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Curriculum Vitae

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1. DEGREES

- 2013 Ph.D. Urban Studies and Planning**, The University of Sheffield, UK
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- 2008 M.A. Sociology**, Middle East Technical University, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Turkey
Contact: Üniversiteler Mahallesi, Dumlupınar Bulvarı No: 1, MM Building, 4th floor, 06800, Çankaya / Ankara, TURKEY
- 2001 B.A. Urban and Regional Planning**, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Faculty of Architecture
Contact: Mimar Sinan Güzel Sanatlar Üniversitesi Mimarlık Fakültesi Meclis-i Mebusan Cad. No: 24 34427 Fındıklı-İstanbul, Turkey

2. LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish	Native language
English	Proficient
Swedish	Intermediate (B1)- Finnish National Exam (YKI) passed in 2025
Italian	Beginner intermediate (A2)

3. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2024- Collegium Fellow (equivalent to senior researcher), University of Turku, Turku Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS) and Department of Sociology,
Stage of academic research career: senior researcher (3d stage)

2024- Visiting Scholar, University of Helsinki, Global Development Studies

4. PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

2022-2023 University Lecturer, University of Helsinki, Global Development Studies

2021-2022 University Researcher, University of Helsinki, Global Development Studies

2019-2021 Postdoc Research Fellow, University of Helsinki, Global Development Studies and HELSUS

2018-2019 Swedish Institute Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Lund University, Department of Human Geography, Sweden

2017-2018 Visiting Lecturer, MA in Mediterranean Studies Program, University of the Peloponnese, Greece (Teaching Exchange Program)

2017 Visiting Researcher, University of Sheffield, Urban Studies and Planning Department (3 months)

2016-2018 Lecturer, Yaşar University Department of International Relations, Turkey

2013-2016 Principal Researcher, Financialisation, Economy, Society and Sustainable Development (FESSUD) EU 7th Frame Project, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

2011-2014 Teaching Assistant, University of Sheffield, Department of Urban Studies and Planning

2006-2008 Secretary General, Member of Central Executive Board and the Chief Executive of National Chamber of City Planners of Turkey, Ankara

2005-2006 Assistant to Secretary of General, Chamber of City Planners of Turkey, Ankara

5. RESEARCH FUNDING AND GRANTS

In total I have contributed to the **generation of 513,000 Euros of research income** as PI and Co-I. Below I include all research awards for which I was Principal or Co-Investigator (a full list of research awards that I have been involved in (i.e. including those as a researcher and not a Co-Investigator) is included as a separate table.

Research Grants and Contacts

DATE	FUNDING BODY	TITLE	GRANT VALUE (total and amount attributed to you)	Role	Team
June 2025-2026	K2 – Nationellt kunskapscentrum för kollektiv mobilitet, Sweden	Using Green Financing Mechanisms for Funding Efficient and High-Capacity Public Transport	50 000 Euros	Co-I	Lina Olsson (Malmö University)
June 2024-June 2025	Institute for Urban Research (IUR, Malmö Uni) Seed Money Grant	Nordic Urban Political Economy Network Seed Money Grant	5500 Euros	Co-I	Lina Olsson (Malmö University)
2024-2026	Turku Institute of Advanced Studies (TIAS), University of Turku	Municipal-led Financialisation of Green Urban Development in Finland	11,000 Euros	PI	-

14 October – 3 November 2024	Granö Residency Grant, University of Turku	Municipal-led Financialisation of Green Urban Development: From Austerity to Green Indebtedness	Residency Grant	Visiting Research Fellow	-
20 April-12 May 2024	NordIAS (Nordic Advanced Studies Institutes), Pufendorf Institute, Lund	Municipal-led Financialisation of Green Urban Development in Sweden	2000 Euros and Residency Grant	Visiting Research Fellow	-
November 2023- December 2024	HSSH, Catalyst Grant, University of Helsinki	Nordic Urban Political Economy	8000 Euros	PI	Lina Olsson (Malmö University) Sami Moisio (University of Helsinki) Erik Jönsson (Uppsala University) Panu Lehtovuori (Tampere University)
September 2022 - 2025 (awarded)	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development Research Funding (FORMAS)	The Emergence of Municipal-Led Green Financialization of Urban Development in Sweden: An Inquiry of a New Form of Urban Entrepreneurialism	300,000 Euros	Co-I	Lina Olsson (Malmö University)
July 2021 (awarded April 2020)	Institute for Urban Research (IUR, Malmö University) Workshop Grant	Dislocating Urban Studies: Rethinking Theory, Shifting Practice	10,000 Euros	Co-I	Fonseco Alvaro, C., Kadioglu, D., and Melgaco Silva Marques, L. (Malmö University)
July 2022 (awarded April 2020)	Institute for Urban Research (IUR, Malmö Uni)_Seed Money Grant	From Managerialism to Urban Entrepreneurialism in Nordic Cities and City Regions	10,000 Euros	Co-I	Lina Olsson (Malmö University)

