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EMPLOYMENT

- 2024- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
- 2016-24 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
(Undergraduate appointment at the University of Toronto Scarborough)

EDUCATION

- 2016 **Ph.D.** in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation Title: *The State Effects and the Politics of Immigration in Arizona*
- 2009 **M.A.** in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2006 **B.A.** University of Chicago, Economics and History with Honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration & Refugee Studies; Political Sociology; Race & Ethnicity; Class; Gender; Work and Labor

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Book

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2020. *Divided by the Wall: Progressive and Conservative Immigration Politics at the U.S.-Mexico Border*. University of California Press.

- Honorable Mention, 2022 Thomas & Znaniecki Best Book Award, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association
- Finalist, 2020 C. Wright Mills Award, Society for the Study of Societal Problems
- Reviewed in (1) *Social Forces*; (2) *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; (3) *Contemporary Sociology*; (4) *Mobilization*; (5) *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*; (6) *Journal of American Ethnic History*; (7) *New Mexico Historical Review*

Articles

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2023. "Armed Citizens on the Border: How Guns Fuel Anti-Immigration Politics in America." *Social Problems*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spad034>

- Podcast: *This is Hell Podcast*. 2024. "Guns Fuel US Anti-Immigrant Politics." Feb. 22. <https://thisishell.com/episodes/1702>
- Media Coverage: Brownlee, Chip. 2024. "How American Gun Culture Fuels Anti-Immigrant Politics." Feb. 16. *The Trace: Investigating Gun Violence in America*. <https://www.thetrace.org/2024/02/us-gun-culture-immigration-politics/>
- Podcast: *Guns Unpacked*. 2025. [To Be Released]

Emine Fidan Elcioglu and Tahseen Shams*. 2023. "Brokering Immigrant Transnationalism: Remittances, Family Reunification, and Private Refugee Sponsorship in Neoliberal Canada." *Current Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00113921231155652> *equal co-authors

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2021. "Neoliberal Fatigue: The Effects of Private Refugee Sponsorship on Canadians' Political Consciousness." *Critical Sociology* 49(1): 97-113.

- Media Coverage: [Arce, Fernando. 2022. "Report asks, are private refugee sponsorships really the gold standard?" February 12. *The Toronto Star*.](#)

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2017. "The State Effect: Theorizing Immigration Politics in Arizona." *Social Problems* 64(2): 239-255.

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2015. "Popular Sovereignty on the Border: Nativist Activism among Two Border Watch Groups in Southern Arizona." *Ethnography* 16(4): 438-462.

Dorr, Noam, **Emine Fidan Elcioglu**, and Lindsey Gaydos*. 2014. "'Welcome to the Border': National Geographic's *Border Wars* and the Naturalization of Border Militarization." *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society* 17(1): 45-60. *equal co-authors

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2010. "Producing Precarity: The Temporary Staffing Agency in the Labor Market." *Qualitative Sociology* 33: 117-136.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2024. "Book Review: Global Labor Migration: New Directions." *Contemporary Sociology* 53(3): 228-229. (Invited publication).

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2023. "Book Review: Migration and Mortality: Social Death, Dispossession, and Survival in the Americas." *Contemporary Sociology* 52(1): 67-69. (Invited publication).

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2022. "Book Review: Grandmothers on Guard: Gender, Aging, and the Minutemen at the U.S.-Mexico Border." *American Journal of Sociology* 128(3): 974-6. (Invited publication).

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2021. "Book Review: Bans, Walls, Raids, Sanctuary: Understanding U.S. Immigration in the Twenty-First Century." *Contemporary Sociology* 50(5): 436-438. (Invited publication).

Elcioglu, Emine Fidan. 2012. "Photo Essay - The Arizona Desert: A Death Trap for Migrants." *Global Dialogues* 2(5). <https://globaldialogue.isa-sociology.org/articles/the-arizona-desert-a-death-trap-for-migrants>

Book Edited

Burawoy, Michael, Mau-kuei Chang, Michelle Hsieh (editors), Abigail Andrews, **Emine Fidan Elcioglu** and Laura Nelson (associate editors). 2010. *Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for a Global Sociology*. Academia Sinica and International Sociological Association.

