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1. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019- Rice University
Assistant Professor
Department of Anthropology

2016-2019 University of Arizona
Assistant Professor
School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
(affiliated with School of Anthropology & School of Geography and Development)

2013-2016 Columbia University
ACLS New Faculty Fellow and Lecturer in Discipline
Department of Anthropology

2012-2013 Rice University
Cultures of Energy Mellon-Sawyer Postdoctoral Fellow

2. EDUCATION

2007-2012 Cornell University
PhD in Anthropology
Dissertation: Preparing for an Oil-less Future: Energy, Climate Change and Green Business in Abu Dhabi

Spring 2010 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Visiting Scholar at Doctoral Program in History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology and Society (HASTS)

2005-2007 Koç University, Istanbul
MA in International Relations

2000-2004 Koç University, Istanbul
BA in Business Administration

3. RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Energy, Climate Change, Urban Design, Technological Imaginaries, Knowledge Production, Global Governance, Temporality

4. GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020-2021 Wenner Gren Foundation Workshop Grant for "Patchwork Ethnography" (with Saiba Varma and Chika Watanabe)
Wenner Gren Foundation Webinar Grant on the Future of Anthropological Research for "Patchwork Ethnography" (with Saiba Varma, Chika Watanabe and Alexia Arani)

2019-2020	Cornell Society for the Humanities Fellowship (declined) Brandeis Crown Center for Middle East Studies Sabbatical Fellowship Provost's Author Support Fund, University of Arizona
2017-2018	Wenner-Gren Foundation Post-PhD Fieldwork Grant
2012-2013	ACLS New Faculty Fellowship Rice University Social Science Research Institute Mini-Grant Cultures of Energy Seminar Travel Grant Center for Engaged Research and Collaborative Learning Course Development Grant
2011-2012	Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (declined) Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant Cornell Graduate School Conference Grant
2010-2011	School of Criticism and Theory Fellowship in Ithaca, NY SAGE Fellowship for Graduate Study at Cornell University Society for the Humanities Sustainability Grant Cornell Graduate School Research Travel Grant Cornell Graduate School Conference Grant
2009-2010	Society for the Humanities Graduate Travel Grant Cornell Graduate School Research Travel Grant Cornell Graduate School Language Grant Cornell Department of Anthropology Endowment Fund Grant
2008-2009	Cornell Graduate School Conference Grant Einaudi Center Travel Grant Award Michele Sicca Pre-Dissertation Research Grant Cornell Graduate School Language Grant
2007-2008	SAGE Fellowship for Graduate Study at Cornell University Cornell Department of Anthropology Endowment Fund Grant Cornell Graduate School Conference Grant
2005-2007	Koç University Scholarship for Graduate Study Koç University International Conference Grant

5. PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Books

Under Review	<i>Energy Accumulation</i> , Duke University Press
2019	<i>Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change, and Urban Design in Abu Dhabi</i> Duke University Press https://www.dukeupress.edu/spaceship-in-the-desert

Reviews of *Spaceship in the Desert*

2021	<i>Anthropological Notebooks</i> Leyla Sayfutdinova http://notebooks.drustvo-antropologov.si/Notebooks/article/view/456
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- 2020 *Viewpoint Magazine*
Troy Vettese
<https://viewpointmag.com/2020/08/14/the-tragedy-of-spaceship-earth/>
- 2020 *Anthropology News*
Ha Ri Jeon
<https://www.anthropology-news.org/?book-review=the-failed-potentials-of-masdar-city-renegotiating-the-present-and-future-through-climate-change-technologies-in-the-united-arab-emirates>
- 2019 *Modern Times*
Nina Trige Andersen
<https://en.nytid.no/madness-visions-cynicism-and-pragmatism/>
- 2019 *MERIP: Middle East Research and Information Project*
Matan Kaminer
<https://merip.org/2019/12/speculating-on-climate-change-in-the-uae/>
- 2019 *Public Books*
Deen Sharp
<https://www.publicbooks.org/the-world-the-gulf-has-built/>
- 2019 *Ethnos*, 85(1), pp. 188–189
Gebhard Kenny
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2019.1668818>
- 2019 *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 43(5): 1011-1012
Gerardo del Cerro Santamaria
<https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2427.12840>
- 2019 *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 61: 175-179
Kutay Kutlu
<https://doi.org/10.1017/npt.2019.27>
- 2019 *Anthropological Quarterly*, 92(4): 1309-1312
Idalina Baptista
<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/746293>
- 2019 *Foreword Reviews*
Barry Silverstein
<https://www.forewordreviews.com/reviews/spaceship-in-the-desert/>

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Forthcoming, 2022 “A Diplomatic Trip: Expanding Turkish Infrastructure Projects in Africa” Special Issue on Infrastructural Spaces and Species in the Middle East and North Africa, *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, vol. 40, no. 3
- 2021 “Leapfrogging to Solar,” *South Atlantic Quarterly*, Issue on Solarity, co-edited by Imre Szeman and Darin Barney, vol. 120, no. 1, p. 163-175
- 2018 “The Backbone: Construction of a Regional Electricity Grid in the Arabian Peninsula” *Engineering Studies* vol. 10, no. 2-3, p. 90-114