August 2019 (awarded April 2018)	Swedish Institute Post-doc Research Fellowship Grant	Financialisation and Housing Beyond the Global North: Turkey as a Case Study	20,000 Euros	PI	-
December 2019 (awarded December 2018)	Swedish Institute Workshop Grant	Financialisation of Housing and Violation of Housing Rights Workshop	2500 Euros	PI	-
May 2015 (awarded May 2014)	Raul Wallenberg Institute Human Rights Research Grant	Right to the City: From Gezi to Neighbourhood Forums in Ankara	3000 Euros	Co-I	Ceren Ergenc (Middle East Technical University)
May 2015 (awarded May 2014)	BAP Scientific Research Project, Middle East Technical University, Turkey	The Role of the State in the Creation of a 'financialised city': the case of Istanbul	500 Euros	PI	-
August 2011 (awarded June 2008)	University of Sheffield PhD Grant	Urban Regeneration and the role of the state in Istanbul	90,000 Euros	PI	-
December 2008 (awarded May 2006)	BAP Scientific Research Project, Middle East Technical University, Turkey	Socio-spatial Analysis of Rescaling of Urban Planning in Istanbul	500 Euros	PI	-

Previous Research Projects

Date	Sponsor	Title	Role	Team
September 2013- August 2016	EU 7 th Frame Grant	Financialisation, Economy, Society and Sustainable Development (FESSUD)	Principle Researcher	Ben Fine (PI), Galip Yalman (Turkey, Co-I) and 15 partners across EU

6. RESEARCH OUTPUT

I have 12 years of academic research experience since my PhD and have made significant, sustained and internationally excellent contributions in the fields of financialisation, housing, urban social movements, social sustainability, and urban governance and planning. In total, I have published **28 research outputs**, including 8 peer-reviewed journal articles, 6 peer-reviewed scientific book chapters, 2 scientific books, 4 peer-reviewed working papers, 3 book reviews, 5 publications intended for the general public (Details in the publication list). I am also the editor of the special issue on bridging the literature on the structural changes in housing provision shaped by financialisation, and the potentials and limitations of housing movements emerging as a response to austerity measures since the economic crisis in the journal of *Housing Studies* in 2024, Vol. 39:6. I am appointed to the Editorial Board of Housing Studies Journal as the Social Media Editor by the 1st September 2024. You can find a list of my publications attached separately to my application.

Citation Statistics (As of September, 2025): Google Scholar Citations 273, h-index 10, i10 index 10

A. Peer-reviewed scientific articles

2026 Çelik, Ö., Exploring Alternative Housing Models Under Capitalism: Is Home Stewardship a Viable Alternative?, Commentary on 'The Edges of Owner Occupation versus Renter Capitalism', *Housing, Theory and Society* (accepted, forthcoming) (Jufo 2)

2023 Çelik, Ö. [The Roles of the State in the Financialisation of Housing in Turkey](#). *Housing Studies*, Vol 38: 6 (Open Access) (Jufo 2)

2021 Çelik, Ö. and Ergenc, C. [Urban Neighbourhood Forums in Ankara as a Commoning Practice](#). *Antipode*, 53:4, 1038-1061, (Open Access) (Jufo 3)

2018 Çelik, Ö., Topal, A., Yalman, G. [Housing Finance in Ankara: State Policies and Rent Creation in Urban Development: Three Mass Housing Projects](#). *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 41:5, 630-653 (Jufo 2)

2016 Çelik, Ö., Topal, A. and Yalman, G. [Finance and Systems of Provision of Housing. The Case of Istanbul](#), Turkey. *FESSUD Working Paper*

2016 Çelik, Ö. and Yilmaz, G. [Finance and Systems of Provision of Water](#). The Case of Istanbul, Turkey. *FESSUD Working Paper*

2015 Çelik, Ö., Topal, A. and Yalman, G. [Case study paper relating financialisation of the built environment to changing urban politics, social geographies, material flows and environmental improvement/degradation in Ankara](#). *FESSUD Working Paper*, DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.23337.71523

B. Peer-reviewed book chapters

2024 Çelik, Ö. [The Capitalist Local State, Urban Change, and Social Conflict](#). Research Handbook on Urban Sociology, Martinez, M. (eds), Edward Elgar

2020 Çelik, Ö. [AKP's income-differentiated housing strategies under the pressure of resistance and debt](#), in: P. Bedirhanoglu, C. Dolek, F. Hulagu, & O. Kaygusuz (Eds) *Turkey's New State in the Making: Transformations in Legality, Economy, Ideology and Coercion*, pp. 151–164, London: ZED.

