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## Academic Positions

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2024 – 2027 Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center for Economy and Society, Johns Hopkins University

2023 – 2024 Adjunct Lecturer in the Division of Social Science, NYU Abu Dhabi

2020 – 2023 Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Division of Social Science, NYU Abu Dhabi

## Education

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YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CT

2020 Ph.D. in Sociology

Diss.: White-Collar Blues? The Making of the Transnational Middle Class in Turkey

Comm.: Julia Adams (Chair), Emily Erikson, Philip Gorski, and Amy Wrzesniewski

\* *2022 Marvin B. Sussman Dissertation Prize, Yale University*

BOĞAZİÇİ UNIVERSITY, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

2015 M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering, *Dean's High Honor List*

2011 B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering, *Dean's Honor List*

## Research and Teaching Areas

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Economic Sociology; Political Sociology; Inequality; Work and Occupations; Social Networks; Migration; Globalization; Computational Sociology; Comparative-Historical Sociology, and Theory.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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### BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Yavaş, Mustafa. *Forthcoming: White-Collar Blues: The Making of the Transnational Turkish Middle Class.* Columbia University Press.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Yavaş, Mustafa. 2024. "White-Collar Opt-Out: How 'Good Jobs' Fail Elite Workers," *American Sociological Review*, 89(4): 761-88.

\* *2022 Early Career Workshop Award, Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)*

- Türkoğlu, Didem, Meltem Odabaş, Doruk Tunaoglu, and **Mustafa Yavaş**. 2022. “Political Polarisation in Social Media: Competing Understandings of Democracy in Turkey,” *South European Society and Politics*, 27(2): 223-51.
- Yavaş, Mustafa**. 2019. “Dissecting Income Segregation: Impacts of Concentrated Affluence on Segregation of Poverty,” *Journal of Mathematical Sociology*, 43(1): 1-22.  
**\* 2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Mathematical Sociology Section**
- Yavaş, Mustafa**. 2019. “Boundary Blurring as Collective Identity Formation? The Case of the Left-wing Islamists in Turkey,” *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, 43: 109-131.
- Yavaş, Mustafa** and Gönenç Yücel. 2014. “Impact of Status Homophily on Diffusion Dynamics over Social Networks,” *Social Science Computer Review*, 32(3): 354-72. [Corresponding Author]

## Work in Progress

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- “Transnational Corporations and Remaking the Turkish Middle Class.” (Draft available)
- “Feeling at Home in the Global City: The Distinct Appeal of Dubai for Non-Western Expatriates,” with *Anju Mary Paul* and *Sejin Park*. (Draft available)
- “Pundits and Framing Struggles: The Gezi Park Resistance and Its Contested Coverage,” (Data analysis)
- “Dyadic and Polyadic Network Processes: Toward an Eventful Lens to Modeling Diffusion,” with *Emily Erikson*. (Simulation analysis)
- “National Prestige and the Structure of International Migration, 1973-2013.” (Data cleaning)
- “Productivity vs. Worker Well-Being: Persistence and Change in Managerial Discourse and Corporate Culture in the US, 1922-2023,” (Data collection)
- “What Do We Mean by ‘Consent?’” (Data collection)

## Research Grants

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| 2023 | Seed Grant; Global Dynamics Research Cluster, NYUAD. (\$5000)                     |
|      | Seed Grant; Culture and Diversity Research Cluster, NYUAD. (\$5000)               |
|      | Seed Grant; Computational Social Science Research Cluster, NYUAD. (\$3000)        |
| 2019 | Cagatay Summer Travel Fellowship; Council on Middle East Studies at Yale. (\$700) |
| 2018 | Seed Grant: Software Development; Yale Digital Humanities Lab. (\$3000)           |
| 2017 | International Dissertation Research Grant; MacMillan Center at Yale. (\$16500)    |
|      | Seed Grant: Corpus Creation; Yale Digital Humanities Lab. (\$1500)                |
| 2014 | George W. Camp Grant; Department of Sociology, Yale University. (\$500)           |

## Fellowships

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2022	Travel and Accommodation Fellowship; Early Career Workshop Award, SASE.
2019	Travel and Accommodation Fellowship; Summer Institute in Computational Social Sciences (SICSS) in Istanbul, Russell Sage Foundation.
2013-2019	Doctoral Student Fellowship; Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Yale University.
2011-2012	Fulbright Opportunity Grant for PhD applications; Fulbright Association.
2009-2010	Erasmus Student Exchange Grant; Erasmus Program, European Commission.
2006-2011	Bogazici University Foundation Fellowship; Bogazici University Foundation.

## Teaching Experience

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**Certificate in College Teaching Preparation**, granted in Fall 2019 upon completion of a comprehensive training in effective teaching at Yale's *Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning*.