- 2017 "Demoing unto Death: Smart Cities, Environment, and "Preemptive Hope""
co-authored with Orit Halpern, *The Fibreculture Journal*, Issue 29, Computing the
City
<http://twenty-nine.fibreculturejournal.org/fcj-215-demoing-unto-death-smart-cities-environment-and-preemptive-hope/>
- 2016 "The Infinity of Water: Climate Change Adaptation in the Arabian Peninsula"
Public Culture, Special Issue on "Climate Change and the Future of Cities,"
vol. 28, no. 2 79: 291–315
- 2016 "What is Carbon Dioxide? When is Carbon Dioxide?" *PoLAR: Political and Legal
Anthropology Review*, Special Issue on "Climate Transformations" vol. 39,
no 1, 33–45
- 2014 "Ergos: A New Energy Currency" *Anthropological Quarterly*, Special Issue on
"Energopower and Biopower in Transition" vol. 87, no. 2, p. 359-380
- 2011 "A Flying Man, a Scuttled Ship, and a Time-Keeping Device: Reflections on Ibn
Battuta Mall" *Public Culture*, vol. 23, no. 3: 541-551

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- Forthcoming "A Seascape of Power," *Infrastructure and Scale*, edited by Max Hirsh and Till
Mostowlansky, University of Hawaii Press
- Forthcoming "The Future of Temporality in the Arabian Gulf," *Futures Uncertain*, edited by
Chad Elias, Duke University Press
- Forthcoming, 2022 "Transformations in Energy Infrastructure," *The Handbook for the Anthropology of
Technology*, edited by Brit Ross Winthereik and Ayo Wahlberg, Palgrave
- 2021 "Paper Aeroplane Ticket," in *Extinct: A Compendium of Obsolete Objects*,
edited by Barbara Penner, Adrian Forty, Miranda Critchley, and Olivia Horsfall
Turner, Reaktion
- 2019 "Exporting the Spaceship: The Connected Isolation of Masdar City" *The New Arab
Urban: Gulf Cities of Wealth, Ambition and Distress*, edited by Harvey Molotch and
Davide Ponzini, New York University Press, p. 194-213
- 2019 "Subsurface Workings: How the Underground Becomes a Frontier" *Frontier
Assemblages*, edited by Jason Cons and Michael Eilenberg, Wiley, p. 41-59

Editor Reviewed Articles

- Forthcoming, 2022 "Patchwork Ethnography Syllabus" *Cultural Anthropology* website
- Forthcoming, 2022 "Clean" in *Energized: Keywords for a New Politics of Energy*, co-edited by Imre
Szeman and Jennifer Wenzel, West Virginia University Press
- Forthcoming, 2022 "Accommodations: How to Live Together after Covid-19," Catalog for the
National Participation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the Venice Biennale
Architettura 2021, edited by Meitha Al Mazrooei
- Forthcoming, 2022 "Commodious, Firm and Delightful" *Perspecta*
- 2021 "Enerji Adaları (Islands of Energy)" in *Ecological Manifestos for a Post-Pandemic
World* (Salgın Sonrası Ekolojik Manifestolar), co-edited by Ceren Yartan, Sinan
Erensü, Yaşar Adanalı, Mekanda Adalet Derneği/Center for
Spatial Justice, Istanbul

- 2020 "Masdar City 2020" *MERIP: Middle East Research and Information Project*, Special Issue on Nature & Politics, co-edited by Jessica Barnes and Muriam Haleh Davis with Guest Editor Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins, vol. 296
<https://merip.org/2020/10/masdar-city-2020/>
- 2020 "A Manifesto for Patchwork Ethnography" Member Voices, *Cultural Anthropology* website, June 9 2020, co-authored with Saiba Varma and Chika Watanabe
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/a-manifesto-for-patchwork-ethnography>
- 2020 "Sebuah Manifesto untuk Etnografi Tambal-Sulam" *Eutenika* website, June 2020, Indonesian translation of "A Manifesto for Patchwork Ethnography," co-authored with Saiba Varma and Chika Watanabe, translated into Indonesian by Anton Novenanto, in consultation with Hatib Abdul Kadir and Dédé Oetomo.
<https://eutenika.org/archives/1148>
- 2020 "A Manifesto for Patchwork Ethnography" *Hekmah* website, co-authored with Saiba Varma and Chika Watanabe, translated into Arabic by Abdullah Sami, June 2021
<https://hekmah.org/%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%a5%d8%ab%d9%86%d9%88%d8%ba%d8%b1%d8%a7%d9%81%d9%8a%d8%a7/>
- 2020 "Retrofitting Materials, Retooling Expertise," Roundtable on Engineers, Technopolitics and the Environment with *Jadaliyya*, co-edited by Danya Al-Saleh and Mohammed Rafi Arefin
<https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/41999>
- 2020 "Energy Accumulation," *e-flux*, co-edited by Nick Axel, Daniel A. Barber, Nikolaus Hirsch and Anton Vidokle
<https://www.e-flux.com/architecture/accumulation/339454/energy-accumulation/>
- 2020 "Business," in *Anthropocene Unseen: A Lexicon*, co-edited by Cymene Howe and Anand Pandian, Punctum Books, pp. 59-62
- 2019 "Status Quo Utopia," *Log*, Special Issue on "Overcoming Carbon Form," edited by Elisa Iturbe, vol. 47, pp. 69-93
- 2019 "Songdo - Die 'verhängnisvolle Hoffnung' der Smart City" co-authored with Orit Halpern, *ARCH+ Magazine for Architecture and Urbanism*, Special Issue on Posthuman Architecture, translated from English by Norma Keßler, pp. 126-136
- 2018 "Air-Conditioning the Arabian Peninsula" Invited Roundtable, edited by Gareth Doherty, *International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES)*, vol. 50, p. 573-579
- 2018 "Inhabiting the Spaceship: The Connected Isolation of Masdar City," reprint in *Slanted Magazine*, Special Issue on Dubai, p. 193-203
- 2017 "A Dark Art: Field Notes on Carbon Capture and Storage Negotiations at COP 17, Durban" Reprint in *Energy Humanities: An Anthology*, edited by Dominic Boyer and Imre Szeman, Johns Hopkins University Press, p. 261-269
- 2017 "Powerships." Our Lives with Electric Things, *Cultural Anthropology* website
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1270-our-electric-infrastructures>

