

*CURRICULUM VITAE*

**AYŞE POLAT**

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi  
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**Academic Education**

- 2015 Ph.D., Anthropology and Sociology of Religion  
Divinity School, the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (with distinction)  
Dissertation Title: *Subject to Approval: Sanction and Censure in Ottoman Istanbul (1889-1923)*
- 2005 M.A. Religious Studies  
Divinity School, the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2002 B.A., Political Science, Boğaziçi University
- 2002 B.A., Sociology, Boğaziçi University (high honors)

**Pedagogy Training**

- 2013 The Craft of Teaching Program, Divinity School, University of Chicago
- 2010 Academic/Professional Writing, University of Chicago

**Professional Employment**

- 2024– Assistant Professor of Sociology,  
Department of Sociology, İstanbul Boğaziçi University, İstanbul
- 2018–2024 Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Department of Sociology, İstanbul Medeniyet University, İstanbul
- 2016–2018 Assistant Professor of Sociology of Religion  
Department of Religious Studies, İstanbul 29 Mayıs University, İstanbul
- 2013 Co-Instructor, “World War I in the Ottoman Empire,” Department of Near  
Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Religious Studies,” University of Chicago
- 2007–2010 Research Assistant, Michael Sells, University of Chicago

2004-2005 Research Assistant, Malika Zeghal, University of Chicago

## Specialization and Competence Areas

Sociology of religion, anthropology of religion, secularism theories, late Ottoman and early Turkish Republican history and society, medical sociology, qualitative research methods

## Fellowships and Awards

- 2023 The Scientific and Technological High Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), # 1001 Research Grant  
A Grounded Theory Situational Analysis Examining the Relationship Between the Traditional and Complementary Medicine, and Modern Medicine in Turkey
- 2021 The Scientific and Technological High Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) #1002 Research Grant  
The Experience of the Contact-Tracing Teams in Istanbul During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Multidisciplinary Phenomenological Research
- 2014 Provost's Dissertation-Year Fellowship, the University of Chicago
- 2012–2013 Martin Marty Center Junior Fellowship, the University of Chicago
- 2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship
- 2006–2010 Graduate Tuition Fellowship and Stipend, the University of Chicago
- 2003–2004 Graduate Tuition Fellowship, the University of Chicago

## Publications

- 2024 “Are we Heroes or Couriers? A Phenomenological Study on Reappropriation of Professional Subjectivity and Agency Among Medical Professionals During Covid-19 Contact Tracing in Türkiye,” *Social Science and Medicine*.
- 2022 Nitel Araştırmalarda Yarı-Yapılandırılmış Görüşme Soruları: Soru Form ve Türleri, Nitelikler ve Sıralama, *Anadolu Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 22, 161–182
- 2022 Yükseköğretimde Sosyoloji Öğretim Çalışmaları: Amerikan, Avrupa ve Türk Sosyolojisinde Karşılaştırmalı Bir Alanyazın İncelemesi, *Yükseköğretim Dergisi*, 12 (2), 187–196 (ESCI)
- 2020 The Late Ottoman Novel as Social Laboratory: Celal Nuri and the “Woman Question,” *Ottoman Culture and the Project of Modernity: Reform and*

*Translation in the Tanzimat Novel*. Monica M. Ringer and Etienne Charrière (eds). New York: I.B. Tauris

- 2020 The Ottoman Religious and Moral Censorship of the Armistice Istanbul Press, *Not All Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, 1914-1918*. Mehmet Beşikçi, Akşin S. Somel, A. Toumarkine (eds.). Würzburg: Ergon-Verlag
- 2019 Book Review, Hicret Toprak, *Mihrap, Minber ve Devlet: Tek Parti Döneminde Diyanet İşleri Başkanlığı*, *İnsan ve Toplum* 10 (1), 1, 177–181 (ESCI)
- 2018 Osmanlı'da Matbu İslam'ın Onay ve Denetimi: Tedkik-i Mesahif ve Müellefat-ı Şer'iyeye Meclisi. *FSM İlmî Araştırmalar İnsan ve Toplum Bilimleri Dergisi*, 11 (2), 87-120
- 2018 Sırat-ı Müstakim ve Okuyucu Mektupları: Sorulan, Tartışılan, İnşa Edilen İslam, "İslam'ı Uyandırmak:" Meşrutiyet'ten Cumhuriyet'e İslamcı Düşünce ve Dergiler, Sunar L., ed., İLEM, İstanbul
- 2017 The Human Jesus: A Debate in the Ottoman Press. *Mizan: Journal of Interdisciplinary Approaches to Muslim Societies and Civilizations*, (2:1), 1-24
- 2015 A Conflict on Baha'ism and Islam in 1922: Abdullah Cevdet and State Religious Agencies. *İnsan ve Toplum*, 5 (10), 29-42
- 2012 A Comparison of Charles Taylor and Talal Asad on the Issue of Secularity. *İnsan ve Toplum*, 2 (4), 217-230