ARTICLE IN PROGRESS

"How Second-Generation South Asian and Chinese Canadians Confront Racism by Becoming Conservative Voters" (under review)

AWARDS & HONORS

2022 [Honorable Mention, 2022 Thomas & Znaniecki Best Book Award, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association](#)

2021 University of Toronto Scarborough Dean's Merit Award

This award was given in recognition of "outstanding research performance", "assessment that teaching is good in all aspects with strengths in some" and "service contributions exceeding expectations."

2021 C Wright Mills Award Finalist, Society for the Study of Social Problems

2020 University of Toronto Scarborough Pre-Tenure Faculty Research Award – Social Sciences Discipline

I was one of three pre-tenure faculty in all of the Social Sciences disciplines at UTSC to receive this award in recognition of "outstanding research records and substantial contributions to U of T Scarborough and to the University in general."

2011 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley

2011 Teaching Effectiveness Award, UC Berkeley

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023-4 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Institutional Grant (SIG), University of Toronto

- 2023-4 School of Cities Urban Challenges Grant, University of Toronto
- 2022 Tri-Agency Bridge Fund, University of Toronto Scarborough
- 2022 Scholars-in-Residence Program, Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto
- 2021 Tri-Agency Bridge Fund, University of Toronto Scarborough
- 2019 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Institutional Grant (SIG), University of Toronto
- 2019-21 Connaught New Researcher Award, University of Toronto
- 2019 Tri-Agency Bridge Fund, University of Toronto Scarborough
- 2018 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Institutional Grant (SIG), University of Toronto
- 2017 National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Faculty Success Program Grant, University of Toronto
- 2016 Department of Sociology Research Startup Funds, University of Toronto
- 2015 Center for Right-wing Studies Research Grant, University of California-Berkeley
- 2014-15 Berkeley Connect Fellowship, University of California-Berkeley
- 2012-14 Graduate Fellows Program, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, University of California-Berkeley
- 2013 Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California-Berkeley
- 2012 Center for the Study of Race and Gender Grant, University of California-Berkeley
- 2011 Center for Latino Policy Research Grant, University of California-Berkeley
- 2010-11 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, University of California-Berkeley

INVITED TALKS

Book Talks on *Divided by the Wall: Progressive and Conservative Immigration Politics at the U.S.-Mexico Border*

Williams College. First-year Undergraduate Sociology Course: Invitation to Sociology. November 17, 2023.

Johns Hopkins University. First-year Undergraduate Sociology Course: Introduction to Sociology. December 5, 2022.

American Sociological Association Section on Political Sociology, Virtual Book Panel. June 15, 2022.

American Sociological Association Section on Collective Behavior & Social Movements, Book

Bazaar. January 11, 2022.

University of Toronto - Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, R.F. Harney Fellows Program Colloquium. November 18, 2021.

University of Toronto – St. George. Second-year Undergraduate Sociology Course: Introduction to Qualitative Methods. October 18, 2021.

An Evening of Books Panels: Ethnography. *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. Online. August 2021.

Colby College. Advanced Undergraduate Sociology Course: Current Topics in Sociology. April 29, 2021.

University of Texas - Arlington. Fourth-year Undergraduate Political Science Course: Citizenship in the Americas. April 22, 2021.

American Sociological Association Section on International Migration, Book Slam. April 2, 2021.

University of Toronto - Mississauga. Second-year Undergraduate Sociology Course: Thinking like a Sociologist. March 22, 2021.

University of Toronto - Mississauga. Third-year Undergraduate Sociology Course: Qualitative Analysis. February 9, 2021.

University of Toronto. Department of Sociology. November 25, 2020.

University of Pennsylvania. Department of Sociology. November 4, 2020.

