

Meltem Sancak

Curriculum Vitae

Academic positions

February 2015 – February 2016

Lecturer at the Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies,
University of Zurich

February 2014 – February 2015

Postdoctoral fellow at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies,
Harvard University, Cambridge USA

September 2012 – January 2014 (on leave)

Postdoctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in
Halle, Germany

September 2006 – August 2012

Lecturer at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of
Zurich

January 2000 – August 2006

PhD fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle,
Germany

Education

2012 PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Zurich ("insigni cum
laude")

1999 M.A. in Sociology, at the University of Cologne, Germany

1992/93 Language Prep. School at the University of Cologne

1991/92 Participant of ASA Exchange Program of Carl Duisberg Society in Germany

1991 B.S. in Sociology at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey

Languages

Turkish (Mother tongue), German, English, Uzbek, Persian/Tajik

Fieldwork

Uzbekistan	2000, 2001, 2003, 2012
Kazakstan	1999, 2003
Germany	1991/92, 1998
Turkey	1989/90, on-going since 2012
Tajikistan	On-going since 2013

Professional affiliations

The European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS)

The German Society of Social Anthropology (DGVA)

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

Grants

2014	SNFS Fellowship for Prospective Researchers
2012	SNSF International Short Visits
2000-2004	Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
1996-1999	Friedrich Ebert Foundation
1991-1992	Carl Duisberg Foundation ASA Programme

Courses taught

Introduction to Anthropology

Economic Anthropology

Anthropology of Post-Socialist Societies

Ethnicity, Migration and Gender in post-socialist Countries

Marxist Anthropology

Regional Courses: Anthropology of Central Asia

Regional Courses: Anthropology of the Middle East

Transnational Islam: Europe and the USA