CurriculumVitae

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INTRODUCTION

After graduating from the London International Film School in 1998, I worked as Story Editor for New Line Cinema/ Fine Line Features, London, where I took up several projects including The Sleeping Dictionary, Ripley's Game and Dancer in the Dark. I moved to NYC in 2001 where I became a Consultant for a media law company, Cinetic Media. I returned to London in 2004 to take up a position at Independent Films.

I received my PhD degree in English from Exeter University in July 2017. My thesis on Representation of the 'Other' in U.S. Cinema was published in August 2018 as a book in the U.S. by McFarland Publishers. I have also published articles, presented papers at international conferences and delivered talks at university seminars.

The areas I am interested in are Gender Studies, Feminism, Post-colonialism, Ethnic and Cultural Stereotypes, Representation of the "Other" in American cinema, Transnational cinema, and Orientalism.

I am presently working on the portrayal of China and the Chinese people in American cinema since the Beijing Olympics (2008) when the country showcased itself to the world as the up-and-coming global power.

EDUCATION

2009 – 2017	PhD, College of Humanities, University of Exeter (UK)
2004	Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) - London
1995 – 1998	Diploma in the Art and Technology of Film Making, London International Film School (UK)
1994 – 1995	MA, Communication Studies, Leeds University (UK)
1992 – 1994	LLB, Faculty of Law, Buckingham University (UK): 2:2

EMPLOYMENT

July 2017-

To date **Publishing research**

May 2012 -

June 2017 Screenplay Consultant / Project Evaluator, Universal Pictures

International (UK office).

Evaluating screenplays, novels and manuscripts for upcoming film

projects

Sept 2009-

June 2017 **PhD Student**, University of Exeter.

May 2005 -

Feb 2007 **Co-Director**, Cambridge Centre for Languages, Cambridge UK

Running the family business in providing courses for international students.

Sept 2004 -

May 2005 Legal Affairs Assistant, Artists` Independent Films Ltd, London UK

Developing strategies for international co-productions.

2001 May-

June 2004 Projects Consultant, Cinetic Media / Sloss Law Office (New York City USA)

Acting as Company Delegate at all North American film markets and festivals to trace new projects and business development opportunities.

Sept 1998 – Nov 2000

Story Editor, Fine Line Features / New Line Cinema (London office)

Narrative developing in manuscripts, novels, and screenplays for

theatrical productions

PUBLICATIONS

Bayraktaroğlu K. (2014). The Muslim male character typology in American cinema post-9/11. *Digest of Middle East Studies* 23(2), 345-359.

Bayraktaroğlu, K. (2015) The Portrayal of Muslim children in American cinema post 9/11. In S. Mukherjee & S. Zulfiqar (Eds.), *Islam and the West: A Love Story?* Newcastle-upon-Tyne: **Cambridge Scholars Publishing**, 67-82.

Bayraktaroğlu, K. (2016). Representation of the Muslim World in U.S. Cinema, Post 9/11: The First Ten Years. (**PhD thesis**). The University of Exeter.

Bayraktaroğlu, K. (2018) *The Muslim World Post-9/11 American Cinema: A Critical Study 2001-2011.* North Carolina USA: **McFarland & Company Inc. Publishers**.

Bayraktaroğlu, K. (2019). Representation of Turkish women in James Bond films. *Journal of Religion and Film.* 23(1), article 45.

Available at: https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol23/iss1/45

Bayraktaroğlu, K (to appear in 2019). "Limited 'accessibility' as trauma management: Character identification of Muslim terrorist woman in American movies". In Khani Begum (Ed.), Refracted Visions from Global Ethnographic Media and Trauma Narratives on 9/11 and the Discourses of Terrorism. Palgrave Macmillan.

Bayraktaroğlu, K. (in preparation) Changing Image of Chinese women in American Cinema.

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- indieWIRE Sultans of Swing; Turkish Treasures and International Scope at Istanbul Film Fest 2004
 http://www.indiewire.com/2004/04/sultans-of-swing-turkish-treasures-and-international-scope-at-istanbul-film-fest-78961/
- indieWIRE: A Question Of Identity In Turkish Film: The 45th Antalya Film Festival 2008
 http://www.indiewire.com/2008/10/dispatch-from-turkey-a-question-of-identity-in-turkish-film-the-45th-antalya-film-festival-and-4t-71536/
- indieWIRE: Dispatch from Turkey | Mysteries, Whirling Dervishes and Ancient Treasures Unfold at Antalya Fests - 2007
 http://www.indiewire.com/2007/10/dispatch-from-turkey-mysteries-whirling-dervishes-and-ancient-treasures-unfold-at-antalya-fests-73613/

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS / PANEL DISCUSSIONS

2004 Moon and Stars Project (New York City)

Panel Discussion Moderator "90 Years of Turkish Cinema"

http://www.maspny.org/descriptions2004/

Oct. 2008 Abu Dhabi UAE- Middle East International Film Festival (MEIFF)

Participant in Panel Discussion

"Challenging stereotypes – what film can and cannot do, and the role of the US-Muslim world partnerships"

http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20081016005857/en/MEIFF-Features-Discussion-Panel-Challenging-Muslim-Arab

Sept. 2011 University of Brighton

Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics and Ethics (CAPPE)

Conference: The "9/11" Decade: Rethinking Reality

Paper given:

"The portrayal of Muslim children in U.S cinema post 9/11"

http://arts.brighton.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0012/44031/9-11-decade-

rethinking-reality-conference-programme.pdf

Nov. 2012 University of Glasgow College of Arts

Conference: Islam and the West: A Love Story?

Paper given:

"Muslim children in American cinema"

March 2013 Exeter University College of Humanities

Speaker at the undergraduates` seminar

"Depiction of Muslim male and white American female characters

in the post 9/11 cinema of the US"

May 2015 **Eastern Mediterranean University (Cyprus)**

Faculty of Communication and Media Studies Speaker at the undergraduates` seminar "From script to screen, the making of a film"

June 2015 Eastern Mediterranean University (Cyprus)

Faculty of Communication and Media Studies Speaker at the undergraduates` seminar

"Women of the Middle East through Hollywood lenses"

June 2018 East London University

MCCSA Race Network Conference

Paper presented:

From stereotype to "new" Muslim women in American cinema

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS - USA): Member

British Film Institute (BFI - UK): Member

British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES - UK): Member

LEISURE TIME INTERESTS

Travelling – visited many countries in all five continents and lived/worked in the USA, Ghana, Serbia, Italy and China

Jazz - member of Cambridge Modern Jazz Club

Deep sea diving (holding an Advanced PADI certificate for 40 metres gained in Australia)

LANGUAGES AND IT SKILLS

Languages - Conversational French, and Turkish, and a long-term tourist's repertoire of

Chinese, Italian and Spanish Regular use of MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, ENDNOTE IT -

CLEAN DRIVING LICENCE

REFEREES

Available upon request.