

Dr Türkay Salim Nefes

Academic Appointments (**Note: 30 months career break¹**)

2020-25	Ramón y Cajal Research Fellow, The Institute of Public Goods and Policies (IPP), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)
2018-20	Research Associate, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford
2017-20	Associate Member, Sociology Department, University of Oxford
2016-19	Golding Junior Research Fellow, Brasenose College, University of Oxford
2015-17	Research Fellow, Sociology Department, University of Oxford
2014	Visiting Research Fellow, CRASSH, University of Cambridge
2012-14	Research Fellow, St Antony's College, University of Oxford
2011-12	Research Fellow, Sociology Institute, University of Freiburg
2006-10	Assistant Lecturer, Sociology Department, University of Kent

Education

2006-10	PhD Sociology, University of Kent
2005-06	Postgraduate Diploma in Social Research Methods, University of Kent
2003-05	MSc Political Science, Middle East Technical University
1998-02	BSc Sociology, Middle East Technical University

Publications

Book

1. Nefes, T. S. (2015) [Online Anti-Semitism in Turkey](#), New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- **Review:** Yuksel, M. (2017) '[Virtual anti-Semitism in Turkey](#)' *Patterns of Prejudice* 51(2): 217-9.

Peer-reviewed journal articles (SSCI)

1. Nefes, T. S. (2019) '[Negative perceptions of Jews in Turkish politics: An analysis of parliamentary debates, 1983-2016](#)', *South European Society and Politics* 24(3): 397-419.
2. Douglas, K., Uscinski, J., Sutton, R., Cichocka, A., Nefes, T. S., Ang, J. and Deravi, F. (2019) '[Understanding belief in conspiracy theories](#)', *Political Psychology* 40 (1).
3. Nefes, T. S. (2018) '[Political roots of religious exclusion in Turkey](#)', *Parliamentary Affairs* 71(4): 804-819.
4. Nefes, T. S. (2018) '[The sociological foundations of Turkish nationalism](#)', *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* 20(1): 15-30.

¹ a. November 2010 (PhD received) – July 2011 (started Freiburg University postdoc) [9 months]
b. Parental leave: December 2014 – October 2015 [11 months]
c. Part-time work, 60% FTE: October 2015 – October 2017 [10 months]

5. Nefes, T. S. (2017) '[The impacts of the Turkish government's conspiratorial framing about the Gezi Park Protests](#)', *Social Movement Studies* 16(5): 610-622.
6. Nefes, T. S. (2015) '[Understanding the anti-Semitic rhetoric in Turkey through the Sevres syndrome](#)', *Turkish Studies* 16(4): 572-587.
7. Nefes, T. S. (2015) '[Scrutinizing impacts of conspiracy theories on readers' political views: a rational choice perspective on anti-Semitic rhetoric in Turkey](#)', *British Journal of Sociology* 66(3): 557-575.
8. Nefes, T. S. (2014) '[Rationale of conspiracy theorizing: who shot the president Chen Shui-bian?](#)' *Rationality and Society* 26(3): 373-394.
9. Nefes, T. S. (2014) '[Teaching sociology seminars through *The Simpsons*: Homer under Mills' eye](#)', *Journal of Sociology* 50(2): 119-137.
10. Nefes, T. S. (2013) '[Political parties' perceptions and uses of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories in Turkey](#)', *The Sociological Review* 61(2): 247-264.
11. Nefes, T. S. (2013) '[Ziya Gökalp's adaptation of Emile Durkheim's sociology in his formulation of the modern Turkish nation](#)', *International Sociology* 28(3): 335-350.
12. Nefes, T. S. (2012) '[The history of the social constructions of Dönmes \(converts\)](#)', *Journal of Historical Sociology* 25(3): 413-439.