- 2017 "Electric." Theorizing the Contemporary, *Cultural Anthropology* website, October 24, 2017. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1234-electric>
- 2017 "Business." Theorizing the Contemporary, *Cultural Anthropology* website, June 28, 2017. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1146-business>
- 2016 "Inhabiting the Spaceship: The Connected Isolation of Masdar City" *Climates: Architecture and the Planetary Imaginary*, edited by James Graham, Lars Müller Publishers, p. 361-372
- 2016 "An 'Expensive Toy'" *Limn* Issue No. 7 Public Infrastructures/ Infrastructural Publics <http://limn.it/an-expensive-toy/>
- 2014 "Masdar City's Hidden Brain: When Monitoring and Modification Collide" *The ARPA Journal, Applied Research Practices in Architecture*, Inaugural Issue on "Test Subjects" <http://www.arpajournal.net/masdar-citys-hidden-brain/>
- 2014 "The Pulse of the City" CASTAC (Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing) Blog: <http://blog.castac.org/2014/11/the-pulse-of-the-city/>
- 2012 "The Soul of Carbon Dioxide" *The Yearbook of Comparative Literature*, Special Issue on "Protocols for A New Nature," co-edited by Eyal Peretz and Paul North, vol. 58, pp. 155-158
- 2012 "Another Nature: A Brief Note on the New York Subway" *The Yearbook of Comparative Literature*, Special Issue on "Protocols for A New Nature," co-edited by Eyal Peretz and Paul North, vol. 58, pp. 159-162
- 2012 "A Dark Art: Field Notes on Carbon Capture and Storage Negotiations at COP 17, Durban" *Ephemera*, Special Issue on "The Atmosphere Business," co-edited by Steffen Boehm, and Anna-Maria Murtola, and Sverre Spoelstra, vol. 12, 1: 33-41
- 2012 "The Spider and the Sidra Tree: Field Notes from COP 18 in Doha, Qatar" *Cultures of Energy* Blog, Rice University: <http://culturesofenergy.com/?p=615>
- 2011 "Spaceship in the Desert: Conceptions of Abu Dhabi's Masdar City" *Anthropology News*, vol. 52, 10: 3-4
- 2009 "Producing Neoliberal Subjects: The case of Koç University" *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*: Special Issue on "Changing Urban Spaces," vol. 53: 4-25
- 2009 "The Gated Campus, Its Borderless Subjects and The Neighborhood Nearby" *Polygraph*, vol. 21: 195-204
- 2007 "Sivil Toplum Kuruluşları için Mülteci Destek El Kitabı" [Handbook of Refugee Support for Non-Governmental Organizations] Helsinki Citizens Assembly
- 2006 "Başka Bir Afrika Mümkün" (Another Africa is Possible) *Express*, vol. 58

Podcasts and Interviews

- Forthcoming "Spaceship in the Desert," Interview with Othman Amagour, *Al Jazeera*
- 2021 "Climate Change in the Arab World," GSAPP Conversations Podcast Series, Columbia University
<https://www.arch.columbia.edu/media-archive/podcasts/232-4-masaha-climate-change-in-the-arab-world-gokce-gunel>

- 2021 "Patchwork Ethnography" Interview with Danny Cardoza, Member Voices, *Cultural Anthropology*
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/interview-patchwork-ethnography>
- 2021 "Spaceship in the Desert" Interview with Monika Halkort, *Austrian Public Radio (ORF)* <https://oe1.orf.at/programm/20210427/637691/Radiokolleg-10-Jahre-Arabischer-Fruehling>
- 2020 "Infrastructure in the Arabian Peninsula," *Sharjah Architecture Triennial Podcast*
<http://www.sharjaharchitecture.org/pages/podcasts/goekce-gunel>
- 2020 *Spaceship in the Desert* New Texts Out Now Interview with *Jadaliyya*
<https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/40990>
- 2019 *Spaceship in the Desert*. Interview with David Huber, *Interstitial Podcast*
<https://thinkbelt.org/shows/interstitial/spaceship-in-the-desert-gokce-gunel>
- 2019 New Books Network Podcast on *Spaceship in the Desert*. Interview with Lance C Thurner.
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/gokce-gunel-spaceship-in-the-desert-energy-climate-change-and-urban-design-in-abu-dhabi-duke-up-2019/>
- 2019 Duke University Press Interview on *Spaceship in the Desert*
<https://dukeupress.wordpress.com/2019/03/18/qa-with-gokce-gunel-author-of-spaceship-in-the-desert/>
- 2019 Ottoman History Podcast on *Spaceship in the Desert*. Interview with Matthew Ghazarian.
<http://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/2019/03/status-quo-utopias.html>
- 2017 Cultures of Energy Podcast. Interview with Dominic Boyer and Cymene Howe. Jul 13, 2017 <http://culturesofenergy.com/ep-80-gokce-gunel/>
- 2016 "Off the Cuff: Gökçe Günel, Anthropologist, Lecturer, Author"
 The Oberlin Review <https://oberlinreview.org/9998/news/off-the-cuff-go%cc%88kc%cc%a7e-gu%cc%88nel-anthropologist-lecturer-author/>
- 2015 García Molina, Andrés. "Electric Potentials: An Interview with Gökçe Günel." *Dialogues*, Cultural Anthropology website, November 24, 2015. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/750-electric-potentials-an-interview-with-gokce-gunel>

