ÖVGÜ ÜLGEN

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2025 – 2026 Postdoctoral Fellow, Geography, Université Laval
2024 – 2025 Research Associate, Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies, York University
2023 – 2024 Postdoctoral Researcher, Education and Specialized Training, Université du Québec à Montréal

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"
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 Tarlabaşı, İstanbul"
2006 - 2011 B.S. (*honours*) Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2014 - 2016 Graduate Study without degree, The Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey
2011 - 2012 Cours du soir de langue française, Université Paris-Sorbonne, Paris, France. September 2011 – March 2012.

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), French (Fluent), Turkish (Native), German (Beginner)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International and Comparative Migration, Race and Ethnicity, Religion, Diversity, Europe, Canada, Middle East and North Africa, 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

2026 Lecturer
Université Laval, Department of Geography
Undergraduate Level Course: "Exile and Territory: Contemporary Issues in Forced Migration."

Mentorat

2024 Guest Speaker (*Share Your Knowledge Series; Mentoring Café Webinar*): "Challenges of Post-Migration to Canada," as part of an event organized by the Middle East Technical University Alumni Association in Canada (OAAC).

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

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Submitted *Belonging at the Intersection of Language and Religion: Pluralism Through the Eyes of North African and Turkish Jewish Immigrants in Canada,* under contract with UBC Press.

Peer-reviewed articles

Forthcoming "Rapport à l'école des familles demandeuses d'asiles au Québec: entre vulnérabilité, résilience et agentivité" with Gina Lafortune, Marc Donald Jean Baptiste, Janet Cleveland, Jill Hanley. *Travail social*

2026 "Colonial and Imperial Legacies, National Transformations: Jewish Minorities in 1950s– 1970s Morocco and Turkey." *Journal of Contemporary History*, *61*(3), 716-735. https://doi.org/10.1177/00220094251401604

2025 "Generations and difference: language, religion, and North African Jewish identification in Québec." *Identities*, *33*(5), 638-656. https://doi.org/10.1080/1070289X.2025.2543655

2024 "Comprendre le pluralisme linguistique et religieux canadien: une étude empirique à travers des récits des juif•ves de l'Afrique du Nord," *Cahiers Tocqueville des Jeunes Chercheurs,* Vol. 5, no°1, 2024, p. 103–119. https://hal.science/hal-04889607

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://doi.org/10.25071/1916-0925.40295

Working papers

Under Review "Artistic representations of migration and liberal contradictions in Germany and Canada: New-wave emigrants from Turkey."

Submitted "Settler Colonial and Postwar Legacies of Othering: Race, Deskilling, and Legal Status Among New-Wave Emigrants from Turkey in Montreal and Berlin"

Work in progress

"Legal Precarity, language, resilience, and resistance: Asylum-seeking mothers' post-migratory adaptation in Quebec" (tentative title) with Prof. Gina Lafortune.

"Memories of Departure: Political Displacement from Turkey since the 2010s" (tentative title)

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. https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13537113.2023.2207872

2020 "Moments of Crisis: Religion and National Identity in Québec" by Ian A. Morrison, in *Nations & Nationalism*, 26.3., July. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/nana.12628

2019 "Impossible Exodus: Iraqi Jews in Israel" by Orit Bashkin, in *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies,* 37.3, November. https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5703/shofar.37.3.0372

2018 "Memories of Absence: How Muslims Remember Jews in Morocco" by Aomar Boum, in *HistoireEngagee.ca,* December. https://histoireengagee.ca/memories-of-absence-how-muslims-remember-jews-in-morocco-recension/

Research-based blog articles

2026 "North African Jewish identities in Québec" *Identities Blog.* https://www.identitiesjournal.com/blog-collection/north-african-jewish-identities-in-quebec

2021 "Can Religious or Linguistic Commonality Create a Greater Sense of Belonging?" *The Sociological Review*. October – Generations. https://doi.org/10.51428/tsr.pgsu9350

2021 "Language, Religion and Difference: An Empirical Study from Québec and Anglo-Canada." *The Centre on Constitutional Change (CCC) blog,* July 15.

Conference Proceedings

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." In *Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP2)*, Milan, July 1–4, pp. 1–14. Milan: International Public Policy Association. https://www.ippapublicpolicy.org/file/paper/1435184460-old.pdf

Opinion pieces / other publications / podcasts

2026 "Method in Question: Episode #5 with Dr. Övgü Ülgen." *Method in Question: Podcast in Migration and Refugee Studies,* University of New Brunswick, October 9, 2026 (*forthcoming*).

2024 *"Wine & Halva*: Post-migration and The Limits of Western Liberalism," *The Theatre Times,* https://thetheatretimes.com/wine-halva-post-migration-and-the-limits-of-western-liberalism/, July 26.

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.

2016 "Between two seas: Walking around rural Istanbul," *MashallahNews*, https://www.mashallahnews.com/between-two-seas/, August 10.

