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### Education

**PhD Candidate in Regional Planning**, expected in December 2015. Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), IL-US.

Dissertation Title: Is it Possible to Plan Displacement-Free Urban Renewal? A Comparative Analysis of National Urban Renewal Program in Turkey

Committee: Geoffrey Hewings (co-chair), Rob Olshansky (co-chair), Andrew Greenlee, Edward Feser, Asef Bayat.

International Summer School in Forced Migration, Summer 2012.  
Refugee Studies Centre/ Oxford Department of International Development  
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

**MSc in Economics (Research)**, 2009. The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, UK.

**BA in Economics**, 2008. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), Sabanci University (SU), Istanbul, Turkey.

- Socrates-Erasmus Exchange Program, Spring 2007. Cass Business School, City University, London, UK.

### Research Conference Presentations

*Invented Spaces of Activism: Gezi Park and Performative Practices of Citizenship*, Association of American Geographers (AGG) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

*Practices of Citizenship: Gezi Park*, with Faranak Miraftab, American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2014.

*Emerging Model for Disaster Mitigation in Istanbul: How the World Bank Project is Assembled through Policy Mutation?*, ACSP Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2014.

*Commodification of Risk through a Transnational Megaproject in the “Emerging Global City” of Istanbul*, Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics Conference, SASE, Chicago, IL, July 2014.

*South- South Knowledge Exchange: An International Market for Development Ideas*, Applied Economics, Regional and Urban Studies Midwest Graduate Student Summit, AERUS, Urbana-Champaign, IL, April 2014.

*Understanding the Relevant City Characteristics in Countrywide Urban Renewal Planning: State-led Urban Renewal in the Context of Disaster Mitigation in Turkey*, Joint AESOP/ACSP Congress, Dublin, July 2013.

*Forced Migration and Involuntary Resettlement as a By-Product of Regional Development Projects*, North American Meeting of the Regional Science Association International, NARSC, Miami, FL, November 2011.

*Internal Displacement: A By-product of Regional Development Projects*, European Regional Science Conference, ERSA, Barcelona, Spain, September 2011.

## **Work in Progress**

Ay,D. and Miraftab, F. (2015). *Invented Spaces of Activism: Gezi Park and Performative Practices of Citizenship* (Forthcoming in The Palgrave Handbook of International Development)

*Mitigating risk in the risk society: An unconventional megaproject for Istanbul's resilience planning.* (work in progress) co-authored with Basak Demires-Ozkul.

*Emerging Model for Disaster Risk Mitigation: International development organizations, project assemblage and policy mutation.* (work in progress) co-authored with Basak Demires-Ozkul.

*Institutional Setbacks to Public Participation in Resilience Planning: Earthquake Risk Mitigation in Istanbul.* (work in progress) co-authored with Basak Demires-Ozkul.

*What makes a city more likely to be prioritized for Urban Renewal? Government-led Urban Renewal for Earthquake Risk Mitigation* (work in progress)

## **Teaching Experience**

Fall 2015

*Lecturer*, The Ohio State University, City and Regional Planning Section, Knowlton School of Architecture.

The Global Environment in Planning, 30 Senior Undergraduates enrolled.

Fall 2011- Spring 2013

*Teaching Assistant*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.  
Corporate Finance, 3 sections, 35 undergraduates per section

Fall 2010-Spring 2011

*Teaching Assistant*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Statistics for Economics and Business, 3 sections, 30 undergraduates per section  
Fall 2009-Spring 2010

*Teaching Assistant*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Microeconomic Principles, 3 sections, 30-35 undergraduates per section.

Summer 2008

*Teaching Assistant*, Sabanci University, Turkey.

Macroeconomic Principles, 2 sections, 40 undergraduates per section.

## **Honors and Awards**

Lewis Fellowship, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, September 2014- May 2015.

Campus Research Board Award with Professor Geoffrey Hewings, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, September 2013- May 2014.

Gallagher Foundation Scholarship, Undergraduate Full Tuition, September 2004- May 2008.

## **Academic & Professional Appointments**

*Research Assistant*, Regional Economics Applications Laboratory, UIUC, March 2011- Present.

*President*, Doctoral Students of Urban Planning (DSUP) Graduate Student Organization, UIUC, August 2012- August 2014.

*Conference Committee Co-Chair*, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit/ Applied Economic, Regional and Urban Studies (AERUS), UIUC, October 2013- April 2014.

*Consultant*, Ugur Urban Renewal Planning LLP, Ankara, Turkey, June - August 2013

*Consultant*, World Bank/ Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey, Turkey Urbanization Review Project, June 2012

*Research Analyst*, Chown Dewhurst LLP, London, UK. September 2008- June 2009

*Teaching Assistant*, Sabanci University, Turkey, July-August 2008

*Research Assistant*, Sabanci University, Turkey, September 2007- June 2008

*Intern*, Chown Dewhurst LLP, London, UK, May 2007- August 2007

*Intern*, Central Bank of Turkey, Department of International Relations, Turkey, July 2006

*Intern*, State Planning Organization of Turkish Republic, Ankara, Turkey, August 2006

**Professional Skills** : Zertifikat Deutsch, Goethe Institute-Bonn, Germany, July 2005.  
Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), German (Basic), Spanish (Basic).