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming "Licit Life of Capitalism by Hannah Appel" *Public Books*
- 2018 "New Perspectives on Energy: A Review Essay" *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/plar.12304>
- 2016 "Cultures of Energy: Power, Practices, Technologies by Sarah Strauss, Stephanie Rupp and Thomas Love" *American Ethnologist*, vol. 43, no. 3, pp. 584-586
- 2006 "Markets of Dispossession: NGOs, Economic Development and the State in Cairo by Julia Elyachar." *New Perspectives on Turkey*, vol. 35, pp. 135-140

6. PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- 2022 "Patchwork Ethnography," Keynote, Finnish Anthropological Society Annual Meeting (presentation in collaboration with Chika Watanabe)
- 2022 "Air," Hagop Kevorkian Center on "Elements of Border and Infrastructure," NYU
- 2022 "Energy Accumulation," Founder's Lecture, Department of Geography, Indiana University
- 2021 "Spaceship in the Desert," Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, University of Stellenbosch
- 2021 "Spaceship in the Desert," Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture, Aga Khan Lecture, MIT
- 2021 "Energy Accumulation," Center for the Middle East and North Africa at UC Santa Cruz
- 2021 "Spaceship in the Desert," Extractivism and Transition Research Online Dialogues, Durham University
- 2021 "Spaceship in the Desert," Environmental Justice Lectures, School for Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan
- 2021 "Patchwork Ethnography," UC-Pacific Worlds Collaborative (presentation in collaboration with Saiba Varma)
- 2021 "Patchwork Ethnography," Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam (presentation in collaboration with Chika Watanabe)
- 2021 "Spaceship in the Desert," Middle Eastern and South Asian Language and Cultures (MESALC) Department and the Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia
- 2021 "Energy Accumulation," Center for African and African American Studies, Rice University
- 2020 "On Patchwork Ethnography," Toolkit for Today Seminar Series, CCA Montreal
- 2020 "Leapfrogging to Solar," Material and Visual Culture Seminar Series, University College London
- 2020 "Spaceship in the Desert: A Conversation," Institute for Middle East Studies Colloquium Series, The George Washington University
- 2020 "Spaceship in the Desert," Weitzman School of Design, University of Pennsylvania
- 2020 "Energy, Society and Cultural Reform in the Arab Gulf," Dartmouth College (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- 2020 "Leapfrogging to Solar," Anthropology Department Colloquium Series, Rice University (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- 2020 "Spaceship in the Desert," The Ethnography Workshop, Duke University
- 2020 "Leapfrogging to Solar," Finberg House, Bard College
- 2019 "Spaceship in the Desert," Annual Tarbell Family Endowed Visiting Mentorship Fund Lecture, University of Puget Sound
- 2019 "Spaceship in the Desert," Rice Architecture, Houston, TX
- 2019 "Spaceship in the Desert," Crown Center for Middle East Studies Brownbag Series, Brandeis University

- 2019 "Spaceship in the Desert," Middle East Directions Programme, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy
- 2019 "Spaceship in the Desert," Book Launch and Discussion, Middle East Studies Centre and Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics (LSE)
- 2019 "A Seascape of Power," Science and Technology Studies Colloquium Series, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
- 2019 "A Seascape of Power," UIC Political Ecology Working Group, UIC, Chicago
- 2019 "Spaceship in the Desert," The Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society, Dartmouth College
- 2019 "Spaceship in the Desert," Department of Geography Colloquium Series, University of California, Berkeley
- 2019 "A Seascape of Power: Turkish Energy Infrastructures in Africa" Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, Ottoman and Turkish Studies Colloquium, University of Toronto
- 2019 "Spaceship in the Desert," The International Affairs Program, Northeastern University
- 2018 "An Expensive Toy: Masdar City's Personal Rapid Transit System" Rice Architecture Paris Program, Rice University, Paris
- 2018 "Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Urban Design in Abu Dhabi" School of Geography, University of Arizona
- 2018 "Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Urban Design in Abu Dhabi" School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2018 "Powerships: Turkish Energy Investment in Africa" Department of Anthropology, Rice University
- 2018 "Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Urban Design in Abu Dhabi" Cultures of the Anthropocene Lecture Series, Ohio State University
- 2018 "Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Urban Design in Abu Dhabi" Department of Global & Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University
- 2017 "Infrastructure and Materiality: Carbon," Princeton-Mellon Initiative in Architecture, Urbanism & the Humanities, Princeton University
- 2017 "Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Urban Design in Abu Dhabi" Department of History & Department of Middle Eastern Studies, Rutgers University
- 2017 "Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Urban Design in Abu Dhabi" Department of Anthropology, New York University
- 2016 "Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Green Business in the UAE" Science and Technology Studies (STS) Circle, Harvard University
- 2016 "Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Urban Design in Abu Dhabi" Manuscript workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas in Austin

