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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2019- University of Massachusetts Amherst
Assistant Professor of Urban Futures and Communication

EDUCATION

2019 Columbia University
Ph.D., Communications
Committee: Michael Schudson (Chair), Shannon Mattern, Harvey Molotch, Diane Vaughn, Richard John

2012 New York University
M.A., Media, Culture and Communication
* Recipient of the Samuel Eshborn Award by NYU Steinhardt

2010 Goldsmiths, University of London
M.A., Political Communications

2006 Bogazici University, Istanbul
B.A., Political Science and International Relations

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

De Grazia, Victoria and Burcu Baykurt (Eds). [In Press]. *Soft Power Internationalism, 1990-2020: Cultural Struggles over the New World Order*. New York: Columbia University Press. [Co-edited, wrote the introduction, and contributor.]

Journal Articles

Baykurt, Burcu and Christoph Raetzsch. Forthcoming. "What Smartness Does in the Smart City: From Visions to Policy." *Convergence: The International Journal of Research into New Media Technologies*.

Schudson, Michael and **Burcu Baykurt**. 2016. "How Does a Culture of Health Change? Lessons from the War on Cigarettes." *Social Science and Medicine*. 165: 289-296.

Baykurt, Burcu. 2011. "Redefining Citizenship and Civic Engagement: Political Values Embodied in FixMyStreet.com." *Selected Papers of Internet Research, Association of Internet Researchers*.

Book Chapters

Baykurt, Burcu. [In Press] "Circulating Liberalism: The Global Internet and the Rise of Soft Power Internationalism, 1990-2015." In *Soft Power Internationalism, 1990-2020: Cultural Struggles over the New World Order*. Edited by Victoria de Grazia and Burcu Baykurt. New York: Columbia University Press.

De Grazia, Victoria and **Burcu Baykurt**. [In Press] "Soft Power Internationalism" In: *Soft Power Internationalism, 1990-2020: Cultural Struggles over the New World Order*. Edited by Victoria de Grazia and Burcu Baykurt. New York: Columbia University Press.

Baykurt, Burcu. 2020. "Illiberal Media and Popular Constitution-Making in Turkey" In *Regressing Towards Constitutional Autocracy? The Failure of Popular Constitution Making in Turkey*, edited by Felix Petersen and Zeynep Yanaşmayan. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, pp. 118-142.

Whitepapers

Baykurt, Burcu. 2014. "David Versus Goliath: Digital Resources for Expanded Reporting-and Censoring." in *The New Global Journalism: Foreign Correspondence in Transition*, edited by Ann Cooper and Taylor Owen. Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University.

Book Reviews, Essays, and Public Writing

Baykurt, Burcu. 2020. "(Dis)Connecting the Digital City." *Benton Foundation for Broadband and Society*. <https://www.benton.org/blog/disconnecting-digital-city>

Review of Victor Pickard, *America's Battle for Media Democracy*. 2016. *Media, Culture & Society*. 38(4): 636-639.

Baykurt, Burcu. 2015. "Once a Safe Haven, Turkey Tightens Grip on Foreign Journalists." *Columbia Journalism Review*.
https://www.cjr.org/analysis/once_a_safe_haven_turkey_tightens_grip_on_foreign_journalists.php

Baykurt, Burcu. 2014. "We are Turkey's Generation Y – not a robot lobby." *The Guardian*.
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/mar/19/turkey-generation-y-robot-lobby>

Baykurt, Burcu. 2014. "Digital Platforms, Analog Elections: How Civic Groups Are Trying to Bring Back Democracy in Turkey." *Jadaliyya*.
<http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/17252/digital-platforms-analog-elections-how-civic-group>

Baykurt, Burcu. 2014. "Turkey's Twitter ban is easily bypassed, but there are no easy answers to Erdoğan's abuse of power." *LSE EUROPP Blog*.
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2014/03/24/turkeys-twitter-ban-is-easily-sidestepped-but-there-are-no-easy-answers-to-erdogans-abuse-of-power/>

Baykurt, Burcu. 2013. "The Gezi protests have shown the rampant institutional bias in Turkey's media which now leaves little room for facts." *LSE EUROPP Blog*. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2013/07/10/gezi-protest-media/>

Review of Peter Decherney, *Hollywood's Copyright Wars*. 2013. *Media, Culture and Society*. 35(7): 918-920

