

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND FELLOWSHIPS:

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- ▶ **Visiting Scholar** at Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Studies in Berlin) 09/2019-06/2020
- ▶ **Assistant, Senior Assistant, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Professor at the Department of Turkic and Caucasus History** at the Baku State University, Azerbaijan 10/1989 - 03/2015
- ▶ **Visiting Researcher** (Bourse «Directeurs d'Études Associés»), 05/2015 - 07/2015  
Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (Paris, France)
- ▶ **Reagan-Fascell Fellow** at National Endowment for Democracy 10/2014- 04/2015  
(Washington, DC)
- ▶ **Visiting Professor**, Sapienza-Università di Roma 05/2014 - 07/2014
- ▶ **Visiting Researcher** (Bourse «Directeurs d'Études Associés»), 03/2012 - 04/2012  
Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (Paris, France)
- ▶ **Visiting Professor**, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department, 10/2008-06/2011  
University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
- ▶ **Visiting Scholar**, Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies 10/2007 - 06/2008  
Georgetown University (Fulbright Scholarship)
- ▶ **Visiting Scholar** (Bourse «Directeurs d'Études Associés»), 02/2007 – 03/2007  
Fondation Maison des Science de l'Homme, (L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales, EHESS), Paris, France
- ▶ **Associated Researcher**, Institut Français d'Etudes Anatoliennes d'Istanbul 01/2005 – 08/2006  
Antenne de Bakou, Azerbaijan
- ▶ **Local coordinator for Azerbaijan**, Joint International Research Project  
“Islamic Education in the Soviet Union and the CIS,” led by Bochum  
University (Germany) and funded by Volkswagen Foundation 2001 – 2004

### EDUCATION:

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**Ph.D.** Baku State University. History. 1994.

*“1917-1920-ci illərdə Azərbaycanca “İttihadi-İslam partiyasının yaranması və fəaliyyəti”  
(İttihadi-İslam Party in Azerbaijan between 1917-1920)*

**High Education Diploma (with High Honors).** Azerbaijani State Pedagogical Institute. History. 1989.

## **BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

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"Comprendre les tensions au Haut-Karabakh à travers le prisme religieux : retour sur la guerre de 2020". *Bulletin de l'Observatoire international du religieux* N°47 [en ligne], janvier 2024. <https://obsreligion.cnrs.fr/bulletin/comprendre-les-tensions-au-haut-karabakh-a-travers-le-prisme-religieux-retour-sur-la-guerre-de-2020/>

"State Policies towards Islam in the Early Soviet and Post-Soviet Periods in Azerbaijan: A Comparative Analysis". *Muslims of Post-Communist Eurasia*. 1-st edition. Galina M. Yemelianova, Egdūnas Račius (eds.) Routledge. 2022. Print, p.p. 58-78

"Identifying Major Actors of Shi'i Revival in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan". Co-authored with Kenan Rovhsanoglu. *Journal of Religion in Europe*, Volume 14, Issue 3-4 (2021) - Special Issue: Religion in the South Caucasus: Tradition, Ambiguity, and Transformation. Brill, p.p. 392-417

"Halted Democracy: Government Hijacking of the New Opposition in Azerbaijan." Co-authored with Ilkin Huseynli. *Politik und Gesellschaft im Kaukasus: Eine unruhige Region zwischen Tradition und Transformation*. Olaf Leißé (ed.). Wiesbaden, Germany: Springer VS. 2019. Print, pp. 27-51.

"Azerbaijan." *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe*. Eds. Nielsen, Jørgen, et al., eds. Volumes from 2 to 15. Leiden: Brill, 2010-2024.

"The Independence Movement of the North Caucasian Mountaineers (1917-1920). Ankara: Kuban Matbaacilik Yayincilik, 2016. Print, 406 p.p.

"Azerbaijan", in: 1914-1918-online. *International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, ed. by Ute Daniel, Peter Gatrell, Oliver Janz, Heather Jones, Jennifer Keene, Alan Kramer, and Bill Nasson, issued by Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin 2016-03-31. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15463/ie1418.10875>.

