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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

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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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

2. **Altay, Tunay** (2023). *Translating Difference: Whiteness, Racialisation and Queer Migration in Berlin*. *European Journal of Politics and Gender*.
3. Yurdakul, Gökçe, and **Tunay Altay** (2023). *Overcoming Stigma: The Boundary Work of Privileged Mothers of Turkish Background in Berlin's Private Schools*. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
4. **Altay, Tunay** (2022). *The Pink Line across Digital Publics: Political Homophobia and the Queer Strategies of Everyday Life in Turkey*. *European Journal of Women's Studies*.
5. **Altay, Tunay**, Gökçe Yurdakul, and Anna C. Korteweg (2020). *Crossing Borders: The Intersectional Marginalisation of Bulgarian Muslim Trans*immigrant Sex Workers in Berlin*. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
 - 2021 Best Article Prize, *Gender and Sexuality Research Network*

Working Papers

1. **Altay, Tunay**, Gökce Yurdakul, Naika Foroutan. *Undoing One-dimensionality: Reforming Citizenship through Postmigrant Framework*. *Comparative Migration Studies*. Under review.

2. **Altay, Tunay**, Selva Dasdemir, Gökce Yurdakul. *Trust-Makers & Trust-Breakers: Political Engagement from Below in Postmigrant Berlin*. *German Politics*. Under review.

Grants

- **Research grant** (~ € 350k) awarded by the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth for project *Social Conflicts and Dynamics of Party Competition in Times of Migration and Integration*, 2022-2025.
- **Research grant** (~ € 200k) awarded by the German Centre for Integration and Migration Research for project *Getting Respect in Germany: How Turkish Migrants in Berlin Respond to Racism and Discrimination*, 2020-2021.
- **Scholarship** for Particularly Engaged Doctoral Students with an Outstanding Commitment within the International Context by the German Academic Exchange Service (*Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst*), 2020-2021.

Teaching Experience

- 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

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Supervision

- Simon Wastian. MA in Sociology. *Locating Queerness and Queering Locations? How Immigrants in Berlin Navigate Space and Grindr*. Graduated 2024.
- Marco Picazo. MA in Sociology. *Seeking Belonging in Solidarity? Mexican Queer Migrants in Berlin*. Expected Graduation 2024.

- Miriam Meksem. MA in Sociology. *Racialized Masculinity in Drag King performances*. Expected Graduation 2024.
- Yamuna Kemmerling. BA in Sociology. *Discrimination Based on Gender and Sexuality of Queer People in the German Dubbing Industry*. Graduated 2023.
- Ade Ajayi. BA in Sociology. *Coming Out and Coming Home: Exploring Queer Migration, Disapora, And Homecomings in Berlin*. Graduated 2023.

Additional Trainings

- Democracy & Diversity Graduate Summer Institute [The New School](#) 2022
- Mixed and Merged Research Methods [University of Oslo](#) 2021
- Nonfiction Writing [Berlin Writers' Workshop](#) 2021

Conferences

- Council for European Studies 2022, 2023, 2024
- International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) 2023, 2024
- International Sociological Association 2022

Invited Talks (selected)

- 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

- 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.