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Research Interests

Migration; Sexualities; Critical Border Studies; Feminist and Queer Theory; European Politics; Critical Race Studies; Qualitative Methods.

Academic Positions

- Post-doctoral Researcher 2024 - present
[Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt University of Berlin](#)
- Visiting Fellow Summer 2024
[Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam](#)
- Doctoral Researcher 2018 - 2024
[Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt University of Berlin](#)
- Visiting Fellow Fall 2022
[The Program in Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, Yale University](#)

Education

- PhD, Sociology 2024
[Humboldt University of Berlin](#)
Committee: Gökçe Yurdakul, Naika Foroutan, Phillip Ayoub (University College London)
Thesis: Queer Border-Crossings: Intersecting Experiences of Migration and Sexuality in Germany
 - Grade: Summa Cum Laude ("with distinction")
 - Best Article Prize by [Council for European Studies](#), Gender and Sexuality Research Network
- MA, Social Sciences 2019
[Boğaziçi University](#)
- BA, Law (Minor in Political Science) 2014
[Koç University](#)

Books

1. Resisting the Far Right in the Middle East and Europe: Queer Feminist Critiques. Co-editors **Tunay Altay**, Nadjé Al-Ali and Katharina Galor. *Edinburg University Press*, forthcoming.
2. Queer and Trans Life: Anthropological Futures. Co-editors Silvia Posocco, EJ Gonzalez-Polledo, Lars Aaberg, and **Tunay Altay**. *Berghahn Press*, forthcoming.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Altay, Tunay** (2024). [Queer Mountains: Migrant Drag Performers Reimagining Sexual Citizenship in Germany](#). *Sexualities*.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Altay, Tunay (2023). Translating Difference: Whiteness, Racialisation and Queer Migration in Berlin. <i>European Journal of Politics and Gender</i>. 3. Yurdakul, Gökçe, and Tunay Altay (2023). Overcoming Stigma: The Boundary Work of Privileged Mothers of Turkish Background in Berlin's Private Schools. <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i>. 4. Altay, Tunay (2022). The Pink Line across Digital Publics: Political Homophobia and the Queer Strategies of Everyday Life in Turkey. <i>European Journal of Women's Studies</i>. 5. Altay, Tunay, Gökçe Yurdakul, and Anna C. Korteweg (2020). Crossing Borders: The Intersectional Marginalisation of Bulgarian Muslim Trans*immigrant Sex Workers in Berlin. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i>. – 2021 Best Article Prize, Gender and Sexuality Research Network
Working Papers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Altay, Tunay, Gökçe Yurdakul, Naika Foroutan. Undoing One-dimensionality: Reforming Citizenship through Postmigrant Framework. <i>Comparative Migration Studies</i>. Under review. 2. Altay, Tunay, Selva Dasdemir, Gökçe Yurdakul. Trust-Makers & Trust-Breakers: Political Engagement from Below in Postmigrant Berlin. <i>German Politics</i>. Under review.
Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research grant (~ € 350k) awarded by the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth for project <i>Social Conflicts and Dynamics of Party Competition in Times of Migration and Integration</i>, 2022-2025. • Research grant (~ € 200k) awarded by the German Centre for Integration and Migration Research for project <i>Getting Respect in Germany: How Turkish Migrants in Berlin Respond to Racism and Discrimination</i>, 2020-2021. • Scholarship for Particularly Engaged Doctoral Students with an Outstanding Commitment within the International Context by the German Academic Exchange Service (<i>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst</i>), 2020-2021.
Teaching Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queer Feminist Issues in Methodologies 2022, 2023, 2024 – Finalist, 2023 Excellence in Teaching Award • Citizenship, Borders, and Sexuality 2022 • Microsociology and Demography 2023, 2024 • Gender, Sexuality, and Social Inequalities 2025 <p style="text-align: center;">Humboldt University of Berlin</p>
Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Wastian. MA in Sociology. <i>Locating Queerness and Queering Locations? How Immigrants in Berlin Navigate Space and Grindr</i>. Graduated 2024. • Marco Picazo. MA in Sociology. <i>Seeking Belonging in Solidarity? Mexican Queer Migrants in Berlin</i>. Expected Graduation 2024.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miriam Meksem. MA in Sociology. <i>Racialized Masculinity in Drag King performances</i>. Expected Graduation 2024. • Yamuna Kemmerling. BA in Sociology. <i>Discrimination Based on Gender and Sexuality of Queer People in the German Dubbing Industry</i>. Graduated 2023. • Ade Ajayi. BA in Sociology. <i>Coming Out and Coming Home: Exploring Queer Migration, Disapora, And Homecomings in Berlin</i>. Graduated 2023. 	
Additional Trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy & Diversity Graduate Summer Institute The New School • Mixed and Merged Research Methods University of Oslo • Nonfiction Writing Berlin Writers' Workshop 	<p>2022</p> <p>2021</p> <p>2021</p>
Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council for European Studies • International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) • International Sociological Association 	<p>2022, 2023, 2024</p> <p>2023, 2024</p> <p>2022</p>
Invited Talks (selected)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisiting Queer Migration in Europe. Queer Politics Webinar. 2024. • Current state of LGBTIQ equality within the EU. University Association for Contemporary European Studies. 2023. • Intersectionality and Reflexive Methods: How to Unravel the Complexities of Inequalities in a Postmigrant Society. International University of Psychoanalysis. 2021. • Unmasking Inequalities: Minority and Marginalized Community Responses to COVID-19. Fulbright Association. 2020. • From Turkey to Berlin: Rethinking Queer Ethnography and Writing Against, Within, and Without. European University Viadrina. 2019. 	
Academic Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chair of the Gender and Sexuality Research Network, Council for European Studies. 2024-2027. • Co-organizer of the Drag! Queer Crossings in Global Contexts, Institute for Cultural Inquiry, Germany. 2024. • Co-organizer of the Navigating the Changing Times of Gender, Sexuality and Migration in Europe, Heinrich Böll Foundation and Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. 2023. • Co-organizer of the Queer Feminist Perspectives on Political Homophobia and Anti-Feminism in the Middle East and Europe, Brown University and Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. 2022. • Board member of the European Network for Queer Anthropology. 2020-2022. 	

- Referee for *European Journal of Politics and Gender*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Skills

Languages: Fluent in Turkish, English, and German.