### INSTRUCTOR

#### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI, SOCIAL RESEARCH AND PUBLIC POLICY

SOCSC-UH 1310 Foundations of Modern Social Thought, Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

#### YALE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

SOC 167S Social Networks and Society, Summer 2019

### TEACHING FELLOW

#### YALE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

SOC 160 Methods of Inquiry, Spring 2019

SOC 256 Advertising, Consumption and Society, Spring 2017

SOC 167 Social Networks and Society, Fall 2016

SOC 232 Islamic Social Movements, Spring 2016

SOC 151 Foundations of Modern Social Theory, Fall 2015

#### YALE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

MGT 421E Innovator's Perspective, Spring 2020 (EMBA)

MGT 665 Principles of Entrepreneurship, Fall 2019 (MBA course)

#### GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SOC 665 Principles of Sociology, Spring 2020

#### BOĞAZICI UNIVERSITY, INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

IE 48F Agent-Based Modeling, Spring 2013

IE 533 Systems Theory, Fall 2012 (Graduate)

IE 306 System Simulation, Spring 2012

## Talks and Presentations

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### PODCASTS

- 2021 [“Alienation.”](#) *High Theory*, February 12.

### INVITED INTERVIEWS, TALKS, AND GUEST LECTURES

- 2024 “White-Collar Blues: The Making of the Transnational Middle Class.” *Talk* for Division of Social Science at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, January 25.  
“White-Collar Blues: The Making of the Transnational Middle Class.” *Talk* for Sociology Department at Hamilton College, February 8.
- 2023 [“Spotlight: An Interview with Mustafa Yavaş,”](#) for ASA Economic Sociology Newsletter.
- 2022 “Framing Struggles and the Gezi Park Resistance: Toward Mapping the Field of Political Opinion in Turkey,” *Roundtable* on Big Data and Mega Corpora in the Middle East Studies, organized by Charles Kurzman and Richard Nielsen at *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, December 1.  
“White-Collar Blues and Middle-Class Alienation.” *Lecture* for the Sociological Imagination course at Yale University, April 21.
- 2021 “What makes a “Good Job” good?” *Talk* for Strategies for a Healthy Work-Life Balance event at NYU Abu Dhabi, April 29.  
“White-Collar Blues and Middle-Class Alienation.” *Lecture* for the Sociological Imagination course at Yale University, March 14.
- 2020 “White-Collar Blues?” *Talk* for the Sociology Department at CUNY John Jay College, March 25.

### DISCUSSANT, CHAIR, AND ORGANIZER ROLES

- 2019 “The Politics of Knowledge and Historical Memory,” Panel Chair, *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2017 “Middle Classes in Comparison,” Panel Chair and Organizer, *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal.
- 2016 “Origins and Forms of Labor Resistance in Comparative Perspective,” Panel Chair and Discussant, *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2024 “A City of the Global North and South: The Appeal of Dubai for Non-Western Expatriates,” *Routes and Roots: Perspectives on Migration and Belonging*, Workshop jointly organized by Social Research and Public Policy & Arab Crossroads Studies at NYU Abu Dhabi and the Canada Excellence Chair in Migration and Integration at Toronto Metropolitan University, Abu Dhabi.
- 2023 “Dyadic and Polyadic Network Processes: Toward an Eventful Lens to Modeling Diffusion,” *Workshop on the Frontiers of Network Science*, New York City.
- 2022 “White-Collar Blues: Toward a Theory of Alienation Beyond Manual Labor,” *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles.

- “Transnational Corporations and Middle-Class Formation in the Global South” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles.
- 2022 “White-Collar Opt-Out: Toward a Theory of Resignation,” *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting*, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2021 “The White-Collar Opt-Out” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, via Zoom.  
 “Globalization and Middle-Class Formation in the South,” *ASA Annual Meeting*, via Zoom.
- 2019 “Framing Struggles and the Gezi Park Resistance: Mapping the Field of Political Opinion in Turkey,” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.  
 “Alienation of Elite Labor? Quality of Work Life of Turkish Elite Business Professionals,” *ASA Annual Meeting*, New York City.
- 2018 “Framing Struggles: Mapping the Field of Opinion in Turkey through the Contested Coverage of Gezi Resistance in Newspapers,” *ASA Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia.
- 2017 “Dissecting Income Segregation,” *ASA Annual Meeting*, Montreal.
- 2016 “Blurring the Boundaries between the Left and Islam(ism): The Left-wing Islamists,” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle.

## Professional Service and Membership

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**Ad hoc reviewer** at American Sociological Review; Social Forces; Social Problems; Socio-Economic Review; Sociology of Religion; Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change; Journal of Mathematical Sociology, and Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation.

**Nominations Committee Member** of *ASA Mathematical Sociology section*, 2021-2022.

**Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member** of *ASA Mathematical Sociology sect.*, 2021-23.

**Member** of American Sociological Association (ASA);  
 Social Science History Association (SSHA);  
 Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), and  
 Middle East Studies Association (MESA).

## References

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**Julia Adams**, Margaret H. Marshall Professor of Sociology, [julia.adams@yale.edu](mailto:julia.adams@yale.edu)  
 Department of Sociology and International Area Studies, Yale University.

**Anju Mary Paul**, Professor of Social Research and Public Policy, [anju.paul@nyu.edu](mailto:anju.paul@nyu.edu)  
 Department of Social Research and Public Policy, New York University Abu Dhabi.

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 Department of Sociology and School of Management, Yale University.

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 Department of Management, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.