"Shii-Sunni relations in Azerbaijan". Co-authored with Bayram Balci. *Religion and Identity in Azerbaijan*. Eds. Sevinç Alkan Özcan and Vüqar İmanbeyli. İstanbul: Küre yayınları, 2014. Print

"The relations between the Soviet State and Islam in Azerbaijan in the 1920s and 1930s". *Repression, Anpassung, Neuorientierung: Studien zum Islam in der Sowjetunion und dem postsowjetischen Raum*. (German Edition). Eds. Raoul Motika, Michael Kemper, Anke von Kugelen. Wiesbaden: Dr Ludwig Reichert Verlag, 2013. Print

"Changing Islam in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan & Its Weighting on the Sunni / Shia Cleavage." Co-authored with Bayram Balci. *The Dynamics of Sunni-Shia Relationships: Doctrine, Transnationalism, Intellectuals and the Media*. Eds. Brigitte Maréchal and Sami Zemni London: Hurst, 2013. 193-215. Print.

"Islam in Azerbaijan." *Caucasus Analytical Digest* 44 (2012): Research Centre for East European Studies, Bremen, and Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich. Web.

"The Transformation of Azerbaijani Orientalists into Islamic Thinkers after 1991." Co-authored with Naomi Caffee, and Robert Denis. *The Heritage of Soviet Oriental Studies*. Eds. Michael Kemper, and Stephan Conermann. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2011. 306-20. Print.

"Azerbaijan." *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe*. Eds. Nielsen, Jørgen, et al., eds. Vol. 2-8. Leiden: Brill, 2010-2016. (Volumes 2-6 co-authored with Bayram Balci).

“The Formation of Contemporary Azerbaijani Society: The Role of the Russian Conquest in the Rise of a New Elite.” Co-authored with Naomi Caffee, and Robert Denis. *Azerbaijan in the World* 3. (2010): 123-33. Eds. Paul Globe, and Murad Ismayilov. Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy.

“Islam and Islamic Education in the Soviet and Independent Azerbaijan.” *Islamic Education in the Soviet Union and Its Successor States*. Eds. Michael Kemper, Stephane Reichmuth, and Raoul Motika. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2010. 168-222. Print.

“Islamic revival in Azerbaijan.” *Current Trends in Islamist Ideology* 7 (2008): 66-81. Hudson Institute.

“Caucasus Islamic Army’s Military Campaign in Dagestan” *Azerbaijani Democratic Republic and Caucasus Islamic Army*. Eds. Mehmet Rıhtım, and Məhəmməd Süleymanov. Baku: Causasus University Press, 2008. 393-411. Print

“Azeri Intellectuals and Islamic Education before the Sovietization.” *Religion Et Politique Dans Le Caucase Post-soviétique*. Eds. Bayram Balci and Raoul Motika. Paris: Maisonneuve & Larose, 2007. 121-33. Print.

“About the Secularization of Azerbaijani Society.” *Prometheus* 5 (2010): n. pag. Apr. 2010. Web.

“Comparative Analyses of Some Distinctive Aspects of the Liberation Movement in the Northern Caucasus during the First Quarter of the 20th Century.” Baku: Baku State University Proceedings 3 (2006).

“Secularization of the Azeri society: overview of the historical phases.” *State and Religion*, 3 (2006). Proceedings of the State Committee for Work with Religious Organizations of Republic of Azerbaijan.

“Some peculiarities of the political life in the Northern Caucasus in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.” *History and its problems* 4 (2005): 32-47.

“Islamic Education in Azerbaijan.” *III ERA* (International Analytical Magazine) 6 (2005): 75-80. Baku

“Islam and Peace.” Co-authored. *Overview for the religious students of Zakatala and Lenkoran madrasas in Azerbaijan*. (project sponsored by the British Embassy in Baku). Baku: Adiloğlu, 2004. 11-29.

“Views of the early native Dagestani socialists on the place of Islam in the socio-political life of local society.” *History and its problems* 4 (2003): 103-108.

