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Biography

I am a first-generation academic studying, teaching and primarily writing about the question of what makes us a just society.

After gaining my Ph.D. from the University of Manchester/UK, School of Social Sciences – Department of Sociology, I joined Anadolu University/Turkey. Previously, I studied in Istanbul University/Turkey, Middle East Technical University/Turkey, Ludwig Maximilian Universität Munich/Germany and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin/Germany.

I am particularly interested in normative and analytical frameworks of theories on distributive justice, (un)deserved inequalities, social and economic background of privilege, dimensions of poverty as well as various forms of (dis)advantage. I approach these topics by drawing on the broad literature of critical and political sociology as well as political philosophy. Related to this, I have recently started to focus on the formation of morally unjustifiable privileges and (un)fair distribution of rewards in liberal meritocratic arrangements, with a particular focus on the unequal social and economic costs of achieving the good life for (dis)advantaged social-classes, gender identities and ethnicities.

Education

Doctorate, The University of Manchester, School of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology, England 2011 - 2016

Postgraduate, Middle East Technical University, Sosyal Bilimler Enstitüsü, Turkey 2008 - 2011

Undergraduate, Istanbul University, Faculty Of Economics, Turkey 2000 - 2006

Dissertations

Doctorate, A Sociological Application of Sen's Capability Approach to (Dis)advantages in Turkey, The University of Manchester, 2016

Postgraduate, A Contribution to the Poverty Studies in Turkey in the Framework of the Capability Approach: The Case of General Directorate of Social Assistance and Solidarity, Middle East Technical University, Sosyal Bilimler Enstitüsü, 2011

Research Areas

Sociology, Political Sociology, Social Stratification and Mobility, Political Science, Politics and Social Sciences

Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Anadolu University, İletişim Bilimleri Fakültesi, Gazetecilik Bölümü, 2025 - Continues
Associate Professor, Anadolu University, Sağlık Bilimleri Fakültesi, Sosyal Hizmet Bölümü, 2024 - 2025
Assistant Professor, Anadolu University, SAĞLIK BİLİMLERİ FAKÜLTESİ, SOSYAL HİZMET BÖLÜMÜ, 2018 - 2024
Research Assistant PhD, Anadolu University, İKTİSAT FAKÜLTESİ, ÇALIŞMA EKONOMİSİ VE ENDÜSTRİ İLİŞKİLERİ BÖLÜMÜ, 2016 - 2018
Research Assistant, The University of Manchester, School Of Social Sciences, 2011 - 2016
Research Assistant, Anadolu University, İKTİSAT FAKÜLTESİ, ÇALIŞMA EKONOMİSİ VE ENDÜSTRİ İLİŞKİLERİ BÖLÜMÜ, 2011 - 2011

Courses

Doctorate

Ethics of Science and Research Techniques (Spring), Doctorate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021
Araştırma Tasarımı ve Raporlama, Doctorate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021
Ethics of Science and Research Techniques (Fall), Doctorate, 2021 - 2022
Ethics of Science and Research Techniques, Doctorate, 2019 - 2020

Postgraduate

Ethics of Science and Research Techniques, Postgraduate, 2024 - 2025
Seminer, Postgraduate, 2024 - 2025

Undergraduate

Sosyal Politika ve Planlama, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025
Sosyal Sorunlar, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025
Uygulamalı Araştırma II, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025
Mesleki İngilizce, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025
Introduction to Sociology, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025
Sociology, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025, 2019 - 2020
Sosyal Hizmetlerde Araştırma Yöntemleri, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025
Uygulamalı Araştırma I, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025
Sosyolojiye Giriş, Undergraduate, 2024 - 2025, 2023 - 2024, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020
Bitirme Projesi I, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019
Sosyal Hizmet Uygulaması I, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019
Political Science (Distant Education), Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022
Scientific Research and Report Writing, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021
Sociology (Spring), Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021
Sociology (Fall), Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021
Introduction to International Relations (Distant Education), Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022
Bitirme Projesi II, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2018 - 2019
Sosyal Hizmet Uygulaması II, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2018 - 2019
Political Thought (Distant Education), Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022
Sosyal Sorunlar, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019
Yoksulluk ve Sosyal Hizmet, Undergraduate, 2020 - 2021
Sosyal Politika ve Planlama, Undergraduate, 2019 - 2020, 2018 - 2019, 2017 - 2018
Siyaset Bilimi, Undergraduate, 2019 - 2020
Bilimsel ve Mesleki Etik, Undergraduate, 2019 - 2020
Sosyolojide Yakın Dönem Gelişmeler, Undergraduate, 2018 - 2019
Türkiye'nin Toplumsal Yapısı, Undergraduate, 2018 - 2019, 2017 - 2018

