

Tunahan Durmaz
Curriculum vitae
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Education

- 2020–2026 (Expected): PhD in History – Department of History, European University Institute, Florence (Italy)
- 2020–2021: MRes in History – European University Institute (EUI), Florence (Italy)
- 2016–2019: MA in History – Sabancı University, Istanbul (Turkey)
- 2010–2016: BA in History (*honours*) and minor in Architecture – Middle East Technical University, Ankara (Turkey)

Academic Appointments and Fellowships

- 2025–2026: Lecturer in World History – Department of History, Bilkent University, Ankara (Turkey)
- 2025: Andreas Tietze Fellow in Turkish Studies – Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Vienna (Austria)
- 2024–2025: Doctoral Research Fellow – Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED), Koç University, Istanbul (Turkey)
- 2019–2020: Professional Teaching Assistant – Sabancı University, Istanbul (Turkey)
- 2016–2018: Graduate Teaching Assistant – Sabancı University, Istanbul (Turkey)

Grants

- 2023–2024: Ph.D. Fourth-Year Grant, European University Institute, Florence (Italy)
- 2020–2023: Doctoral Grant, funded by The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- 2016–2018: Full Scholarship for M.A. Studies, Sabancı University, Istanbul (Turkey)

Awards and Prizes

- 2025: Simon Barton Conference Prize, The Society for the Medieval Mediterranean

Publications

- “*Insatiable Hunger: A Court Physician’s Account of Dog-Hunger in the Seventeenth Century.*” *Keshif* 3, no. 2 (July 2025): 10–20.
- (Forthcoming) “Ottomanisation of Renaissance Medicine: A Discussion of Hayâtîzâde’s Healing Treatises for Formidable Diseases.” In *On the Move: Mobility and Early Modern Translation*, edited by Giancarlo Casale and Ann Thomson. Translating Cultures in the Early Modern World. BRILL, 2026.
- “Frengi, Mübarek Ağaç ve Yeni Dünya: Erken Modern Osmanlı Tıbbının Dönüşümüne Atlantikötesi Bir Bakış.” *Toplumsal Tarih Akademi* 6 (June 2025): 18–34. (In Turkish)

- “Stars, Djinnns, and the Air: Reconciling Natural and Supernatural in Explaining Diseases in the Ottoman Healing Domain in the 1660s” *Aca’ib: Occasional Papers on the Ottoman Perceptions of the Supernatural* 4 (July 2024): 61–72.
- “Sıradan Bilginin Eşsizliğiyle Bir Musâhabet: Günlükleri üzerinden Seyyid Hasan Nûrî Efendi’nin Ailesi ve Sosyal Çevresi Üzerine Bir Mikrotarih İncelemesi (1661-1665)”. *Ceride: Ben-Anlatıları Araştırmaları Dergisi* 1, no. 2 (December 2023): 65-102. (in Turkish)

Research Fields

- Early Modern Ottoman History
- Mediterranean History
- History of Medicine, Science, and Technology
- Cultural History
- Sensory History
- Food History
- Global History

Languages

Turkish (native); English (fluent); advanced training in Ottoman Turkish palaeography; proficient in reading and speaking Italian; reading French and Persian.

Short Biography

I am a finishing Ph.D. researcher in the Department of History at the European University Institute in Florence. My research focuses on the social, cultural, and political aspects of disease and illness in the early modern Ottoman world. In my dissertation, “*Anxious, Insatiable, and Poxed: A History of Disease Concepts in Ottoman Istanbul, 1640–1691*,” which I recently submitted, I examine how diseases were known, described, and understood in the Ottoman world between the 1640s and 1691, with particular attention to the medico-social dimensions of three conditions: hypochondria, bulimia, and syphilis.

In 2024–25, I held a research fellowship at Koç University’s Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED). I am also the 2025 recipient of the Andreas Tietze Memorial Fellowship at the Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Vienna.