“Islam and Independence movement in the Northern Caucasus.” *Special edition dedicated to the 10-th anniversary of Turkic speaking people and Caucasus Department of Baku State University*. Baku: Adiloğlu, 2003.

“History of the Turkic people (from the collapse of the Russian monarchy to modernity).” *Syllabus published with the suggestion and approval of the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijani Republic*. Baku: 2002.

“From the Collapse of the Monarchy until the Foundation of USSR. Political movements among the Turkic-Muslim People of the Russian Empire.” *Ministry of Education*. Baku: (2002). Print.

“Role of Islam in the Socio-Political life of Contemporary Azerbaijan.” Co-authored. *III ERA, Problems of Peace and Democracy in Caucasus and Central Asia* 4 (2006): 32-36. Baku

*Mountaineers of the Northern Caucasus in the Search for Independence (1917-1920)*. Baku: Araz, 2000. Print.

“Cooperation between Azerbaijani Government and Northern Caucasus Rebels against Denykin’s White Army.” *Special Issue of the Academy of Science of Azerbaijani Republic*. Baku: Elm, 2000. 59-72

“Uprising of the Northern Caucasus mountaineers against the Soviet Regime in 1920-1921 years).” *History and its problems 1* (2000): 105-110.

“Russian Empire and Russian Revolution: Views of the Muslim intellectuals of the Northern Caucasus.” *Special Edition of Baku State University dedicated to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation*. Baku: 1999.

“Sheikh Uzun and his Emirat.” *History and its problems 3.4* (1999): 82-86.

“Collaboration of Russian Kazaks and Northern Caucasus mountaineers against bolshevism.” *History and its problems 3.5* (1999): 75-79.

“Ittikhad Movement as a Main Opposition Force During Azerbaijani Democratic Republic.” *Proceedings of Baku University 2* (1998): 93-99.

“Muslim Clerics and Independence Movement in the Northern Caucasus , 1917-1920).” *Some Problems of Turkic Speaking People and Caucasus History*. Baku: Baku State University Press (1997): 125-141.

*The Ittikhad (Unity) Movement in Azerbaijan*. Baku: Irshad, 1997. Print.

“Ideological parallels between pre-revolutionary Ittikhad in Azerbaijan and modern Islamic revival movements” *Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Republican Scientific Conference of Azeri young historians*. Baku: (1991).

## **CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIA ACTIVITIES:**

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- “*The impact of the war in Karabakh on transformation of Azerbaijani internal political landscape*”. In “Enjeux et répercussions du conflit du Haut-Karabagh: du local au global, approches plurielles”. (INALCO, June 2024).
- “*Scholars in the Frame of the Armenian-Azerbaijani Conflict*”. In a workshop called “Preludes to violence: Armenian-Azerbaijani relations on the eve of conflict in 1905, 1918 and 1988” organized by University of Manchester (June 2024).
- “*Islamic Revival in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan*”. In a conference called “Islamic Institutions, Practices and Beliefs: Views from Eastern Europe and Central Eurasia”, organized by European Academy of Religion and The Fondazione per le scienze religiose in Palermo, Italy (May 2024).
- “*Shaping official History of Azerbaijan during the Soviet and post-Soviet periods: crucial debates*”. In a conference called “Reframing the Armenian-Azerbaijani Past : What can scholars do?”, organized by ULB and joint group of Armenian and Azerbaijani scholars. (February 2023).
- “*Azerbaijani Nationalism after Collapse of the USSR*” in a conference called “Sovereignty and Borders Amid the Collapse of the Soviet Empire,” organized by Neubauer Collegium at Chicago University ( February, 2021).  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkLAPci-yhk>
- (Post-)Socialist Memories: On the Uses of History in Eastern Europe since the 1990s, Institute for Advanced Studies in Berlin (April, 2020), <https://www.wiko->

berlin.de/wikothek/multimedia/post-socialist-memories-on-the-uses-of-history-in-eastern-europe-since-the-1990s

