

# ELA KAÇEL

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### EDUCATION

2002-2008

Doctor of Philosophy  
History of Architecture & Urban Development Program  
College of Architecture, Art & Planning  
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

DISSERTATION *Intellectualism & Consumerism: Ideologies, Practices & Criticisms of Common Sense Modernism in Postwar Turkey*

COMMITTEE Christian Otto (Chair) with Susan Buck-Morss,  
Dominic Boyer and Sibel Bozdoğan

FIELDS History of Twentieth-Century Architecture  
Cultural Anthropology (minor)  
Visual Studies (minor)

1998

Master of Science in Architecture · *summa cum laude*  
Institute of Graduate Studies in Science & Engineering  
Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul

1997

Master of Arts  
Housing & Urbanism Programme  
Architectural Association School of Architecture, London

1995

Bachelor of Architecture · *magna cum laude*  
Faculty of Architecture  
Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul

1991

High School Diploma  
Österreichisches St. Georgs-Kolleg Istanbul

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Historiography of modern art and architecture; theories and practices of modernity; visual studies; criticism of architecture

Everyday [popular] modernisms; postwar cultural politics; propaganda and production of culture; consumerism; cultural migrations; theories of culture: Gramsci, Adorno, Lefebvre, Bourdieu

Intellectualism and professionalism; cultural anthropology, relational and historical sociology, and social networks as methods for the analysis of intellectual and professional cultures

## COURSES TAUGHT

- 2009-2010 INAR 1001 · *Basic Design*  
INAR 2013 · *History of Art and Architecture*  
INAR 3011 · *History of Interior Architecture*
- 2008-2009 INAR 2011 · *History of Architecture I*  
INAR 2012 · *History of Architecture II*  
INAR 3001 · *Interior Architectural Design III*  
INAR 3002 · *Interior Architectural Design IV*  
INAR 3011 · *History of Interior Architecture*

## COURSES DEVELOPED

- 2005 *Architecture as Visual Culture: Themes in the Twentieth Century* · Lecture course developed for the minor concentration in Visual Studies
- 2004 *Non-Standard Modernisms* · Lecture and seminar course developed for the major concentration in the History of Twentieth-Century Architecture

## FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- 2007 Robert D. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship  
Department of Architecture, Cornell University
- 2006-2007 Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellow  
American Research Institute in Turkey, Istanbul
- 2005-2006 Sage Continuing Fellowship  
College of Architecture, Art & Planning, Cornell University
- 2005 International Research Travel Grant  
Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University
- 2003 Helen O. & Stephen Jacobs Fund Travel Grant  
History of Architecture & Urban Development, Cornell University

- 2003 Conference Grant  
Graduate School, Cornell University
- 2002-2003 Sage Graduate Fellowship  
College of Architecture, Art & Planning, Cornell University
- 2001 Visiting Scholar  
Graduate School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation  
Columbia University in the City of New York
- 1999 North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Science Fellow  
Scientific & Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

### APPOINTMENTS & EMPLOYMENT

- 2010-PRESENT Assistant Professor · Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bahçeşehir University
- 2008-2009 Lecturer · Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bahçeşehir University
- 2007 Teaching Assistant · *Urban Development & Finance in New Orleans*  
Department of City & Regional Planning, Cornell University
- 2007 Teaching Assistant · *History of American Landscape Architecture*  
Department of Landscape Architecture, Cornell University
- 2003-2005 Teaching Assistant · *History of Architecture I & II*  
Department of Architecture, Cornell University
- 1998-2002 Research and Teaching Assistant · *3rd Year Design Studio*  
Faculty of Architecture, Yıldız Technical University
- 1996 Research Assistant  
Tarih Vakfı (History Foundation of Turkey)  
“Modernization” component of the exhibition *Housing & Settlement in Anatolia*  
United Nations Conference on Human Settlements · Habitat II

### PUBLICATIONS

- BOOK *İngiltere’de Konut Standartlarının Değişen Bağlamı: “Tudor Walters Raporu”ndan “2000 Homes” Projesine.* (The Changing Context of Housing Standards in Britain: From the Tudor Walters Report to the “2000 Homes” Project) Istanbul: Yıldız Teknik Üniversitesi Basım-Yayın Merkezi, 1998.