- 2016 “Energy Humanities, Urban Design and Middle Eastern Studies”
Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo
- 2016 “Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Green Business in the UAE” Department of History, Northern Arizona University
- 2016 “Subsurface Workings: The Production of Climate Change Policy in the UAE”
Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson
- 2016 “Subsurface Workings: The Production of Climate Change Policy in the UAE”
Middle East and North Africa Committee, Oberlin College
- 2015 “Technical Adjustments: The PRT Infrastructure of Abu Dhabi’s Masdar City”
Department of Sociology, Koç University, Istanbul
- 2015 “Technical Adjustments: The PRT Infrastructure of Abu Dhabi’s Masdar City”
Department of Anthropology, The New School, New York
- 2015 “Spaceship in the Desert: Constructing Masdar City in Abu Dhabi”
Department of International Development, London School of Economics
- 2015 “Building Large Scale Projects in the Arab World” Harvard Arab
Weekend, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University
- 2015 “Building the Spaceship: Construction of Abu Dhabi’s Masdar City”
Science Studies Seminar, New York University, New York
- 2015 “Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Green Business in Abu
Dhabi” Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo
- 2015 “An Economy of Technical Adjustments: The PRT Infrastructure of Abu
Dhabi’s Masdar City” Monday Seminar, Department of Anthropology, University
of Chicago
- 2015 “Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Green Business in the
UAE” Climate Change Series, New York Academy of Science, New York
- 2015 “An Economy of Technical Adjustments: The PRT Infrastructure of Abu
Dhabi’s Masdar City” Department of Anthropology, Haverford College
- 2015 “Permanent Utopia: The PRT Infrastructure of Abu Dhabi’s Masdar” Franz
Boas Workshop, Columbia University
- 2014 “The “Not Environmentalism” of Abu Dhabi’s Masdar” Ecology and
Culture University Seminar, Columbia University
- 2014 “Constructive Ambiguity: The Global Horizons of Abu Dhabi’s Renewable
Energy and Clean Technology Projects” Sociology Talks, Bogaziçi University,
Istanbul
- 2014 “Learning from Masdar City: The Global Horizons of Abu Dhabi’s Renewable
Energy and Clean Technology Projects” Arab Crossroads Program Lecture
Series, NYU-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi
- 2013 “Iconic Infrastructures of Energy: An Introduction to Abu Dhabi’s Masdar”
Ethnography and Social Theory (EST) Colloquium, Yale University
- 2013 “Everyday We’re Chapulling: The Aesthetics of Political Critique in the Gezi Park
Resistance Movement” What’s going on in Turkey? Rice University
- 2013 “Social Studies of Carbon Capture and Storage” Durham Energy Institute, Durham
University, Durham, UK

- 2013 “An Expensive Toy: Experiments in Transportation at Abu Dhabi’s Masdar City”
Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2013 “The Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) System at Abu Dhabi’s Masdar City”
Integrative Research Institute on Transformations of Human-Environment
Systems, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin
- 2013 “Defining Failure: The Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) System at Abu Dhabi’s
Masdar City” Cultural Studies Seminar, Sabancı University, Istanbul
- 2012 “Ethnographic Explorations on the Production of Climate Change Policy in the
United Arab Emirates” Social Science Seminar Series, Koç University, Istanbul
- 2012 “The Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) System at Abu Dhabi’s Masdar City” Rice
University Anthropology Speaker Series, Rice University
- 2012 “Subsurface is (not) a Black Box” Rice University Anthropology Speaker Series,
Rice University
- 2012 “Ergos: A New Energy Currency” Bovay Seminar Series in Engineering Ethics,
Cornell University

Invited Workshops and Presentations

- 2022 “Rehearsing Futures,” Design Turn Workshop Series, Humboldt University of
Berlin
- 2022 “An Object,” Object Lessons for the 21st Century Symposium, School of
Architecture, Yale University
- 2021 “Enduring Liminality: Crisis, Temporality and the Politics of Sacrifice,”
Department of Anthropology, Emory University
- 2021 “Notes on Kareem Rabie’s Palestine is Throwing a Party,” Department
of Sociology, LSE
- 2021 “Patchwork Ethnography,” National Centre for Research Methods, UK
(presentation in collaboration with Chika Watanabe)
- 2021 “Sustainability Practices in the Middle East,” Penn Climate Week, University of
Pennsylvania
- 2021 “New Paradigms for Greenfield Cities of the Future” Greenfield Cities Alliance
Dialogues Webinar, NewCities Foundation
- 2021 “Potentiality,” Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program, Article Workshop,
Northwestern University
- 2020 “Environmental Innovation: Beyond Adoption and Diffusion in Cities,”
Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago
- 2020 “The Mont Pèlerin Re-Write” Workshop, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin
- 2019 “Spaceship in the Desert,” Solarity: After Oil School 2, Canadian Centre for
Architecture, Montreal, Quebec
- 2019 “Spaceship in the Desert,” Gulf Architecture Symposium, School of Architecture
Yale University
- 2019 “Spaceship in the Desert,” Emplacement: Practice, Critique, Ethics, Goa School of
Architecture, Panaji, Goa, India
- 2019 “Inhabiting the Spaceship,” Cities of Globalization, Department of Middle East
Studies, University of Southern California

