion and Difference: An Empirical Study from Québec and Anglo-Canada.” *The Centre on Constitutional Change (CCC) blog*, July 15.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2023 The Robert L. Kemeny Travel Award.
- 2022 Financial Support Scholarship, Études supérieures et postdoctorales (ESP), Université de Montréal, 3000\$.
- 2022 Presentation Award for the Conference Équité, diversité et relations ethniques organised by l'équipe Inclusion et diversité ethnoculturelle en éducation (IDEE), carte-cadeau *Les Libraires*.
- 2021 Doctoral Fellowship, Université de Montréal, 2000\$.
- 2020 Time Sensitive Award for the Study of Ladino Culture and Language in summer at the University of Washington.
- 2020-2021 Doctoral Research Scholarship, The Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC), 28 000\$.

- 2019-2022 Doctoral Grant, “International Research Training Group, IRTG Diversity: Mediating Difference in Transcultural Spaces,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC–DFG), 48 000\$.
- 2019 Patrick Berdoz Scholarship, Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal, 1000\$.
- 2019 Presence Award for the Conference of Association des cycles supérieurs de sociologie, Université de Montréal, a feminist gift.
- 2019 Ongoing Study Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal, 5000\$.
- 2018 Mobility Grant, Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la diversité et la démocratie (CRIDAQ), Université de Montréal, 1200\$.
- 2018 Mobility Grant, Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal, 1500\$.
- 2017-2018 Admission Grant, Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal, 5000\$.
- 2017 Differential Tuition Fee Exemptions for International Students, Université de Montréal.
- 2016-2017 Research Grant, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), 4500\$.
- 2015 Mobility Grant, Boğaziçi University.
- 2012-2013 Turkish Educational Foundation (TEV) – French Embassy Joint Scholarship for M.A. Degree, 11 000\$.
- 2008-2011 Stipend for undergraduate students, YTM Engineering Ltd. Co., Turkey, 2000\$.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2024 “‘When you don’t understand what people are saying around you, it makes you feel less of yourself.’ Des parents demandeurs d’asile parlent de l’expérience de leurs enfants à l’école,” with Gina Lafortune et Celimene Dorcelus Cetoute. Séance: Écouter la voix des personnes et des familles réfugiées et demandeuses d’asile pour mieux comprendre leurs expériences post-migratoires et mieux les accompagner. 26th Metropolis Conference Canada. March 13-15. Montréal/QC, Canada.
- 2023 Understanding Pluralism through the lens of Language and Recognition: Francophone and Hispanophone Jewish Immigrants in Canada, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (ACJS). May 30. York University, Toronto.
- 2022 “Language, Religion, and Complexity: An Empirical Exploration from Québec,” Panel: Immigrant Belonging at the intersection of Religion and Nationalism: Making sense of Citizenship in the Global North and the Global South, Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) -Société canadienne de sociologie, May 16. Online.
- 2022 “Jewish Memory, Nationalism and Majority-Minority Relations in Morocco and Turkey in the 1950s and 1970s,” Panel TK7: Religion and Nationalism in Comparative Perspective, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) (co-sponsored by Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York City, NY). May 5. Online.
- 2022 “Négocier la différence entre la langue et la religion: La formation de l’identité complexe des juif•ves d’Afrique du Nord au Québec,” CR36 “Ethnicité, migration et citoyenneté,” Association internationale des sociologues de langue française (AISLF). April 29. Online.

- 2021 “How do Jews remember? State formation and majority-minority relations in Morocco and Turkey (1950-1970),” P6676, Session Title: Between Empire and the Post-Colony: Memory, (un)Belonging, and Reproducing State, Middle East Studies Association (MESA), December 2. Online. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2021 “The Complex Relation between Language and Religion: Talking about a Two-pronged Moroccan Jewish generation in Québec,” International Sociological Association (ISA), RC22 – Religion Mid Term Conference, November 13. Online. Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2021 “Comprendre le pluralisme linguistique et religieux canadien: une étude empirique à travers des récits des juif•ves marocaines,” Colloque « Francophonie, » Panel 3: Francophonie politique et politiques de la Francophonie: états des lieux, acteurs, Association des Jeunes Chercheurs Comparatistes (AJCC), October 7. Online.
- 2021 “Language, Religion, and The Difference: Moroccan Jewish Belonging in Canada,” A View of the Field: Reflecting on Canadian Jewish Studies, Session 3: Language, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (ACJS). May 23. Online.
- 2021 “Success and limits of interculturalism: Sephardic belonging and identity in Québec,” Panel M5: Migrant Identity and Belonging, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) (co-sponsored by Harriman Institute, Colombia University, New York City, NY). May 7. Online.
- 2021 “Memory, Crisis, Citizenship: Canadian Moroccan Jewish Narratives on Québec,” Panel D4: Memory, culture, and the performance of identity, The XXXth Annual Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) Conference: Nationalism and Crisis. April 7. Online.
- 2021 “Trajectories of Belonging Among the Sephardic Diaspora: An Analysis of Citizenship Under the Integrative Pluralism of Quebec and Multiculturalism of Ontario,” Panel: RC25 Language and Society; Languages and Social in/Justice, International Sociological Association (ISA). February 23. Online, Porto Alegre, Brazil.
- 2020 “La langue, la religion et la différence: Le sentiment d’appartenance sépharade dans un État multinationale,” *Séminaire jeunes chercheur.e.s.* du CRIDAQ, June 3. Online, Montreal/ QC, Canada.
- 2020 “On the Margin? Strange Encounters between Ashkenazim and Sephardim in the U.S., Quebec, and Canada From the Twentieth Century to the Present,” Across borders: the Jews and the Others: Bilingual and interuniversity Conference, March 10. Université de Montréal, Montreal/ QC, Canada.
- 2019 “Racialized knowledge of the other: An intersectional (coupled with Orientalism) analysis of Mizrahi/ Sephardi Jews in Israel, U.S. and Canadian scholarship,” La judéité dans les sciences humaines et sociales: Bilingual and interuniversity Conference, February 5. Université de Montréal, Montreal/ QC, Canada.
- 2015 “Rethinking Evolution of Egyptian Women’s Movement from nineteenth-century up to the 1952 Revolution within the context of Huda Sha’rawi and Doria Shafik leaderships,” 12th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA), August 27. Prague, Czech Republic.