- BOOK CHAPTERS & ARTICLES “This is Not an American House: Good Sense Modernism in 1950s Turkey”  
in Duanfang Lu, ed. *Third World Modernism: Architecture, Development, and Identity*. London: Routledge. (Forthcoming 2010).

“*Hiltonculuk* and Beyond: The Dialectics of Intellectualism in Postwar Turkey” (Working title) *Candide: Journal for Architectural Knowledge*, N°3. (Forthcoming 2010).

“Önal’ın Evi: Sağduyunun Sessiz Eleştirisi” (Önal’s House: Silent Criticism of Common Sense) *Betonart*, N°24 (Fall 2009), pp 64–9.

“Fidüsyer: Bir Kolektif Düşünme Pratiği” (Fiduciary Architecture: Practices of Collective Thinking) pp 7–31 in Müge Cengizkan, ed. *Haluk Baysal & Melih Bırsel*. Ankara: Mimarlar Odası Yayınları, 2007.

“OMA / AMO: Kimin Ütopyası?” (OMA / AMO: Whose Utopia?) *Arkitera*, 23 May 2005. ([http://www.arkitera.com/kose-yazisi-yazar\\_30\\_ela-kacel.html](http://www.arkitera.com/kose-yazisi-yazar_30_ela-kacel.html))

“Bir Yerleşme Tasarlamak” (On the Design of Housing) *Domus M*, N°11 (June/July 2001). Architectural design with Prof. Dr. İhsan Bilgin.

“YTÜ Davutpaşa Kampüsü Lojmanları” (Housing for Yıldız Technical University’s Davutpaşa Campus) *Arredamento Mimarlık*, N°100+29 (October 2000), pp 70–5. Architectural design with Prof. Dr. İhsan Bilgin.

“Maruf Önal ile Söyleşi” (Interview with Maruf Önal) *Arredamento Mimarlık*, N°100+28 (September 2000), pp 56–66.

“Üç ‘Yıldız’ ya da Bir Kimlik Üçlemesi” (The Three Identities of Yıldız) *Arredamento Mimarlık*, N°100+23 (March 2000), pp 72–3.

“‘İdeal Ev’ Aranıyor!” (Wanted: Ideal Home!) *Cogito*, N°18 (Spring 1999), pp 160–75.

“İnhabitant Nasıl Kurtulur, Nasıl Hapsolür?” (The Liberation & Repression of the Inhabitant) *Arredamento Mimarlık*, N°100+8 (November 1998), pp 94–9.

PROCEEDINGS “The Iconic and the Ordinary” pp139–44 in Theodore H.M. Prudon, Hélène Lipstadt, eds. *Conference Proceedings: VIII International Conference. Import-Export: Postwar Modernism in a Expanding World, 1945–1975*. New York: DOCOMOMO International, 2008.

With Prof. Dr. İhsan Bilgin. “Modern Architecture in Turkey: Between Radicalism & Populism” pp 82–6 in Deniz Mazlum, Zeynep Ahunbay, and Yegân Kâhya, eds. *Conservation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Architectural & Industrial Heritage. ICOMOS International Symposium, Istanbul 18–19.05.2002* Istanbul: Yapı-Endüstri Merkezi, 2006.

“Rethinking Public vs. Private: The Istanbul Hilton & Its Beyond” pp 487–92 in *Contribution & Confusion: Architecture & the Influence of Other Fields of Inquiry. Proceedings of the 2003 Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) International Conference*. Washington DC: ACSA Press, 2004.

With Candan Çınar. “Changing Dynamics of the Housing Market: The Istanbul Case” pp 370–9 in Vitor Abrantes and Oktay Ural, eds. *Housing: An Heritage for the Future, Proceedings, Volume 2. XXV International Association for Housing Science (IAHS) World Housing Congress*. Porto: Secção de Construções, Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto, 1998.

REVIEWS &  
OCCASIONAL  
ESSAYS

Review of Murat Gül's *The Emergence of Modern Istanbul: Transformation and Modernisation of a City for The Middle East Journal*, N°2 (Spring 2010), pp 314–5.