- “*Some specific problems of deteriorating academic freedoms in Azerbaijan*” in a conference called “Academic Freedom in Post-Soviet Countries,” organized by Harriman Institute at Columbia University (April, 2017).
- “*The Near(er) Abroad: The post-Soviet Space between Russia and the West*”. ULB (Universite Libre de Bruxelles) (March 2016)
- *State and Society in the South Caucasus: Domestic and International Actors Shaping the Region*. ULB (Universite Libre de Bruxelles). Seminar organized by Aude Merlin (March 2016)
- “*The sectarian policy of the Azerbaijani government towards local Muslims*”, EHESS, Paris (May, 2015)
- “*Salafism in Azerbaijan : a brief history since the dissolution of the USSR*”, IISMM, Paris (May, 2015)
- “*The post-Soviet secular intelligentsia vs. a revived Muslim religious community : the reactions to the tragic fate of writer Rafiq Hacı*”, EHESS, Paris (May, 2015)
- “*The Sunni-Shia relations in Azerbaijan since the Russian conquest*”, IISMM, Paris (June, 2015)
- “*Revitalizing Secularism in Azerbaijan: Lessons Learned from the First Azerbaijani Republic.*” National Endowment for Democracy. (February 2015)
- “*The Politicization of Social Science in Azerbaijan*” in a symposium called “Belongings, Politics, and Knowledge in Central Asia and Caucasus,” organized by Davis Center at Harvard University. (January 2015)
- “*The Republic of Azerbaijan: Unexpected Independence amid War and Revolutions*” in the Conference called “The Great War 2014. Analysis and Interpretation” organized by La Sapienza University of Rome. (June 2014)
- “*Trends in Political Islam: Understanding Salafism and Violent Extremism*”, roundtable organized by George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in collaboration with Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey (September 2013)
- “*Identity shaped by falling Empires and revolutionary ideas: Transformation of Turkic speaking Iranians into Azerbaijanis in changing Russia*” at the conference called “Democracy and governance in the Caucasus: the legacy of constitutional movements” organized by the French Institute of Georgia. (June 2013)
- Panelist at the “*In Search of God: Islamism in the Wider Black Sea Region*” section of the Conference called “From Wider Black Sea Region to Eastern Neighborhood: Change of Name or Change of Game” organized by German Marshall Fund in Bucharest, Romania. (March 2013)
- “*Azerbaijan and Turkey: interchange of political ideologies through the 20<sup>th</sup> century*” at the conference called “Relations between Turkic Republics of Central Asia and Turkey after 20 years of independence” organized by Marmara University of Turkey. (May 2012)
- “*Current Religious Situation in Azerbaijan*”. Islam and National Identity in Caucasus. Seminars of Frédérique Longuet-Marx, EHESS, Paris. (April 2012)