C. Edited Special Issues in Journals

2025 Çelik, Ö. [Cracking the Housing Crisis: Financialisation, the State, Struggles and Rights](#), Housing Studies Journal, Vol.39:6 (Open Access) (Jufo 2)

2022 Çelik, Ö., Alfaro, C.F., Kadioğlu, D. and Melgaço, L. [Editorial: Dislocating Urban Studies](#), Urban Matters, May 2022 (Open Access)

7. RESEARCH SUPERVISION AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

I have supervised one PhD and three MA students to successful completion at the University of Helsinki. I was also the advisor of a post-doc at Malmö University, Institute of Urban Studies. I am now supervising six MA students at Global Development Studies, University of Helsinki and I am the advisor of one MA student at Urban Studies Institute, Malmö University. So far, I also played a mentor role for the first year PhD students and the existing ones on academic writing, funding applications, creating a writing group at the University of Helsinki, organising a workshop on Research Methods and Design at the time of COVID-19 isolation. I lead the organisation of the First PhD Forum at the Global Development Studies Discipline in Helsinki and I was the academic leader of the PhD Conference at the Faculty of Social Science in Helsinki in 2022. I was also the advisor of the *Human Rights Cities Project*, between 2017-2018 at the Raul Wallenberg Institute, Istanbul, Turkey.

7.1. RESEARCH SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

POSTDOC, PHD, MA SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE			
Institution	Project Title, Student Name	Level	Role
Malmö University, Sweden	Financialization of everyday life in Sweden. Intersectional perspectives on housing and labor precarity, Chiara Valli	PostDoc (completed)	Advisor
University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland	Prospects and Challenges of Land Reform in Ghana, David Asante Edwin	PhD (graduated)	Second Supervisor
	Aid effectiveness process, outcome and post-debate in human rights terms, Elina Vuola	MA (graduated)	Supervisor
	How are the countries of the Global South represented within the teaching material of history at the primary school level in Finland?, Rosa Maria Pesonen	MA (graduated)	Supervisor

	Visual methods, urban nature relations, Southeast Asia, Viliam Kristian Aleksanteri Matomäki	MA (graduated)	Supervisor
	Critical legal studies, public procurement in Finland, Jonna Eleonoora Vihavainen	MA (ongoing)	Supervisor
	Spatial forms of Migrant Entrepreneurship in Helsinki: Puhos Strip Mall as a Case Study, Aleksi Tuomas Salmela	MA (ongoing)	Supervisor
	Decolonizing Finnish Development Aid, Alma Sofia Pyymäki	MA (ongoing)	Supervisor
	A Critical Approach to Safe Births on the Himalayas, Anna Maria Mitchell	MA (ongoing)	Supervisor
	Financialisation of Social Sustainability and Urban Development, Roosa Versekalo	MA (ongoing)	Supervisor
Malmö University, Sweden	Green Municipal Bonds and Financialisation in Swedish Cities, Arvid Bjelkedal	MA (submitted)	Advisor

7.2. ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Research Leadership Roles		
Date	Role	Brief description of activities
26-27 May 2025	Academic Leader of Critical Perspectives on Urban Political Economy Conference, University of Turku (TIAS, TURNS, NUPE)	In the wake of intensified global crises—economic, ecological, social, and political—recent critical urban political economy literature has sought to dissect the evolving dynamics of urbanization under neoliberal capitalism and uncertainties of futures. The intersection of urbanization, financialization, ecological transformations, displacement and migration, and urban movements has emerged as a focal point in understanding the complexities of contemporary urban governance and development. We invite submissions for a conference dedicated to

		critical explorations of <i>Urban Political Economy</i> , with a special focus on housing, financialization, new forms of urban entrepreneurialism, urban social resilience and urban movements in the context of climate and economic crises. The conference welcomes papers that scrutinize the contemporary dynamics of financialized forms of neoliberal urban transformations within the cities from critical perspectives looking into new risks, new forms of self-organisations, such as commons, grassroots logics of urban development.
2024-2026	The Emergence of Green Municipal Bonds in Finland (GREEF) (TIAS Grant, PI)	This project analyses the recent switch in the financing of 'green' urban development from conventional loan mechanisms to municipal debt financing in Finland, how this trend relates to a shift from a local entrepreneurial welfare state to a green entrepreneurial one, how it is embedded within neoliberalism combined with sustainability policy. Finnish municipalities and Municipality Finance Plc (MuniFin) have taken a frontrunner position in the issuing green municipal bonds for green urban development. Recent research has shown that while it is unclear to what extent actual green financed projects contribute to a systemic sustainability shift, little concern has been paid to the risk of unequal redistributive outcomes. Thus, the green financialization of urban development led by local states may represent a shift towards a green entrepreneurial local welfare provision signified by unequal distribution. How the emergence of local state-led green financialization in Finland potentially reorients the local welfare state has not been studied.
2022-2025	<u>The Emergence of Municipal-Led Green Financialization of Urban Development in Sweden: An Inquiry of a New Form of Urban Entrepreneurialism (FORMAS Grant, Co-I)</u>	This project analyses the recent switch in the financing of 'green' urban development from conventional loan mechanisms to municipal debt financing in Sweden, how this trend relates to a shift from a local entrepreneurial welfare state to a green entrepreneurial one, how it is embedded within neoliberalism combined with sustainability policy. Swedish municipalities have taken a frontrunner position in the issuing green municipal bonds for green urban development. Recent research has shown that while it is unclear to what extent actual green financed projects contribute to a systemic sustainability shift, little concern has been paid to the risk of unequal redistributive outcomes. Thus, the green financialization of urban development led by

