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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2002-2009
Dissertation Title: *Action in Concert: Recasting Democratic Practices as Political Friendship*
Dissertation Committee: Mary G. Dietz (adviser), James Farr, Raymond Duvall, J.B. Shank
Major Fields: Political Theory, International Relations
- B.A., Double Major. Department of Political Science and International Relations and Department of Sociology, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey, 1997-2002

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Professor, Department of Political Science, Union College (2023-present)
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Union College (2019-present)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Union College (2013-2019)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Missouri State University (2009-2013)
- Assistant Editor, *Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy* (2008-2009)
- Pre-Doctoral Visiting Fellow, Northwestern University (2007-2009)
- Graduate Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (2006)
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin (2002-2007)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- Çiğdem Çıdam, *In the Street: Democratic Action, Theatricality, and Political Friendship*, Oxford University Press, 2021.

Articles

- Çiğdem Çıdam, “Resistance, Law, and the Limits of the Disobedience Framework” in *American Political Science Review*, Published online, 1-13, 2025. doi:10.1017/S0003055425100890.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, Luba Cortés, Ayten Gündoğdu, Violeta Moreno-Lax. “Solidarity as Legal Mobilization” in *American Journal of International Law Unbound*, Vol. 119, pp, 19-24, 2025.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, Review of *The democratic sublime: On aesthetics and popular assembly*, by Jason Frank, in *Contemporary Political Theory*, Vol. 23, pp. 520-523, 2024.

- Çiğdem Çıdam, “Spectacles, Political Education, and Democracy: Re-reading Rousseau's Letter to D'Alembert” in *Polity*, Vol. 55, No.3, pp. 568-598, 2023.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, “From Aesthetics of Resistance to Aestheticization of Politics: The Grotesque Mimicry of Joyful Dissent,” in *Critical Times*, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 310-336, 2022.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Civil Disobedience* edited by William E. Scheuerman, in *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 22, No. 4, pp. 1435-1438, 2022.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, William E. Scheuerman, Candice Delmas, C. *et al.* “Theorizing the Politics of Protests: Contemporary Debates in Political Theory” in *Contemporary Political Theory*, Vol. 19, pp. 513-546, 2020.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, Review of *Rancière's Sentiments*, by Davide Panagia, *Contemporary Political Theory*, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-018-0263-y>, 2018.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, “Unruly Practices: Gezi Protests and Politics of Friendship” *The New Political Science*, Vol. 39, 3, 2017.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, “Radical Democracy without Risks? Habermas on Constitutional Patriotism and Civil Disobedience” *The New German Critique*, Vol. 44, 2, 2017.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, “Memory, Lived-Spaces, and Street Art: Politics of Resistance Against Non-Space,” *Contemporary Political Theory*, Vol. 15, 4, 2016.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, “Disagreeing About Democracy: Rancière, Negri, and the Challenges of Rethinking Politics in the Wake of 1968,” *Theory and Event*, Vol. 19, 1, 2016.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, “Negri, Antonio” *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
- Raymond Duvall and Çiğdem Çıdam “Power in the Analysis of International Relations,” in *Civilizations and World Order: Geopolitics and Cultural Difference*, Rowman & Littlefield, Lexington Books, 2014.
- Çiğdem Çıdam, “A Politics of Love? Antonio Negri on Revolution and Democracy,” *Contemporary Political Theory*, Vol. 12, 1, 26-45, 2013.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Article manuscript, “In the Service of the State? Rousseau on Racine and the Disruptive Potential of Tragedy.”
- Article manuscript with Ayten Gündoğdu, “Beyond Disobedience: Reclaiming Law in the Name of Political Resistance.”

AWARDS

- Faculty Research Fund 2024-2025
- Competitive Course Release Award for the academic year 2022-2023
- Stillman Prize for Faculty Excellence in Teaching, Finalist, 2021

- APSA Foundations of Political Theory's Best Paper Award for "Rousseau's Disastrous Utopias? On the Interchangeability of Political Theory, Pedagogy and Art," 2019