University of California - Berkeley (Center for Ethnographic Research). Discussant: Martín Sánchez-Janakowski. October 27, 2020. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9bvHF_pNDw

University of California-San Diego (Center for Comparative Immigration Studies) and University of California-Los Angeles (Center for the Study of International Migration). Discussant: Tom Medvetz; Moderator: Roger Waldinger. October 23, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aidp2lu7LOg>

Other Invited Talks

“It Doesn’t Matter if Your Name is Smith or Singh, Chang or Charles’: The Appeal of Conservative Politics among Second-Generation Canadians in the GTA.” *School of Cities*, University of Toronto-Scarborough. Online. October 16, 2023.

“Presidential Panel: Guns in U.S. Society.” *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, CA. August 2022.

“New Canadians, New Conservatives: Why Should We Study Right-of-Center Voting Among Immigrants in the Greater Toronto Area?” *Jackman Humanities Institute Scholars-in-Residence Program*. Online. May 2022.

“[Studying the Social World in Situ](#).” Workshop co-led with Sophie Marois. *Social Science Methods Week, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto*. Online. April 2022.

“Kickstarting your Research / Creative Practice at UTSC: Humanities/Social Sciences.” New Faculty Orientation Panel, University of Toronto Scarborough. August 2021

“The State and Politics of Gender.” Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender. *American Sociological Association*. Online. August 2021.

“Navigating Imposter Syndrome: Claiming Our Space and Belonging in Academia.” Anti-Racism and Equity Committee, University of Toronto Sociology Department. April 2021.

“‘It’s Our Moral Imperative’: The Classed Meanings of Whiteness and the Politics of Immigration in Arizona.” *University of Toronto-Scarborough Great Explorations Speaker Series*, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, October 2017. <https://www.utoronto.ca/vpdean/october-24-its-our-moral-imperative>

“The State Effect,” Panel on ‘Bringing the State Back Out.’ Annual Conference of the ASA Section on Development. [Development in Question Conference](#), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 2016.

“Navigating UC Berkeley Sociology.” *Sociology Graduate Pro-Seminar*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, September 2015.

“International Graduate Student Instructor Panel.” Panelist, *Teaching Conference for New Graduate Student Instructors*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, August 2015.

“Conducting Participant Observation.” Guest Speaker, *Center for Ethnographic Research Summer Workshop in Qualitative Research Methods*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, June 2015.

“Strategies for Organizing Empirical Evidence.” Panelist, *Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis Course*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, February 2015.

“On Methodology and Research Design.” Guest Speaker, *Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis Course*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, October 2013.

“Being a Sociology Graduate Student.” Guest Speaker, *Undergraduate Sociology Pro-Seminar*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, November 2013

“Producing Precarity: The Temporary Staffing Agency in the Labor Market.” *Bodies, Brokers and Borders: Labor Market Intermediaries and Transnational Migration*, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, April 2010.

CONFERENCE & SYMPOSIA PRESENTATIONS

“Guns on the Border: How Firearms Energize American Anti-Immigration Politics,” *American Sociological Association*, ‘Migration, Citizenship, and Legacies of Empire and Colonialism’ session, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023. [paper session]

“Citizen Brokers of Immigrant Transnationalism: Private Refugee Sponsors in Neoliberal Canada.” co-presenter: Tahseen Shams.

- *American Sociological Association*, online, August 2021. [paper session]
- *Canadian Sociological Association*, online, June 2021. [paper session]

“‘We’re All Brothers, No Matter What Color You Are’: An Ethnographic Study of How Right-wing Restrictionist Activists Make Sense of Racism,”

- *Canadian Sociological Association*, online, June 2021. [paper session]
- *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018. [paper session]

“It’s Our Moral Imperative’: The Classed Meanings of Whiteness and the Politics of Immigration in Arizona,” *International Sociological Association*, Toronto, ON, July 2018. [roundtable]

“The State Effect: Beyond an Instrumental Theory of the State,” *American Sociological Association*, Montréal, QC, August 2017. [roundtable]

“Popular Sovereignty on the Border: Nativist Activism among Two Border Watch Groups in Southern Arizona,”

- *Berkeley/Stanford Immigration Conference*, Berkeley, CA, December 2014. [panel]
- *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL, August 2015. [paper session]