		<p>local states may represent a shift towards a green entrepreneurial local welfare provision signified by unequal distribution. How the emergence of local state-led green financialization in Sweden potentially reorients the local welfare state has not been studied. This project contributes to fill this knowledge gap by examining the use of green municipal bonds in three cities in Sweden from three theoretical strands: local state theory, urban entrepreneurialism, and financialization of urban development. The research is carried out with qualitative methods including document analysis and interviews with public officers and project managers engaged in issuing green municipal bonds and the planning of the green urban development projects.</p> <p>We have a team (4) of researchers based in Malmö University, doing their MA research as a part of our project.</p>
2019-2020	Financialization of Housing Rights in Istanbul, (Swedish Institute Post-Doc Grant, Sweden)	<p>This research aimed to analyse how global processes of housing in the form of financialisation, experienced in cities of the Global South, manifest at the local level in the case of Istanbul, Turkey. The research examined the role of the state in housing and financialisation in order to reveal different forms of consent created for different groups of society to be included in the financialisation process. The construction of consent carries importance in understanding how and to what extent the 'right to housing' is institutionalized, as well as tendencies toward depoliticization of the social movement for housing during the last decade.</p>
2014-2016	Post-Gezi Neighbourhood Forums in Ankara (Raoul Wallenberg Institute Research Grant, Sweden, Co-I)	<p>This research aimed to examine neighbourhood forums in Ankara that began to convene during the Gezi protests in 2013 and lasted about three years. The urban commoning practices in the neighbourhoods were the focus of this research in terms of suggesting and developing new set of demands and methods of local activism.</p>

8. TEACHING MERITS

8.1. Pedagogical Training

I have received teaching training in the UK that provided me with skills necessary to construct syllabi and plan courses, develop the appropriate approach to evaluating students, and informed me to deal with various issues that could arise in and outside the classroom context including but not limited to students with disabilities and disruptive behaviour. I have also completed 25 ECTS of three pedagogy-training courses at the University of Helsinki between 2020 and 2021 on Learning in Higher Education;

Constructive Alignment; Assessment of Learning and Giving Feedback; and Academic Leadership Training and passed with the highest grade: 5/5.

- 2021** UP2.2 Assessment of Learning and Giving Feedback, University of Helsinki (5 ECTS)
- 2020** UP 2.1 Constructive Alignment, University of Helsinki (5 ECTS)
- 2020** UP.1. Learning in Higher Education, University of Helsinki (5 ECTS)
- 2020** Online Teaching Training (Zoom Teaching), HELSUS, University of Helsinki
- 2011** Teaching in Small Groups Training, University of Sheffield (5 ECTS)
- 2011** Teaching in Large Groups Training, University of Sheffield (5 ECTS)

8.2. Research to Develop Teaching

8.2.1. Integrating Research Literature into Course Design: My teaching practices are deeply informed by current pedagogical research, particularly in the areas of active learning, student engagement, and inclusive education. For instance, I have drawn on scholarship around constructivist learning theory to design my courses around problem-based learning (PBL) and flipped classroom strategies. Research on the value of peer learning and formative feedback has also influenced my use of peer-assessment, student-led discussions, and collaborative tasks—particularly in postgraduate teaching. I actively review recent scholarship in teaching and learning journals to ensure my course design is aligned with evidence-based best practices.

8.2.2. Developing and Testing New Pedagogical Methods: As part of my pedagogical development, I created the writing-buddies group model for PhD students and tested it for two years with two different groups of PhD students at the University of Helsinki. The method is adapted from postgraduate writing group frameworks and designed to foster peer support, regular feedback, and a sense of shared academic identity. Students work in pairs throughout the course, exchanging drafts, offering mutual reflections, and building collegial networks that extend beyond the classroom. This model emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic as a response to the pedagogical and emotional challenges of remote doctoral education. Drawing on research about peer-led writing groups and academic belonging, I structured these models to enhance motivation, reduce isolation, and support ongoing research progress. Feedback from students has confirmed the effectiveness of these methods. One student noted: “Giving and receiving peer critiques built up my confidence as a young scholarly writer. We had a safe and supportive space where I could openly share my concerns, insecurities, and fears about academic writing.” Another shared: “This course became one of the few things that made me feel I was still connected to my program and made progress toward my goals.” The model is pedagogically innovative and emotionally supportive, contributing significantly to the continuity of learning during crisis conditions.