Articles Published in Other Journals

- I. **Adopting Social Justice as Nothing More than an Academic Jargon: Conceptualisation of Social Justice in Social Work and Social Policy Disciplines**
Arun M. O., Özdemir C.
INSAN & TOPLUM-THE JOURNAL OF HUMANITY & SOCIETY, vol.14, no.4, pp.192-218, 2024 (ESCI)
- II. **Luck in the Just Society - Sociology of Individual's Choices and a Justification for Egalitarian Social Policies**
Arun M. O.
Anadolu Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi, vol.23, no.3, pp.751-770, 2023 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)
- III. **Against the Undisputed Legitimacy of Meritocracy - Drawbacks of the Equality of Opportunity and Gender in Academia**
Arun M. O.
Yönetim ve Çalışma (Online), vol.6, no.2, pp.268-288, 2022 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)
- IV. **A Relational Conception of Justice: The Theory of Recognition and Moral Injury - Proposals for a Practical Evaluative Framework**
Basilio J. L., Arun M. O.
Anadolu Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi, vol.22, no.3, pp.931-954, 2022 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)
- V. **Three Flaws in One Justification A Critical Examination of Nussbaum's Reasoning Behind Her List of Capabilities**
Arun M. O.
INSAN & TOPLUM-THE JOURNAL OF HUMANITY & SOCIETY, vol.12, no.2, pp.1-24, 2022 (ESCI)
- VI. **Back to the Theory: Re-Considering Social Policies as Egalitarian Pre-Conditions of the Liberal Meritocracy**
Arun M. O.
Çalışma ve Toplum, vol.2, no.73, pp.1017-1042, 2022 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)
- VII. **Beyond the Conventional -A Sociological Criticism of Sen's Capability Approach-**
Arun M. O.
JOURNAL OF ECONOMY CULTURE AND SOCIETY, no.58, pp.229-245, 2018 (ESCI)
- VIII. **Yapabilirlikler Yaklaşımı ve Değerli Yapabilirliklerin Tanımlanması Sorunsalı: Yanlış Bilinç Mi, Yapısal Eşitsizlikler Mi?**
Arun M. O.
Anadolu Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi, pp.9-24, 2016 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)
- IX. **A Promising Guide for Equality Research in Turkey: Inequality Re-Examined**
Arun M. O.
Anadolu Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi, vol.11, no.3, pp.277-284, 2011 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)

Books

- I. **A Quest for Justice: Theoretical Insights, Challenges, and Pathways Forward**
Arun M. O. (Editor), Basilio J. L. (Editor)
Nobel Yayınevi, Ankara, 2023
- II. **Forms and Scopes of Justice: An Intersectional Taxonomy**
Arun M. O.
in: A Quest for Justice: Theoretical Insights, Challenges, and Pathways Forward, M. Onur Arun, Jonathan Leif Basilio, Editor, Nobel Yayınevi, Ankara, pp.25-51, 2023
- III. **A Quest for Justice: Laying the Foundations**
Arun M. O., Basilio J. L.
in: A Quest for Justice: Theoretical Insights, Challenges, and Pathways Forward, M. Onur Arun, Jonathan Leif Basilio, Editor, Nobel Yayınevi, Ankara, pp.1-24, 2023

- IV. **Acquiring Advantage from the Identity of Disadvantage: Gender Quotas and the Creamy Layer Question in Turkish Parliamentary Politics**
Arun M. O.
in: Diverse Perspectives and Issues on Inequality, Şenol, Hüseyin Fırat, Editor, Nobel Yayınevi, Ankara, pp.1-25, 2023
- V. **Widening the Scope of Focus - Significance of Sociological and Political Inquiries for Evaluative Practices of Social Policy on Individual's Well-Being**
Arun M. O.
in: Prof. Dr. İhsan Erkul'a Armağan - Sosyal Politika ve Endüstri İlişkileri Yazıları, Yener Şişman, Deniz Kağnıcıoğlu, Editor, Nisan Yayınları, Eskişehir, pp.355-377, 2022
- VI. **Syrian Population Flow and Its Spill-Over Effects in Turkey**
Arun M. O., Karakuş Yetkin M.
in: Different Approaches of Academic Disciplines to the Phenomenon of Migration, Meryem Bulut, Ceren Aksoy-Sugiyama, Kadriye Şahin, Editor, Bilgin Kültür Sanat Yayınları, Ankara, pp.491-502, 2021
- VII. **Exploring the Connection between Inequalities and Radicalisation: A Focus through A Meta-Ethnographic Synthesis of Qualitative Studies**
Arun M. O., Poli A.
in: Desigualdades Globais E Justiça Social: Interfaces, Teóricas, Acesso A Justiça E Democracia, Rebecca Lemos Igreja, Camilo Negri, Editor, Flacso, Brasília, pp.394-437, 2021
- VIII. **Post-Kolonyal Teori**
Arun M. O., Suğur S.
in: Sosyolojide Yakın Dönem Gelişmeler, Serap Suğur, Aylin Görgün Baran, Editor, Anadolu Üniversitesi Basımevi, Eskişehir, pp.178-218, 2019
- IX. **Political Thought**
Arun M. O. (Editor), Suğur N. (Editor)
Anadolu Üniversitesi Basımevi, Eskişehir, 2018
- X. **Yapabilirlik(ler) Yaklaşımı ve Kalkınma**
Arun M. O.
in: Sosyal Sorunlar, Yener Şişman, Editor, Anadolu Üniversitesi Basımevi, Eskişehir, pp.58-85, 2018
- XI. **Sosyal Adalet ve Eşitsizlik**
Arun M. O.
in: Sosyal Sorunlar, Yener Şişman, Editor, Anadolu Üniversitesi Basımevi, Eskişehir, pp.30-57, 2018
- XII. **Bir Sosyal Sorun Olarak Yoksulluk**
Arun M. O.
in: Sosyal Sorunlar, Yener Şişman, Editor, Anadolu Üniversitesi Basımevi, Eskişehir, pp.86-117, 2018
- XIII. **Immanuel Wallerstein ve Dünya Sistemi Kuramı**
Arun M. O.
in: Çağdaş Sosyoloji Kuramları, Aylin Görgün Baran, Serap Suğur, Editor, Anadolu Üniversitesi Basımevi, Eskişehir, pp.188-219, 2018
- XIV. **Fundamentals of Political Thought**
Arun M. O.
in: Political Thought, M. Onur Arun, Nadir Suğur, Editor, Anadolu Üniversitesi Basımevi, Eskişehir, pp.2-31, 2018
- XV. **Political Thought in Ancient Greece and Rome**
Arun M. O.
in: Political Thought, M. Onur Arun, Nadir Suğur, Editor, Anadolu Üniversitesi Basımevi, Eskişehir, pp.32-59, 2018
- XVI. **A Battleground in Political Thought: The Idea of Justice**
Arun M. O.
in: Political Thought, M. Onur Arun, Nadir Suğur, Editor, Anadolu Üniversitesi Basımevi, Eskişehir, pp.202-237, 2018

