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Teaching Experience

2004- ... Communication Design and Management, Istanbul Bilgi University (Roles: Teaching Assistant, Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor)

2010- ... – MA Program, Media and Communication Systems, Istanbul Bilgi University
(Roles: Assistant Professor, Associate Professor)

2014- ... – Ph.D Program, Communication Sciences, Istanbul Bilgi University
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Academic Experience

- 2018 Fall- Research Scholar in Anthropology, UC Irvine, USA
- 2019 Spring- Research Scholar in Science and Technology Studies, M.I.T., USA
- 2008-2017 – Reviewer for journals: Theory, Culture and Society; History and Anthropology; South European Society and Politics, American Anthropologist, Cultural Anthropology, International Journal of Communication, International Journal of Digital Television, Gazi Üniversitesi İletişim Fakültesi Yeni Medya Dergisi, Türkiye İletişim Araştırmaları Dergisi
- 2011-2017 - Inet-TR Conferences [Internet in Turkey Conferences] Member of Scientific Board
- 2012-2019 - Yeni Medya Çalışmaları Konferansı [New Media Studies Conferences]- Member of Scientific Board
- 2014-2017 - Lecturer, ICE2 LAB project (http://ip16.fhv.at/)
- 2015 - Trainer. EU funded Project on Social Media and Minorities in Turkey.
- 2010 - Facilitator. Workshop on Social Media (web 2.0), the opportunities it creates for work and social life, blogging and wordpress. Youth for Habitat Empowerment of Youth for Governance Project.
- 2010 - EUPRERA Social Media Awards Jury Member
- 2008, 7-9 September – Conference Liasion at "Digitally-Empowered Activists: Getting the Tools to the People Who Need Them? of The Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School, in Istanbul.

- 2008 April - Discussant at Nordic Summer University's Intercultural and inter-religious philosophy and dialogues group.
- 2007 - Jury member for Cultural Horizons Prize

Professional Experience

- 2017- 2019 - Reviewer for International Fact-Checking Network
- 2016-2019 - P24 Social Media Workshops- Funded by Friedrich Naumann Foundation
- 2016 - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Youth Project Trainer
- 2016 - Jury Member, Mobile Film Festival Awards, Yedirenk Vakfı, İstanbul
- 2016 - Curator, Newspaper Exhibition in the Library Week, İstanbul Bilgi University
- 15 August 2016- Habitat Derneği, Yeni Medya ve İnteraktif Yayıncılık atölyesi
- 2014-2017 - Deutsche Welle BOBS Awards Jury Member
- 2011-2017, Presenter, Advisor, Sosyalkafa TV Show, BJK TV
- 2012 --- Columnist at T24 and P24, online news sites.
- 2014 - Mixx Awards Türkiye Jury Membership
- 2014 - Freedom House Delegation Member at Internet Governance Forum 2014
- 2013 - Mediacat Yılın Manşetleri. Jury Member
- 2012 - New Media Coordinator, Follow Hub 2012 US Elections Event at Haydarpaşa
- 2010 August- 2011 April, Advisor, Sosyal Medya, A TV show on social media broadcasted at TRT Haber.
- 2010-2013 - Producer, Presenter, Metalkafa Radio Show, Radyovesaire
- 2011 - Jury member, Altın Pusula Ödülleri, Genç İletişimciler Kategorisi
- 2009 - Invited blogger to World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings, Istanbul.

Presentations (most recent ones)

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- Saka, E. (2017, October 20). *Akademik çalışmalara katkı bağlamında bir sorunsallaştırma alanı olarak Dijital Arşiv(cilik) [Digital archives as a field of problematization in the context of contributions to academic research*. Speech presented at Archives and Digital Heritage in the Digital Age in Turkey, İstanbul. https://www.facebook.com/events/1869023266645414/?acontext=%7B%22source%22 %3A5%2C%22page_id_source%22%3A1165207386856722%2C%22action_history%22 %3A[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22main_list

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- Saka, E. (2016, July 23). *In the intersection of anthropology's disciplinary crisis and emergence of internet studies*. Speech presented at EASA2016: Anthropological legacies and human futures, Milan, Italy.
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- Saka, E. (2016, August 18). *New Media in Organ Donation and Transplantation Issues*. Speech presented at The 1st Media Workshop on Organ Donation and Transplantation. , İstanbul, Turkey.