2015 "Enter and exit Ankara: The five new gates of the Turkish capital," *MashallahNews,* https://www.mashallahnews.com/enter-exit-ankara/, May 6.

2014 "İğneada Longoz Ormanları'nda son durum" *Yesilist,* https://www.yesilist.com/igneada-longoz-ormanlarinda-son-durum/, July 19.

2014 "Constructing a multidisciplinary space for art lovers: The Halka Art Project in Istanbul," *Yesilist English: Turkey's Green Living Portal,* April 17.

2014 "Yürüme kavramı üzerine," *Yesilist,* https://www.yesilist.com/yurume-kavrami-uzerine/, January 31.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025-2026 Postdoctoral Financial Support, Centre de recherche Cultures Arts Sociétés (CELAT), 37 500$.

2024 Book Project Grant, York University, 1500$.

2024 Travel Grant, Université du Québec à Montréal, 487$.

2023 The Robert L. Kemeny 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).

2015 Mobility Grant, Boğaziçi University, 1000 ₺.

2012-2013 Turkish Education Foundation (TEV) – French Embassy Joint Scholarship for M.A. Degree, 7670 €.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

2026 "New Wave of Emigrants from Turkey: Migration, Identity, and Belonging in Montreal and Berlin." Panel: Diasporas, States, and Development Governance, IMISCOE Conference. July 1. Online.

2026 "La complexité de l'identité sociale: langue et religion chez les juif·ves de l'Afrique du Nord au Québec. » Panel : Approches interdisciplinaires et perspectives croisées : intégration linguistique, inclusion sociale et politization des communautés méditerranéennes et sud-européennes au Québec (invited). Congres Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS). May 11. Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada.

2025 "Nouvelle vague, nouvelles expériences: Comprendre le déplacement à travers les productions artistiques en Allemagne et au Canada," Paper presentation and discussion (invited), Équipe de recherche sur l'immigration au Québec et ailleurs (ÉRIQA), Université de Montréal (in person), October 31.

2024 "Non-citizenship as practice: The case of precarious lives of asylum-seeking mothers in Quebec," Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) -Société canadienne de sociologie, June 20. McGill University.

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. 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 14. 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 "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.

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.

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 Tarlabaşı," 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.

WORKSHOPS

2025 "Understanding Exile through Artistic Performances: Exploring the New Wave of Emigrants from Turkey in Canada and Germany," Paper presentation and discussion for *Conflict, Democratic Backsliding, and Diaspora Politics in Canada* Workshop, Center for International Policy Studies (CIPS) at University of Ottawa, October 21. Online.

2024 "Language, Education, and the Israel-Palestine Conflict: Jewish Minority in Morocco and Turkey in the 1950s and 1970s," Paper presentation and discussion, Keyman Article Workshop at Northwestern University, June 27. Online

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

2021 "Same but Different: Moroccan Jews Living in Montreal and Toronto," Paper presentation, Workshop of the Emerging Scholars Forum of the Association for Canadian Studies in German-Speaking countries (GKS), February 17. Online.

2021 "Language, Religion and Difference: An Empirical Study from a Multinational-state," Paper presentation, Free Summer School: Sovereignty, Independence and

Constitutional Change, Centre on Constitutional Change (CCC), University of Edinburgh, June 14–16. Online.

SESSION/ EVENT/ ROUNDTABLE ORGANIZATION

2026 Journée d'étude, co-organiser with Célia Forget. "Rencontres Art et Immigration" (in French), CELAT-Université Laval, Québec city, QC, Canada, April 2.

2026 Event organizer. "Le Theatre Immigrant au Canada," in conversation with Art Babayants (in French), CELAT-UQAM, Montréal, QC, Canada, February 12.

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 co-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.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

2026 Book chapter reviewer, *Criminologies of the Other: Experiences, Processes and Ethics of Othering in and Beyond Crime Control,* [Routledge].

2026 Peer-reviewer for submission evaluation, [*Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*].

2025 Peer-reviewer for submission evaluation, [*Nations and Nationalism* and *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*].

MEMBERSHIPS

2026 Research Associate, Paris Centre for Democracy (PADEM)

2026 Research Affiliate, UnborderED Knowledge / Savoirs sans frontières

2025 Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre de recherche Cultures Arts Sociétés (CELAT).

2025 Postdoctoral Fellow, Canada Research Chair in Global Migration Dynamics / Chaire de recherche du Canada sur les dynamiques migratoires mondiales (DYMIG).

2022-2025 Canadian Sociological Association/ Société canadienne de sociologie (CSA).

2022 L'Institut d'histoire de l'Amérique française (IHAF).

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 Association internationale des sociologues de langue français (AISLF).

2021 Middle East Studies Association (MESA).

2021 ODTU Alumni Association of Canada (OAAC).

2020	International Sociological Association (ISA).
2020	Association for Canadian Jewish Studies/ Association d'études juives canadienne (ACJS/ AÉJC).
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).

REFERENCES

Available upon request