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Education:

1998—2004 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Ph. D. in History

1998—1999 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

M.A. in History

1994—1998 American University in Bulgaria (AUBG)

B.A. in History and Southeast European Studies

Work Experience:

2023-present Professor

Historical Studies Department, Central European University

2011-2023 Associate Professor

Medieval Studies Department, Central European University

(maternity leave Winter 2013)

2009-2011 Assistant Professor

Medieval Studies Department, Central European University

2006-2009Assistant Professor

Department of History, Pennsylvania State University

2004-2006 A. W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Northwestern University

# Major Grants and Awards

Spring 2024 Elected [Member](https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Member/Krstic_Tijana) of the *Academia Europaea* (Section History & Archaeology)

2023-2028 Board of Directors of the Cluster of Excellence “[Eurasian Transformations](https://eurasiantransformations.univie.ac.at/),” funded by the Austrian Research Foundation (FWF)—cooperation between the Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Vienna, CEU and University of Innsbruck

2015-2022 European Research Council, Consolidator Grant

“The Fashioning of a Sunni Orthodoxy and the Entangled Histories of Confession Building in the Ottoman Empire, 15th-17th Centuries” (OTTOCONFESSION; Project ID: 648498)

Project website: <https://cems.ceu.edu/publications>

2019-2020 Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

June 2017 Distinguished Teaching Award, Central European University

May 2017 Invited Visiting Professor at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) in Paris, France

November 2009 The Ömer Lütfi Barkan Article Prize, 2008-10, awarded by the Turkish Studies Association for the article “Illuminated by the Light of Islam and the Glory of the Ottoman Sultanate: Self-Narratives of Conversion to Islam in the Age of Confessionalization,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 51/1 (2009): 35-63.

2009-2010 American Research Institute in Turkey/NEH Fellowship

2009-2010 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship

**Publications**

Monographs:

Manuscript in progress: *Ottoman Politics of Piety in the Confessional Age*

*Contested Conversions to Islam: Narratives of Religious Change and Communal Politics in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire* (Stanford University Press, 2011)

(Turkish translation: *Osmanlı Dünyasında İhtida Anlatıları, 15.-17. Yüzyıllar* (Istanbul: Kitabevi Yayınevi, 2015))

Edited Volumes:

*Ottoman Communities in the Confessional Age: A Sourcebook*, edited by T. Krstić, D. Terzioǧlu, P. Ivanova and M. Misevic (Gorgias Press, forthcoming 2024)

*Entangled Confessionalizations? Dialogic Perspectives on the Politics of Piety and Community-Building in the Ottoman Empire, 15th–18th centuries,* edited by Tijana Krstić and Derin Terzioǧlu(Gorgias Press, 2022)

*Historicizing Sunni Islam in the Ottoman Empire, c. 1450-c. 1750*, edited by Tijana Krstić and Derin Terzioǧlu (Brill, 2020)

Articles and Book Chapters

“Was Religion That Relevant?,” with Mercedes García-Arenal, *Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South and North of the Mediterraean (1350-1750)*, edited by Antonio Urquízar-Herrera, Borja Franco and Elena Paulino (Brill, forthcoming)

“A Catechizing Grand Vizier—Lütfi Pasha (d. 1563) and the Politics of Sunni Confession Building in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire,” in *Agents of Faith in the Ottoman Balkans,* edited by Rossitsa Gradeva (ISIS Press, forthcoming)

“İbrāhīm Efendi (d. 1697), an Ottoman Scribe Turned Dominican Monk, and His Library between Constantinople and Venice,” *Buyurdum ki—Festschrift Claudia Römer*, ed. Y. Köse, H. Çelik, G. Prochaska (Brill, 2023), 679-716.

“‘Confessionalization’ of Sunni Islam? Utility and Limits of the Concept in the Early Modern Ottoman Context,” in *Einheit und Vielheit – Europa pluralisieren?*, Vol. I/2 (“Ordnungsmodelle und Pluralisierung”), ed. Irene Dingel (Veröffentlichungen des Instituts für Europäische Geschichte, Mainz, 2022), pp. 47-61.

“Introduction” in T. Krstić and D. Terzioğlu eds., *Entangled Confessionalizations? Dialogic Perspectives on the Politics of Piety and Community Building in the Ottoman Empire, 15th–18th centuries*(Gorgias Press, 2022), pp. 1-24.

“Can We Speak of ‘Confessionalization’ beyond the Reformation? Ottoman Communities, Politics of Piety, and Empire Building in an Early Modern Eurasian Perspective,” in T. Krstić and D. Terzioğlu eds., *Entangled Confessionalizations? Dialogic Perspectives on the Politics of Piety and Community Building in the Ottoman Empire, 15th–18th centuries*(Gorgias Press, 2022), pp. 25-116.

