

# Gülce Şafak ÖZDEMİR

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

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As a political sociologist, I study the complex relationships between political structures, social phenomena, and marginalized communities. My particular focus is on the intersection of irregular migration and urban settings, and how intersectional power dynamics shape the experiences of migrants in cities. Through my work, I aim to identify strategies for creating more inclusive and just urban environments for all residents, regardless of their migration status.

## EDUCATION

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09/2018–11/2023

**Universitat Pompeu Fabra | Barcelona, Spain**

**Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences**

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Matthias vom Hau

Thesis Title: Cities in Action: Comparing Local Responses to Irregular Migrants in Europe

Thesis Committee members: Prof. Dr. Anna Triandafyllidou, Prof. Dr. Martin Bak Jørgensen, Prof. Dr. Blanca Garcès Mascareñas

09/2016 – 08/2018

**Universitat Pompeu Fabra | Barcelona, Spain**

**Master of Science in Migration Studies**

Thesis Title: Solidarity Building in Practice: Exploring Barcelona as a Case Study

09/2011 – 08/2016

**Boğaziçi University | Istanbul, Türkiye**

**Bachelor Degree in Political Science and International Relations**

## RESEARCH MOBILITY

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04/2023 – 04/2023

**Aalborg University, Department of Culture and Learning | Aalborg, Denmark**

Liason supervisor: Prof. Dr. Martin Bak Jørgensen

09/2022 – 12/2022

**Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity | Göttingen, Germany**

Liason supervisor: Prof. Dr. Steven Vertovec

03/2022 – 06/2022

**European University Institute | Florence, Italy**

Liason supervisor: Prof. Dr. Elias Dinas

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

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- Özdemir, G. Ş. (2023). Intersectional (In)Visibility: Experiences of Irregular Migrants in Barcelona. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2023.2298351>
- Özdemir, G. Ş. (2022). Urban solidarity typology: A comparison of European cities since the crisis of refuge in 2015. *Cities*, 130, 103976. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2022.103976>

### Book Chapters

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- Bruce, B., Correia, T., and Özdemir, G.Ş. (2023). Sanctuary. In: Sellers, M., Kirste, S. (eds) *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*. Springer, Dordrecht. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-007-6730-0\\_1132-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-007-6730-0_1132-1)
- Faustini Torres, L., and Özdemir, G.Ş. (Accepted). June Journeys: Exploring Intersecting Pathways of Political Participation of Brazilian and Turkish Migrants in Barcelona. In: Yurdakul G., Beaman J., Mügge L., Scuzzarello S. and Sunanta S. (eds). *The Oxford Handbook of Intersectional Approaches to Migration, Gender, and Sexuality*

### Book Reviews

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- Özdemir, G. Ş. (2023). Refugees in New Destinations and Small Cities Resettlement in Vermont, by P. Bose. Springer Nature, 2020, 267 pp. *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*, 39(1), 1–3. <https://doi.org/10.25071/1920-7336.41105>

### Policy Papers

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- Zapata Barrero, R.; Melkonian, K.; Özdemir, G. Ş. (2019). Climate change, environmental degradation and Mediterranean migration: premises for shaping future policies. *EuroMedMig Policy Paper Series* (1) <http://hdl.handle.net/10230/43617>

### Work in Progress

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- Özdemir, G. Ş. and Piserevskaya, A. (Under Review) Why do some European cities have inclusive policies for irregular migrants and others do not? Qualitative comparative analysis of municipal activism in 13 European global cities. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*
- Özdemir, G. Ş. (In Preparation) Translocal Sanctuary Dynamics: Intersecting Identities of Irregular Migrants in Barcelona

## TEACHING

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10/2023 – 02/2024

**Lecturer | Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals(IBEI) | Barcelona, Spain**

Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (Graduate)

10/2022 – 02/2023

**Teaching Assistant | IBEI | Barcelona, Spain**

Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (Graduate)

10/2021 – 02/2022

**Teaching Assistant | IBEI | Barcelona, Spain**

Comparative Politics and Democratization (Graduate)

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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09/2023 – Ongoing

**Researcher | Autonomous University of Barcelona | Barcelona, Spain**

Data Analysis for European Research Council (ERC) Project with the title of Migration and Democratic Diffusion (MIGRADEMO)

