Cenk Özbay

Short CV - Précis

Professor of Sociology
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Academic Appointments

2023—Present	Professor, Sabancı University
2016—2023	Associate Professor, Sabancı University
2012—2016	Assistant Professor, Boğaziçi University
2010—2011	Lecturer, Boğaziçi University

Education

2010	Ph.D. Sociology, University of Southern California
2010	Graduate Degree, Gender Studies, University of Southern California
2008	M.A. Sociology, University of Southern California
2005	M.A. Sociology, Boğaziçi University
2003	B.A. Sociology, Boğaziçi University

Research Areas

- Gender and sexualities; Men and masculinities; Sociology of the body; Sexual politics; Queer spaces and cultures
- Social inequalities and intersectionality; Workplace governmentality and labor relations; Neoliberalism and globalization
- The city; Infrastructure; Politics of mobilities; Space and culture; Socio-spatial change in Istanbul

Fellowships, Honors, and Grants

2025	Sabancı Foundation, Sakıp Sabancı International Research Award
2025 – 2027	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, 2515 Grant
2023 – 2025	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, 1001 Grant
2021 – 2023	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, 1001 Grant
2020 – 2022	Science Academy, Turkey, BAGEP Young Scientist Award
2020	Middle East Technical University M. Parlar Foundation, Research Award
2019	Raoul Wallenberg Institute Turkey, Activity Support
2015 – 2017	Open Society Foundation, Turkey, Research Grant
2015 – 2016	Boğaziçi University, Scientific Research Project Grant (BAP)

2015	Boğaziçi University Foundation, Award in Outstanding Success in Research for Junior Social Scientist
2013 – 2015	Boğaziçi University Rector's Academic Support Grant
2012 – 2013	Boğaziçi University, Scientific Research Project Grant (BAP)
2009 – 2010	Centre des études économiques et sociales (CERES Paris) – Research Competition Award (MERC)
2009 – 2010	Wallis Annenberg Foundation Fellowship in Social Sciences
2005 – 2008	USC Graduate School Dissertation Development Support, Dean's Social Science Dissertation Fellowship, College Summer Research Award, Department of Sociology Travel Award, Faculty-Graduate Student Collaboration Award

Research Projects

2025 – 2027	The Construction and Negotiation of Entrepreneurial Subjectivity in Turkey: An Exploration through Multiple Urban Scales (with Zeynep Gülru Göker) Role: Leading researcher *Funded by TUBITAK 2515*
2024 – 2027	EXPRESS2 - Specify and Protect the EU Social Contract Role: Member of the research team *Funded by European Union Horizon Program*
2023 – 2025	Reimagining Shopping Malls in Istanbul as Infrastructures Role: Primary investigator *Funded by TUBITAK 1001(123K563).*
2021 – 2023	Smart Cities in Turkey (with Zeynep Gülru Göker) Role: Leading researcher *Funded by TUBITAK 1001(121K292).*
2017 – 2020	Urban Transformation in the Hasanpasa Neighborhood Role: Primary investigator *Supported by Sabancı University*
2015 – 2018	Grassroots of Democracy in Turkey: Gender and Sexuality Student-Activists (with Ayfer Bartu Candan) Role: Primary investigator *Supported by Open Society Foundation, Turkey and Boğaziçi University*
2012 – 2013	Masculinities in Drawn Stories Role: Primary Investigator *Funded by Boğaziçi University*
2008 – 2010	Retailed Lives: Governing Gender and Work in Globalizing Istanbul Role: Primary Investigator *Funded by Centre des études économiques et sociales (CERES), USC, and Wallis Annenberg Foundation*

Academic Publications

Books

2021 Zeynep Gülru Göker and Cenk Özbay (eds)
Mekanda Adalet ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet
[Spatial Justice and Gender]
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2019 Cenk Özbay and Ayşecan Terzioğlu (eds)
Türkiye'de Cinsiyet Kültürleri: Dicle Koğacıoğlu Kitabı
[Cultures of Gender in Turkey: A Book in Memory of Dicle Koğacıoğlu]
Istanbul: İletisim.

