

## Dr. Başak Akkan

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Sosyal Politika Forumu  
Kuzey Kampüs Otopark Binası, Bebek 34342 İstanbul  
[akkanbasak@gmail.com](mailto:akkanbasak@gmail.com)  
[basak.akkan@boun.edu.tr](mailto:basak.akkan@boun.edu.tr)

## Education

Utrecht University, Department of Interdisciplinary Social Science <i>-PhD in Interdisciplinary Social Science</i> Dissertation title: Care as an inequality creating phenomenon: When gender and class intertwine with age, Young carers in the familialist care regime of Turkey Supervisors: Prof. Trudie Knijn and Prof. Ayşe Buğra	2019
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) <i>-MS in European Social Policy</i> Jean Monnet Scholarship awarded for MS degree	1997
Marmara University, Istanbul Jean Monnet Institute of European Studies <i>-MA in European Studies</i>	1995
Boğaziçi University Department of Sociology, Istanbul <i>-BA in Sociology</i>	1993

## Work Experience

Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum <i>Executive Board member and senior researcher</i>	2017-
Boğaziçi University Graduate Program in Social Policy <i>Lecturer</i>	2016-
Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum <i>Affiliated Researcher</i>	2009-2016
<i>Maternity leave</i>	2008-2009
Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum <i>Managing director</i>	2004-2008
Open Society Institute, Istanbul <i>Program officer</i>	2001-2004

Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) 1997-2000  
<http://tesev.org.tr/en/>  
*Program officer*

## Research

### On-going Research

**ETHOS-Towards a European Theory of Justice and Fairness** 2017-2020  
**EU Horizon 2020** <https://ethos-europe.eu>  
Research partner: Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum  
*-Executive Board member of the research consortium led by the Utrecht University*  
*-Senior researcher in Turkey*

### Completed Research

**Multinational Qualitative Study on Children's Understandings of Well-being** 2014-2018  
**Global and Local Contexts** <http://www.cuwb.org>  
Project Coordinators: Universität Vechta Germany, Technical University, Berlin  
and Macquarie University, Sydney  
*-Member of the comparative qualitative research team based in Istanbul*

**Empathy and Social Justice: Otherization in Turkey** 2015-2017  
Funded by TUBITAK (Turkish National Science Foundation)  
*-member of the research team*  
Other members: Pinar Uyan (coordinator), Political Science Department, Bilgi University, Emre Erdoğan Political Science Department, Bilgi University, Serra Müderrisoğlu, Psychology Department, Boğazici University, Adil Sarıbay Psychology Department, Boğazici University

**International Survey of Children's Well-Being (second wave)** 2014-2015  
<http://www.isciweb.org>  
*-Member of the research team in Turkey*

**Free Lunch at School** 2010-2011  
Funded by the Open Society Institute  
Research conducted at the Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum  
*-Co-coordinator of the research with Ayşen Candaş*

**Social Exclusion of Roma in Turkey** 2010-2011  
Funded by the European Commission  
Research conducted at the Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum  
*-Coordinator of the research*

**Child Well-Being in Turkey** 2008-2010  
Funded by TUBITAK (Turkish National Science Foundation)

Research partners: Migration Center, Child Research Centre at Bilgi University  
and Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum  
-Member of the research team

## Publications

### Articles

**Akkan B** (2019) An egalitarian politics of care: The intersectional inequalities of gender, class and age. *Feminist Theory* <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1464700119850025>

**Akkan, B** (2019) Care as an inequality-creating phenomenon: Intersectional analysis of the care practices of the young female carers in Istanbul. *Journal of Gender Studies*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09589236.2019.1597338>

**Akkan B** (2019) Contested agency of young carers within generational order: Older daughters and sibling care in Istanbul. *Child Indicators Research*, 12(4): 1435-1447.

**Akkan B**, Müderrisoğlu S, Uyan-Semerci P, and Erdogan E (2019) How do children contextualize their well-being?: Methodological insights from a neighbourhood based qualitative study in Istanbul. *Child Indicators Research*, 12(2):443-460

**Akkan B** and Serim S (2018) Work and family reconciliation in Turkey: Young women as a vulnerable group in the labour market. *Research and Policy on Turkey*, Special Issue on Continuity and Change in Social Policies in Turkey 3(2): 173-186.

**Akkan B** (2018) Politics of care in Turkey: Sacred familialism in a changing political context. *Social Politics* 25(1):72-91.