“Afterword,” in Kostas Sarris, Nikolas Pissis and Miltos Pechlivanos (eds), *Confessionalization and/as Knowledge Transfer in the Greek Orthodox Church*, εκδόσεις (Harrassowitz, 2021), 391-400.

“Historicizing the Study of Sunni Islam in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire,” in *Historicizing Sunni Islam in the Ottoman Empire, c. 1450-c. 1750*, co-edited with Derin Terzioglu (Brill, 2020), 1-27.

"*You Must Know Your Faith in Detail*: On the Role of Knowledge and Boundaries of Belief in Ottoman Catechisms from the Age of Confessional Polarization," in *Historicizing Sunni Islam in the Ottoman Empire, c. 1450-c. 1750*, co-edited with Derin Terzioglu (Brill, 2020), 155-195.

“State and Religion, ‘Sunnitization’ and ‘Confessionalism’ in Süleyman’s time,” in P. Fodor, ed., *The Battle for Central Europe: The Siege of Szigetvar and the Death of Suleyman the Magnificent and Miklos Zrinyi (1566)* (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Brill, 2019), 65-91.

“From *Shahāda* to ‘*Aqīda*: Conversion to Islam, Catechization, and Sunnitization in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Rumeli,” in A.C.S. Peacock (ed.), *Islamisation: Comparative Perspectives from History* (Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press, 2017), 296-314.

“Towards a Dialogic Approach: Reflections on Theoretical and Methodological Desiderata in Future Research on Conversion to Islam in the Ottoman Empire”, in *Conversions a l’islam en Asie Mineure, dans les Balkans, et dans le monde musulman*, edited by Philippe Gelez and Gilles Grivaud (École française d’Athènes: Athens, 2016), 245-263.

“New Directions in the Study of Conversion to Islam in Ottoman Rumeli, 14th – 17th Centuries – Reconsidering Methods, Theories and Terminology,” *The Ottoman Conquest of the Balkans—Interpretations and Research Debates*, edited by Oliver J. Schmitt (Austrian Academy of Sciences, 2016), 167-188.

“Reading Abdallah b. Abdallah Tarjuman’s *Tuhfa* (1420)in the Ottoman Empire: Muslim-Christian Polemics and Intertextuality in the Age of Confessionalization,” *Al-Qantara* 36/2 (2015): 341-401.

“Islam and Muslims in Early Modern Europe,” in *Oxford Handbook of Early Modern European History*, *1350-1750*, *Vol. I: Peoples & Places*, edited by Hamish Scott (Oxford: Oxford U. Press, 2015), 670-693.

“Introduction” to the special issue on “Cross-Confessional Diplomacy and Diplomatic Intermediaries in the Early Modern Mediterranean” (with Maartje van Gelder), *Journal of Early Modern History* 19 (2015): 93-105

“The Elusive Intermediaries: Moriscos in Ottoman and Western European Diplomatic Sources from Constantinople, 1570s-1630s,” *Journal of Early Modern History* 19 (2015): 129-151

“Moriscos in Ottoman Galata, 1609-1620s.” In *Expulsion of the Moriscos from Spain*. Edited by M. Garcia-Arenal and G. Wiegers. 269-285. Brill, 2014. (also appeared as“Los Moriscos en Estambul.” In *Los Moriscos. La expulción y después*, edited by Mercedes García-Arenal and Gerard Albert Wiegers. 257-273. Valencia: Servicio de Publicaciones de Valencia, 2013.)

“Contesting Subjecthood and Sovereignty in Ottoman Galata in the Age of Confessionalization: Moriscos and the *Carazo* Affair, 1613-1617,” *Oriente Moderno* 93/2 (2013): 420-451

# “Conversion and Converts to Islam in Ottoman Historiography of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries.” In *Writing History at the Ottoman Court—Editing the Past, Fashioning the Future*. Edited by E. Fetvacı and E. Çipa. 58-79. Indiana University Press, 2013.

# (also appeared in Turkish as: “On beş ve on altıncı yüzyıllar Osmanlı tarihyazımında islama dönme (*ihtida*) ve dönmeler (*mühtediler*),” E. Çipa ve E. Fetvacı, haz., *Osmanlı Sarayında Tarih Yazımı* (Tarih Vakfı Yurt Yayınları, 2014), 69-95.)

