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Anthropology Department, Social Sciences Faculty

Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey

**EDUCATION**

**2012**  **Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology**

*University of Wisconsin, Madison*

Thesis: Ethical Horizons at “Home” for German-Turkish Return Migrants

**2006** **M.A. Cultural Anthropology**

*University of Wisconsin, Madison*

**2002** **Cornell-Heidelberg Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship**

*University of Heidelberg, Germany*

**2001** **B.A. Comparative Religion (with “Distinction in All Subjects”)**

*Cornell University*

**RESEARCH AREAS**

* Anthropology of Belonging
* Refugees, Migration and Transnationalism
* Social Inequality (Gender, Ethnicity, Citizenship)
* Anthropology of Politics, Ethics, Food and Religion
* Europe and the Middle East, especially Turkey and Germany

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

**2025- Associate Professor, Anthropology**

**2015-2024 Assistant Professor, Social Sciences Faculty**

Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey

Courses Taught:

SOC 104: *Introduction to Sociology*

SOC 201: *Introduction to Social Sciences*

ANT/SOC 313: *Food, Culture and Identity*

ANT/HUM 316: *Political Anthropology*

ANT/HUM 304: *Culture Through Film*

SEC 101: *“*Social Science of Baklava,” “Business, Design and Art,” “What is a Human?”

**2012-2015**  **Lecturer, Sociology Department**

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Courses Taught:

SOC 306: *Qualitative Research Methods*

SOC 286: *Political Anthropology*

SOC 281: *Introduction to Anthropology*

SOC 377: *Comparative Sociology of Religions*

SOC 101: *Introduction to Sociology*

SOC 262: *Population Studies*

**2014**  **Lecturer, Anthropology Department**

Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey

Courses Taught:

ANT 341: *Economic Anthropology*

ANT 101: *Introduction to Anthropology*

**2008 Teaching Assistant, Anthropology Department**

University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

Courses Taught:

ANT 101: *Introduction to Anthropology*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**SSCI Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications**

Hava, Z.Y., N. Zanjer and **S.B. Rottmann**. 2025. Culinary Sustainability as a Resilience

Practice for Syrian Refugees Amidst Urban Precarity in Istanbul. *Food Culture and Society* Special Issue on Sustainable Food and Cultural Diversity: 1–21. https://doi.org/10.1080/15528014.2024.2429905. (Q3)

Rottmann, S.B. & P. Sezingalp Ozcetin. 2025. Domesticity and Dwelling in Displacement:

Home-Making practices of Syrian Women in Istanbul Houses. *Gender, Place and*

*Culture* 32 (4):520-542.DOI: 10.1080/0966369X.2024.2338392 (Q2)

Rottmann, S.B. and M. Kanal. 2023. Akle Tayyibe [Tasty Dish]—Cooking Up Belonging in the

Syrian Refugee Foodscape in Turkey. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies (JIRS) DOI:*  [10.1080/15562948.2023.2275256](https://doi-org.offcampus.ozyegin.edu.tr/10.1080/15562948.2023.2275256) (Q2)

Rottmann, S.B. 2023. Forced Migration and the Politics of Belonging in Europe: Integration

Policy, National Debates and Migrant Strategies. *International Migration Review*.

https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183231195284. (Q1)

Sezingalp Ozcetin, P. & **S.B. Rottmann.** 2022. (Lived) Spaces of Belonging, Culture and

Gender: Spatial Practices of Home for Syrian Women in Istanbul. *Space and Culture*. https://doi.org/10.1177/12063312221089213. (Q2)

Rottmann, S.B. & M. Nimer. 2021. “We always open our doors for visitors”-Hospitality as Home-

making Strategy for Refugee Women in Istanbul. *Migration Studies* 9(3): 1380–1398.

(Q3)

Kanal, M. & **S.B. Rottmann.** 2021. Everyday Agency - Rethinking Refugee Women’s Agency

in the Cultural Context. *Frontiers in Psychology – Cultural Psychology.* 12: 726729. doi:

10.3389/fpsyg.2021.726729. (Q1)

Nimer, M. & **S.B. Rottmann.** 2021. Logistification and Hyper-Precarity at the Intersection of

Migration and Covid-19 Governance in Turkey: Refugee Inclusion and Exclusion in the

Labour Market. *Journal of Refugee Studies* 35 (1): 122-138. doi: 10.1093/jrs/feab076. (Q2)

Rottmann, S.B. 2020. Cultivating membership abroad: Analyzing German pre-integration

courses for Turkish marriage migrants. *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* , 29(5): 652-670. https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1070289X.2020.1851004. (Q2)