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- “The invocation of law as solidarity-based political resistance” Ayten Gündoğdu and Çiğdem Çıdam, invited talk at “Solidarity, Migration, and Law” Workshop at New York University Law School (May 30-31, 2024)
- “Resistance, Law, and the Limits of Civil Disobedience,” invited talk at Political Theory Workshop at University of Albany, (April 12, 2024)
- “Breaking the Hold of Immediacy: Spontaneity, Theatricality, and Political Friendship in Gezi,” invited talk at "Rhetoric and Politics of Protest and Direct Action" Workshop at Northwestern University (May 19-20, 2022)
- “In the Street,” invited book talk, Boğaziçi University (December 23, 2021)
- “Rethinking Democracy with Sheldon Wolin in the Aftermath of 1960s’ Student Protests,” invited talk at the Political Theory Seminar Series in Izmir Ekonomi University (December 15, 2021)
- Panelist for the Book Manuscript Workshop of Eric Chang’s Manuscript titled *Hanging Together: Role-Based Constitutional Fellowship and the Challenge of Difference and Disagreement* (October 15, 2020)
- “Between Spontaneity and Organization: Antonio Negri and Insurgent Democracy,” invited talk at the Columbia University Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science (New York, NY, March 6, 2019)
- “Democratic Enactment and Political Friendship” invited talk at Political Theory Workshop, Cornell University, Department of Government (Ithaca, NY, March 15, 2018)
- *In the Street: Democratic Enactments and Political Friendship*, First Book Manuscript Workshop, Association for Political Theory (Ann Harbor, MI, October 12, 2017).
- “Habermas on Constitutional Patriotism and Civil Disobedience,” Civil Disobedience Workshop, (Barnard College, Columbia University, May 7-8, 2016).
- “Political Friendship and Virtuous Vengeance in Aristotle,” joint presentation with Krisanna Scheiter at Union College Faculty Colloquium “Junior Faculty Works in Progress” Series (April 22, 2015)
- “Unruly Practices: Gezi Protests and the Contentious Politics of Friendship” invited talk at SUNY Albany Political Theory Workshop (November 21, 2014)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Migrant Solidarity, Law, and Resistance” with Ayten Gündoğdu, Law & Society Annual Meeting, (Chicago, IL, May 22-24, 2025).
- “Beyond Disobedience: Reclaiming Law in the Name of Political Resistance” with Ayten Gündoğdu, Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting (Blacksburg, VA, November 21-23, 2024).
- Discussant for First Book Manuscript workshop on Ed Quish’s “Building the Cooperative Commonwealth,” Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting (Schenectady, NY, October 12-14, 2023)
- Book Panel on Çiğdem Çıdam’s *In the Street: Democratic Action, Theatricality, and Political Friendship*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada, September 16, 2022)

- Discussant for “Insurgent Populism, Militant Protest, and Agonistic Struggle” and “No More Wars: Global Perspectives on War Resistance” panels at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada, September 15-6, 2022)
- “In the Service of the State? Rousseau on Racine and the Disruptive Potential of Tragedy,” Association for Political Theory (University of Massachusetts, Amherst, November 11-13, 2021)
- Discussant for “Reconceiving the Demos beyond the State Sovereign Paradigm” panel at Association for Political Theory (November 11-13, 2021)
- “From Aesthetics of Resistance to Aestheticization of Politics: The Grotesque Mimicry of Joyful Dissent,” The International Conference for the Study of Political Thought (May 13-15, 2021)
- Discussant for “Democratic Contentions” and “From Machiavelli to Trump: Problems of Populism” panels at American Political Science Association Annual Virtual Meeting, (September 10/13, 2020)
- “‘Torture Photographs’: Right Wing Populism and Its Grotesque Mimicry of Joyful Dissent,” American Political Science Association (Washington DC, August 29-September 1, 2019)
- “Beyond the narrative of missed opportunities: Democratic enactments and political friendship,” “Critical Theories in Global Context” Conference, (Brighton, UK, January 23, 2019)
- “Rousseau, Aesthetics, and the Politics of Immediacy,” Western Political Science Association (Vancouver, Canada, April 13-15, 2017)
- Discussant, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, (April 15, 2017)
- “Aesthetics of Rousseau’s Politics,” Association for Political Theory (Columbus, Ohio, October 20-22, 2016)
- “Bodies on the Street: Constituting Practice and Democratic Action in Concert,” Association for Political Theory (Boulder, Colorado October 22-24, 2015)
- “Making Friends? Taksim Square and the Contentious Politics of Friendship,” Association for Political Theory (Madison, Wisconsin October 16-19, 2014)
- “Reclaiming Public Space: Taksim Square, Democratic Protest and Political Friendship,” American Political Science Association (Washington DC, August 28-31, 2014)
- “From Marxism to Democracy: Rancière and Negri after 1968” Association for Political Theory (Nashville, Tennessee, October 10-12 2013)
- “Patriotic Civil Disobedients? Habermas and the Radical Core of Democracy,” Western Political Science Association (Portland, Oregon, March 22-24, 2012)
- “Playing it Safe? Constitutional Patriotism versus “Wild” and “Anarchic” Moments of Democracy,” American Political Science Association (Seattle, Washington, September 1-4, 2011)
- “A Work of Art or a Labor of Love? Rousseau on Artistic Creation, Love and the Social Contract,” Western Political Science Association (San Antonio, Texas, April 21-24, 2011)
- “Antonio Negri on Revolution and Democracy,” American Political Science Association (Washington DC, September 1-4, 2010)
- “Antonio Negri: Invoking Love, Revolutionizing Politics and Theorizing Democracy,” Western Political Science Association (San Francisco, California, April 1-4, 2010)
- “Antonio Negri and the Passionate Entanglements of Popular Action,” Future(s) of Critical Theory (First Graduate Conference in Frankfurt am Main, March 19-21, 2009)

PEDAGOGICAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Faculty Development Institute Course Incubator, (June 23-27, 2025)
- Faculty Development Institute Workshop, “Creating Better Slides” (June 29, 2022)
- Faculty Development Institute Workshop, “Laying the Groundwork for Challenging conversations, with Dr. Ivonne Garcia and Josh Bookin from Harvard Graduate School of Education” (June 21, 2022)
- Participant, Pedagogy Workshop: “Responding to Bias in Student Evaluations,” (University of Massachusetts, Amherst, November 13, 2021)
- Participant, Pedagogy Workshop: “Political Theory 101: Reworking a Staple for Diversity and Inclusion” (Haverford College, October 20, 2018)
- Faculty Development Institute, Teaching with Technology Summer Program (Union College, June 21-30, 2016)
- Panelist, UMN Political Science Teaching Conference (Minneapolis, MN July 26-6, 2014)
- Participant, “Reacting to the Past” Fourteenth Annual Faculty Institute at Barnard (June 5-8, 2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Member, Association for Political Theory First Book Manuscript Workshop Organizing Committee, 2025.
- Critical Exchange Editor, *Contemporary Political Theory*, (2024-Present)
- Chair, Association for Political Theory Governance Council, (2024-Present)
- Co-chair of Division II Conference Program Committee: Foundations of Political Theory at APSA 2024
- Co-host, Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, Union College 2023
- Member, *Contemporary Political Theory* Annual Prize Committee for 2022
- Member, Association for Political Theory Standing Committee on Mentoring and Professional Development (2021-2022)
- Member, Association for Political Theory Book Proposal Workshop Organizing Committee (2021-2022)
- Manuscript Reviewer (*Contemporary Political Theory*, *Journal of Politics*, *Hypatia*, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, *Political Theory*, *Philosophy and Rhetoric*).
- Member, Association for Political Theory Conference Program Committee, (2021).
- Co-chair of Division I Conference Program Committee: Political Thought and Philosophy: Normative Approaches at APSA 2020.
- Member, Association for Political Theory Conference Program Committee, (2018)
- Member, Association for Political Theory Conference Chairs and Discussants Committee (2016)
- Co-organizer of Association for Political Theory Pre-Conference Workshop on Violence and Politics, (Boulder, Colorado, October 22, 2015).
- Member, Association for Political Theory Conference Program Committee, (2015)
- Co-organizer of Missouri State University Workshop for Critical Inquiry in the Humanities and Social Sciences, September 2009 - 2011

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- Member, Academic Affairs Council (Fall 2021-2023)
- Member, General Education Implementation Committee (Winter/Spring 2022)
- Member, General Education Proposal Finalization Working Group (Fall 2021)
- Member, Honor Council, (Fall 2020-present)

- Co-Chair of AAUP's Union College Chapter (Summer 2020- 2022)
- Member, Ad Hoc Tenure Review Committee, (Fall 2020-2021)
- Member, Strategic Planning Working Group: Student Experience Outside Classroom (Winter/Spring 2019)
- Member, Search Committee for US Politics Visiting Positioning, (Winter/Spring 2019)
- Faculty Mentor, Pi Sigma Alpha (2017-18)
- Member, National Fellowships and Scholarships Committee, (2014-9)
- Junior Member, Faculty Review Board, (2015-6).
- Member, President's Commission on the Status of Women, (2015-6).

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate – reading), French, (basic-reading), Classical Greek (basic-reading)