“The Ambiguous Politics of “Ambiguous Sanctuaries”: F. Hasluck and Historiography on Syncretism and Conversion to Islam in 15th - and 16th-century Ottoman Rumeli” in *Archaeology, Anthropology and Heritage in the Balkans and Anatolia:*  *The Life and Times of F. W. Hasluck*, edited by D. Shankland, Vol. 3. 245-262. Isis Press: Istanbul, 2013.

"Of Translation and Empire: Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Imperial Interpreters (Dragomans) as Renaissance Go-Betweens." In *The Ottoman World,* edited by Christine Woodhead. 130-142. New York: Routledge, 2011.

“Illuminated by the Light of Islam and the Glory of the Ottoman Sultanate: Narratives of Conversion to Islam in the Age of Confessionalization.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 51/1 (January 2009): 35-63

Recent Book Reviews:

Tijana Krstic, « Aurélien Girard, Bernard Heyberger & Vassa Kontouma (éds), Livres et confessions chrétiennes orientales. Une histoire connectée entre l’Empire ottoman, le monde slave et l’Occident (xvie-xviie siècles) », *Cahiers d’études du religieux. Recherches interdisciplinaires* [En ligne], 26 | 2024

DOI : <https://doi.org/10.4000/120gr>

<https://journals.openedition.org/cerri/8940>

Recent Invited Lectures and Presentations

Keynote lecture on "The Holy Book of the Ishmaelities in the World or Eastern Christianity", for the workshop of the same name organized by the ERC Synergy Project on *The European Qur'an*, the University of Copenhagen, May 11, 2022.

Webinar entitled “Ottoman Religious Politics in the Confessional Age” dedicated to my ERC project, organized within the *W’OTSAp in Ottoman and Turkish Studies?* Webinar Series of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association, February 28, 2022, (see <https://youtu.be/tcVGDrwsdps>)

Webinar (with Mercedes Garcia-Arenal) on “Forms of Religious Recognition in Early Modern Iberia and the Ottoman Empire,” part of the *Recognizing Religion(s):The Cultural Dynamics of Religious Encounters and Interactions in Historical Perspective* seminar series organized by NYU Abu Dhabi, University of Copenhagen, Australian Catholic University, November 30, 2020

Lecture at Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Berlin, January 21, 2020 entitled “Teaching Sunni Islam in the Age of Confessional Polarization (1540s-1740s): Ottoman Catechisms as a Lens into an Early Modern Global Conjuncture”

Lecture at Freie Universität Berlin, Early Modern Seminar (organized by Alexander Schunka), with D. Terzioglu, January 14, 2020, entitled “Confessional Politics in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire”

Lecture at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Habsburg and Balkan Studies, Vienna, April 3, 2019, entitled “Locating Ottoman Sunnism in the Age of Confessional Polarization, 1450s-1750s”

Lectures at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales and Sorbonne in Paris, May 2017

* Lecture on “Moriscos in Ottoman Istanbul, 1560s-1640s,”
* Lecture on “Catechetical Encounters in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire”
* Lecture on “Catechising Grand Vizier—Lutfi Pasha (d. 1563) and the Politics of Sunni Confession-Building”
* Lecture on “An Ottoman Prince who Wanted to be the Emperor of Illyria”

Service at CEU:

* Spring-Summer 2022—Member of the Working Group for the integration of the Departments of Medieval Studies and History
* 2020-present—Member of the Doctoral Committee at Medieval Studies Department
* 2022—Member of the committee for the Research Excellence Fund
* 2021-2022—Member of the Teaching Development Grant and Teaching Excellence Award committee
* 2016-2019—Member of the CEU Strategic Development Committee
* 2010-2015—Director of the Source Language Teaching Group at CEU
* 2014-2016—Member of the CEU Grievance Committee

Service to the Profession:

* Member of the SH panel for ERC Synergy grant (served in 2020 and 2022 calls)
* Member of the Advisory Board of Stanford University Press’ *Ottoman World* series
* Member of the Advisory Board of the *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* (Summer 2022-)
* Member of the Advisory Board, “The European Qur'an: Islamic Scripture in European Culture and Religion” (EuQu), ERC Synergy grant (2019-)
* Member of the Advisory Board, „Orthodoxies and Politics. The Religious Reforms of Mid-17th Century in Eastern and Southeastern Europe” (ORTHPOL), ERC Starting Grant (2021-)
* 2014-2020—Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies* (JOTSA)
* 2017-2020—member of the Nominating Committee of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Language Skills

**Fluent**: Serbo-Croatian, English

**Advanced reading and speaking skills**: Bulgarian, Turkish

**Advanced reading skills**: Ottoman Turkish, German

**Intermediate speaking skills**: German, Hungarian

**Intermediate reading skills**: French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian

**Basic reading skills**: Latin