Rottmann, S.B. & M. Nimer. 2020. Language learning through an intersectional lens: Gender,

## migrant status and gain in symbolic capital for Syrian refugee women in Turkey. *Multilingua: Journal of Cross-Cultural and Interlanguage Communication 40(1): 67-85*. (Q3)

Nimer, M. & **S.B. Rottmann.** 2020. Migration Regime and “Language Part of Work”:

Experiences of Syrian Refugees as Surplus Population in the Turkish Labour Market. *Critical Sociology* 42(7–8): 975–987. (Q2)

Rottmann, S.B., I. Josipovic & U. Reeger. 2020. Beyond Legal Status: Exploring Dimensions of

Belonging among Forced Migrants in Istanbul and Vienna. *Social Inclusion* 8(1). (Q2)

Rottmann, S.B. &A. Kaya. 2020. ‘We can’t integrate in Europe. We will pay a high price if we

go there’: culture, time and migration aspirations for Syrian refugees in Istanbul. *Journal of Refugee Studies 33(2)*. (Q2)

Rottmann, S.B. & M.M. Ferree. 2008. Citizenship and Intersectionality: German Feminist

Debates about Headscarf and Antidiscrimination Laws. *Social Politics: International*

*Studies in Gender, State, and* *Society* 15(4): 481-513. (Q2)

**Non-SSCI Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications**

Rottmann, S.B. & R. Sayer. 2022. Embracing Vulnerability in Writing Migrant Lives. *a/b:*

*Auto/Biography Studies* 37:1, 153-174, DOI: 10.1080/08989575.2022.2038939.

Rottmann, S.B. 2018. Citizenship Ethics: German-Turkish Return Migrants, Belonging and

Justice. *Cultural Dynamics* 30(3): 154-172.

Rottmann, S.B. 2014. Negotiating Modernity and European-ness in the Germany-Turkey

Transnational Social Field. *Insight Turkey 16(4), 143-158*.

Rottmann, S.B. 2013. Cultivating and Contesting Order: “European Turks” and Negotiations of

Neighborliness at “Home.” *Anthropology of the Middle East* 8(2): 1-20.

**Academic Books and Book Chapters**

# Forthcoming 2026. “Taking the migration research industry beyond colonial boundaries and

# categorizations” book chapter for *Articulating Postcolonial and Intersectional Approaches: Theoretical Propositions* Bristol: Bristol University Press. (with Maissam Nimer)

Rottmann, S.B. and M. Nimer. Forthcoming 2025. “Reflexive Intersectionality, Collaborative

Teams and Qualitative Methods.” In: *The Oxford Handbook of Intersectional Approaches to Migration, Gender and Sexuality.* Edited by Gokce Yurdakul. London: Oxford University Press.

Rottmann, S.B. (advisor). 2025 *Reclaiming Our Narratives: A Practical Guide to Countering*

*Identity-Based Disinformation.* OICD EMIC Limited, Oxford, UK

Rottmann, S.B. 2023. “[At the Unsettling Limits of Collaborative Life Writing: A Memoir of](https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003355151-9/unsettling-limits-collaborative-life-writing-susan-beth-rottmann)

[An Ethnography-Memoir](https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003355151-9/unsettling-limits-collaborative-life-writing-susan-beth-rottmann).” In: *Anthropological Approaches to Reading Migrant Writing*

*Reimagining Ethnographic Methods, Knowledge, and Power*. Edited by Deborah Reed-Danahay and Helena Wulff. London: Routledge.

# Şahin-Mencütek, Z., E. Gökalp-Aras, A. Kaya & **S.B. Rottmann**. 2023. *Syrian Refugees in*

# *Turkey. Between Reception and Integration*. Springer: IMISCOE Research Series.

Rottmann, S.B. 2021. “Analysing Belonging in RESPOND Countries: The Impact of Social

Locations and Meso-Level Inclusion.” *RESPONDing to Migration: A Holistic Perspective on Migration Governance.* Edited by Soner Barthoma and Onver A. Cetrez. Uppsala University Press, 341-356, ISBN: 978-91-513-1250-7.

Kaya, A., **S.B. Rottmann,** N. Ela Gökalp-Aras, Zeynep Şahin-Mencütek. 2021. “Turkey: border

management, protection, reception, and integration of refugees.” *RESPONDing to Migration: A Holistic Perspective on Migration Governance.* Edited by Soner Barthoma and Onver A. Cetrez. Uppsala University Press, 187-208, ISBN: 978-91-513-1250-7.