**Akkan B**, Deniz M B, and Ertan M (2017) Romanization of poverty: Spatial stigmatization of Roma neighbourhoods in Turkey. *Romani Studies* 27(1): 73-93.

Uyan-Semerci P, Erdogan E, **Akkan B**, Müderrisoğlu S, Karatay A (2017) Contextualizing subjective well-being of children in different domains: Does higher safety provide higher subjective well-being for child citizens? *Children and Youth Services Review* 80:52-62.

### Working manuscripts

**Akkan B**, **Buğra A** and **Knijn T** Gendered familialism and early childhood education and care in Turkey in a comparative perspective: Change and continuity in a Mediterranean context

## Books chapters

**Akkan B**, Müderrisoğlu S, Uyan P, and Erdoğan E (forthcoming in 2020) Does socio-economic status matter? Exploring commonalities and differences in the construction of subjective well-being of children in a relational space of home and school in Istanbul. In Fattore T, Fegter S and Hunner-Kreisel C (eds.) *Children's concepts of well-being: Challenges in international comparative perspective*. Springer.

**Akkan B** (2018) Türkiye'de aileci refah rejiminin dönüşen çehresi: Engelli ve yaşlı bakım politikalarında devamlılık ve değişim, Osman Savaşkan ve Mehmet Ertan (der.) *Türkiye'nin Büyük Dönüşümü: Ayşe Buğra'ya Armağan*, İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları.

**Akkan B** ve Uyan-Semerci P (2014) Yurttaşlığın kırılma ve engelliler bağlamında ihtiyaçların yorumlanması siyaseti ve yeni bir yurttaşlık paradigması, Ayhan Kaya (der.) *Farklılıkların birlikteliği: Türkiye'de ve Avrupa'da bir arada yaşama tartışmaları*. İstanbul: Hiperlink Yayınları.

**Akkan E B**, Deniz B M ve Ertan M (2014) Yoksulluğun ve sosyal dışlanmanın Romanlaşması Betül Altuntaş (der.) *Dezavantajlı gruplar ve sosyal politika*. Ankara: Nobel Yayıncılık.

Uyan-Semerci P, Müderrisoğlu S, Karatay A, **Akkan E B** (2013) Well-being and children of internal migrant families in Istanbul In: Stephan M and Hunner-Kreisel C (eds.) *New spaces, new times – migration, social change and their impact on childhood and family*. Wiesbaden: VS-Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

Uyan-Semerci P, Müderrisoğlu S, Karatay A, **Akkan E B**, Kılıç Z, Oy B (2012) *Eşitsiz bir toplumda çocukluk [Childhood in an unequal society]*. İstanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları.

**Akkan E B** (2010) Sosyal hak talebi olarak bakım ihtiyacı [Care as a social right], Pınar Uyan (der.), *İnsan hakları ihlali olarak yoksulluk [Poverty as a human rights abuse]*. İstanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları.

## Research Reports

**Akkan B** and Serim S (2019) *Commodified care relations: Elderly people with disabilities and migrant care workers in Turkey*, country report- EU Horizon 2020 ETHOS project [https://ethos-europe.eu/sites/default/files/5.3\\_turkey.pdf](https://ethos-europe.eu/sites/default/files/5.3_turkey.pdf)

Buğra A and **Akkan B** (2019) *Discourses on minorities' (and vulnerable groups) access to education: Inclusionary and exclusionary aspects*-Deliverable report- EU Horizon 2020 ETHOS project [https://ethos-europe.eu/sites/default/files//docs/d4.3\\_website\\_report\\_complete.pdf](https://ethos-europe.eu/sites/default/files//docs/d4.3_website_report_complete.pdf)

**Akkan B** (2018) *Roma and representative justice in Turkey*, country report- EU Horizon 2020 ETHOS project <https://ethos-europe.eu/sites/default/files/ethosd5.2turkey.pdf>

Uyan-Semerci P, Müderrisoglu S, Karatay A Yakut-Çakar B and **Akkan B** (2013) *Child well-being document prepared for UNICEF and Turkish Republic Ministry of Social Development*.  
<http://www.sck.gov.tr/oecd/Child%20Well-Being%20Document.pdf>