- 2019 "Masdar City," Cities of the Arab World: Theory, Investigation, Critique, Global Urban Studies Program, Michigan State University
- 2019 "Masdar City," Urban IQ Test, John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, University of Toronto
- 2017 "Spaceship in the Desert: Energy, Climate Change and Urban Design in Abu Dhabi" The Matter of Urban Citizenship, Columbia University, New York
- 2017 "The Backbone: The Regional Electricity Grid in the Arabian Peninsula" Soil, Flesh and Flows: Environmental Temporalities and Expertise in the Middle East, Harvard University
- 2016 "The Infinity of Water: Climate Change Adaptation in the Arabian Peninsula" Public Culture Climate Change Special Issue Launch, IPK, NYU, New York
- 2016 "Renewable Energy and Clean Technology Infrastructures in the UAE" Infrastructure in/of the Middle East Workshop, Hagop Kevorkian Center, NYU, New York
- 2016 "Subsurface Workings: The Making of Carbon Capture and Storage Policy in the United Arab Emirates" SSRC Inter-Asian Connections V, Seoul, Korea
- 2016 "Demoing unto Death: Smart Cities, Environment, and Preemptive Hope," in collaboration with Orit Halpern, LafargeHolcim Forum 2016, Detroit, MI
- 2016 "Masdar City as a Utopian/Dystopian Model of Future Urbanism" Dystopia and the Future of Cities, NYU, New York
- 2016 "Learning from Masdar City" Learning from Gulf Cities Workshop, Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU, New York
- 2014 "Building Masdar Institute" STS in Asia: Creating Scientific Communities, Pedagogies, and Citizen Science, MIT, Cambridge
- 2014 "The Soul of Carbon Dioxide" Devices and Desires: The Cultural Politics of a Low Carbon Society, Lund University, Lund, Sweden
- 2014 "Spaceship in the Desert: Imagining Abu Dhabi's Masdar City" Environmental Visions, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
- 2013 "Constructing Masdar City" Mobilities of Design: Transnational Transfers in Asian Architecture and Urban Planning, 1960-Present, Future Cities Laboratory, Singapore
- 2013 "Crazy Projects: Authoritarian Governance and Iconic Infrastructures in Istanbul and Abu Dhabi" SSRC Inter-Asian Connections IV, Porous Enclaves Workshop, Istanbul
- 2011 "Overview of Masdar City" Climate Change, Critical Thought, Design: A Forum, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University

Panels and Conferences Moderated/Chaired/Organized

- 2022 "Climate Infrastructures," 4S/ESOCITE Joint Meeting 2022, Organizer with Sulfikar Amir, Jamie Cross, Alison Kenner, Aalok Khandekar, Maka Suarez
- 2021 "Patchwork Ethnography," Wenner-Gren Workshop 2, Rice University, Organizer with Chika Watanabe

- 2021 "Patchwork Ethnography" Wenner-Gren Webinar on the Future of Anthropological Research, Organizer with Saiba Varma and Chika Watanabe in collaboration with Katie Ulrich and Alexia Arani
- 2021 "Emergent Ethnographies of Energy," Chair and Organizer, Cultures of Energy Symposium, Rice University
- 2021 "Patchwork Ethnography" Wenner-Gren Workshop 1, Rice University, Organizer with Saiba Varma and Chika Watanabe
- 2020 "Cosmogramatics - Designs of Nature and Geotechnics," Organizer with Selena Savic, Johannes Bruder, 4S Annual Meeting, Prague
- 2019 "Urbanism and Infrastructure in the Middle East," Middle East Studies (MESA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Organizer
- 2018 "Infrastructure in the Middle East," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, Organizer
- 2018 "China Made: Asian Infrastructures and the China Model of Development" Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado-Boulder, Discussant
- 2018 "Speed and Temporality in Asian Urban Development" Association of Asian Studies (AAS), Discussant
- 2018 "Transformations of Energy Systems – Historical Perspectives on the Anthropocene" Harnack-Haus, Max Planck Society, Berlin, Discussant and Adviser
- 2017 "Future Cities: When, Where and How?" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Chair and Discussant
- 2017 "Connection, Contagion, and Calamity: Social Uses and Effects of Infrastructural Networks in the Middle East" MESA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Chair and Discussant
- 2017 "Exposing Infrastructures: Vulnerabilities, Breakdowns and Futures" American Ethnological Society (AES) Annual Meeting, Stanford, Roundtable Organizer
- 2017 "Water Issues in the Jordan Valley and Beyond," University of Arizona, Discussant
- 2016 "Technological Zones in the Middle East: Engineering Politics out of Flows of Energy and Infrastructure" MESA Annual Meeting, Boston, Chair and Discussant
- 2016 Building Asian Cities: Design, Management, and the Circulation of Urban Expertise, Workshop Co-organizer with Max Hirsh, University of Hong Kong
- 2015 "Image as Method: Ethnography - Photography - Film - Sensation - Perception" Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University, New York, Chair
- 2015 "Jam-Space and Jam-Time: Traffic in Nairobi" Cityscapes Seminar, Columbia University, New York, Discussant
- 2014 "Apocalypse Now? Infrastructure, Speculation and Ecology" AAA 113th Annual Meeting, Washington DC, Chair and Co-organizer with Orit Halpern
- 2014 "Imagining and Enacting the Urban in Turkey and Morocco" MESA Annual Meeting, Washington DC, Chair and Discussant