Kaya, A., **S.B. Rottmann,** N. Ela Gökalp-Aras, Zeynep Şahin-Mencütek. 2021. *Türkiye’de*

*Mültecilik: Koruma, Kabul ve Entegrasyon.* Istanbul: Bilgi University Press.  E-ISBN: 978-605-399-571-5.

Rottmann, S.B. 2019. *In Pursuit of Belonging: Forging and Ethical Life in European-Turkish*

*Spaces*.  London and New York: Berghahn Books.

Bozkurt, K. & **S.B. Rottmann**. 2017. “Legal and Anthropological Approaches to Migration

Policy in Turkey” in Hasan Arapgirlioglu et al., *Researches on Science and Art in 21st Century Turkey*. Ankara: Gece Kitapligi.

Rottmann, S.B. 2015. “Educational Strategies of Turkish Migrants from Germany: The Quest

for Cultural Capital in Turkey” in Almut Küppers, Barbara Pusch and Pınar Uyan-Semerci (eds.), *Education in Transnational Spaces: Theory, Practice and Research based on German-Turkish Examples*. VS Springer Verlag.

**Reports and Policy Briefs**

2025. [Return in Mobile Trajectories - WP7 Synthesis Report.](https://zenodo.org/records/15744262) HORIZON-CL2-2022-

TRANSFORMATIONS-01-09. Project Reference: 101094341. GAPs: De-centring the Study of Migrant Returns and Readmission Policies in Europe and Beyond. Co-authored with Maissam Nimer. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15744262.

2025. Policy Strategy Briefs (2) that Translate Local People’s Perspectives, Experiences,

Knowledge into the European Democracy Action Plan (EDAP) (101095170 Horizon

Europe). OppAttune Project. Co-Authored with Eleni Andreouli (Open University), Samarjit Ghosh (Ozyegin Universitesi), Joana Ricarte (Universidade De Coimbra), Harald Weilnböck (Cultures Interactive), António Leitão (Universidade De Coimbra).

2025. Five Country Methods Handbookon principles for multi-method, multi-disciplinary social

dialogue interventions. (101095170 Horizon Europe). OppAttune Project. Co-Authored with Eleni Andreouli (Open University), Samarjit Ghosh (Ozyegin Universitesi), Joana Ricarte (Universidade De Coimbra), Harald Weilnböck (Cultures Interactive), António Leitão (Universidade De Coimbra).

2025. Five Country Good Practice Case Studies Report in facilitating social dialogue for resilient

democracies, including depicting successful social dialogue practices that may dissolve tendencies of polarising and extremism. (101095170 Horizon Europe). OppAttune Project. Co-Authored with Eleni Andreouli (Open University), Samarjit Ghosh (Ozyegin Universitesi), Joana Ricarte (Universidade De Coimbra), Harald Weilnböck (Cultures Interactive), António Leitão (Universidade De Coimbra).

# 2024. [Examining the Aspirations and Trajectories of Migrants in Turkey - WP7 Country Dossier](https://zenodo.org/records/14606405).

“GAPs: De-centring the Study of Migrant Returns and Readmission Policies in Europe and Beyond.” HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-09. Project Reference: 101094341. Co-authored with Nimer, Maissam, Gokalp Aras, Nefise Ela, Yüksel, Umutcan, Ünay, Hakan.

2024. Framework paper on emergence of opposition drivers across sites and shared dialogical

Interventions. (101095170 Horizon Europe). OppAttune Project. Co-Authored with Eleni Andreouli (Open University), Samarjit Ghosh (Ozyegin Universitesi), Joana Ricarte (Universidade De Coimbra), Harald Weilnböck (Cultures Interactive), António Leitão (Universidade De Coimbra).

## 2023. [Anthropology of Return Migration - concept note](https://zenodo.org/records/10214970). “GAPs: De-centring the Study of Migrant

## Returns and Readmission Policies in Europe and Beyond.” HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-09. Project Reference: 101094341. Co-authored with Maissam Nimer.

2020. “Comparative Report on Belonging,” RESPOND - Multilevel Governance of Mass

Migration in Europe and Beyond Project (#770564, Horizon2020) Working Paper Series, Available at <https://www.respondmigration.com/>.

2020. “Integration in Turkey - Country Report,” RESPOND - Multilevel Governance of Mass

Migration in Europe and Beyond Project (#770564, Horizon2020) Working Paper Series, Available at <https://www.respondmigration.com/>.