8.2.3. Contributions to Pedagogical Knowledge through Scholarship: To share the outcomes of the work on a writing group model for PhD students more broadly, I co-authored a journal article with one of the PhD students who participated in the course. Our article, titled “**Writing-Buddies Group: A Novel Method for Doctoral Writing Groups at the Time of Poly-Crises**”, has been submitted to the *Journal of University Pedagogy (Jufo 1)*. The piece documents both the design of the models and their pedagogical and emotional impact on doctoral students during a time of global uncertainty. This collaborative writing process itself exemplified the peer-led, reflective ethos at the heart of the models and contributes to current scholarship on doctoral education and peer-supported learning. Our research is particularly relevant in light of recent structural changes in doctoral education in

Finland, where reforms have intensified the emphasis on performance, funding acquisition, and rapid completion. These shifts—rooted in the neoliberalisation of higher education—have increased competition, precariousness, and emotional pressure among PhD students. Many now navigate their academic journeys with fewer institutional support structures, often feeling isolated and under pressure to produce outputs at the expense of deeper intellectual engagement. The **writing-buddies** group we developed offer a concrete and adaptable model to mitigate these pressures. By fostering peer networks, mutual feedback, and emotional solidarity, the models create sustainable, student-led learning environments that counteract the individualising and competitive tendencies often associated with neoliberal academic culture. The research demonstrates that structured, collective writing support not only enhances academic performance but also strengthens well-being and academic identity—making the approach highly adaptable across institutions facing similar challenges.

8.3. Teaching Experience

I am a highly experienced educator with a broad and diverse teaching portfolio that spans multiple academic levels and international contexts. I have taught in the UK, Turkey, Greece, Sweden, and Finland, and held two full lectureship positions over four years, where I developed strong expertise in independently designing and delivering undergraduate, master's, and PhD level courses—including those focused on research design and PhD seminars. In total, I have designed and led 21 courses: 12 as the sole and responsible teacher, and 9 as a co-teacher. My teaching spans BA, MA, and PhD programs across disciplines such as human geography, urban studies and planning, international relations, political science, and global development studies.

My experience ranges from delivering advanced graduate seminars in small-group settings (fewer than 10 students) to coordinating large introductory undergraduate courses (over 50 students). Specifically, I have taught 10 undergraduate, 7 master's, and 4 doctoral-level courses. In addition, I have been invited to give guest lectures and public talks at institutions including the Architecture Department, STUE, and Postcape at Tampere University; the Bartlett School of Planning at UCL; the Sociology Department at the University of Helsinki; Urban Studies and Planning Department at the University of Sheffield, and the Urban and Regional Planning Department at Istanbul Technical University. A full list of my teaching and course contributions is provided in my teaching portfolio.

9. AWARDS AND HONOURS

2019 Outstanding Reviewer Award, *International Development Planning Review Journal*, University of Liverpool Publications

All the grants received can be found in Section 5. Research Funding and Grants

10. SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIETAL IMPACT

10.1. Opponent for PhD and MA Examiner

PHD EXAMINER (OPPONENT) EXPERIENCE

Institution	Project Title, Student Name	Level	Role
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University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK	Redevelopment of the squatter settlement neighbourhoods in Ankara, Turkey, Sinan Akyuz	PhD	External Examiner
SOAS, London, UK	From Francoism to Financialisation: The Financialisation of Mortgages in Spain, a Case Study Analysis and a Framework for Future Studies, Glennie Lauren Moore	PhD	External Examiner

MA EXAMINER EXPERIENCE

Institution	Project Title, Student Name	Level	Role
University of Helsinki, Finland	Environmental Justice of the European Green Deal: An Explanatory Critique of the Energy Transition, Annina Urvas	MA	Examiner
	Transportation Infrastructure and Popular Uprising: Social Mobilisation in the Port City of Buenaventura, Colombia 2017-2022, Ella Walden	MA	Examiner
	Neoliberal Violence and the Access Barriers to Social Grants: People's Stories of Structural Violence and Economic Hardship in South Africa During Covid-19 Pandemic Year 2020, Anita Patanen	MA	Examiner
	Environmental Actors in Urban Turkey: Theoretical Lessons for Critical Analysis of Neoliberal Developmentalist Politics, Melisa Yasav	MA	Examiner