- 2015 “Rethinking socio-economic and spatial dimensions of Urban Projects as a shift from 1980s to an authoritarian neoliberalism under AKP in Turkey through The Kanal Istanbul Project,” 2nd International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), July 4. Milan, Italy.
- 2014 “Between Collective Memory and Experience: The Perceptions of State Violence among Second Generation Kurdish Migrant Women in Tarlabası,” Gendered Memories of War and Political Violence Young Researchers Conference, April 26. Sabancı University (SU) and Central European University (CEU), Karaköy Minerva Palace, İstanbul, Turkey.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “How do Jews Remember? Nationalism and Majority-Minority Relations in Morocco and Turkey in the 1950s and 1970s,” Montreal Ottoman Turkish Studies (MOTS) at McGill University, December 8. Online.

WORKSHOPS

- 2021 “Language, Religion and Difference: An Empirical Study from a Multinational-state,” Free Summer School: Sovereignty, Independence and Constitutional Change, Centre on Constitutional Change (CCC), University of Edinburgh, June 14–16. Online.
- 2021 “Same but Different: Moroccan Jews Living in Montreal and Toronto,” Workshop of the Emerging Scholars Forum of the Association for Canadian Studies in German-Speaking countries (GKS), February 17. Online, Montreal/ QC, Canada.
- 2019 “Uncovering memory of the city within the purview of Jewish and Turkish gazes: Matrix of a comparative approach between Montreal and Istanbul,” International Summer School: La Ville/ The City/ Die Stadt, Centre canadien d’études allemandes et européennes (CCÉAE), September 13. Montréal/ QC, Canada.

ROUNDTABLES

- 2021 “Nationalism and Crises: Canadian Moroccan Jews’ Narratives on Québec,” 116th American Sociological Association (ASA) Virtual Annual Meeting, Sociology of Religion Roundtable #7: Religion in Historical Perspective. August 10.

SESSION/ ROUNDTABLE ORGANIZATION

- 2023 Session organizer. “Language, Religion, and Linguistic Rights in Times of Crisis,” Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies: International Sociological Associations, Melbourne, Australia, June 25 – July 1.

- 2022 Roundtable organizer with Gözde Böcü. “Immigrant Belonging at the intersection of Religion and Nationalism: Making sense of Citizenship in the Global North and the Global South,” Igniting Change Through Sociology: Canadian Sociological Association/ Société canadienne de sociologie, May 16.

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2023 Groupe d’expertise pour le développement des cités interculturelles au Québec (GEDCIQ)
- 2022 L’Institut d’histoire de l’Amérique française (IHAF).
- 2022 Canadian Sociological Association/ Société canadienne de sociologie (CSA).
- 2021 The Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities at Bard College (HEC).
- 2021-22 Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN).
- 2021-22 Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN).
- 2021 Middle East Studies Association (MESA).
- 2020-22 Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (ACJS).
- 2021 ODTU Alumni Association of Canada (OAAC).
- 2020 International Sociological Association (ISA).
- 2019 Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la diversité et la démocratie (CRIDAQ).
- 2019 Centre for interdisciplinary research on Montreal (CIRM) at McGill University.
- 2019-2022 “International Research Training Group, IRTG Diversity: Mediating Difference in Transcultural Spaces,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC–DFG), dir. Ursula Lehmkuhl, Astrid Fellner, Laurence McFalls.
- 2015 International Public Policy Association (IPPA).

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 “Osmanlı’dan Fransa ve Meksika’ya uzanan bir göç hikayesi: Turkos, 1. Dünya Savaşı ve Holokost,” *Avlaremoz*, <https://www.avlaremoz.com/2024/02/19/osmanlidan-fransa-ve-meksikaya-uzanan-bir-goc-hikayesi-turkos-1-dunya-savasi-ve-holokost-ovgu-ulgen/>, February 19, 2024.
- 2016 “Between two seas: Walking around rural Istanbul,” *MashallahNews*, <https://www.mashallahnews.com/between-two-seas/>, August 10, 2016.
- 2015 “Enter and exit Ankara: The five new gates of the Turkish capital,” *MashallahNews*, <https://www.mashallahnews.com/enter-exit-ankara/>, May 6, 2015.
- 2014 “İğneada Longoz Ormanları’nda son durum” *Yesilist*, <https://www.yesilist.com/igneada-longoz-ormanlarinda-son-durum/>, July 19, 2014.
- 2014 “Constructing a multidisciplinary space for art lovers: The Halka Art Project in Istanbul,” *Yesilist English: Turkey’s Green Living Portal*, April 17, 2014.
- 2014 “Yürüme kavramı üzerine,” *Yesilist*, <https://www.yesilist.com/yurume-kavrami-uzerine/>, January 31, 2014.

REFERENCES

Available upon request