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## Education

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**Teaching Assistant:** Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, Tempe, AZ, Fall 2007-

## Seminars & Presentations

1. **Feminism in Islam and Judaism.** Jewish-Islamic Dialogue Society (JIDS) of Washington D.C., 1 May 2022. (virtual)
2. **Attivismo Paziente,** Rome, Italy. 31 October 2021. (virtual)
3. **Muslim women and the Turkish state**  
Change: Intersection of Faith and Empowerment. United Nations Association-NCA, 18 March 2021. (virtual)
4. **Stories of Deveiling in Post-2106 Turkey**  
Annual Meeting, 15 October 2020. (virtual)
5. **In Search of a Non-Politicized Piety: Understanding De-Veiling of Pious Muslim Women in Turkey**  
Political Conflict, Religious Studies Student Society & Religious Studies Department, California State University-Long Beach, CA, 1 May 2019.
6. **The Trend of De-Veiling Among Turkish Women: An Intersection of the Personal and the Political**  
Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, 27 November 2018.
7. **Protecting Democracy for Community Justice: Lessons from Turkey and the Middle East**  
University, Tempe, AZ, 27 February 2017.
8. **Gender Equality Performance, 2002-2015**  
74th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA. 9 April 2016.
9. **Becoming Pious and Modern: Muslim Women of Secular Turkey**  
speaker at the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, USA. 5 April 2016.
10. **Female Muslim Subjectivity in Secular Public Sphere: Hijab and Ritual Prayer as Technologies of the Self**  
and Multiculturalism, Centre for Social Studies at the University of Coimbra, Lisbon, Portugal. 11 November 2015.
11. **Islam and Women in Turkey: A Steep Path Towards Gender Equality**  
Speech at LUSEEC 2015 International Conference: Perspectives on Gender in a Global World, Lumina - The University of South-East Europe, Bucharest, Romania. 15 May 2015.
12. **Girls Education in Afghanistan: The Role of the Turkish Private Schools**  
26th session of the Human Rights Council, Journalists and Writers Foundation Side