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2019 TPRC Charles Benton Early Career Scholar Award
- 2019 Cornell University, Department of Science and Technology Studies Postdoctoral Associate (declined)
- 2018 Yale Law School, Information Society Project Postdoctoral Associate (declined)
- 2018 Mellon/ ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$38,000)
- 2018 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant in STS (\$13,419)
- 2017 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant (\$7,500)
- 2016 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$19,330)
- 2016 Columbia SIPA/ Carnegie Corporation Research Award (\$7,500)
- 2015 Graduate Student Fellowship in Democracy and Markets, The Tobin Project (\$2,000)
- 2015 Tow Center for Digital Journalism Fellowship (\$13,000)
- 2011 IPP/FCC Summer Fellowship, Penn State University (\$8,900)
- 2010 Fulbright Scholarship (\$60,000)
- 2010 Milton Wolf Essay Contest Winner
- 2009 Jean Monnet Scholarship, EU Commission (€28,500)

CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2019 "Smartness as Deliberate Ignorance." and "Tweeting Economics: Co-Constructing Expertise on Social Media." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. August 10-13. New York City, NY.

"Becoming Data-Driven: The Practice of Prediction in Local Governments," *Scraping the Demos: Political Epistemologies of Big Data*, Weizenbaum Institute-Quantification and Social Regulation. July 8-9. Berlin, Germany.

"Becoming Data-Driven: Dashboards and Data Analytics in City Hall." *Algorithms on the Shop Floor: Data-Driven Technologies in Organizational Context Academic Workshop*, Data & Society. June 14. New York City, NY.

"(Dis)Connecting the Smart City." and "De-Provincializing Soft Power: A Comparative-Critical History, 1990-2015." *International Communication Association Annual Meeting*. May 24-28. Washington, DC.

- 2018 "The City as Data Machine." *The Herrenhausen Conference on Transparency and Society: Between Promise and Peril.* June 12-14, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin, Germany.
- "Civic Entrepreneurialism in the Age of Smart Cities." *International Communication Association Annual Meeting.* May 25-29. Prague, Czech Republic.
- "Circulating (II) Liberalism on the Internet." *Global Perspectives on Populism and the Media, International Communication Association Pre-Conference.* May 23-24, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2017 "Civicness in the Smart City: Solutions in Search of Problems." *Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting.* Boston, Massachusetts.
- "Google Fiber: We Will Build it If They Come" and "Civicness in the Smart City: Solutions in Search of Problems." *International Communication Association Annual Meeting.* San Diego, California.
- 2016 "Solutions in Search of Problems: Inventing the Smart City." *midweSTS Graduate Workshop.* Chicago, Illinois.
- 2015 "Urban Experiments in the Gigabit City." *Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting.* Denver, Colorado.
- "Growth and Governance in the Gigabit City." *Experimenting with Technologies Conference.* Delft, Netherlands.
- "The Politics of Speeding Up: Imagining Hyper Futures in a Gigabit City." *Theorizing the Web Conference.* New York City.
- 2014 "The Making of Policy: Ethnography, ANT, and Political Communication," *International Communication Association Pre-Conference on Qualitative Political Communication Research.* Seattle.

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 "Get Smart: How Cities Become Data-Driven." *UMass Amherst Four @Four Speaker Series, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, December 11, Amherst.*
- 2018 "The City as Data Machine." *Kadir Has University Brown Bag Series, Kadir Has University, October 25, Istanbul.*
- 2017 "The Rise of Civic Entrepreneurialism." *The Information Society Project Lunch Speaker Series, Yale Law School, September 14, New Haven.*
- "The City as Data Machine." *Intelligent Communities Roundtable. Social Science Research Council, June 16, New York City.*
- 2016 "How Urban Innovators Make Smart Cities." *Global Cities, Local Knowledge: The Power of Networks.* June 6-7, Fudan University, China.

“Smart Cities and Blockchains: New Techno-Utopian Dreams or Nightmares.” *The Hackers on Planet Earth (HOPE) Conference XI*, July 22-24, New York City.

TEACHING

UMass Amherst

Sidewalks and Screens, undergraduate (2019, 2020)
Social Life of Algorithms, undergraduate (2019, 2020)

Bilgi University, Istanbul

Media Research Methods, graduate (2018)
Global Media, undergraduate (2018)

Barnard College

Sidewalks and Screens, undergraduate (2016)
Journalism and Politics in the Digital Age, undergraduate (2014-2016)

Columbia University

Media Law, graduate (teaching assistant, 2014)
History of Journalism, graduate (teaching assistant, 2013)

New York University

History of Media and Communication, undergraduate (teaching assistant, 2012)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019-2010	Programming & Events Committee (UMass Amherst)
2015-2016	Representative at the Graduate School Advisory Council (Columbia)
2012-2014	Co-organizer of the Doctoral Communications Colloquium (Columbia)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

American Sociological Association
International Communication Association
Society for Social Studies of Science

Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Media, Culture & Society; New Media & Society; Social Science and Medicine; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Social Media & Society.*

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native)
English (fluent)
French (reading and writing proficiency)