**CV -** Ali Daniş Neyzi

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Candidate, History, *University of California, Davis* – 2019-

Designated Emphasis: Study of Religion

Working Dissertation Title: “Putting Taxes to Good Use: the Emergence of Ottoman Imperial *Vakf*s(1300-1500)”

Ph.D. Adviser: Baki Tezcan, *UC Davis*, [btezcan@ucdavis.edu](mailto:btezcan@ucdavis.edu)

M.A., Turkish Studies: Ottoman Intellectual History, Distinction, *University of London,*

*School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)* – 2017

B.A., Religion: History of Religions and Islamic Intellectual History, *Reed College* – 2016

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

History of religions in the Ottoman Empire; Politics in the late medieval/early modern Islamic world; Ottoman and Islamic legal histories; Socio-economic history in the Eastern Mediterranean

**LANGUAGES**

Modern: Turkish (Native), English (Bilingual Proficiency), Modern Standard Arabic (B2), French (B2), Persian (B1), Greek (A1)

Paleography: Ottoman Turkish (Excellent), Arabic, (Excellent), Persian (Advanced)

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS & LANGUAGE TRAINING**

**Arabic**

Arabic Manuscripts Workshop – *Princeton University – UCLA*, Online – August 23-27, 2021

Arabic Course - Level 4, *29 Mayıs University*, Turkey – Fall 2018

Exchange Semester at *American University of Beirut*, Lebanon – Fall 2015

Intensive Intermediate Arabic Summer Course, *AMIDEAST*, Jordan – Summer 2014

Exchange Semester at *Al-Akhawayn University*, Morocco – Spring 2014

**Ottoman Turkish**

22nd Annual Intensive Ottoman & Turkish Summer School, Ottoman Studies Foundation, Sponsored by *Koç University*, Cunda, Turkey – Summer 2018

TKL102: Ottoman Turkish II, *Boğaziçi University*, Turkey – Summer 2015

TKL101: Ottoman Turkish I, *Boğaziçi University*, Turkey – Summer 2013

**Persian**

Readings in Persian Primary Sources, with Ali Anooshahr, *UC Davis* – Spring 2020

Persian Support for Ottoman Turkish, with Maryam Niazadeh, Cunda, Turkey – Summer 2018

Persian for Readers of Arabic Script, *SOAS*, London, UK – 2017

**Greek**

Elementary Modern Greek Course, *Sismanoglio Megaro*, Istanbul – Fall 2018

**Karamanlidhika**

Seminar by Evangelia Balta on Karamanlidhika, Cunda, Turkey – Summer 2018

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

* “Mehmed II’s Imperial Foundations in Post-Conquest Ḳosṭanṭiniyye (1453–1500): A Materialistic Re-Consideration” Graduate Research Project, *UC Davis* – 2021
* “The Science of the Truth of Things: Re-evaluating Katip Çelebi's Religio-graphy on the Kadızadeli–Sufi Strife” Master's Dissertation, *SOAS* – 2017
* “Rebellion and Religion: The 1703 Edirne Incident in its Context and the ‘Religiosities’ of its Actors” Bachelor’s Thesis, *Reed College* – 2016

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

* “The Ethics of *gazis* in Late Medieval Anatolia”

International Congress on the Study of the Middle Ages (IMC), *University of Leeds* – July 2024

* “Cruelty and Charity: Ottoman *gazis* in the Late Medieval Mediterranean’”

The Eighth International Conference of the Society for the Medieval Mediterranean (SMM), *The University of Edinburgh* – June 2024

* “Funding the Sultan’s Mosque: Imperial *Vaḳf*s as State Taxation Policies”

Bilkent History Graduate Symposium, *Bilkent University* – May 2023

* “Funding the Sultan’s Mosque: Imperial *Vaḳf*s as State Taxation Policies”

13th Western Ottomanists Workshop (WOW), *Simon Fraser University* – April 2023

* “Mehmed II’s Imperial Foundations in Post-Conquest Ḳosṭanṭiniyye (1453–1500): A Materialistic Re-Consideration”

Second-Year Graduate Research Conference, *UC Davis* – June 2021

* “The Science of the Truth of Things: Re-evaluating Katip Çelebi’s Religio-graphy on the Kadızadeli-Sufi Strife”

Workshop on Early Modern Ottoman Empire, *CMES, UC Berkeley* – February 2020

* “The *Kadızadeli* Movement and Its Exiled Leaders: A Window into the Politics of 17th Century Ottoman Empire”

BRISMES Annual Conference, "Movement and Migration in the Middle East: People and Ideas in Flux" *The University of Edinburgh* – July 2017

* “1703 Edirne Incident: Rebel with a Religious Cause”

*“*Faith and Power” Undergraduate Conference in History, *Central European University* – August 2016

**AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

‘Designated Emphasis’ in the Study of Religion - Research Stipend – Summer 2024

Istanbul Research Institute Travel Grant – Fall 2022

Dean’s Graduate Summer Fellowship, College of Letters and Science – *UC Davis*, 2022

Conference Travel Award, History Dept., *UC Davis* – Spring 2022

Reed-Smith Research Award, History Dept., *UC Davis* – Summer 2021

Reed-Smith Research Award, History Dept., *UC Davis* – Summer 2020

Suad Joseph Graduate Student Research Award, MESA Program, *UC Davis* – Winter 2020

PhD Fellowship, *UC Davis* – 2019-Present

**TEACHING & WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Associate Instructor**

HIS193B: History of the Modern Middle East from 1914 – Spring 2025, Summer 2025

HIS100: The Mediterranean World, *UC Davis* – Spring 2024

**Graduate Student Researcher (GSR)**

‘The Middle East in Context’ – Winter 2025

Project conducted by the History Department, California History Social Science Project (CHSSP) and Middle East/South Asia Studies Program at UC Davis, funded by the UC Office of the President

Developed K-12 educational material as ‘Inquiry Sets’ based on public talks by guest lecturers and engagement with their academic publications.

**Teaching Assistant (TA)**

HIS 006: Introduction to the Middle East, *UC Davis* – Winter, 2024

HIS 010C: World History 1850-2000, *UC Davis* – Fall 2020, Winter 2023

HIS 009A: East Asian Civilization, *UC Davis* – Spring, 2022

RST1F: Religion Today, *UC Davis* – Winter 2022

HIS 008: Indian Civilization, *UC Davis* – Winter 2021, Fall 2021

HIS 010B: World History 1350-1850, *UC Davis* – Spring 2021

HIS 012: Food and History, *UC Davis* – Winter 2020

**Reader**

HIS 80: US in the Middle East, *UC Davis* – Fall, 2024, Spring 2020

HIS 141: Modern France, *UC Davis* – Fall 2019

**Language Instructor**

15PNMC395: Intensive Turkish Language (PG), *SOAS* – Fall 2016

Elementary Turkish Class, *ad.Dar Community Center*, Istanbul – Summer 2013, Summer 2015

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Contributing Writer and Guest Editor at Khabar Keslan Online Review Platform

<https://www.khabarkeslan.com/about/>, 2016-8

"Whose Daughter is Ayla?" *Novasia Mag*, Issue 36, February, 2018. Online.

<http://novasiagsis.com/whose-daughter-ayla/>

“Why You Should Bother to Visit Exhibitions,” *Khabar Keslan*, February, 2018. Online.

<https://www.khabarkeslan.com/articles/2018/2/4/why-you-should-bother-to-visit-exhibitions>

"Telescreen of the Sultan" *Khabar Keslan*, Issue 0: Medium, May, 2017. Online.

<https://www.khabarkeslan.com/articles/2017/5/25/telescreen-of-the-sultan>

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