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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

-Ph.D Candidate, Civilization Studies (specializations Islamic and European thought & civilization)
-MA Theology & Religious Studies (specializations Islamic Studies and sociology & anthropology of religion)
-Pre-MA Theology & Religious Studies (track Islam)
-BA Media, Information and Communication (minor Arabic Language & Culture)
-Theological Seminary degree candidate, Islamic Theology and Religious Studies (equivalent to BA)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

-Islamic intellectual history (medieval and modern periods)
-Islamic philosophy and theology
-Islamic textual hermeneutics (Qur'ān and ḥadīth studies)
-Islamic political and social thought and praxis
-Sociology and anthropology of Islam and Muslim societies

- Ottoman and Turkish studies
- Islamophobia studies
- Postcolonial studies
- Orientalism
- (Post)secularism and religion
- Media, religion and culture
- Comparative civilization studies
- Religion and literature
- Methodological approaches in religious studies
- Religious epistemologies

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Arabic (MSA, classical Arabic), Turkish (modern, Ottoman Turkish / *Osmanlica*), French, German, English, Dutch (native).

EDUCATION

-Ph.D Civilization Studies, *Alliance of Civilizations Institute, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Waqf University*, Istanbul, 2014 - present.

-Theological Seminary degree in Islamic Theology and Religious Studies, *Istanbul Araştırma ve Eğitim Vakfı / Istanbul Foundation for Research and Education (ISAR)*, an Istanbul-based theological seminary providing a 5-year intensive degree program in Islamic Theology and Religious Studies, Istanbul, 2014 - present.

-MA Theology & Religious Studies, Faculty of Divinity, Subprogram Islamic Studies, *Free University Amsterdam / VU University Amsterdam*, Amsterdam, 2014 (4.0 GPA).

-MA graduate courses and research training in sociology and anthropology and cultural studies, Faculty of Divinity / Faculty of Social Sciences, *Free University Amsterdam / VU University Amsterdam*, Amsterdam, 2014 (6 graduate courses, 4.0 GPA).

-Pre-MA program in Theology & Religious Studies (track Islam), Faculty of Divinity, *Free University Amsterdam / VU University Amsterdam*, Amsterdam, 2010.

-BA minor in Arabic Language and Culture, *Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences*, Amsterdam, 2009.

-BA Media, Information & Communication, *Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences*, Amsterdam, 2009.

ADDITIONAL DIPLOMA'S

-**Turkish Language Diploma level B** (currently pursuing Level C), *TÖMER / Ankara University* (Istanbul branch), 2014.

SCHOLARSHIPS

-**FSMVÜ Ph.D scholarship** (full), 2014-2019, *Fatih Sultan Mehmet Waqf University, Alliance of Civilizations Institute*.

-**TÜRGEV scholarship**, 2014-2019, *TÜRGEV (Türkiye Gençlik ve Eğitime Hizmet Vakfı / Turkey Youth and Education Foundation)*.

-**NIT Fellowship 2012** - A research scholarship awarded by the *Netherlands Institute in Turkey (Hollanda Araştırma Enstitüsü)*, a subsidiary institute for *Netherlands Institute for the Near East* at *Leiden University*.

WORK EXPERIENCE (academic & non-academic)

2014- present *Alliance of Civilizations Institute* (Istanbul, Turkey) - A Ph.D awarding university institute (established in *Fatih Sultan Mehmet Waqf University's* Faculty of Social Sciences) based in Istanbul that focuses on classical and contemporary Civilization Studies from an interdisciplinary perspective.
Position: Ph.D Student and Research Assistant.

2014-present *Euro-Islam.info* - A network of researchers and scholars (initiated by *Harvard University's Islam in the West* project) who conduct comparative research on Islam and Muslims in the West and disseminate key information to politicians, media, and the public.
Position: Researcher on Islam in the Netherlands.

2006-2014 **Various organizations** (Utrecht, Amsterdam and Rotterdam, Netherlands) - Project management and advisory work as a Communication and PR-consultant for non-profit NGO's in various fields.
Position: Communication and PR-Consultant (non-academic)

ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

-Member, *VU University Amsterdam Alumni Association* (2014-present)

- Moderator and presenter for debates, lectures and other activities (2011-present)
- Committee Member, *Faculty of Divinity Student Board, Free University Amsterdam / VU University Amsterdam* (academic year 2009-2010)
- Committee Member Co-determination Board, *Society for Montessori Schools* (2008-2010)
- Committee Member, *Advisory Board for World Citizenship* (2008-2010)
- Member, *Alumni Society Media, Information and Communication, Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences* (2008-present)

PUBLICATIONS

- “*The Revival of Islam in the Post-Ottoman Era - The Modern Muslim Thought of Bediüzzaman Said Nursî (1878-1960)*” (MA thesis)
- “*Islamic Political Formations - Religious Legitimacy, Governance, and the Predicament of Secular Modernity*” (provisional title Ph.D dissertation, work in progress)
- “*Islam confronting secular modernity - A Genealogy of the religio-secular binary in Turkey*” (research article, work in progress)
- “*Religious Pareidolia among Dutch Muslim and Christian Youth - The Negotiation of Religious Epistemologies in a Post-Secular Society*” (research article, work in progress)