Peer-reviewed journal articles (Other indexes)

1. Nefes, T. S. (2019) 'The conspiracy theory climate in Turkey: why is it always summer?', *Birikim* 366: 61-67 [in Turkish].
2. Nefes, T. S. (2007) '[Zygmunt Bauman on postmodernity: a prophet or a story teller](#)', *Civil Academy* 5(2): 25-30.
3. Diken, B., Laustsen, B. and Nefes, T. S. (2005) 'Hamam', *ToplumBilim* 18: 13-20 [in Turkish].
4. Nefes, T. S. (2004) '[New stories of the city](#)', *Birikim* 182: 67-71 [in Turkish].
5. Diken, B., Laustsen, B. and Nefes, T. S. (2003) 'Postmodern violence: The *Fight Club* in the network society', *Doğu Batı* 23: 56-69 [in Turkish].
6. Nefes, T. S. (2003) '[From globalization to viva Zapata](#)', *Birikim* 168: 85-90 [in Turkish].

Book chapters

1. Nefes, T. S. and Romero Reche, A. (2020) 'Sociology, social theory and conspiracy theory', in M. Butter and P. Knight (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Conspiracy Theories*, Abingdon: Routledge: 94-107.
2. Gurpinar, D. and Nefes, T. S. (2020) 'A survey of the scholarship on conspiracy theories in Turkey', in M. Butter and P. Knight (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Conspiracy Theories*, Abingdon: Routledge: 610-623.
3. Nefes, T. S. (2018) '[The conspiratorial style in Turkish politics: discussing the deep state in the parliament](#)', in J. Uscinski (ed.) *Conspiracy Theories and the People Who Believe Them*, New York: Oxford University Press: 385-395.

4. Nefes, T. S. (2019) 'Dönmes: heroes and villains of Turkish modernisation', in M Dabag (ed.) *Lexicon of non-national communities and diasporas in the Mediterranean*, Munich: Wilhelm Fink. [in German]
5. Nefes, T. S. (2018) '[Framing of a popular conspiracy theory](#)', in E. Aspren, A. Dyrendal and D. Robertson (eds.) *Brill Handbook of Conspiracy Theory and Contemporary Religion*, Leiden: Brill: 407-422.
6. Nefes, T. S. (2014) '[The function of secrecy in anti-Semitic conspiracy theories: the case of Dönmes in Turkey](#)', in M. Reinkowski and M. Butter (eds.) *Conspiracy Theories in the United States and the Middle East: A Comparative Approach*, Berlin: De Gruyter: 139-156.
7. Nefes, T. S. (2011) '[Conspiracy theories as conduits of fundamentalist knowledge](#)', in U. Martensson, U. Bailey, P. Ringrose, A. Dyrendal (eds.) *Fundamentalism, Politics and History*, I.B. Tauris: 219-39.

Selected book reviews

1. Nefes, T. S. (2016) '[Antisemitism and the constitution of sociology](#)', *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* 15(3): 527-528.
2. Nefes, T. S. (2010) '[Conspiracy panics](#)', *Sociological Research Online* 15(4).

Selected op-eds

Nefes, T. S. (2017) '[How conspiracy theories feed political fragmentation](#)', *The Conversation*

Nefes, T. S. (2016) '[Children centres and integration](#)', *Open Democracy*

Nefes, T. S. (2015) '[Understanding conspiracy theories in the Turkish context](#)', *Open Democracy*

Work under review or preparation

Nefes, T. S. (submitted) 'The role of security threats in hostility towards minorities: The case of Armenians in Turkey between 1946 and 1960'

Nefes, T. S. (submitted) 'The interplay between threat perception and ethnoreligious hostility'

Nefes, T. S. (under preparation) 'The value of mixed-method content analysis in the study of politics'

Nefes, T. S. (under preparation) 'Understanding hostility towards Greeks in Turkish politics: The Cyprus crisis and the 6-7 September pogrom in Istanbul'

Academic Honours, Awards and Grants

2020-25 Ramon y Cajal Research Grant, Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, Project: *Causes and Consequences of Conspiracy Theories in Spain and Turkey*

2020-22 ERC Horizon 2020 grant, Project: *Trustworthy, Reliable and Engaging Scientific Communication Approaches [TRESKA]* (Team member at The Institute of Public Goods and Policies, Spanish National Research Council)

2018-24 EU Cost Action grant, Project: *Constitution-making and Deliberative Democracy* (Collaborator)