2018 Ayfer Bartu Candan and Cenk Özbay (eds)
Kültür Denen Şey: Antropolojik Yaklaşımlar
[The Thing Called Culture: Anthropological Perspectives],
Istanbul: Metis.

2017 Cenk Özbay
Queering Sexualities in Turkey: Gay Men, Male Prostitutes and the City
London: I.B. Tauris.

2016 Cenk Özbay, Maral Erol, Ayşecan Terzioğlu, and Z. Umut Turem (eds)
The Making of Neoliberal Turkey
London: Routledge.

2014 Ayfer Bartu Candan and Cenk Özbay (eds)
Yeni İstanbul Çalışmaları: Sınırlar, Mücadeleler, Acılımlar
[The New Istanbul Studies Reader: Boundaries, Struggles, Openings]
Istanbul: Metis.

2011 Cenk Özbay, Ayşecan Terzioğlu, and Yeşim Yasin (eds)
Neoliberalizm ve Mahremiyet: Türkiye'de Beden, Sağlık ve Cinsellik
[Neoliberalism and Intimacy: The Body, Health and Sexuality in Turkey]
Istanbul: Metis.

Journal Articles

2026 Cenk Özbay, "Erkeklik, Belirsizlik ve Çoklu Krizler: Gençliğim Boşa (mı) Gidiyor?" *Birikim* 451: 87-100.

2024 Cenk Özbay, "Transforming Buildings, Reorienting Lives: The Desire for Gentrification in Istanbul", *Urban Geography* 45(3): 411-432.

2024 Cenk Özbay and Ilkan Can Ipekci, "State-Led Antigender Politics, Islamism, and the University: Experiences of Gender Studies Scholars in Turkey", *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 20(1): 89-110.

2023 Cenk Özbay and Ayfer Bartu Candan, "Intersectionality and Feminist/Queer Student Activism in Authoritarian Turkey", *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 25(4): 664-686.

2023 Cenk Özbay, Maral Erol, Çiğdem Bağcı, and Nurcan Özkaplan, "Secular but Conservative? Youth, Gender, and Intimacy in Turkey", *Turkish Studies* 24(1): 29-50.

2022 Cenk Özbay, "Living like a Hetero: Southern Homonormativity in Istanbul", *Sexualities* 25(8): 1058-1076.

2022 Cenk Özbay, "State Homophobia, Sexual Politics, and Queering the Boğaziçi Resistance", *South Atlantic Quarterly* 121(1):199-209.

2021 Cenk Özbay and Kerem Öktem, "Turkey's Queer Times", *New Perspectives on Turkey* 64: 117-130.

2021 Cenk Özbay, "Cinsiyet ve Kendine Özgü Bir Mutenalaşma Hikayesi: Hasanpaşa, Kadıköy", *beyond.istanbul* 10: 28-35.

2021 Cenk Özbay, "Bir Queer Mekan Olarak Park", *beyond.istanbul* 10: 76-80.

2020 Cenk Özbay and Ozan Soybakis, "Political Masculinities: Gender, Power, and Change in Turkey", *Social Politics* 27(1): 27-50.

2018 Maral Erol and Cenk Özbay, "No Andropause for Gay Men: The Body, Aging and Sexuality in Turkey", *Journal of Gender Studies* 27(7): 847-859.

2018 Cenk Özbay and Evren Savci, "Queering Commons in Turkey", *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 24(4): 516-521.