09/2022 – 08/2023

**Research Assistant | IBEI | Barcelona, Spain**

Data Collection for European Research Council (ERC) Project with the title of States, Nationalism, and the Relationship between Ethnic Diversity and Public Goods Provision (ETHNICGOODS)

10/2021 – 07/2022

**Consultant | United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics (UNU-WIDER) | Helsinki, Finland**

Data Collection, coding, and reporting on the database of affirmative action policies for ethnic and religious minorities for Addressing group-based inequalities Project

09/2022 – 10/2022

**Consultant | European University Institute | Florence, Italy**

Data collection and coding for residence-based and spousal naturalisation from 1960 to 2022 in Turkmenistan for GLOBALCIT

03/2019 – 02/2020

**Research Assistant | European Mediterranean Migration(EuroMedMig) | Barcelona, Spain**

Data collection in the nexus between migration governance, integration and Mediterranean Cities; communication with project partners

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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- Co-Chair of the Immigration Research Network of Council for European Studies (CES) [01/08/2022 – Ongoing]
- Affiliated Researcher of the Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity and Hospitality in Global Perspective (Toronto Metropolitan University) [01/10/2021 – Ongoing]
- Affiliated Researcher to Local Responses to Precarious Migrants in Spanish Cities (MUNMIGRA) (UPF). [01/10/2023 – Ongoing]
- Member, IMISCOE Standing Committee “Methodological Approaches and Tools in Migration Research” [ 05/02/2021 – Ongoing]
- Member, ECPR Standing Group on Local Government and Politics [ 10/05/2020 – Ongoing]
- Organisation team in the PhD Network Group in International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) [01/09/2019 – 01/09/2022]
- Co-coordinator of progress sessions Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration (GRITIM) at the UPF [01/09/2018 – 01/03/2020]
- Organisation team member, IMISCOE Annual Conference 2018 (UPF) [01/05/2018-01/07/2018]

## TRAINING

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- CITI Program, Human Subject Research Link: <https://www.citiprogram.org/verify/?w8e658283-bbec-480d-92b3-698fb87cc105-40362897> [ 01/09/2021 – 01/09/2024 ]
- NVivo for Qualitative Data Analysis Course in Pompeu Fabra University [ 15/02/2022 – 19/02/2022 ]
- Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) Course in the 2021 Winter School of European Consortium for Political Research(ECPR)(Virtual) [ 15/03/2021 – 19/03/2021]
- Process Tracing and QCA course in Universitat Pompeu Fabra(Spain)(Virtual) [ 15/02/2021 – 19/02/2021 ]
- Research Gym on Qualitative Interviews in Ryerson University (Canada)(Virtual) [ 02/06/2020 ]
- Getting your research work known: How to write an effective policy brief in Ryerson University (Canada) (Virtual)[ 23/10/2020 ]
- Course in R in RECSM Summer School in Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain)(Virtual) [ 21/06/2020 ]
- Summer school on the Securitization of “Undocumented Migrants” and Empowerment Activities of Civil Organisations. [ 03/07/2022 – 09/07/2022 ]

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

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- Özdemir, G. S. (Academic). (2023). Ask a researcher - Gülce Safak Özdemir [Video]. Sage Research Methods. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781529670134>
- Interview with [EuropeNow](#), November 2022
- Interview with [La Vanguardia](#), October 2020

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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**City Initiative on Migrants with Irregular Status in Europe (C-MISE), University of Oxford (By invitation)**  
[ [Online, 10/10/2023](#) ]

(In)Visibility Paradox: Irregular Migrants as Urban Citizens in Barcelona

**ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) Annual Conference 2023**

[ [Prague, 04/09/2023 – 08/07/2023](#) ]

Panel: Friends, foes or both? Civil society actors and city governments in the battleground of EU migration policy

Title: Why Cities Adopt Inclusive Policies for Irregular Migrants? Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) of 13 European Cities

Panel: Migration Governance Beyond the Nation-State

Title: (In)Visibility Paradox: Irregular Migrants as Urban Citizens in Barcelona

**IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network) Annual Conference 2023**

[ [Warsaw, 03/07/2023 – 06/07/2023](#) ]