- 2014 "Manifest Data-city" City by Numbers: Big Data and the Urban Future, Pratt School of Architecture, New York, Moderator
- 2014 "Masdar City as a Zone" Zonal Logics of Modernity: Urban Imaginations & Economic Life, NYU and New School, New York
- 2013 "Spaces of Knowledge Production" New Directions in Anthropology Conference, Rice University, Houston, Discussant

Conference Presentations

- 2019 "A Seascape of Power: Shipyards" American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- 2019 "A Seascape of Power: Fuel" Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2019 "Trial and Error," Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico
- 2019 "Powerships," Crafting the Long Tomorrow @ Biosphere 2, University of Arizona
- 2018 "Powerships: Energy Imaginaries, Provisional Infrastructures and Afro-Asian Connections" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA
- 2017 "Powerships: Quick Solutions to Electricity Crisis in Ghana" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC
- 2017 "Inhabiting the Spaceship: The Connected Isolation of Masdar City" The Arab Council for Social Sciences (ACSS) Beirut Conference, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2016 "Electrifying Middle East and North African Studies," MESA Annual Meeting, Boston
- 2016 "Subsurface Workings: The Making of Global Climate Change Policy in the UAE" Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA) Annual Meeting, Ithaca, NY
- 2014 "Constructive Ambiguity: The Global Horizons of Abu Dhabi's Renewable Energy and Clean Technology Projects" Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, Austin
- 2013 "Infrastructures of Carbon Dioxide" Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), San Diego
- 2012 "Ergos: A New Energy Currency" American Anthropological Association, 111th Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 2012 "Beautiful Buildings and Research Contracts: The Establishment of Masdar Institute" Petrocultures Conference, University of Alberta Edmonton
- 2011 "Subsurface Workings: The Making of Global Climate Change Policy in the UAE" American Anthropological Association, 110th Annual Meeting, Montreal,
- 2011 "Subsurface is (not) a Black Box" Ethnography Workshop, Cornell University, Ithaca
- 2010 "Spaceship in the Desert" American Anthropological Association, 109th Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- 2009 "A Flying Man, A Strong Ship, and an Original Time-Keeping Device: Reflections on Ibn Battuta Mall" ICLS Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University, New York

7. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rice University

Social Studies of Energy (Spring 2013, Summer 2017), Ships in the Anthropological Imagination (Spring 2021), Ethnographic Research Methods (Spring 2021, Spring 2022), City/Culture (Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Fall 2021), Infrastructure and Power (Spring 2022)

University of Arizona

Arab Spring (Spring 2019), Social Studies of the Arab Gulf (Fall 2017), Ethnographies of the Middle East (Spring 2017), Science and Society (Spring 2017), The City in the Middle East (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

Columbia University

Ethnographic Imagination (Spring 2016), The Next City (Fall 2015), Science and Society in the Middle East (Fall 2015), Debating Nature (Spring 2014, Fall 2014), Imagining the City (Spring 2014, Fall 2014), Social Studies of Energy (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2016)

8. ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Rice University

Zeynep Gizem Haspolat (Chair)
Rice University, PhD in Anthropology: South-South Relations, Animal Trade
Konstantin Georgiev (Chair)
Rice University, PhD in Anthropology: Resource Extraction, Scientific Institutions
Mel Ford
Rice University, PhD in Anthropology: Urban Design, Architecture, Guatemala
Charles Kane Nichols
Rice University, PhD in Anthropology: Science, Subjectivity, Czech Republic
Gebhard Keny
Rice University, PhD in Anthropology: Waste, Data Science, Great Lakes
Laurin Baumgardt
Rice University, PhD in Anthropology: Housing, Development, South Africa
EJ Jetmore (Chair, MA in 2021)
Rice University, MA in Anthropology: Urbanism, Multi-Species Ethnography

University of Arizona

Rachel Rosenbaum
University of Arizona, PhD in Anthropology: Infrastructure, Lebanon
Megan Mills-Novoa (PhD in 2021)
University of Arizona, PhD in Geography: Climate Change Adaptation, UNDP
Firas Klink (PhD in 2021)
University of Arizona, PhD in Middle Eastern Studies: Business in Oman
Mija Sanders (PhD in 2020)
University of Arizona, PhD in Middle Eastern Studies: Syrian Refugees in Turkey
Tatiana Rabinovich (PhD in 2018)
University of Arizona, PhD in Middle Eastern Studies: Islam in Russia, Labor