10.2. Academic Leadership

Editorial Leadership Roles		
Date	Role	Brief description of activities
September 2024-today	Editorial Board Member and Social Media Editor, Housing Studies Journal	Responsible from all the social media outlets of the journal Editorial Roles

2023-2024	International Advisory Board Member, Housing Studies Journal	Editorial Roles
2024	Special Issue Editor , Housing Studies Journal	<i>'Cracking the Housing Crisis: Financialisation, the State, Struggles and Rights'</i> , <i>Housing Studies</i> , Vol 39: 6 This issue brings together 8 original articles which shows the underlying mechanisms of housing movements against financialization and their impact on change in housing policy towards a more equal right to housing. The chosen cases illustrate everyday and organized activism.
2022	Special Issue Editor, Urban Matters Journal	Dislocating Urban Studies , <i>Urban Matters</i> , IUR
2014 - today	Reviewer for International Journal and Publishers	Journal Article Reviewer: I have reviewed more than 60 articles published in Environment and Planning A; Housing, Theory and Society; Housing Studies; City, Culture and Society; Critical Sociology, Southeast European and Black Sea Studies; International Development Planning Review; Urban Studies; Moment; Egitim ve Bilim and I was also awarded as the outstanding reviewer by International Development Planning Review Journal in 2019. Book Proposal Reviewer: Routledge, Culture, Heritage and Tourism Book, Routledge Critical Studies in Urbanism and the City, IB-Tauris

Network and Working Group Leadership Roles

Date	Role	Brief description of activities
2020-today	Nordic Urban Political Economy Network (NUPE), Co-founder and Coordinator	The Nordic Urban Political Economy Network (NUPE) was launched in 2020 as an initiative for cross-Nordic collaboration and research exchange addressing the variegated political-economic changes occurring in cities and regions across the Nordics today. NUPE aims to promote and develop critical studies of urban political economy and political ecology by studying how neoliberalism, financialization, digitalization, platform economies, sustainability policy, and migration change urban landscapes, welfare systems, and urban and regional politics in the Nordic countries today.
2010-today	Urban and Regional Political Economy Working Group (URPE WG) Co-founder and Co-ordinator , IIPPE, SOAS	The URPE WG role involves: Developing a heterodox network between critical urban planners, human/economic/political geographers, urban sociologists and urban economists, organising panels at the IIPPE annual conference.

Conference, Workshop, and Training Leadership Roles

Date	Role	Brief description of activities
2020 – today	Academic Leader of Nordic Urban	We organize workshops to meet our members (40

	Political Economy (NUPE) Network Annual Workshop Series	academics at different stages of their careers) to discuss critical approaches to urban political economy/ecology scrutinising neoliberal urban transformations in the context of the Nordic welfare states at the national, regional and local scales.
2010 - today	Founder and Co-leader of Annual Urban and Political Economy Working Group Panels at the IIPPE Conference Panel	I am the founder and the leader of the Working Group for a decade and have been organizing two to five panels every year on urban political economy.
October 2022	Organizer and panelist: Academic Writing and Publishing Workshop for PhD Students, University of Helsinki	The topics of the workshop: What are the seven deadly sins of academic writing? How to squeeze articles out of a monograph? Who to credit as a co-author? Should you aim for high-impact journals with a greater chance of rejection or settle for lower risk and reward? The Academic Writing and Publishing Workshop of the 9th Annual Doctoral Conference will provide answers. The four hosts will give short presentations and answers questions about academic publishing during the three stages: before, during, and after publishing.
April-November 2022	Academic Leader of 9th Annual Conference of Doctoral Programmes in Social Sciences & the Doctoral Programme in Political, Societal and Regional Change, University of Helsinki	I have the academic leader role in organising the annual Conference of Doctoral Programs in The Faculty of Social Science, UoH. The suggested theme is 'Research in the Time of Challenges: Searching for New Methodological and Theoretical Horizons'. The theme refers to the multiple challenges in research beyond Covid-19 isolation. The pandemic has further highlighted that we live in a globally connected world; our overreliance on economic growth and increasing levels of consumption leading to new challenges, including rising authoritarianism, climate change crisis, social and spatial polarization in urban and rural areas, socio-economic inequalities, rising gender, race and ethnicity based discrimination. These challenges give rise to homelessness, precarious working conditions, unjust access to food, violation of human rights, and different forms of violence. Therefore, the conference will invite novel methodological and theoretical horizons to respond current challenges by bringing abstract to concrete discussions on politics, lived experiences, methodologies, and revisiting the concepts that have been widely used.
2020-2021	Dislocating Urban Studies: Rethinking Theory, Shifting Practice (DUS) Workshop Series Co-ordinator and Co-I	We organized four international workshops series that gathered early career and well known senior scholars to bridge the theoretical and empirical "gap" between the Global North and the Global South/East knowledge production in urban studies field from a non-occidental west perspective. We successfully had the four workshops and run a website to open up the discussions in the workshops to a wider audience (https://dislocatingurbanstudies.com/). I am currently working as one of the web liaisons for Dislocating Urban Studies, responsible for @DislocatingUS and the website.

