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### Biography

M. Alper Yalçinkaya received his BA and MA in Sociology from Middle East Technical University. After completing two years of PhD studies at the History program of Sabancı University, he started the joint PhD programs in Sociology and Science Studies at University of California, San Diego. Upon completion of his PhD in 2010, he worked as assistant and associate professor of sociology at Ohio Wesleyan University. Yalçinkaya returned to Turkey and joined TED University in 2022.

A historical sociologist of science and religion, Yalçinkaya has numerous journal articles and is author of *Learned Patriots: Debating Science, State and Society in the Nineteenth Century Ottoman Empire* (University of Chicago Press, 2015). Yalçinkaya's research interests also include social theory, cultural sociology, sociology of art, sociology of emotions, and intellectual history.

### Education Information

Doctorate, University of California, San Diego, United States Of America 2003 - 2010

Postgraduate, Middle East Technical University, Graduate School Of Social Sciences, Turkey 1996 - 1999

Undergraduate, Middle East Technical University, Turkey 1992 - 1996

### Foreign Languages

French, B1 Intermediate

English, C2 Mastery

### Research Areas

Sociology

### Academic Titles / Tasks

Assistant Professor, TED University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology, 2022 - Continues  
2022 - Continues

Associate Professor, Ohio Wesleyan University, Sosyal Bilimler, Sosyoloji, 2017 - 2021

## Courses

Religion and Migration, Postgraduate

Religion and Migration, Postgraduate

Social and Political Studies, Undergraduate

Sociological Theories: Contemporary, Undergraduate, 2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023

Sociological Theories I: Classics, Undergraduate, 2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023

Sociological Theories II: Classics, Undergraduate, 2023 - 2024

Religion and Modernity, Undergraduate, 2023 - 2024, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022

Development of Sociology in Turkey, Undergraduate, 2023 - 2024, 2021 - 2022

Development of Sociology in Turkey, Undergraduate

Sociological Theories II: Classics, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022

Graduation Project and Seminar, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023

Graduation Project and Seminar I, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023

Religion and Migration, Postgraduate, 2021 - 2022

Religion and Modernity, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022

Social Change, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023

## Published journal articles indexed by SCI, SSCI, and AHCI

- I. **Constructing a "Scientific Manpower Crisis": Science Education and the Ford Foundation in Cold War Turkey**  
Yalçinkaya M. A.  
History of Education, vol.53, no.5, pp.855-875, 2024 (SSCI)
- II. **Globalizing 'science and religion': examples from the late Ottoman Empire**  
Yalçinkaya M. A.  
BRITISH JOURNAL FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE, vol.55, pp.445-458, 2022 (AHCI)
- III. **Kindred fatalisms: debating science, Islam, and free will in the Darwinian era**  
Yalçinkaya M. A.  
ANNALS OF SCIENCE, vol.79, no.3, pp.364-385, 2022 (SCI-Expanded)
- IV. **"SCIENCE," "RELIGION," AND "SCIENCE-AND-RELIGION" IN THE LATE OTTOMAN EMPIRE: with Jaime Navarro and Kostas Tampakis, "Science and Religion in Nineteenth-Century Europe: Non-Anglo-American Perspectives"; M. Alper Yalçinkaya, "'Science,' 'Religion,' and 'Science-and-Religion' in the Late Ottoman Empire"; Kostas Tampakis, "High Science and Natural Science: Greek Theologians and the Science and Religion Interactions (1832–1910)"; Agustín Ceba Herrero and Joan March Noguera, "'Serving God, Fatherland, and Language': Alcover, Catalan, and Science"; Jaime Navarro, "Draper in Spain: The Conflicting Circulation of the Conflict Thesis"; and Neil Tarrant, "Science, Religion, and Italy's Seventeenth Century Decline: From Francesco de Sanctis to Benedetto Croce."**  
Yalçinkaya M. A.  
Zygon, vol.54, no.4, pp.1050-1066, 2019 (SSCI)
- V. **Science as an ally of religion: a Muslim appropriation of 'the conflict thesis'**  
Yalçinkaya M. A.  
BRITISH JOURNAL FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE, vol.44, no.161, pp.161-181, 2011 (AHCI)

## Articles Published in Other Journals

I. **Science and spirituality: Ottoman inconsistencies, Europe's paradoxes**

Yalçinkaya M. A.

RÚBRICA CONTEMPORÁNEA, vol.6, no.12, pp.7, 2017 (Scopus)

**Books & Book Chapters**

I. **Evolution and Constructions of Islam in the Ottoman World, 1870–1920**

YALÇINKAYA M. A.

in: Evolutionary Theories and Religious Traditions: National, Transnational, and Global Perspectives, 1800-1920, Bernard Lightman, Sarah Qidwai, Editor, University of Pittsburgh Press , Pittsburgh, pp.270-285, 2023

II. **"Ibn Sina the Turk": Early Twentieth-Century Turkish Nationalism, Islam and the Historiography of Science**

YALÇINKAYA M. A.

in: Science, Religion and Nationalism: Local Perceptions and Global Historiographies, Jaume Navarro, Kostas Tampakis, Editor, Routledge, London/New York, Londrina, pp.20-40, 2023

III. **The Harmony Thesis in the Turkish Media, 1950–1970**

Yalçinkaya M. A.

in: Rethinking History, Science, and Religion An Exploration of Conflict and the Complexity Principle, , Editor, University of Pittsburgh Press , 2019

IV. **Din, bilim, "din ve bilim": Araştırma hatları ve vaadettikleri üzerine bir değerlendirme**

YALÇINKAYA M. A.

in: Geç Osmanlı'dan Günümüze Modern Doğa Bilimciliği, Sanem Güvenç Salgırlı, Vefa Saygın Öğütte, Editor, Doğu Batı, İstanbul, pp.273-310, 2019

V. **The Harmony Thesis in the Turkish Media, 1950-1970**

YALÇINKAYA M. A.

in: Rethinking History, Science, and Religion, Bernard Lightman, Editor, University of Pittsburgh Press , Pittsburgh, pp.129-144, 2019

VI. **Muslims**

Yalçinkaya M. A.

in: The Warfare between Science & Religion The Idea That Wouldn't Die, , Editor, JHU Press, 2018

VII. **Muslims**

YALÇINKAYA M. A.

in: The Warfare between Science and Religion: The Idea That Wouldn't Die, Ron Numbers, Jeff Hardin, Editor, Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, pp.203-220, 2018

VIII. **"Muslims' Contributions to Science" and Ottoman Identity**

Yalçinkaya M. A.

in: Living in the Ottoman Realm Empire and Identity, 13th to 20th Centuries, , Editor, Indiana University Press, 2016

IX. **Muslims' Contributions to Science and Ottoman Identity**

YALÇINKAYA M. A.

in: Living in the Ottoman Realm, Kent Schull, Christine Isom Verhaeren, Editor, Indiana University Press, Indianapolis, pp.272-283, 2016

X. **Learned Patriots Debating Science, State, and Society in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Empire**

Yalçinkaya M. A.

University of Chicago Press, 2015

**Activities in Scientific Journals**

Osmanlı Bilimi Araştırmaları, Publication Committee Member, 2015 - Continues

## **Scientific Refereeing**

From Complexity to Globality: International Perspectives on Science, Culture, and Belief, Scientific / Professional Book  
Published by Renowned Publishing Houses, October 2023  
SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION, Journal Indexed in SSCI, January 2023

## **Congress and Symposium Activities**

Science and Religion: Identity and Belief Formation, Invited Speaker, California, United States Of America, 2023