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CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

PhD Candidate in History · University of Strasbourg

Doctoral School of Humanities and Social Sciences (ED 519) — UMR 7069 LinCS & UR 3400 ARCHE

Associate Researcher (Chercheur associé) · GEO — UR 1340

Groupe d'études orientales, slaves et néo-helléniques, University of Strasbourg

RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of Turkic languages · Ottoman Turkish · Old and Middle Turkic · Turkish grammar · History of Asian peoples.

EDUCATION

PhD in Foreign Languages and Literatures — Turkish Studies

2019 — present

University of Strasbourg · Doctoral School of Humanities and Social Sciences (ED 519)

Affiliated laboratories: UMR 7069 LinCS and UR 3400 ARCHE

Dissertation (co-supervision): De la Sublime-Porte aux steppes : l'influence de l'historien Léon Cahun dans les mouvements turquistes et le changement de la perception du Moyen Âge dans l'historiographie turque (de la seconde moitié du XIX^e siècle à nos jours) — From the Sublime Porte to the Steppes: The Influence of the Historian Léon Cahun on Turkist Movements and the Changing Perception of the Middle Ages in Turkish Historiography (from the Second Half of the 19th Century to the Present).

Supervisors: Prof. Stéphane de Tapia and Prof. Damien Coulon.

Master's Degree (M2) in Turkish Studies

2017 — 2019

University of Strasbourg

Thesis: Le Ekonomi Tercemesi : Fenn-i İdâre dans le cadre du mouvement de traduction dans l'Empire ottoman au XIX^e siècle — [Le Ekonomi Tercemesi: Fenn-i İdâre in the Context of the Ottoman Translation Movement in the 19th Century].

Supervisors: Prof. Johann Strauss and Prof. Stéphane de Tapia.

Master's Degree (M1) in Turkish Studies

2016 — 2017

University of Strasbourg

Bachelor's Degree in Turkish Language and Literature

2012 — 2016

Faculty of Letters, University of Istanbul — graduated with honours

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & TEACHING

Temporary Teaching and Research Fellow (ATER)

2024 — 2025

Department of Turkish Studies, University of Strasbourg

Courses taught: Historical Geography of Turkey (L1); Turco-Iranian World: Empires of Asia (L1); Introduction to Ottoman Turkish (L2); History of Turkic Languages (L2); Formation of Turkey: Historical Issues (L2).

Lecturer

2022 — 2024

Department of Turkish Studies, University of Strasbourg

Courses taught: Written and Oral Expression (L1); Introduction to Literary Translation (L1); History of Turkish and Ottoman Literature (L1); Turkish Language through Translated Texts (L1 & L2); Literary Turkish (L2); French–Turkish and Turkish–French Translation (L3); Scientific Translation (M1); semi-transversal seminar “East–West, Crossed Perspectives” (M1).

Adjunct Lecturer

2019 — 2022

Department of Turkish Studies, University of Strasbourg

Courses taught: Iconographic Documents (L2); Written and Oral Expression (L3); History of Anatolian Cities (L1); History of Turkic Languages (L2).

Private Turkish Tutor

2018 — 2021

Strasbourg, France

Volunteer Librarian

2017 — 2019

Library of the Department of Turkish Studies, University of Strasbourg

Cataloguing and shelving, loan management, assistance to students and faculty.

Private Ottoman Turkish Tutor

2014 — 2016

Istanbul, Turkey

PUBLICATIONS

Chapters & Articles

- Onur Bülbül & Samim Akgönül, “*Turcology and Contemporary History: a Multi-layered Dialogue*,” in *Voices Intertwined – The Making of Turkish Contemporary History*, forthcoming (2026).
- Onur Bülbül, “An Intellectual Life Between East and West: Nurullah Ataç,” in *De Alim à Aydın : figure de l'intellectuel dans l'espace ottoman et post-ottoman*, eds. Aylin de Tapia & Samim Akgönül, Istanbul: Libra, 2025.
- “Alphabet Reform in Turkey: Between Language, History and Phonetics,” forthcoming.

Translations

- Irène Mélikoff, *Hacı Bektaş: Efsaneden Gerçeğe*, translated from French into Turkish by Onur Bülbül, Istanbul: Monografi Yayınları, 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Le poème comme illustration linguistique : usages de la versification dans le *Divânü Lügati't-Türk*” [The Poem as Linguistic Illustration: Uses of Versification in the *Divânü Lügati't-Türk*], *Versification et histoire des idées linguistiques*, annual colloquium of the Société d'histoire et d'épistémologie des sciences du langage (SHESL), Paris, 21–23 January 2026.

- “The Ottoman Language Between Grammar and Ideology: An Analysis of *Kavâ'id-i 'Osmâniyye*,” Fourth European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies (Turkologentag), Gesellschaft für Turkologie, Osmanistik und Türkeiforschung, Mainz, September 2025.
- “Léon Cahun et la réinterprétation du concept de nation dans l'historiographie turque” [Léon Cahun and the Reinterpretation of the Concept of Nation in Turkish Historiography], ARCHE Research Unit, University of Strasbourg, November 2024.
- “How to Invent Central Asian Origins for the Turks,” Turkologentag, University of Vienna, September 2023.
- “Une identité créée par nécessité : la conscience de la turcité dans l'Empire ottoman aux XIX^e et XX^e siècles et le rôle de l'orientalisme” [An Identity Created by Necessity: The Consciousness of Turkishness in the Ottoman Empire in the 19th and 20th Centuries and the Role of Orientalism], 5^e Congrès du GIS Moyen-Orient et mondes musulmans, Lyon, July 2023.
- “De l'alphabet des nomades du Moyen Âge à un symbole d'ultra-nationalisme : l'alphabet runique du turc ancien” [From the Nomads' Alphabet of the Middle Ages to a Symbol of Ultra-Nationalism: The Runic Alphabet of Old Turkic], seminar series *Politique des alphabets, alphabets politiques*, DRES, University of Strasbourg, March 2022.
- “L'identité turque dans les inscriptions de l'Orkhon à travers le prisme orientaliste du XIX^e siècle : le concept de « türk/türük » selon Léon Cahun” [Turkish Identity in the Orkhon Inscriptions through a 19th-Century Orientalist Lens: The Concept of *türk/türük* According to Léon Cahun], doctoral seminar *Majorités mouvantes, minorités actives, diasporas émergentes : la dynamique de l'espace turco-ottoman* (co-organised with Ediz Hazır, led by Samim Akgönül), Strasbourg, December 2021.
- “Une redécouverte de l'histoire asiatique par les Ottomans : l'influence de Léon Cahun sur la perception de l'histoire turque” [A Rediscovery of Asian History by the Ottomans: The Influence of Léon Cahun on the Perception of Turkish History], roundtable *Migrations d'Asie centrale et la construction de l'identité turque*, Institut des Mondes musulmans & Department of Turkish Studies, Master seminar “Migration(s)”, Strasbourg, December 2019.

LANGUAGES & MEMBERSHIPS

LANGUAGES

Turkish — native

Ottoman Turkish — reading and writing proficiency

French — proficient

English — advanced

German — intermediate

Persian — beginner

Latin — elementary

MEMBERSHIPS

Gesellschaft für Turkologie, Osmanistik und Türkeiforschung

Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Centre d'études géopolitiques sur le Moyen-Orient (*co-founder*)