Hayal Akarsu (PhD in 2018)
University of Arizona, PhD in Anthropology: Turkish Police, Securitization
Robin Steiner (PhD in 2018)
University of Arizona, PhD in Anthropology: Corporate networks in Oman
Regina Venegas (MA in 2019)
University of Arizona, MA in Middle Eastern Studies: Masculinity in Saudi Arabia
Safa Hamzeh (MA in 2019)
University of Arizona, MA in Middle Eastern Studies: Shia Funerals in Lebanon
Neal Feldman (MA in 2019)
University of Arizona, MA in Middle Eastern Studies: Left-Wing Tourism in Israel

Columbia University

Zhiqi Zhang (MA in 2016)
Columbia University, Master's Thesis, Anthropology: Zones, Disaster, China
Charles Kane Nichols (MA in 2015)
Columbia University, Master's Thesis, Anthropology: Animal Studies, Nature, US
Mingyun Zhang (MA in 2015)
Columbia University, Master's Thesis, Anthropology: Conservation, Nature, China

External Committees

Jessica Quinn Slattery
University of California at Irvine, PhD, Anthropology

9. MEDIA PRESENCE

2022 "How Dubai is pushing back its encroaching deserts" BBC
<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20220125-how-dubai-is-pushing-back-its-encroaching-deserts>

2021 "Desert kingdom dreams of becoming a green golf paradise, but at what cost?" TRT World
<https://www.trtworld.com/magazine/desert-kingdom-dreams-of-becoming-a-green-golf-paradise-but-at-what-cost-44049>

2021 "Is desalination the answer to global freshwater scarcity?" TRT World
<https://www.trtworld.com/magazine/is-desalination-the-answer-to-global-freshwater-scarcity-43561>

2016 "How to Solve the Water Crisis in the Persian Gulf Region" Borgen Magazine
<http://www.borgenmagazine.com/water-crisis-of-the-persian-gulf/>

2016 "Peak salt: is the desalination dream over for the Gulf states?" The Guardian
<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2016/sep/29/peak-salt-is-the-desalination-dream-over-for-the-gulf-states>

2016 "For Turks, post-coup purges make US safe harbor" Arizona Daily Star
<http://tucson.com/news/local/columnists/steller/steller-for-turks-post-coup-purges-make-us-safe-harbor/>

2016 "Water crisis in the Gulf needs radical solutions"
<https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/fr/node/258981>
The New Humanitarian

- 2016 “Water crisis in the Gulf needs radical solutions” IRIN News
<https://www.irinnews.org/fr/node/258981>
- 2016 “Putting water use in check” The National
<http://www.thenational.ae/opinion/editorial/putting-water-use-in-check>
- 2016 “Running dry: ‘lack of awareness’ risks Abu Dhabi water reserves” The National
<http://www.thenational.ae/uae/running-dry-lack-of-awareness-risks-abu-dhabi-water-reserves>
- 2013 “CENHS plan focuses on undergraduate outreach” The Rice Thresher
<http://www.ricethresher.org/article/2013/10/cenhs-plan-focuses-on-undergraduate-outreach>

10. LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate), Arabic (intermediate)

11. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
 Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)
 Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

12. SERVICE

Service at Rice

Rice University, Department of Anthropology, Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2020-
 Rice University, Department of Anthropology, Search Committee on Political and Legal Anthropology of Africa or African Diaspora, 2020-2021
 Rice University, Department of Anthropology, Search Committee for Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2022
 Rice University, Department of Anthropology, Chair’s Lecture Convener, 2020-
 Rice University, School of Social Sciences, School Course Review Committee, 2020-
 Rice University, School of Social Sciences, Social Sciences Vision Committee, 2021-
 Rice University, Faculty Associate and Divisional Advisor for Social Sciences at Martel College, 2021-
 Rice University, Energy and Environmental Humanities Board Member, 2019-
 Rice University, Center for African and African American Studies, Board Member, 2020-

Service Outside Rice

University of Arizona, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2017-2019
 University of Arizona, Library Committee, 2018-2019
 University of Arizona, Search Committee on Health in the Middle East, 2018-2019
 Columbia University Animal Studies University Seminar Chair, Spring 2016
 Columbia University Middle East Institute Representative to ARIT (American Research Institute in Turkey), 2015-2016
 Cornell University Anthropology Colloquium Committee, 2008-2009

Service to the Discipline

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 2020-
STM - Science, Technology, and Medicine Prize Committee, 2017
Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Program Committee, 2019
Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Undergraduate Research Workshop, 2019
AAA Middle East Section Committee for Best Graduate Student Paper Prize, 2019
AAA Middle East Section Review Committee, 2020
AGAPS (Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies) Dissertation and
Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee Chair, 2020

13. REVIEWER ROLES

Journals

American Anthropologist
American Ethnologist
Cultural Anthropology
Current Anthropology
Public Culture
International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES)
Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)
Economic Anthropology
Society and Natural Resources
Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE)
Journal of Urban Affairs
Climatic Change
American Quarterly
Engineering Studies
Geoforum
Energy Research & Social Science
Roadsides
Engaging Science, Technology, and Society
Environmental Humanities

Presses

Duke University Press
Oxford University Press

Grant Providers

SSRC Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF), 2020-onwards
National Science Foundation (NSF) Science, Technology and Society
National Science Foundation (NSF) Cultural Anthropology, 2020-onwards
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Canadian Centre for Architecture / Windows Research Institute 2021-2022