

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

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| 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

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| 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

List of publications

In Preparation

Economic and Social Change in Post-Soviet Rural Uzbekistan. PhD thesis submitted to the University of Zurich; considered for publication by Berghahn Books as part of the series "Integration and Conflict".

Forthcoming

Finke, Peter, and Meltem Sancak, forthcoming, "¿Ser un uzbeko o no ser un tayiko? Etnicidad y localidad en el oasis de Bujará", in S. Jiménez Tovar (ed.), *Pertenencias múltiples, identidades cruzadas. Nuevas perspectivas sobre Asia Central*, México, D.F., El Colegio de México.

Edited Volume

2001 (co-edited with Peter Finke) *Zwischen Markt- und Mangelwirtschaft. Berichte eines Feldforschungsaufenthaltes im ländlichen Kasachstan und Kirgizstan im Jahre 1999*. Almaty: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

Articles

2014 Международные границы как препятствия и возможности: случай Ферганской долины. *Etnograficheskoye Obozrenie* 2014/4

2013 Those Left-Behind: mobility and immobility in the Tajik Countryside. Peter Finke & Günther Schlee (eds.) *CASCA – Centre for Anthropological Studies on Central Asia: Framing the Research, Initial Projects*. Field Notes and Research Projects. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. Halle/Saale: 109-115

2012 (with P. Finke) "To be an Uzbek or not to be a Tajik. Ethnicity and Locality in the Bukhara Oasis". *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie*. Volume 137/1: 47-70

2007 "Contested Identity: Encounters with Kazak Diaspora Returning to Kazakstan". *The Anthropology of East Europe Review: Central Europe, Eastern Europe and Eurasia*. Vol.25, Issue 1, Spring 2007.

2007 (with P. Finke) "Konstitutsiya buzildi! Gender relations in Kazakstan and Uzbekistan". Russell Zanca and Jeff Sahadeo (eds.), *Everyday Life in Central Asia*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

2005 (with P. Finke) "Migration and Risk-Taking. A Case Study from Kazakstan". Lilian Trager (ed.), *Migration and Economy. Global and Local Dynamics*. Society for Economic Anthropology Monographs. Walnut Creek (CA): Altamira: 127-161.

2002 (with P. Finke) "Tadjiki". In: Alisher Ilkhamov (ed.), *Etnicheskij atlas Uzbekistana*. Tashkent: Institut "Otkrytoe Obshchestvo" - Fond sodejstvija. Pp. 195-202.

2001 (with P. Finke) "Nurli: Glanz und Verfall eines sowjetischen Musterbetriebes". In: Peter Finke & Meltem Sancak (eds.) *Zwischen Markt- und Mangelwirtschaft. Berichte eines Feldforschungsaufenthaltes im ländlichen Kasachstan und Kirgizstan im Jahre 1999*. Almaty, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung: 96-103.