- 2018-20 Calaouste Gulbenkian Foundation Research Grant, Project: *Being an Armenian in Contemporary Turkey (1980-2018)*
- 2018-20 The A. G. Leventis Foundation Research Grant, Project: *The Experience of the Greek Minority in Modern Turkey*
- 2016-19 William Golding Research Fellowship, Brasenose College, University of Oxford
- 2017-18 Calaouste Gulbenkian Foundation Research Grant, Project: *The Perception of Armenians in Turkish Politics between 1946 and 1980*
- 2016-18 Junior Research Fellowship, Linacre College, University of Oxford (Declined)
- 2016 John Fell Fund, University of Oxford, Project: *Understanding conspiracy theories*
- 2016 ESRC Small grant, Project: *Why do people adopt conspiracy theories, how are they communicated, and what are their risks?* (Collaborator)
- 2015-19 EU Cost Action grant, Project: *Comparative Analysis of Conspiracy Theories* (Collaborator)
- 2015-17 Rothschild Postdoctoral Fellowship grant, Project: *Contemporary experience of the Jewish minority in 'new Turkey'*
- 2013-14 International Centre for the Study of Anti-Semitism research grant, Project: *Online anti-Semitism in Turkey*
- 2012-18 Eight awards of International Journal Publication Incentive, TUBITAK
- 2012-13 TUBITAK Postdoctoral Grant, Project: *Online conspiracy theories in Turkey*
- 2012 First Place in Doctoral Researcher Awards (Social and Management Sciences Category), Association of British Turkish Academics
- 2011-12 International Research Fellowship Grant, Freiburg University, Project: *The influence of Durkheimian sociology on Turkish nationalism*
- 2006-10 Highest PhD studentship award, Sociology Department, University of Kent
- 2000-01 Exchange student scholarship, University of Alberta
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Teaching Experience

- 2014-20 Tutor and Lecturer, University of Oxford: *Sociological Theory, Political Sociology*
- 2006-11 Assistant Lecturer, University of Kent: *Sociological Perspectives on Violence, Terrorism & Modern Society, Sociology of Belonging, Sociology of Disasters and Social Policy*
- 2010-11 Teacher, CATS College Canterbury: *Sociology and Turkish literature*
- 2010- Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- 2010 Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PCGHE), University of Kent
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Selected Conference Papers, Invited Lectures and Summer Schools

- 2019 [“Programming with Python for Social Science Bootcamp”](#), University of Manchester, 29 October – 1 November
- 2018 Lecture, [“Conspiracy Theories”](#), The Royal Institution, London, 24 October
- 2018 Seminar, [“Conspiracy Theories, Fake News and Disinformation on the Internet”](#), University of Huelva, 5 October
- 2018 Invited Lecturer, [Quantitative Methods in the Study of Conspiracy Theories](#), University of Kent, 30 July – 3 August
- 2018 ‘The foundations of anti-Jewish attitudes in Turkish politics’, Turkish-Jewish Entanglements Symposium, University of Graz, 18-19 June
- 2017 ‘The perception of Jews in Turkish Politics: 1983-2016’, David Patterson Lecture, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, 13 February
- 2015 ‘Impacts of the Turkish government response to the Gezi Park Protests’, Invited lecture, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge, 3 February
- 2013 ‘Sociology of conspiracy theories: analysing anti-Semitic conspiratorial rhetoric’, Workshop on Rational Choice Theory and Applications, Collegio Carlo Alberto, 19-21 September
- 2012 ‘The use of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories in Turkish politics’, South East European Studies Centre, University of Oxford, 5 March
- 2011 ‘Adapting Durkheim into Turkish sociology: Ziya Gökalp’s attempt to create a modern Turkey’, Invited lecture, University of Basel, 12 December
- 2011 ‘The reflections on conspiracy theories in Turkish parliament’, British Sociological Association Conference, London School of Economics, 6-8 April
- 2010 ‘The history of the social constructions about Dönmes’, World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 15-19 July
- 2006 ‘Conspiracy theories as conduits of fundamentalist knowledge’, International Conference on Global Communication of Fundamentalist Knowledge, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, 14-17 December
- 2002 ‘Globalisation and new forms of resistances’, 8th National Congress of Sociology Students, Bilgi University, 26-29 April
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Skills and Extracurricular

- Member of International Sociological Association
 - Turkish (native), English (advanced), Spanish (advanced)
 - Chess, former member of the Chess Club, University of Kent
 - Football, member of the St Antony’s College team, University of Oxford
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