- Saka, E. (2016, May 2). *Freedom of Speech Under Attack: Reports from the Frontlines*. Speech presented at Re:publica 2016, Berlin, Germany. https://re-publica.com/en/16/session/freedom-speech-under-attack-reports-frontlines

- Saka, E. (2016, April 25). *The SUNY COIL Center Turkey Hub and Course Development Initiative: From Catering to Cartography: Against all odds!* Speech presented at 10th Anniversary COIL Conference Agenda, SUNY COIL Center, New York, USA. http://coil.suny.edu/page/2016-coil-conference-agenda-monday

- Saka, E. (2016, March 9). *Uses and potentials of snapchat in Turkey*. Speech presented at Workshop: Social Media in Turkey: Uses and impacts in Social and Political Life in British Institute at Ankara, Ankara, Turkey. http://biaa.ac.uk/event/workshop-social-media-in-turkey-uses-and-impacts-in-social-and-political-life

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- 2014, November, 15- Digital Transformations and New Business Models for Journalism, Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University
- 2014, September 11- New Media in the Digital Era" Turkey – Japan Media Forum".
- May, 29, 2014, Yeni Medya Etkisi: Kamuda Organ Bağışı Bilinci nasıl arttırılabilir?, [How can New Media be used to increase awareness on organ donation] Organ Bağışında Uyum İçin Teknik Yardım Projesi – 1. Uluslararası Sempozyum, 29-31 Mayıs, 2014, Istanbul
- 2014, May, 05- Point 3.0 Conference. Political Accountability and New Technologies. "Turkey after Gezi (Session in cooperation with the Emerging Democracies Institute USA) Discussant
- 2014, April, 15 - Uluslararası Kıbrıs Üniversitesi. Etik ve Sosyal Medya Paneli.
- 2014, February, 7- The 9th International Conference e-Society.Mk How the youth has used the new media in the recent Gezi parki protests in Turkey
- 2012, August, 12- IFLA 2012- Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE)- "Response: new media control in Europe"
- 2011, October 21 – Mardin Artuklu Üniversitesi Antropoloji Atölyesi: " Sınırları Aşmak : Türkiye'de Sosyo-Kültürel Antropoloji Çalışmalarında Yeni Yaklaşımlar" (Presentation entitled: Doing New Media Ethnography in Turkey)
- 2011, October 16– Panelist at Digital Activism Panel (Alternatif Medya Şenliği Dijital Aktivizm Paneli co-moderator.)
- 2011, September 15 - Pecha Kucha Night Istanbul. Vol 11- Who Rules the World? Games and Politics(Presentation entitled: Brief notes on how Internet shapes Politics)
- 2011, June 24 - International workshop: Ordering the Social/ Producing Change: New Ethnographies of Turkey in Transformation, Boğaziçi University (Presentation entitled: Introductory Ideas for an Ethnography of Emerging Cybersphere in Turkey)

Grants
- Swedish Consulate in Istanbul (2017): Coordination of Stockholm Internet Forum Istanbul Session
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Research Projects

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* Trainer, Scaling up from Local to Global - Co-creating European local food & beverage networks, EU funded (2014-2015)
* Researcher, South East European Media Observatory. Building Capacities and Coalitions for Monitoring Media Integrity and Advancing Media Reforms, EU funded (2013-2014)
* Trainer- Social Media and Non-Muslim Minorities in Greece and Turkey, EU funded (2015-2016)

Memberships

American Anthropological Association (ID no: 000030126I)
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