2020. [RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION OF SYRIAN REFUGEES IN TURKEY](https://respondmigration.com/policy-briefs/reception-integration-of-syrian-refugees-in-turkey) (policy brief)

2020.[BORDER MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION POLICIES FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN TURKEY](https://respondmigration.com/policy-briefs/border-management-protection-policies-for-syrian-refugees-in-turkey) (policy brief)

**AWARDS**

2024 **Faculty Research Excellence Award**

In recognition of outstanding research performance at Özyeğin University

**ACADEMIC GRANTS**

**EU Research Grants**

2026-2031 **ERC Advanced Grant** (awarded to Gokce Yurdakul, Sociology)

Senior Researcher on the project MENBELONG: Belonging for Single Migrant Men: A Cross-Country Comparative Perspective

2023-2026 **Horizon Europe**

Primary Investigator of “[GAPs: De-centring the Study of Migrant Returns and Readmission Policies in Europe and Beyond](https://www.returnmigration.eu/).” HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-09. Project Reference: 101094341.

2023-2026 **Horizon Europe**

Primary Investigator of “[OppAttune: Countering Oppositional Political Extremism through Attuned Dialogue: Track, Attune, Limit](https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/tr/node/12890).” HORIZON-CL2-2022-DEMOCRACY-01-05. Project Reference: 101095170.

2022-2026 **Cost Action**

Management Committee Member of [CA21120 - History of Identity Documentation in European Nations: Citizenship, Nationality and Migration](https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21120/#tabs+Name:Description) (HIDDEN)

2017-2021 **Horizon 2020**

Primary Investigator of *[RESPOND – Multilevel Governance of Mass Migration in Europe and Beyond](https://respondmigration.com/)*. H2020-SC6-ENG-GLOBALLY-2017.   
Project Reference: 770564.

**TÜBİTAK Grants** (The Scientific and Technological Research Projects Funding Program

of Turkey)

2023-2026 **TÜBİTAK 3501**

Researcher for the project: “Recruitment and Retention of Foreign Faculty in Turkish Universities - Policies, Strategies and Experiences” / “Türkiye'deki Üniversitelerinde Yabancı Öğretim Elemanlarının İstihdamı ve Tutulması: Politikalar, Stratejiler ve Deneyimler.” Project ID: 122K760.

2022-2025 **TÜBİTAK 1001**

Project Coordinator for the project: “[Food, Homemaking and Social Integration for Syrian Women in Istanbul, Gaziantep and Hatay](https://foodandmigration.ozyegin.edu.tr/)” / “İstanbul, Gaziantep Ve Hatay'daki Suriyeli Kadınların Yemek, Ev-Yapımı Ve Sosyal Uyumu.” Project ID: 122K209.

**Other International Research Grants**

2023-2026 **Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action Migration 2022**

Coordinator of “[PHOENIX: Human Mobility, Global Challenges and Resilience in an Age of Social Stress.”](https://www.belmontforum.org/archives/projects/human-mobility-global-challenges-and-resilience-in-an-age-of-social-stress)

2022-2025 **Trans-Atlantic Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities (T-AP)**

Cooperation partner in the project “ENDURE: [Inequalities, Community Resilience and New Governance Modalities in a Post-Pandemic World](https://www.endure-project.org/)”

**Dissertation Writing Fellowship**

2011-2012 **Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS)**

Dissertation Writing Grant

**Field Research Fellowships**

2008-2009 **Fulbright-Hays**

Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Grant

2008-2009 **The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research**

Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

2008-2009 **American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT)**

Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

2008-2009 **Fulbright IIE (declined)**

2007 **Social Science Research Council (SSRC)**

Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship

2007 **Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS)**

Summer Research Grant

2005 **Scott Kloeck-Jenson International Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant**

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (selected)**

2025 Panel Organizer: SC DIVCULT Special Session: Challenging the norms from themargins

(Session 1/3): Negotiating Cultures in Complex Foodscapes; (Session 2/3): Identity,

Belonging and Encounters through the arts; (Session 3/3): migrants’practices of Artivism.

Paper: “Rethinking Return: A Decentred Perspective on Migrant Aspirations and

Conditional Mobilities” and “Decolonizing Migration Studies Interrogating the Colonial

Dynamics of Categories through the Case of Turkey.” **IMISCOE Annual Conference,**

**Paris, France** July 1-4.

2025 “Human Agency in Climate Mobilities.” Phoenix project Workshop “Governing Climate

Mobilities 15 Years After the Cancun Agreements.” **University of Continuing**

**Education at Krems, Austria.** 26 May.

2025 Trapped, Aspiring, Reluctant or Precarious? Seeing Agency in Migrant Trajectories in Turkey and Morocco. IMISCOE Spring Conference. **University of Continuing Education at Krems, Austria**. 19 March, with Maissam Nimer.