## Conference Presentations

- 2023 The Domestication of Medicine: The Experiences of Contact-Tracing teams in Turkey, ISA International Sociological Association, Melbourne, Australia, online
- 2023 Orchestrating Modern and Alternative Medicine: Challenges for the Practitioners of CAM in Turkey, ISA International Sociological Association, Melbourne, Australia, online
- 2022 Pandemi Sürecinde İstanbul'daki Filyasyon Ekiplerinin Deneyimleri Üzerine Fenomenolojik Bir İnceleme, Nitel Araştırmalar Çalıştayı, çevrimiçi
- 2022 Imperial, Occupied, and National: Ottoman Religious Bureaucratic Administration in Istanbul, *Occupied Istanbul: Urban Politics, Culture, and Society, 1918–19123*, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
- 2020 Linguistic Terrains of Religion and Secular in Ottoman Turkish Periodicals, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, online
- 2019 Religion Constituting Irreligion: Intellectual, Legal, and Social articulations on Religion and Secular in Ottoman Turkish Periodicals, Religion and the Production

- of Difference: Annual Conference of the Dutch Association for the Study of Religion, Holland
- 2019 Mapping out Late Ottoman Terms for Religion and Irreligion, Religion as a Changing Category of Muslim Practice, Oxford University, England
- 2019 Sağlıkta Çoklu Habitus Pratikleri: Modern ve Geleneksel Tıp Uygulayıcıları, IX. Ulusal Sosyoloji Kongresi, Ankara, Turkey
- 2019 Osmanlı Dini Bürokrasisi: Matbuat, Tarikat ve Kamusal Ahlakın Denetimi, VII. Osmanlı İstanbul Sempozyumu, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2018 Late Ottoman Regulations on Sufi Orders and Practices, World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies, Seville, Spain
- 2017 “*Sırat-ı Müstakim* ve Okuyucu Mektupları: Sorulan, Tartışılan, İnşa Edilen İslam,” İlmî Etütler Merkezi (İLEM) İslamcı Dergiler Sempozyumu 2, İstanbul
- 2016 Approved for Print: Late Ottoman Regulatory Mechanisms on Islamic Books, British Association for Islamic Studies, London, England
- 2015 The Human Jesus: A 1922 Ottoman Periodical Debate, Islamic Stories of the Prophets: Semantics, Discourse, and Genre, Università L’Orientale, Napoli, Italy
- 2014 The Evolution of the Print of the Qur’an in Ottoman Istanbul, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, USA.
- 2014 The Ottoman Print Regime on the Domain of Printed Qur’ans and Islamic Publications, Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2014 The Religio-Moral Censorship of the Press in Post-WWI Istanbul, Not All Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, İstanbul, Turkey
- 2013 Dar’ul Hikmet’ül İslamiye’s Surveillance of Public Morality in post-WWI Ottoman Society, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, USA.
- 2013 Islam and Immorality: The Late Ottoman Religious Committee Dar’ul Hikmet’ül İslamiye in the Aftermath of WWI, American Academy of Religion Annual Western Regional Conference, Arizona, USA.
- 2013 Religious Censorship in Istanbul during the Armistice Period, Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2012 Medreses in the Aftermath of World War One: The Case of Medrese’tul Irşad, Madrasah Tradition and Madrasahs in the Process of Modernization, Muş, Turkey

- 2011 Teaching How to Think: Sheikh al-Islam Mustafa Sabri Efendi's Engagement in Debates on Islam, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC, USA.
- 2010 The Sırat-i Mustakim Ottoman Journal (1908–1911): Controversies between the Followers of the 'Straight Path' and 'Secular Mujtahids', Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2008 The Dilemmas of the Presidency of Religious Affairs in Turkey, Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2008 Thinking through Reader Questions in the Ottoman Journal Sırat-i Mustakim, Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Washington DC, USA.

## **Languages**

- Turkish: Native  
English: Fluency in reading, speaking, and writing  
French: Professional upper-intermediate competency in reading  
Ottoman Turkish: Professional competency in reading

## **Courses Taught**

- Introduction to Sociology  
Sociology of Religion  
Medical Sociology  
Ethnography  
Religion, State, and Society  
Historical Sociology  
Qualitative Research Methods  
Qualitative Data Analysis