**Akkan E B**, Ertan M, Deniz M, (2011) *Poverty and social exclusion of Roma in Turkey*. Istanbul: Punto Yayıncılık. [http://www.spf.boun.edu.tr/content\\_files/Roman\\_Kitap\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.spf.boun.edu.tr/content_files/Roman_Kitap_ENG.pdf)

Candaş A, **Akkan E B**, Günseli S, Deniz B M (2011) *Devlet ilköğretim okullarında parasız öğle yemeği sağlamak mümkün mü?* [Free Lunch at School], İstanbul: Açık Toplum Vakfı.  
[http://www.spf.boun.edu.tr/img/1439808432\\_spf\\_okulda\\_yemek\\_raporu.pdf](http://www.spf.boun.edu.tr/img/1439808432_spf_okulda_yemek_raporu.pdf)

**Akkan E B**, Çiftçi C, Karatay A (2009) *Çocuk yoksulluğu ile mücadelede toplum temelli yaklaşım: Çocuklar ile Aynı Çatı Altında Derneği* [Community-based model in tackling child poverty – The case of ÇAÇA-Kurdish NGO working with disadvantaged children] Diyarbakır: ÇAÇA.

**Akkan E B**, ve Karatay A (2007) *Romanlara yönelik sosyal politikalar* [Social Policies Targeting Roma Community in Turkey], İstanbul: SKYGD

**Ekim B** (2006) *Sivil Toplumun Kamu Politikalarına Etkisi* [The Impact of NGOs on Public Policies], Türkiye’de Sivil Toplum: Bir Değişim Süreci, TÜSEV

Müderrisoglu S and **Ekim B** (2006) *Child Poverty in Turkey*, desk review report prepared for UNICEF, Ankara.

### Other Articles

**Akkan E B** Çocuk refahı ve çocuk hakları [Child welfare and children’s rights], *Hukuk ve Adalet [Law and Justice]* 4-12, Fall 2007

**Akkan E B** Sosyal dışlanma ile mücadelede hak temelli yaklaşım: Avrupa Yoksulluk ile Mücadele Ağı [Rights based approach in advocating anti-poverty policies-The case of European Anti-Poverty Network], *TES-İŞ [Labour Union Journal]*, June 2007

**Ekim B** Avrupa Birliği sosyal içerme süreci ve AB ülkelerinde çocuk yardımı politikaları [European Union social inclusion process and child benefit policies in the EU countries], *TES-İŞ [Labour Union Journal]*, June 2005

**Ekim B** Çocuk yoksulluğu ve sosyal devlet [Child poverty and the welfare state], *Birikim*, April 2005.

### Newspaper Articles

“Çocuk istismarına karşı ciddi mücadele” [Fight against child abuse], *Birgün*, January 2008

“Haydi çocuklar kantine!” [Free lunch at school] *Radikal* 2, November 2007

“Sosyal dışlanma tehdidi altında Romanlar” [Roma community excluded] *Radikal 2*, July 2007

“Çocuklarımızı yutan şehirler” [Safety of children in cities], *Radikal 2*, April 2007

“Yoksulluk ile Mücadele Ağı genişliyor” [Anti-poverty network is expanding] *Radikal 2*, April 2006

“Çocuk yardımları” [Child benefits], *Radikal 2*, January 2006

## Selected Presentations and Invited Talks

*To what extent ECEC could tackle socio-economic disadvantages in an era of marketization? The prioritization of ECEC in Turkey in the 2000s*, 4<sup>th</sup> Transforming Care Conference, Changing Priorities: The making of care policy and practices, Copenhagen, Denmark, 24-26 June 2019. <http://www.transforming-care.net>

*Care as an inequality creating phenomenon: When gender and class intertwine with age, Young carers in the familialist care regime of Turkey*, Invited Talk, Old and New Inequalities: An Intersectional Perspective, University of Vechta, Germany, 18-19 June 2019.

*Ethos: Towards a European Theory of Justice and Fairness*, Invited Talk, Frontier Social Policy Research Symposium (activity of Emerging Welfare ([emw.ku.edu.tr](http://emw.ku.edu.tr)), ERC-funded research project), Koç University Istanbul, 1 March 2019

*Türkiye’de aileci refah rejiminin dönüşen çehresi: Engelli ve yaşlı bakım politikalarında devamlılık ve değişim*, Türkiye’nin Büyük Dönüşümü: Ayşe Buğra’ya Armağan Kitap Koferans, Boğaziçi University Istanbul, 22 February 2019

*How do children negotiate their well-being? Insights from Istanbul Study*, Research Meeting: Multinational Qualitative Study: Children’s Understandings of Well-being Global and Local Contexts” (CUWB), Zürich University, Zurich, 22-24 March 2018.

