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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 Information

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 Titles / Tasks

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 Published in Refereed Scientific Meetings

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

## 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

## Supported 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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