2025 Panel discussion on “Resilience/Resistance in an Age of Global Uncertainties” and a paper entitled, “A Crisis Within Crises: Narratives of Food Insecurity and Coping for Syrian Refugees in Turkey.” ENDURE project Workshop “ The Utility of Resilience Frameworks for Examining COVID-19 - Outcomes and Societal Transformations in the COVID-19 Period” at **University of Campinas in Sao Paolo, Brazil.** 13-14 March, with Inci Aksu Kargin.

2025 Aspiring, Reluctant or Precarious? Examining Agency in Migrant Trajectories in Turkey

and Morocco. “*Migrant Aspirations and New Models of Citizenship” Workshop.* **University of Glasgow**. 20 February 2025, with Maissam Nimer.

2025 “Migration, Food and Social Cohesion Workshop” as part of the “TUBITAK-1001 Project on Food, Homemaking, and Social Integration for Syrian Women

in Istanbul, Gaziantep and Hatay” **Özyeğin University**, February 4. (organizer)

2024 *Culinary Sustainability as a Belonging and Resilience Practice for Syrian Refugees*. Integration and Belonging Hub. **Clark University** (online), 9 October.

2024 *The politics of waiting, contested belonging(s) and negotiated spaces: Precarious lives of migrant workers in Istanbul in times of Covid-19*. 7th Annual Social Boundaries of Work Conference – “Critical Labour Studies in the Times of a Polycrisis”. **University of Wroclaw**, Poland, 15-18 October.

2024 Training School on ethical approaches to narrative research. COST Action [CA21120](https://e-services.cost.eu/action/CA21120" \o ")– HIDDEN History of Identity Documentation in European Nations: Citizenship, Nationality and Migration. **Özyeğin University**, 18-20 September. (organizer)

2024 *Analyzing Grains: An Interactive Documentary on Food and Migration*. For the Panel: “Food on the Move: Home, Belonging and Resilience.” Commission of Anthropology of the Middle East Conference "Fortitude in the Face of Turmoil.” **IFEA (French Institute) Istanbul**, 4-6 September.

2024 *Surviving Climate Mobilities in Turkey: Food Security, Resilience and Governance.* ECMN 24 Conference, “Environmental Changes and Migration: Bridging Disciplines for a New Research Agenda.” **University of Liege** in Liege, Belgium 9-12 June.

2024 *The politics of waiting, contested belonging(s) and negotiated space: Precarious lives and resilience of migrant workers in Istanbul in times of entangled crises.* **Joint International Conference of the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA) and the International Studies Association (ISA)**, “Knowing the global-local: Imagining pasts, debating futures,” Rijeka, Croatia 18-21 June.

2024 *Culinary Belonging Strategies: Intersectional Agency in Everyday Homemaking for*

*Syrian Refugees in Turkey*. For the workshop: Feminist research on forced displacement: Survival, labor, and the reproduction of life. **Geneva Graduate Institute – Gender Centre**, **MSKÜ Akyaka Uygulama Oteli, Turkey** May 30‐June 1. (with Maria Kanal)

2024 *Sofraya Kimler Davetli? Türkiye'deki Toplumsal Bütünleşme Sürecinde Yemek, Kültür ve Kimlik İlişkisi.* Mutfak ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet Calistay, **Kirkayak, Tugcan Oteli, Gaziantep,** 25-26 May. (with Zeynep Yilmaz Hava)

2024 *European Migration Aspirations and Public Space Belonging of Syrian and Afghan Migrants in Istanbul.* **University of Vienna**, May 15*.*

2024 *Hatay Kitchens – One Year Later.* Hatay: Post-earthquake stories from the field kitchens. **Özyeğin University**, 23 February.

2023 *The politics of waiting, contested belonging(s) and negotiated spaces: Precarious lives of*

*migrant workers in Istanbul in times of Covid-19.* “Life, Precarity, and Futurity In Time of The Pandemic Health, democracy, and the experiences of immigrant and refugee communities in Europe during and after COVID” Workshop at **National Kapodistrian University of Athens** (online), December 18th.

2023 *Migration and Cultural Rights: Food Questions.* Sosyal Bilimler Fakültesi

21. Yüzyılda Temel Hakları Yeniden Düşünmek. **Ozyegin University,** December 11.

2023 *Unequal home-making practices among Syrian refugees in Turkey in a context of*

*economic uncertainty.* **IMISCOE Annual Conference,** Warsaw, Poland (online) July 4.

2023 *[In Pursuit of Belonging: Forging an Ethical Life in European-Turkish Spaces and](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-LNkaAdym4)*

*[BEYOND.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-LNkaAdym4)* **Royal Anthropological Institute**, London, UK (online) February 16.