Panel: Undocumented migrants and negotiations of urban citizenship in Europe

Title: Why Cities Adopt Inclusive Policies for Irregular Migrants? Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) of 13 European Cities

Panel: Discrimination and inequalities: Personal experiences of discrimination and exclusion

Title: A tale of a city of refuge: Opportunities and Challenges of Irregular migrants in Barcelona

**Council for European Studies-Twenty-Ninth International Conference of Europeanists**

[ [Reykjavik, 27/06/2023 – 29/06/2023](#) ]

Panel: Everyday Lives of Refugees and Irregular Migrants in the State of Regulations

Title: (In)Visibility Paradox: Irregular Migrants as Urban Citizens in Barcelona

Panel: Multi-Level Perspectives on Immigrant Integration in Western Europe

Title: Why Cities Adopt Inclusive Policies for Irregular Migrants? Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) of 13 European Cities

**European Sociology Association (ESA) Rn37, Midterm Conference, Seeing Like a City / Seeing the City Through** [ [Berlin, 05/10/2022 – 07/10/2022](#) ]

Session 25. Solidarity With Precarious Migrants in The City: Alliances, Frames and Practices

Title: Urban Solidarity Typology: Comparison of Local Responses to the Crisis of Refuge of Europe in 2015

**Inclusive Citizenship as Belongings, Practices and Acts Conference of The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)** [ [Hannover, 29/09/2022 – 01/10/2022](#) ]

Panel: Gender, Migration, and Citizenship I

Title: The Quest for Re-rooting in Barcelona: Everyday Life of Illegalized Migrants in the City of Refuge

**American Political Science Association (APSA)** [ [Montreal-Canada, 16/09/2022 – 19/09/2022](#) ]

Division 52: Migration & Citizenship Session

Title: Multi-Level Politics: Immigrant Sanctuary and Free Movement

Paper Title: Living in Legal Limbo: Undocumented Migrants in Barcelona

**American Political Science Association (APSA)** [ [Montreal, 16/09/2022 – 19/09/2022](#) ]

Emerging Scholars Symposium: Lightning Rounds

**Ordinary Cities in Exceptional Times- Research Committee 21 (RC21) on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association** [ [Athens, 25/08/2022 – 28/08/2022](#) ]

Section: Urban Migrant Citizenship under Covid Pandemic

Panel: Migrants' Perspectives

Title: Living in legal limbo: Challenges and opportunities to live in a "Refuge City" for undocumented migrants

**Council for European Studies-Twenty-Eighth International Conference of Europeanists The Environment of Democracy** [[Lisbon, 29/06/2022 – 01/07/2022](#)]

Panel: Migrant Rights Activism and Legal Support: Contestation or Conformation?

Title: Urban Solidarity Typology: Comparison of Local Responses to the “Refuge Crisis” of Europe in 2015

**IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network) Annual Conference 2022**

[[Virtual, 29/06/2022 – 01/07/2022](#)]

Title: Living in Legal Limbo: Challenges and Opportunities to live in a "Refuge City" for Undocumented migrants

**"Beyond Cities of Refuge" Conference** [[Middelburg, 30/05/2022 – 31/05/2022](#)]

Panel: Local authorities and civil society: Partners, competitors, strangers (or all at once)?

Title: Urban Solidarity Typology: Comparison of Local Responses to the “Refuge Crisis” of Europe in 2015

**Welcoming Migrants in the City: Interrogating Urban Policy and Civic Action** [[Toulouse, 12/05/2022 – 13/05/2022](#)]

Panel: Experimentation, Migrant Agency and Welcoming Initiatives

Title: Living in legal limbo: Opportunities and challenges for undocumented migrants in Barcelona

**Migration, Crime and Citizenship Midterm conference of the Working group ‘Immigration, Crime and Citizenship’ of the European Society of Criminology, Erasmus University Rotterdam** [[Rotterdam, 22/03/2022-23/03/2023](#)]

Panel: The everyday impact of immigration systems

Paper Title: A tale of a city of refuge: Opportunities and Challenges of Irregular migrants in Barcelona

**Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) - 26th Annual World Convention** [[Virtual, 04/05/2021 – 07/05/2021](#)]

Panel: Global Perspectives on Integration of Refugees and Migrant

Title: Urban Solidarity Typology: Comparison of Local Responses to the “Refuge Crisis” of Europe in 2015