“Domination and Desire: How Pro-Immigrant Activists and Immigration Restrictionist Activists in Arizona Make Sense of the Global Political Economy.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, San Francisco, CA, August 2014. [paper session]

“America, Sacred or Profane: The Worldviews of Pro-Immigration and Immigration Restrictionists Activists in Arizona.” *Comparative-Historical Political Sociology Mini-Conference*, New York City, NY, August 2013. [paper session]

“Producing America’s ‘Toughest’ Sheriff: How the Federal Government Created the Conditions for Local Restrictionist Politics.” *Law and Society Association*, Boston, MA, June 2013. [paper session]

“Border Games: Play, Performance, and Simulation of Law Enforcement among Border Watch Groups.” *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO, August 2012. [paper session]

“The Basis of ‘Self-Sufficiency’: Nonstandard Work, Civil Society Organizations, Labor Brokers and Migrant Labor Systems.” *American Sociological Association*, Las Vegas, NV, August 2011. [roundtable]

“The Illegality State: A Conversation about Contemporary US Immigration Policy and Possibilities for Social Change.” *States of Emergency: A Conference in Honor of Peter Evans*, Berkeley, CA, May 2011. [panel session]

“‘The Border Crossed Us’: The Interactions Between State Power and Indigenous Sovereignty.” *Borders and Belonging: Berkeley Journal of Sociology Annual Conference*, Berkeley, CA, March 2011. [panel session]

“Cultivating the Good Precariat: The Role of Temp Agencies in the Labor Market.” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA, August 2009. [paper session]

TEACHING

Undergraduate Teaching: Department of Sociology, University of Toronto Scarborough

- Issues in Critical Migration Studies (SOCB60): Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2023
- Immigrant Scarborough (SOCD21): Winter 2018, Winter 2019, Winter 2021, Fall 2021, Summer 2022, Winter 2023, Winter 2024
- Practicum in Qualitative Research Methods (SOCC23): Winter 2021, Winter 2022, Winter 2024
- Ethnicity, Race and Migration (SOCC25): Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Graduate Teaching: Department of Sociology, University of Toronto

- Immigration II (SOC6003): Winter 2019, Fall 2023
- Immigration I - Survey Course (SOC6002): Winter 2022

Doctoral Student Co-Supervision

- Samia Tecele, 2019-present, *Recalibrating: Understanding Inland Refugee Determination and Overseas Resettlement in Canada as an Interconnected System*

- Dissertation Defense Completed February 2024
- Pelin Gül, 2021-present, *Beyond Left-Right Cleavages: Xenophobic Liberalism and Pro-Refugee Conservatism in Türkiye*
- Kayla Preston, 2021-present, *An Analysis of Far-Right Youth Activists in Canada and the United States*
- Jessica Stallone, 2022-present, *The Politics of Nation-Making: An Ethnography Study of Diversity in Quebec*
- Sara Hormozinejad, 2022-present, *"I'm in Love with Tehran but Never Loved Toronto:" Examining the Role of Emotions in North-South Return Migration*

Doctoral Student Committee Membership

- Jennifer Peruniak, 2020-present, *On the Margins: Exploration of Transracial Adoptees' Conceptualization of Racial Identity within White Adopting Families*
- Selin Kepenek [Political Science], 2020-present, *Transnational Voting and Political Mobilization: Party Support among Turkish Immigrants in Canada and Germany*
- Alexa Carson, 2021-present, *Los Abuelos: How Latin American and Caribbean Immigrant Families Make Sense of Senior Care*
- Kyla Simms, 2021-present, *A Canadian Blackness: An Ethnographic Study of Race, Ethnicity, and National Belonging Among Black Second-Generation Canadians*
- Maleeha Iqbal, 2022-present, *Understanding Transnational Identity Formation Amidst Global Islamophobia: The Case of Muslims in Canada and Pakistan*

Research Practicum Advising*

- Pelin Gül 2022-2023
- Kayla Preston 2021-2022
- Jennifer Peruniak 2020-2021

(*Research Practicum is a mandatory year-long course for second-year Sociology PhD students. As advisor, I provided one-on-one mentoring to advisees as they collected and analyzed data, and wrote up publishable research papers.)

