

# Dr. Emre Amasyalı

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## EDUCATION

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### McGill University

Montreal, Canada

*PhD in Sociology*

2014 – 2020

- Thesis Title: *The Fight for Eden: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Historical Educational Competition and its Legacies*
- Advisors: Prof. Matthew Lange (Main) & Prof. John Hall
- Winner of the Arts Insight Dissertation Award for the best dissertation of 2021 in the Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts, McGill University

### University of Oxford

Oxford, United Kingdom

*MSc in Sociology*

2011 – 2012

- Thesis Title: *From Periphery to the Centre: The Increasing Pragmatism of Political Islam in Turkey*

### Queen's University

Kingston, Canada

*BA (Honors) in Political Science and History*

2007 – 2011

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Institut Barcelona D'Estudis Internacionals

Barcelona, Spain

*Postdoctoral Research Fellow*

2021 – Present

- Project: *ETHNICGOODS: States, Nationalism, and the Relationship Between Ethnic Diversity and Public Goods Provision*, funded by a European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] A. van den Berg & **Emre Amasyalı** (2025). [What Do We Need "Agency" For? A Critical Analysis of Reasons for the Use of "Agency" in Sociology](#). *Current Perspective in Social Theory*, Accepted.
- [2] **Emre Amasyalı** & A. van den Berg (2025). [What Do We Use "Agency" For? A Critical Empirical Examination of Its Uses in the Sociological Literature](#). *Current Perspective in Social Theory*, Accepted.
- [3] A. van den Berg & **Emre Amasyalı** (2025). [Why Do We Need to Discuss Agency?](#) *Current Perspective in Social Theory*, Accepted.
- [4] **Emre Amasyalı** & J.A. Hall (2022). [War as the Catalyst of Nationalism](#). *Thesis Eleven*, 173(1), 3–23.
- [5] **Emre Amasyalı** (2022). [Indigenous Responses to Protestant Missionaries: Educational Competition and Economic Development in Ottoman Turkey](#). *European Journal of Sociology*, 63(1), 39–86.
- [6] **Emre Amasyalı** (2022). [Protestant Missionary Education and the Diffusion of Women's Education in Ottoman Turkey: A Historical GIS Analysis](#). *Social Science History*, 46(1), 173–222.
- [7] Matthew Lange, **Emre Amasyalı** & T. Jeong (2021). [Communalizing Colonial Policies and Postcolonial Ethnic Warfare: A Multimethod Analysis of the British Empire](#). *European Journal of Sociology*, 62(3), 337–379.
- [8] Matthew Lange, T. Jeong & **Emre Amasyalı** (2021). [The Colonial Origins of Ethnic Warfare? Re-examining the Impact of British and French Colonialism](#). *Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 62(2), 141–165.
- [9] **Emre Amasyalı** (2020). [Missionary Influence and Nationalist Reactions: The Case of Armenian Ottomans](#). *Nationalities Papers*, 49(3), 523–541.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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<b>Juan de la Cierva Postdoctoral Scholarship</b> <i>Institut Barcelona D'Estudis Internacionals</i>	January 2024 – December 2025 €84,000
<b>Research Incentivisation Award</b> <i>Institut Barcelona Estudis Internacionals</i>	September 2022 €1,320
<b>Faculty of Arts Insight Dissertation Award</b> <i>McGill University</i>	April 2021
<b>Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award</b> <i>McGill University</i>	April 2017
<b>SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship</b> <i>Social Science and Humanities Research Council</i>	September 2017 – 2019 CAD 40,000
<b>Graduate Mobility Award (GMA)</b> <i>McGill University</i>	December 2017 CAD 1,600
<b>Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel (GREAT) Award</b> <i>McGill University</i>	December 2017 CAD 800
<b>Best Doctoral Student Paper Award</b> <i>Association for the Study of Nationalities</i>	April 2016
<b>Oswald Hall Prize in Sociology</b> <i>Department of Sociology, McGill University</i>	May 2015 CAD 350
<b>First Class Honors for Political and Civil Conflict Paper</b> <i>University of Oxford</i>	2014
<b>Dean's High Honors List</b> <i>Queen's University</i>	2011
<b>Academic All-Canadian</b> <i>Queen's University</i>	May 2009

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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- [1] **Closer to the Source: Examining the Role of Cultural Status Inequalities in Civil Wars.** Conference presentation at the 119th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada. August 2024.
- [2] **Varieties of Nation-Building: A Conceptual Framework and New Dataset.** Conference presentation at the 119th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada. August 2024.
- [3] **Varieties of Diversity Governance: Towards a New Nation-Building Typology and Dataset.** Conference presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York, NY. May 2023.
- [4] **Tracing Varieties of Diversity Governance: The Nation-Building Policies Dataset (NBP).** Conference presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), Loughborough University, United Kingdom. April 2023.
- [5] **Defeat in War and Defensive Modernisation.** Conference presentation at IBEI Security Symposium 2023, Barcelona, Spain. February 2023.
- [6] **Education as a Window at Nation-Building: An Overview of the Nation-Building Policies (NBP) Dataset.** Invited presentation at the Oxford workshop on "Innovations in Education Data," Magdalen College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. October 2022.