2020- 2023	The Global Extractivisms and Alternatives Initiative (EXALT) Member	I was one of the core members of The Global Extractivisms and Alternatives Initiative (EXALT), a new international network of scholars, activists, and policymakers dedicated to collaboration and knowledge creation around the pressing crisis stemming from extractivist policies and practices. I organized a series of virtual talks and organizing virtual EXALT Conference in October 2021.
2020	University of Helsinki, PhD Forum Advisor	I initiated and then co-organized 'Research at the time of the Pandemic for PhD Students Workshop' in 2020 at Helsinki. I have also been invited to give a talk on PhD Training and Publication at the Global Development Studies PhD Forum, which I initiated with the students. I am planning to apply for a funding to start a PhD Collective to develop critical thinking and skills of the PhD students as a community as opposed to the rising neoliberal discourse of competition and individualism in contemporary higher education.
2019-2021	HELSUS Global South Encounters Talk Series , Co-ordinator	Organising a series of seminars and talks intended to sharpen critical research in sustainability science.
2016-2018	Academy City Trainings, Chamber of Urban Planners, Izmir, Turkey	Giving trainings to urban planning and architecture students and practitioners in local governments at the program called 'AcademyCity' organized by me and three other colleagues with the support of Chamber of Urban Planners, Turkey. These trainings were targeting to develop the skills of the participants in sustainable city futures, local level initiative building, deliberate democracy models. Trainings were up to 25 participants.
2009 - today	Academic Leadership in Session Organisations in International Conferences	I have organised numerous sessions in significant international human geography, planning, and urban studies conferences, such as American Geographers Conference (AAG), RGS-IBG, Nordic Geographers Meeting (NGM).
Expert Evaluator		
2025	Evaluator	The Best PhD Thesis in Social Science, Turkish Social Science Association

Leadership has been a key aspect of my contribution to my academic citizenship, and the wider academic community, and is an area in which I have invested a great deal of time and energy. I finished the Academic Leadership Training Course by the HSSH, UoH, where I developed my leadership skills and extended my network. Thus, I have made a significant contribution to research leadership in my current post among my cohorts. This has involved a **deep commitment to academic citizenship combined with a strategic vision informing change and innovation.**

10.3. Selected Conferences/ Workshop / Panel Organisation/ Committee Member (last 5 years)

2025 [Critical Perspectives on Urban Political Economy Conference](#), University of Turku, May 26-27 (Academic Leader and Organizing Committee Member)

2024 3rd Nordic Urban Political Economy (NUPE) Workshop, University of Helsinki, September 25-27 (Organizer)

2024 14th IIPPE Conference, September 4-7, Istanbul (Panel Organizer)

- 2024** 10th Nordic Geographers Meeting, June 24-27, Denmark (*Panel Organizer and panelist*)
- 2023** 2nd Nordic Urban Political Economy Workshop, Malmö University, June 6-7 (Organiser and panelist)
- 2022** [Academic Writing and Publishing Workshop for PhD Students](#), University of Helsinki (Organizer)
- 2022** [9th Annual Joint Doctoral Programmes Conference](#), University of Helsinki (*Academic Leader*), October
- 2022** [International Social Housing Festival](#), Helsinki Finland, June 14-17 (*Scientific Committee Member*).
- 2022** [7th Conference on Urban Studies](#), Sustainable, Decent, Affordable Housing and Living Environments, 16-18 May, Ankara (*Scientific Committee Member*)
- 2022** [9th Nordic Geographers Meeting](#), Multiple Nordic Geographies, Panel Organisations on 'Panel 34: Varieties of Nordic Neoliberalisms: Changing Urban Political Economies in Northern Europe', June 19-22, Finland (*Panel Organizer*)
- 2021** [Dislocating Urban Studies](#), Workshop Series, Malmö University and University of Helsinki (*Organizing Committee Member*)
- 2020** PhD Students Workshop, Research in Volatile Conditions: Methodological Transformations, 7th Annual Joint Doctoral Programmes Conference, University of Helsinki (*Organizing Committee Member*)
- 2020-21** Exalt Conference 'Concurrent Crisis and Sustainable Futures: Global Extractivisms and Alternatives', Helsinki, Finland (*Organizing Committee Member*)
- 2020** [Alternatives: The Anne Haila Urban Studies Symposium](#), University of Helsinki (*Organizing Committee Member*)
- 2020** Pollen Biennial Conference, Loss, damage and right to adaptation in the city: Explorations in urban climate justice (*Panel Organizer*)
- 2020** Development Days Conference, Financialisation and Inequalities: Housing in the Global South, Finland (*Panel Organizer*)
- 2019-2020** HELSUS Global South Encounters Talk Series (*Co-Organizer*)