First-Year Mentoring

- Aurélie Etienne 2023-2024
- Pelin Gül 2021-2022
- Abigail Claudia Borja 2018-2019

Other Teaching and Supervision Experience

University of Toronto

- Faculty Supervisor, Jackman Humanities Institute Scholars-In-Residence, May 2022
I mentored five undergraduate students, who worked as research assistants on my project, [“New Canadians, New Conservatives: Understanding the Appeal of Centre-Right Politics Among Immigrants in the Greater Toronto Area.”](#)

University of California - Berkeley

- Berkeley Connect Mentor for Undergraduate Students, Dept. of Sociology, 2014-2015
- Undergraduate Seminar: Sociology of Immigration Politics: 2013, 2015, 2016
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor, Dept. of Sociology, 2012-2014

Community Organizations

- Instructor, Literacy Volunteers of Tucson, AZ, 2011-2012
- Instructor, Prison University Project, San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA “Critical Thinking: The Foundations of Modern Western Thought,” 2008

SERVICE

Editorial

- Editorial Board Member: *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 2006-2008, 2013-2016
BJS editorial board was awarded the University of California-Berkeley Department of Sociology’s Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, May 2015
- Book Manuscript or Proposal Reviewer:
Columbia University Press
Routledge
University of California Press
- Reviewer:
American Sociological Review
Social Problems
Ethnography
The Sociological Quarterly
Citizenship Studies
Law & Social Inquiry
Critical Sociology
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
Canadian Journal of Sociology
- Editor: [Universities in Crisis](#): Blog of the International Sociological Association, 2012-13

This blog continued the work that started with the book I helped edit, *Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for a Global Sociology* (2010), but focused specifically on the threats to higher education posed by privatization and neoliberalism.

Department

- UTSC Sociology Curricular Planning Committee (2023-2024)
- UTSC Sociology Department Planning Committee (2023-2024)
- Graduate Admissions Committee (2023-2024)
- Panel Discussant, Student Practicum Conference, April 5, 2023
- Comprehensive Exam Committee for Global Migration (formerly Race, Ethnicity and Immigration) (2021-22, 2022-23)
- Comprehensive Exam Committee for Qualitative Methods (2020-21, Winter 2024)
- Progress-Through-the-Ranks (PTR) Committee (2020-21, 2021-22)
- Faculty Search Committee, UTSC Centre for Critical Development Studies (2020-21)
- Delegated Ethics Review Committee (2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2020-2021)
- Sociology Chair Search Committee at UTSC (2020-2021)
- Sociology Speaker Series Committee (2016-2017)

University and Profession

- Member, Canadian Sociological Association Book Award Adjudication Committee (2025)
- Discussant and Facilitator. "Transnational Migration, Precarious Legal Status: Spatialities of Movement, Negotiation, and Resistance." *Association of American Geographers Toronto Node Mini-Conference*, Toronto, April 19, 2024.
- Organizer of Critical Migration Studies Collective (2023-2024)
- ASA International Migration Section Thomas & Znaniecki Best Book Award Committee Co-Chair (2022-3)
- UTSC Academic Appeals Committee (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019)
- UTSC Fall Campus Day Open House Event (2018)
- Conference Organizer, "A New Movement Era?: Reflections by Frances Fox Piven," UC Berkeley (2014)

Other Media Mentions

[Desai, S. and A. Kali. "Inside the Conservative Party's Growing Alliance with Right-Wing Hindu Groups." *The Breach*. January 17, 2025.](#)

[Ahsan, S. "Toronto Air Show: Locals Call for End to 'Traumatizing' Event After Years of Criticism – 'Disneyland for War.'" *Yahoo News*. August 29, 2024](#)

["Trump Accused of Giving a Shot of Adrenalin to Canadian Racists. *CBC News*. November 16, 2016.](#)