Papers Presented at Peer-Reviewed Scientific Conferences

- I. **Justice beyond Absolute Egalitarianism: A Critical Reflection on Scholarly Works of Social Justice in Türkiye**
Arun M. O., Özdemir C.
23. Çalışma Ekonomisi ve Endüstri İlişkileri Kongresi, Ordu, Turkey, 30 May - 01 June 2024, pp.119-122, (Summary Text)
- II. **Equality of Outcomes below the Sufficiency Level for Fair Inequalities - Reflections on Sociology of Poverty, Sufficiency Level and Just Society**
Arun M. O.
5th International Congress on Human Studies, Ankara, Turkey, 10 - 11 December 2022, pp.149-166, (Full Text)
- III. **Moving from Disparate Treatment to Disparate Impact for a Fairer Society - A Proposal for Law and Policy-Makers**
Arun M. O., İnan C.
4th International Congress on Multidisciplinary Social Sciences, Ankara, Turkey, 10 - 11 May 2022, pp.100, (Summary Text)
- IV. **Syrian Population Flow and Its Spill-Over Effects in Turkey**
Arun M. O., Karakuş Yetkin M.
International Congress of Migration Researches, Ankara, Turkey, 20 - 22 May 2021, pp.80, (Summary Text)
- V. **Reproduction of White-Collar Middle-Class Masculinity through Domestic Responsibilities: "Donated Equality"**
Arun M. O., Cengiz A. A.
3rd International Congress on Multidisciplinary Social Sciences, Ankara, Turkey, 4 - 06 May 2021, pp.24, (Summary Text)
- VI. **İdeal Aile Yapısının Arkeolojisi ve İstanbul Sözleşmesi Karşıtlığı**
Arun M. O., Kaya F.
International Interdisciplinary Violence Conference, 15 - 16 April 2021, pp.31-47, (Full Text)
- VII. **A Sociological Deconstruction of Individual's Success in Deciding Who Should Get What**
Arun M. O.
INSAC International Congress on Scientific Developments for Social and Education Sciences, Konya, Turkey, 27 - 28 March 2021, vol.1, pp.198-209, (Full Text)
- VIII. **An Unjustified Leap of Nussbaum's Reasoning**
Arun M. O.
International Conference on Contemporary Women's Studies, İstanbul, Turkey, 7 - 08 March 2019, pp.20-25, (Full Text)

Other Publications

- I. **Country Reports on Historical Case Studies of Radicalising Contexts and Milieus**
Arun M. O., Karakus M.
Other, pp.1-31, 2021
- II. **Case Studies of Interactive Radicalisation**
Arun M. O., Karakus Yetkin M.
Other, pp.1-43, 2020
- III. **Report on the Meta-Ethnographic Synthesis of Qualitative Studies on Inequality and Youth Radicalisation**
Arun M. O., Poli A.
Other, pp.1-81, 2019

Funded Projects

Arun M. O., Project Supported by Higher Education Institutions, A Theoretical and Conceptual Inquiry - Operationalization of the Capability Approach and Its Limitations in Social Research in Türkiye, 2025 - 2026

Arun M. O., H2020 Project, Dialogue About Radicalisation and Equality - Horizon 2020 EU Project, Project Number: 725349, 2017 - 2022

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