*Thinking through Children’s Spaces: How Children Conceptualize and Contextualize their Well-being*, 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators, Montreal, 28-30 June 2017.

*Children’s Subjective Construction of Well-Being Situated in a Social Location*, Research Meeting: Multinational Qualitative Study: Children’s Understandings of Well-being Global and Local Contexts” (CUWB), Technische Universität, Berlin, 9-10 December 2016.

*Bakım Yükü Olan Kız Çocukları [Young Female Carers]*, Invited Talk, Çalışan Kız Çocukları ve Eğitim Paneli, Aydın Doğan Vakfı (TESEV ile), Istanbul 28 April 2016.

*Bakım Etiği ve Saygı [Ethics of Care and Respect]*, Invited Talk, Birlikte Yaşamayı Konuşma Toplantıları, Bilgi University, İstanbul 6 April 2016.

*Children's Spaces in a Deprived Neighbourhood: A Qualitative Study on Child Well-Being in Turkey*, International and Interdisciplinary Conference: Exploring the Global Well-Being of Children and Youth: Methodological Challenges and Practices of Undertaking Qualitative Research on Well-Being from Multinational Perspective, Technische Universität, Berlin, 9-11 July 2015.

*Contested Boundaries of the Welfare Mix of Care in Turkey: Supported Familialism in a Mediterranean Context*, Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum Workshop on Contemporary Challenges to Social Policy, Boğaziçi University İstanbul, 5-6 June 2015.

*Okul Yemeğinin Çocukların Eğitim Çıktıları Üzerine Etkisi [Impact of School Lunch on Educational Outcomes]*, Invited Talk, Eğitim Politikaları Semineri, Eğitim Reformu Girişimi, Minerva Han İstanbul, 26 March 2014.

*Roma Topluluklar için Bütünlüklü Sosyal Politikalar Geliştirme Projesi Rapor Sunumu [Social Policies for Roma Community]*, Roma Topluluklar için Sosyal Politikalar Konferansı, organized by Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Sosyal Politika Forumu ve EDROM, Cezayir Konferans Salonu, İstanbul, 16-17 December 2011.

*Developing Child Well-Being Indicators for Turkey*, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators, University of York, 27-29 July 2011.

*Roma's Access to Social Services (Education and Health)*, Invited Talk, Seminar on Roma Citizens in Turkey organized by the European Commission-Secretariat General for EU Affairs in cooperation with Turkish Prime Ministry, Point Hotel, İstanbul, 15-16 December 2010.

*Sosyal Haklar ve Avrupa Sosyal Modeli [Social Rights and European Social Model]*, Invited Talk, Üniversite Gençliği ve Sosyal Haklar Konferansı, İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi STK Eğitim ve Araştırma Birimi, Sürmeli Oteli, Ankara 3-4 November 2007

## **Courses Taught**

-Care Policies in a Comparative Perspective (72 hours per term)  
Graduate Program in Social Policy, Fall 2016; Spring 2017, 2018, 2019

-Politics of Childhood  
Graduate Program in Social Policy, Spring 2016, Fall 2017 (72 hours per term)

-New Paradigms in Social Policy- Focus on Social Investment Paradigm (72 hours per term)  
Graduate Program in Social Policy, Fall 2018

-Gender and Social Policy

to be thought in Fall 2019

## Voluntary Work

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| -Board member of the Women Fund<br>KAGIDER-Women Entrepreneurs Association  | 2004-2006 |
| -Board Member of SKYGD (NGO working with socially excluded children)  | 2006-2008 |
| -Hosted a radio program at Açık Radyo (public access radio station)<br><a href="http://acikradyo.com.tr">http://acikradyo.com.tr</a><br>Name of the program: Meleğin Gör Dediği [Making visible the invisible]<br>Topic: Activism and grassroots NGOs | 2006-2008 |
| -Member of the Roma Education Fund (Scholarship Committee) in Turkey<br>Funded by the Open Society Institute  | 2008-2013 |

## Languages

Turkish (native)  
English (fluent)  
French (reading competency)