2018 Cenk Özbay and Maral Erol, "Vatandaslik Rejimi, Cinsellikler ve Beden Siyaseti", *Cogito* 90: 201-204.

2018 Cenk Özbay, "Istanbullu Homonormativite ve Ust-Orta Sinif Gey Erkekler", *Cogito* 90: 241-250.

2013 Cenk Özbay, "Türkiye'de Hegemonik Erkekligi Aramak", *Doğu Batı* 63: 185-204.

2010 Cenk Özbay, "Nocturnal Queers: Rent Boys' Masculinity in Istanbul", *Sexualities* 13(5): 645-663.

Reprinted in *The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities*, Fourth Edition, 2013, edited by Joan Z. Spade and Catherine

G. Valentine, London: Sage.

2004 Cenk Özbay and İlkay Baliç, "Erkekligin Ev Halleri", *Toplum ve Bilim* 101: 89-103.

Selected Book Chapters

2026 Cenk Özbay, "The LGBTI Community and Religious Context in Turkey", *the Oxford Handbook of Religion in Turkey*, edited by Caroline Tee, Fabio Vicini, and Philip C. Dorroll, pp. 525-540, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2024 Cenk Özbay, "Cumhuriyet'in Erkek Sorunu?", *Bir Toplumsal Cinsiyet Muhasebesi*, edited by Nacide Berber, pp. 215-238, Istanbul: Tarih Vakfi.

2018 Cenk Özbay, "İş Antropolojisi", *Kültür Denen Şey: Antropolojik Yaklaşımlar*, edited by Ayfer Bartu Candan and Cenk Özbay, pp. 126-144, Istanbul: Metis.

2017 Cenk Özbay, "Railways in Europe", *The Sage International Encyclopedia of Travel and Tourism*, edited by Linda L. Lowry, pp. 1004-1008, London: Sage.

2016 Cenk Özbay, "Inarticulate, Self-Vigilant and Egotistical: Masculinity in Turkish Drawn Stories", *The Making of Neoliberal Turkey,* edited by Cenk Özbay, Maral Erol, Aysecan Terzioglu, and Z. Umut Turem, pp. 87-110, London, Routledge.

2015 Cenk Özbay, "Same-Sex Sexualities in Turkey", *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences* (Second Edition), edited by James D. Right, pp. 870-874, Oxford: Elsevier.

2015 Cenk Özbay, "Men Are Less Manly, Women Are More Feminine: Shopping Mall as a Site for Gender Crisis in Istanbul", *Gender and Sexuality in Muslim Cultures*, edited by Gul Ozyegin, pp. 73-94, New York: Routledge.

2015 Cenk Özbay, "Straight Rent Boys and Gays Who Sell Sex in Istanbul", *Men Who Sell Sex: Global Perspectives*, edited by Richard Parker and Peter Aggleton, pp. 54-67, New York: Routledge.

2014 Cenk Özbay, "Yirmi Milyonluk Turizm Başkenti: İstanbul'da Hareketliliklerin Politik Ekonomisi", *Yeni İstanbul Çalışmaları*, edited by Ayfer Bartu Candan and Cenk Özbay, pp. 166-197, Istanbul: Metis.

2013 Maral Erol and Cenk Özbay, "I Haven't Died Yet: Navigating Masculinity, Aging and Andropause in Turkey", *Aging Men: Masculinities and Modern Medicine*, edited by Antje Kampf, Barbara Marshall and Alan Petersen, pp. 156-171, New York: Routledge.

Panels / Workshops Organized

2023 Gender and Queer Formations under Authoritarianism in the Global South (with Ayşe Betül Çelik), XX International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia.

2023 Türkiye'de Akıllı Kentleşme ve Gençlik Çalıştay (with Zeynep Gülru Göker), TUBITAK and Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey.

2021 Neoliberalism, Inequalities, and the Gendered Everyday (with Ayşe Saktanber), IV International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology: Challenges of the 21st Century, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

2019 Narratives of Masculinities and Violence in the MENA Region (2 Sessions), Gender Studies 2019 Conference, University of Helsinki, Finland.

2019 Masculinities in Modern Turkey: Authoritarianism, Subjectivity, and Resistance (with Ozan Soybakis), École de Hautes Études en Sciences Humaines et Sociales EHESS, Sabancı University, and Centre d'Etudes Sociologiques et Politiques Raymond Aron, Paris, France.

2019 Turkey's Queer Times: Three Decades of LGBTQ Struggle in a Muslim Society (with Kerem Öktem), Sabancı University and University of Graz, Istanbul, Turkey.