- [7] **The Fight for Eden: A GIS Analysis of Historical Educational Competition.** Invited presentation at the Indian Ocean World Center (IOWC), McGill University, Montreal, Canada. February 2020.
- [8] **Battle for the Souls: A Historical GIS Analysis of Historical Educational Competition and its Legacies in Ottoman Anatolia.** Conference presentation at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, USA. November 2019.
- [9] **Reframing the Missionary Impact: Educational Competition and the Origins of Economic Development in Turkey.** Conference presentation at the 2nd Annual Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA. May 2019.
- [10] **Vulnerable yet Free: Non-Colonialism and Strategies of Ethnic Conflict.** Conference presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom. April 2019.
- [11] **British Colonialism, Nation-Building, and Nationalist Violence: Integrating Colonial and Precolonial Explanations.** Conference presentation at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, USA (w/ Matthew Lange and Amm Quamruzzaman). August 2018.
- [12] **What Do We Use 'Agency' For? A Critical Empirical Examination of Its Uses in the Sociological Literature.** Conference presentation at the 11th Annual Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociology (INAS), Stanford University, CA, USA (with Axel van den Berg). June 2018.
- [13] **Securing the Nation: Patterns of Crisis and Reform from Empire to Nation-State.** Conference presentation at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Montreal, Canada. November 2017.
- [14] **Nationalism after Empire: An Exploration of the Exclusionary Roots of Reform Nationalism.** Conference presentation at the 22nd Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA. April 2017.
- [15] **Boundaries of Intrusion: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Colonialism and State Building.** Conference presentation at the Civil War Seminar, McGill University, Montreal, Canada. September 2016.
- [16] **From Tension to War: A Fuzzy-Set Analysis on Levels of Civil Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa.** Conference presentation at the 3rd International Sociology Association (ISA) Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria (with Mehri Ghazanjani). July 2016.
- [17] **Crypto-Colonies and Self-Determination Movements.** Abstract accepted for oral presentation at the 24th World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), Istanbul, Turkey. August 2016.
- [18] **Fighting Over or Against the State: Colonialism, Non-Colonialism, and Strategies of Ethnic Conflict.** Conference presentation at the 21st Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA. April 2015.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Historical Legacies and Development**

*Institut Barcelona D'Estudis Internacionals*

Winter 2023, 2024

*Barcelona, Spain*

### **Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict**

*Institut Barcelona D'Estudis Internacionals*

Fall 2021

*Barcelona, Spain*

### **Educational and Inequality**

*McGill University*

January 2020

*Montreal, Canada*

### **Sociological Perspectives**

*McGill University*

Summer 2019, Fall 2021

*Montreal, Canada*

## Development and Underdevelopment

McGill University

Winter 2018, 2021

Montreal, Canada

## Sociological Theory

McGill University

Fall 2016, 2018

Montreal, Canada

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### War and Nationalism (PI: Prof. John Hall)

Research Assistant

McGill University

2020 – 2022

- Conducted detailed case study analysis exploring the interplay between nationalism and the disintegration of land-based Eurasian empires.

### Nationalist Movements Explained (PI: Prof. Maurice Pinard)

Research Assistant

McGill University

2018 – 2021

- Compiled and analyzed electoral data from over 10 countries to support the research.

### What do we need agency for? (PI: Prof. Axel van den Berg)

Research Assistant

McGill University

2014 – 2020

- Developed a dataset of over 300 scholarly articles to evaluate the usage of the concept "agency" in empirical social science studies.

### Legacies of Recognition and Division (PI: Prof. Matthew Lange)

Research Assistant

McGill University

2014 – 2020

- Conducted mixed-method, cross-national research to investigate historical precursors of ethnic conflict, contributing statistical analysis to two research papers.

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Tools:** STATA, R, LaTeX, ArcGIS, Excel

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## LANGUAGES

- **English:** Native
- **Turkish:** Native
- **Spanish:** Intermediate
- **French:** Elementary
- **Ottoman Turkish:** Elementary

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for the Study of Nationalities (2015 – Present)
- Social Science History Association (2017 – Present)
- American Sociological Association (2018 – Present)
- Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) (2019 – Present)