

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Date of Birth: 07/06/1989

Place of Birth: Izmir / Turkey

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

**Turkish** - Native

**English** - Bilingual Proficiency

**Greek** - Bilingual Proficiency

**French** - Professional Working Proficiency

**Spanish** - Limited Working Proficiency

**Farsi** - Elementary Proficiency

**German** - Elementary Proficiency

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Panteion University, Athens, Greece**

**2022-present** – History and Political Science

**Research Title:** *The making of anticommunism in Cold-war Turkey and Greece: Intellectual and cultural dimensions*

**M.A, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece**

**2019-2022** - Political Science and Sociology

**M.A, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey**

**2014-2019** - Political Science and Public Administration

**B.A, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey**

**2006 - 2010**- Political Science and International Relations (*Honor Roll*)

**Kabataş High School, Istanbul, Turkey**

**2003 - 2006**

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Necessity Fund, with the Mouries Collective. <https://necessity.info/2023/10/02/mouries-collective/> (2023)

Women of the Future in the Mediterranean - Training program for young women from Turkey & MENA region, jointly run by Sciences Po Paris & MAEDI & Union for the Mediterranean. (2016)

Boğaziçi University Scholarship for Outstanding Success (2006-2010)

Prime Ministerial Scholarship for Outstanding Success (2006-2010)

Türkiye İş Bankası Scholarship for Outstanding Success (2006)

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**2020 – present**

### **Founding Coordinator of the Magic Kitchen Κοιν.Σ.Επ.**

Athens

A project started in the final months of 2019 and delayed because of the pandemic, the Magic Kitchen is a social collaborative enterprise that aims to provide healthy, affordable and sustainable street food in the center of Athens. I was the founder of this project, am currently the general coordinator of the cooperative and legal representative of the enterprise.

**2018 – present**

### **Freelance Fortune-Teller and Divination Trainer**

After I moved to Athens I needed to find a way to make quick cash. I noticed that reading coffee cups was something that I could offer for money. Doing it professionally and meeting people who share this interest, I have reached some advanced knowledge of the practice. I practice divination using cups, cards and other objects, and I give workshops about and around the techniques and theory of fortune-telling.

**2015 – 2016**

### **Parliamentary Assistant in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey**

Ankara

For less than a year in Ankara, I was an assistant to a member of parliament from my region of origin. I worked at an office in the Grand National Assembly as well as the MP's office in his electoral region. I was responsible for keeping contact with the electoral base, following and reporting on the social and political developments in the province, and providing information on issues from the national political agenda that the deputy deemed relevant.

**2013 – present**

### **Freelance Interpreter & Fixer**

Istanbul, Ankara, Athens & online

I worked as a fixer for the first time during the Gezi Uprising in June 2013, for a journalist from Libération. In later years I worked with journalists from Le Monde, the Financial Times, the Times of London among other outlets. This work was mainly about providing journalists with insights over their topics of research, locating and establishing links with contact persons, and helping them navigate physically and symbolically in the socio-political sphere in Turkey. After my move to Greece in 2018 I started working with Greek media institutions and journalists covering Turkey, as well as with non-Greek journalists covering the refugee crisis in Greece. As of 2019 when I became fluent in Greek, I have worked for national TV channels in Greece behind the camera, for their coverage of Turkish-Greek affairs.

**2012 – 2013**

**Assistant to Deputy Chairperson in Republican People's Party HQ**

Assistant to the deputy chairperson responsible for public relations, my work consisted of gathering feedback from the constituency and to prepare weekly reports on the public image of the party.

**2012**

**Intern in United Nations Population Fund**

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

*Syriza'nın Kazanacak Adayı*, Birgün, 1/10/2023

<https://www.birgun.net/makale/syrizanin-kazanacak-adayi-472617>

*Εμπρηστές, τρομοκράτες, «λάθρο»*, Lifo, 3/9/2023

<https://www.lifo.gr/quest-editors/empristes-tromokrates-lathro>

*Turkey's Earthquake as a Generational Disaster*, The Markaz Review, 4/6/2023.

<https://themarkaz.org/turkeys-earthquake-as-a-generational-disaster/>

*Magic Kitchen*, Bautopia Vol. 1, 10/2022.

*Sınır Boyları*, Birgün, 26/9/2021

<https://www.birgun.net/makale/sinir-boylari-359986>

Online publications on *5harfililer* online periodical from 2021 to present:

<https://www.5harfililer.com/author/sanem-avci/>

Online publications on *Birikim* periodical from 2013 to present:

<https://birikimdergisi.com/kisiler/sanem-su-avci/13409>

*Sara Ahmed'in Duyguların Kültürel Politikası*, Şerhh Dergi, Vol.6, Ankara, 2017.

*René Girard'da Romanın İşlevi: Romantik Yalan ve Romansal Hakikat*, Şerhh Dergi, Vol.5, Ankara, 2017.

*Lacan'ın Arkasından Konuşmak*, Birikim, Vol.316-317, İstanbul, 2015.

*Onlar Ki Her Şeyi Bilirler*, Birikim, Vol.314-315, İstanbul, 2015.

*Ermeni'nin Hançeri, Paranoyak Arzu*, Birikim, Vol.312, İstanbul, 2015.

*Kör Kuyularda Merdivensiz: Türkiye'nin Krizi*, Birikim, Vol.299-300, İstanbul, 2014.

*Révolution et Gouvernamentalité: Comparaison des Révolutions Méxicaine et Turque*, with Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu, In J. Durazo Hermann ed. *Réflexions sur le centenaire de la Révolution mexicaine: Un siècle bigarré*, Presses de l'Université du Québec, 2013.

## SELECTED PERFORMANCES & PRESENTATIONS

*Sanem's Historical Revelations* - ongoing series of musical lecture-performances. 2023-present, Athens.

*Mitos'tan Logos'a Devrimci Epistemolojinin Ufukları (From Mythos to Logos: The Horizons of Revolutionary Epistemology)* essay presented in *Karaburun Sosyal Bilimler Kongresi*, 7-10/9/2023, Izmir.

*Looking for a Place: Representations of Women in Greek and Turkish cinema in the 1970's*. Paper presented in *Historical Materialism Conference 20-23/4/2023*, Athens.

*Meeting with the Trees* as part of the Lykavittos Festival, Athens, 2021.

*Loving and Fucking in the Context of Greek-Turkish Relations*. Thessaloniki Queer Arts Festival, Thessaloniki, 2019.

*Make Magic Relevant Again!* Coffee-reading workshop as part of the Afroditi Festival, Athens, 2019.

*Violence in Fragments: Relating to the Transformation of Public Violence in Turkey since 2013 through Images*, video-essay presented in "ASCA International Workshop and Conference - Dissecting Violence: Structures, Imaginaries, Resistances". Amsterdam, 4-6 April 2018.

*The Will and its Object: The Emotional Politics of the Gülmen-Özakça Hunger Strike* in the symposium *Politics of Emotion in Turkey and its Connected Geographies* at the London School of Economics, London, 11-12 January 2018.

*Queer Narratives*, workshop in Queer & Feminist Spring Festival. Athens, 27-30 April 2017.

*Révolution et Gouvernamentalité : Comparer les Révolutions Méxicaine et Turque* with Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu, in "Cent ans de révolution – Ruptures et continuités au Mexique". International Colloquium - Université du Québec à Montréal. 11-13 October 2010.