

CURRICULUM VITAE

AYŞE POLAT

Boğaziçi University, Department of Sociology
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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

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

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, 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
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, 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

Medical Sociology, Qualitative Research Methods, Sociology of Religion, Anthropology of Religion, Secularism theories, late Ottoman and early Turkish Republican history and society, Social change

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2024–2026 The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), #1001 Research Grant: A Grounded Theory Situational Analysis Examining the Relationship Between Traditional and Complementary Medicine and Modern Medicine in Turkey
- 2021–2022 The Scientific and Technological Research 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
- 2014–2015 Provost's Dissertation-Year Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2012–2013 Martin Marty Center Junior Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship, Washington DC
- 2006–2010 Graduate Tuition Fellowship and Stipend, University of Chicago
- 2003–2004 Graduate Tuition Fellowship, University of Chicago

PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 Disciplinary Incorporation: Conditions Enabling CAM's Expansion and Institutionalization in Europe and North America, *Health* (Special Issue, 30th Anniversary) (SSCI-Q1)
- 2026 Stepping Outside the Clinic Walls: Health Professionals' Encounters with Place During the COVID-19 Pandemic, *BMC Public Health*, 26: 1459 (co-authors: Zübeyde Demircioğlu, Hüseyin Küçükali) (SSCI-Q1) <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-026-27092-y>
- 2025 Thematic Analysis in Qualitative Research: Common Pitfalls and Practical Insights for Academic Writing, *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 24: 1–10 (SSCI-Q1) doi: 10.1177/16094069251372835
- 2025 Batı'da ve Türkiye'de Biyotıp ile Geleneksel, Alternatif, Tamamlayıcı Tıbbın Ayrıştırılması ve Entegrasyonu, *Lokman Hekim Tıp Tarihi ve Folklorik Tıp Dergisi, Mersin Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi*, 15 (1) (TR-Dizin)
- 2025 The Role of Imam-Hatips Deployed in Türkiye's COVID-19 Pandemic Response, *Mevzu*, 13 (co-author: Beyzanur Yılmaz Narin) (TR-Dizin)
- 2024 Are We Heroes or Couriers? A Phenomenological Study on Reappropriation of Professional Subjectivity and Agency Among Health Professionals During COVID-19 Contact Tracing in Türkiye, *Social Science and Medicine*, 351: 116924 (co-authors: Zübeyde Demircioğlu, Hüseyin Küçükali) (SSCI-Q1)

- 2024 Türkiye'de Dini Grupların Diyanet İşleri Başkanlığına Bakışı: Altınoluk, Köprü ve İktibas Dergilerinde Diyanet Tartışmaları, *Medya ve Din Araştırmaları Dergisi*, 7 (2) (co-author: Mahmut Bilal Uzun) (TR-Dizin)
- 2023 *Toplum Tanıma ve Birlikte Çalışma: Toplum Tanıma ve Topluluk Kapasitesini Güçlendirme*. İstanbul: İBER STK Yayınları
- 2022 Nitel Araştırmalarda Yarı-Yapılandırılmış Görüşme Soruları: Soru Form ve Türleri, Nitelikler ve Sıralama," *Anadolu Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 22 (TR-Dizin)
- 2022 Yükseköğretimde Sosyoloji Öğretim Çalışmaları: Amerikan, Avrupa ve Türk Sosyolojisinde Karşılaştırmalı Bir Alanyazın İncelemesi," *Yükseköğretim Dergisi*, 12 (2) (ESCI, TR-Dizin)
- 2020 The Late Ottoman Novel as Social Laboratory: Celal Nuri and the 'Woman Question', in *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," in *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) (TR-Dizin)
- 2018 Osmanlı'da Matbu İslam'ın Onay ve Denetimi: Tedkik-i Mesahif ve Müellefat-ı Şer'iyye Meclisi, *FSM İlmî Araştırmalar İnsan ve Toplum Bilimleri Dergisi*, 11 (2) (TR-Dizin)
- 2018 Sırat-ı Müstakim ve Okuyucu Mektupları: Sorulan, Tartışılan, İnşa Edilen İslam," in *"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) (TR-Dizin)
- 2012 A Comparison of Charles Taylor and Talal Asad on the Issue of Secularity," *İnsan ve Toplum*, 2 (4): 217–230 (TR-Dizin)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- 2026 Bounded Integration: The Regulation of Traditional and Complementary Medicine in Türkiye, *Journal of Integrative and Complementary Medicine* (forthcoming)
- 2026 The Ambivalence of Digital Health: Techno-Solutionism and Frontline Experiences in Turkey's COVID-19 Response, *Global Public Health* (under review)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Studying CAM in Türkiye: Between Multiple Data Sources and the Maps of Situational Analysis, 10th World Conference on Qualitative Research, Madrid
- 2025 From Marginalization to Integration: Turkish Governments' Regulations on the CAM, 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, Morocco
- 2025 GETAT Uygulayıcılarının Instagram Kullanımı: Mesleki Temsilden Dijital Görünürlüğe," XI. Ulusal Sosyoloji Kongresi, Bursa
- 2023 The Domestication of Medicine: The Experiences of Contact-Tracing Teams in Turkey, ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia (online)
- 2023 Orchestrating Modern and Alternative Medicine: Challenges for the Practitioners of CAM in Turkey, ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia (online)
- 2022 Imperial, Occupied, and National: Ottoman Religious Bureaucratic Administration in Istanbul, *Occupied Istanbul: Urban Politics, Culture, and Society, 1918–1923*, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
- 2020 Linguistic Terrains of Religion and Secular in Ottoman Turkish Periodicals, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (online)
- 2019 Sağlıkta Çoklu Habitus Pratikleri: Modern ve Geleneksel Tıp Uygulayıcıları," IX. Ulusal Sosyoloji Kongresi, Ankara
- 2019 Osmanlı Dini Bürokrasisi: Matbuat, Tarikat ve Kamusal Ahlakin Denetimi," VII. Osmanlı İstanbulu Sempozyumu, İstanbul
- 2019 Religion Constituting Irreligion: Intellectual, Legal, and Social Articulations on Religion and Secular in Ottoman Turkish Periodicals, 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, Oxford

- 2019 Late Ottoman Regulations on Sufi Orders and Practices, World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies, Seville
- 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
- 2015 The Human Jesus: A 1922 Ottoman Periodical Debate, Islamic Stories of the Prophets: Semantics, Discourse, and Genre, Università L'Orientale, Napoli
- 2014 The Evolution of the Print of the Qur'an in Ottoman Istanbul, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego
- 2014 The Ottoman Print Regime on the Domain of Printed Qur'ans and Islamic Publications, Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago
- 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
- 2013 Dar'ul Hikmet'il Islamiye's Surveillance of Public Morality in post-WWI Ottoman Society, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans
- 2013 Islam and Immorality: The Late Ottoman Religious Committee Dar'ul Hikmet'il Islamiye in the Aftermath of WWI, American Academy of Religion Annual Western Regional Conference, Arizona
- 2013 Religious Censorship in Istanbul during the Armistice Period, Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago
- 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
- 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
- 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

- 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