10.4. [Selected Invited Public Lectures/Talks/Seminars/Workshops \(last 5 years\)](#)

- 2025** **Panelist**, 4th Nordic Urban Political Economy (NUPE) Workshop, Uppsala University, IBF, June 11-12
- 2025** **Invited speaker**, Activist Scholarship and Literary Activism Conference, TIAS, University of Turku, 'Urban Scholarship in Action: Theory, Method, and Praxis', May 20
- 2025** **Invited Panelist**, DocSoBe (Doctoral Students Group, Faculty of Social Science, University of Turku): Life After PhD?, 'Postdoc Experiences', May 14
- 2025** **Public Lecture and Seminar**, IUR Malmö University Brown Bag, 'Green Capital Switching: A New Frontier in Financialisation of Urban Development', March 5 (invited speaker)
- 2024** **Panelist**, *Greening Urban Development with Debt: The Emergence of Green Financialised Urban Entrepreneurialism in Sweden*, RGS-IBG Conference, London, 27-30 August
- 2024** **Panelist and Discussant**, *A Dialectical Approach to Activist Research: Insights from Urban Movements in Istanbul*, Common City Conference, September 11-13, Uppsala, Sweden
- 2024** **Panelist and Discussant**, *Greening Urban Development with Debt: The Emergence of Green Financialised Urban Entrepreneurialism in Sweden*, "Governing urban climate transformations Workshop Series" in Nordic Environmental Science Sustainability Conference (NESS Conference), 4-7 June, Turku, Finland
- 2024** **Public Lecture and Seminar**, [Greening Urban Development with Debt: The Emergence of Green Financialised Urban Entrepreneurialism in Sweden](#), Pufendorf Institute, Lund University

- 2024 Invited Panelist**, Cracking the housing crisis: financialization, the state, struggles, and rights, The Right to Imagine Researchers' Meeting, Helsinki, TURNS - Tampere Urban Research Network for Sustainability
- 2024 Public Lecture**, Financialization of Urban Development, From GFC to Climate Crisis, Tampere University, Tampere, Finland
- 2023 Public Lecture**, [The political economy of green urban development](#), Tampere University, Tampere, Finland
- 2023 Public Lecture**, Financialization of Housing: The Roles of the State, Tampere University, Tampere, Finland
- 2022 Panelist**, [Academic Writing and Publishing Workshop for PhD Students](#), University of Helsinki
- 2022 Speaker**, [International Social Housing Festival](#), Helsinki Finland, June 14-17
- 2021 Invited Panelist**, 'Financialisation of Housing', Istanbul Housing Summit, 3-7 December, Istanbul.
- 2021 Invited Seminar**, 'The Role of the State in Housing Financialisation', Urbaria, University of Helsinki
- 2020 Invited Panelist**, *The AKP's Income-differentiated Housing Strategies Under the Pressure of Resistance and Debt*. Contested Reproduction of Turkey's Financialized Capitalism: State and Society in Crisis Workshop, York University, Toronto, Canada.

11. Scientific and Societal Impact

11.1. Promoting Open Science and Research

I have actively promoted open science and research through several initiatives. First, I co-organised the *Dislocating Urban Studies* workshop series for early-career scholars, which evolved into a year-long global online forum between 2021 and 2022. In these workshops, each participant received detailed feedback from established scholars. This initiative culminated in an open-access special issue in [Urban Matters Journal](#), co-edited by the workshop organisers. Second, I maintain a [personal website](#) where I share all my public talks and publications, making my work freely accessible. Third, both [the Nordic Urban Political Economy](#) (NUPE) network and our [Green Bonds research project](#) website are regularly updated to share resources and highlight the work of colleagues, contributing to a broader culture of open and collaborative research.

11.2. Expert in the media

2006-2019 I have several appearances in the Turkish media as an expert (TV, Radio, online platforms) (Details in the publication list)

11.3. Open Science and Research

Most of my publications are open access and my public talks are accessible on [my webpage](#).

11.4. Expert Positions

In addition to my academic leadership positions, I also took roles as an expert. I was the advisor of the *Human Rights Cities Project*, between 2017-2018 at the Raul Wallenberg Institute, Istanbul, Turkey. I worked as the Secretary General of the Central Executive Board and the Chief Executive of National Chamber of City Planners of Turkey, Ankara between 2006 and 2008. Prior to that post I worked as the Assistant to Secretary of General, Chamber of City Planners of Turkey between 2005 and 2006.