**Swiss Congress of Political Science 2022** [[Virtual, 03/02/2022 – 04/02/2022](#)]

Panel: SPSA Annual Congress 2022

Title: Typology of solidarity Cities: Local Responses in the Refugee Crisis

**Società Italiana di Scienza Politica-SISP- Conference 2021** [[Virtual, 09/09/2021 – 11/09/2021](#)]

Panel: The Local Politics of Migration. Parties, Policies and Public Opinion

Title: Typology of Solidarity Cities: Local Responses in the Refugee Crisis

**15th Conference of the European Sociological Association** [[Virtual, 31/08/2021 – 03/09/2021](#)]

RN35 - Sociology of Migration

Title: Typology of Solidarity Cities Across Europe

**20th General Conference of The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)** [[Virtual, 30/08/2021 – 03/09/2021](#)]

Section: Local Government in a Challenged World

Panel: Citizens, Cities, and Civil Society

Title: Solidarity City Typology

**20th General Conference of The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)**

[[Virtual, 30/08/2021 – 03/09/2021](#)]

Section: International Migration: Challenges for Politics, Governance, and Society

Panel: Immigrant integration and local actors: more than friends out of necessity

Title: Solidarity City Typology

**5th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5)**

[[Barcelona, 05/07/2021 – 09/07/2021](#)]

Sanctuary Cities across Space and Time: Public Policy Perspectives

Paper Title: Typology of Solidarity Cities

**Refuge Europe - A Question of Solidarity CEASEVAL Final Conference** [[Chemnitz University of Technology \(Chemnitz, 01/10/2019 – 02/10/2019\)](#)]

Paper Title: Understanding political opportunities for solidarity.

## GRANTS

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### **In-House Grant (2018-2023)**

Granting Institution/Organization: Pompeu Fabra University  
Amount: €3,200.00 for travel and accommodation

### **In-House Grant (2021-2023)**

Granting Institution/Organization: ETHNICGOODS  
Amount: € 4,000.00 for travel and accommodation

### **In-House Grant (2023)**

Granting Institution/Organization: Pompeu Fabra University  
Amount: €800.00 for editing

### **Confronting European pasts in the present (2023)**

Granting Institution/Organization: TU Berlin  
Amount: €500 for travel and accommodation

### **Research Stay (2023)**

Granting Institution/Organization: University of Aalborg  
Amount: €1500 for travel and accommodation

### **Migration, Crime and Citizenship Midterm conference of the Working group ‘Immigration, Crime and Citizenship’ of the European Society of Criminology (2023)**

Granting Institution: Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Amount: €500 for travel and accommodation

### **International Conference: Inclusive Citizenship as Belongings, Practices and Acts (2022)**

Granting Institution/Organization: Leibniz University Hannover  
Amount: €500 for travel and accommodation

### **Summer School for the Securitization of “Undocumented Migrants” and Empowerment Activities of Civil Organisations (2022)**

Granting Institution/Organization: SECUREU Jean Monet Network  
Amount: Accommodation provided and €500 reimbursement for travel

### **Editing Grant (2022)**

Granting Institution/Organization: The Laura Bassi Scholarship  
Amount: partial fee waivers up to 25%

### **APSA Travel Grant (2022)**

Granting Institution: American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Amount: \$400.00 for travel and accommodation

### **Cities of Refuge Final Conference (2022)**

Granting Institution/Organization: Utrecht University  
Amount: €1500 euro for travel and accommodation

### **Welcoming Migrants in the City: Interrogating Urban Policy and Civic Action (2022)**

Granting Institution/Organization: Université Toulouse  
Amount: €1000 for travel and accommodation

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

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- **Software:** Windows operating systems; Rstudio, NVIVO, ATLAS.TI, MAXQDA, LATEX
- **Designing, Building and Operating Complex Equipment:** extensively experienced with data acquisition, Ethics on Human Subjects (e.g., CITI Program)
- **Management and Administration** workshop organisation (e.g., IMISCOE 2018 in Barcelona)

## **LANGUAGES**

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- Turkish, Native
- English, Professional
- Spanish, Conversational

## **REFERENCES**

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References are available upon request.