- “*The Transformation of Azerbaijani Soviet Orientalists into Islamic Thinkers after the Collapse of the Soviet Union*”. Caucasus Between Empire. Seminar of Claire Mouradian, EHESS, Paris (April 2012)
- “*Baku’s Changing Policies towards the Islamic Communities since 2006*”. Religions and Societies in The Central Eurasia (Russia, Caucasus, Central Asia) Seminar of Anne Ducloux, Stéphane A. Dudoignon, Alexandre Papas and Thierry Zarccone, EHESS, Paris (April 2012)
- “*Revival of islam in Azerbaijan after collapse of the Soviet Union: "New look" of old belief*”. CEVIPOL, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Seminar of Aude Merlin. (March 2012)
- *The Relations between Azerbaijani Islamists and Nationalists during the First Republic (1918-19)*. Peoples and Societies of Caucasus. Seminars of Claire Mouradian, EHESS, Paris. (March 2012 “)
- “*The intelligentsia as the leading force behind a successful modernization*” at the conference called “Twenty Years of Azerbaijani Independence” (La doppia indipendenza dell’Azerbaijan) organized by *La Sapienza* University of Rome. (November 2011)
- *Transformation of Azerbaijani Orientalists into Islamic thinkers after collapse of the Soviet Union*. Baku, Caucasus Research Center of the French Institute of Anatolian Researches (IFEA), Seminar Series organized by Dr. Thornike Gordadze. (July 2010)
- Islam in Soviet and Post-Soviet Azerbaijan. Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA. Public Lecture. (June 2009)
- Islamic Revival in Azerbaijan. Program in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University. Brown Bag Lecture Series. (March 2008)
- Inter-relations between religion and ethnic identities in the Northern Caucasus. US Department of State. (February 2008)
- Post-Soviet Islamization of Azerbaijan. CERES, Georgetown University. (February 2008)
- Peculiarities of Islamic Revival in Azerbaijan after the Collapse of the Soviet Union. State Committee for Work with Religious Communities of the Republic of Azerbaijan. (June 2007)
- Formation of the modern Azerbaijani intelligentsia after the Russian conquest. “History of Caucasus” Permanent Seminar Series Organized by Claire Mouradian, CNRS, CERCEC, Paris. (March 2007)
- Post-Soviet Islamization of Azerbaijan. “Religion in Caucasus” Permanent Seminar Series organized by Silvia Serrano, EHESS, Le Centre d’Etudes des mondes Russe, Caucasiens et Centre Européen, Paris. (February 2007)
- Unique Islam of Azerbaijan, “Men and Nature in the Altaic World”, Permanent Altaistic Conference (PIAC), 49-th meeting, Berlin. (July 2006)
- Role and Place of Islam in the Contemporary Socio-Political Life of Azerbaijan. “Islam in the Contemporary Caucasus”. Permanent Seminar Series organized by Frédérique Longuet-Marx. EHESS L’École L’enseignement La recherche Les Éditions Actualités, Paris. (November 2005)
- Muslim communities in the Post-Soviet Azerbaijan and challenges of interrelations. „*Azerbaijan Next 10 years: Main Goals and Directions of Democratic Reforms*“ Conference organized by Public Forum for Azerbaijan, „Soros“ foundation, Eurasian foundation and Norwegian Embassy in Baku. Baku. (February 2005)
- Islamic Education in Azerbaijan during the last two centuries. “*Religion and Tolerance*” Conference organized by “Far Centre” with the financial aid of USA National Endowment for Democracy. Baku. (April 2005)
- Stalled attempt: Azeri Intellectuals and Challenges of Education before the Soviet Rule. *Deux Visages De La Laïcité A L’Ecole France-Turque Bilan D’un Siecle*. Conference organized by French Institute of Anatolian Researches, Galatasaray University (Turkey), Embassy of France in Turkey,

l'Histoire (France) and Toplumsal Tarih journals and Turkish History Foundation. Istanbul, Turkey. (May 2004)

- Islamic Education and Anti-Religious Policy of the Soviets in Azerbaijan in 1920-1940 „Islamic Education in the Soviet Union and the CIS“. *International Workshop funded by VW foundation of Germany. Bochum University, Germany.* (May 2004)

## **COURSES TAUGHT:**

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- “Islam in the USSR”, NELC, UCLA, Winter 2010
- Modern Turkic Languages and Peoples. NELC, UCLA, Spring 2009
- Building Azerbaijan: from Russian Empire to Modernity. UCLA, History Department, Summer 2009
- Elementary and Advanced Levels of Azerbaijani Language, UCLA, 2008 - 2009
- Since 1997 at the various departments of Baku State University:
  - a) History of Azerbaijan (Since 2011 has been taught in English as well)
  - b) “History of Turkic people of the former USSR (from Russian Revolution to present times)”
  - c) Muslims of the Russian Empire (from the collapse of Monarchy until Sovietization)
  - d) “Modern History of Turkey,” *For fourth year undergraduate students of History department of Baku State University.*
  - e) “Islam in the Northern Caucasus”

## **LINGUISTIC SKILLS:**

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| • Azerbaijani | Native speaker                |
| • English     | Fluent                        |
| • Russian     | Fluent                        |
| • Turkish     | Fluent                        |
| • French      | Moderate comprehension skills |