“Modern Türk Mimarlığında Kültürlerarası Etkileşimler Üzerine İki Yeni Yayın” (Two New Publications on Intercultural Influences in Modern Turkish Architecture) *Mimarlık*, N°350 (November/December 2009), pp 61–5.

“Symposium Views Inner City as ‘Ghetto Fabulous’” Review of the symposium *Ghetto Fabulous: The Spatial Economy of the American Inner City for the College of Architecture, Art & Planning Newsletter*, N°6(2) (Summer/Fall 2003), p 11.

“Towards a Well-Tempered Architecture: An International Symposium” Review for the *College of Architecture, Art & Planning Newsletter*, N°6(1) (Winter/Spring 2003), p 12.

“Mimarlığın Ötesi” (Beyond Architecture) Review of Peter Zumthor's *Thinking Architecture for Arredamento Mimarlık*, N°100+24 (April 2000), p 140.

“Anadoluhisarı'nda Deniz Sporları Klubü & Rekreatif Alan Düzenlemesi” (Yacht Club & Sailing School in Anadoluhisarı) *Tasarım*, N°58 (February 1996), pp 117–9.

TRANSLATIONS

Woods, Lebbeus. “Wild City” *Arredamento Mimarlık*, N°100+19 (November 1999), pp 98–9.

Bodenschatz, Harald. “Berlin: Die größte Mietskasernenstadt der Welt” *Arredamento Dekorasyon*, N°75 (November 1995), pp 101–5.

Schneider, Ursula. “Hamburg auf dem Weg von der vorindustriellen Kaufmannsstadt zur modernen City” *Arredamento Dekorasyon*, N°70 (May 1995), pp 91–8.

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

“This is not an American House: Practices and Criticisms of Common Sense Modernism in 1950s Turkey” Invited talk for *METU Talks Architectural History Series*, Middle East Technical University, 14 December 2009.

With Sezin Tanrıöver. “Tabanlıoğlu and Dinnebier: Collaboration for a Luminous Icon: AKM” *International Symposium: Luminous Architecture in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture, 10-12 December 2009.

“Relational Knowledge and Ideology: Dialectics of Intellectualism in Architecture” *Constructing Knowledge: Das Wissen der Architektur. International Conference*, RWTH Aachen University, 5–6 November 2009.

“Images of Common Sense Modernism in Postwar Turkey” Invited lecture for *Visualist Summer Program*, Bahçeşehir University, 15 June 2009.

“Amerikanlaşma ve ‘Hiltonculuk’: Türk Modernizminde Sıradanlık, Sağduyu

ve Eleştirisi” (Americanization and ‘Hiltonculuk’: Ordinarity, Common Sense and its Criticism in Turkish Modernism) Invited lecture for *Republican Period Architecture in Turkey*, Istanbul Bilgi University, 7 May 2009.

“This is not an American House: Good Sense Modernism in 1950s Turkey” *Under Construction: Working Sessions on the History of Architecture & Urbanism*, Cornell University, 25 April 2007.

“Information or Culture: The Intelligentsia & the Dissemination of Postwar Modernism in Turkey” *American Research Institute in Turkey Lecture Series*, Istanbul, 20 November 2006.

“Information or Culture: The Intellectual Dissemination of Postwar Modernism in Turkey & the United States” *Tracing the Temporal: New Trajectories in Cultural & Intellectual History*, Cornell University, 20–22 April 2006.

“The Caribbean Hut & Model Houses for Working Families at the Great Exhibition of 1851” Invited lecture for *History of Architecture I*, Cornell University, 9 November 2004.

“Rethinking Ordinary Architecture in Postwar Turkey” *VIII International DOCOMOMO Conference*, Columbia University in the City of New York, 29 September to 2 October 2004.

“Alvar Aalto & Questions on Modernism” Invited lecture for *History of Architecture II*, Cornell University, 21 April 2004.

“Rethinking Public vs. Private: ‘The Istanbul Hilton & Its Beyond’” *2003 Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) International Conference*, Helsinki, 27–30 July 2003.

With Prof. Dr. İhsan Bilgin. “Modern Architecture in Turkey: Between Radicalism & Populism” *Conservation of the Twentieth-Century Architectural & Industrial Heritage. International Council on Monuments & Sites (ICOMOS) Symposium*, Istanbul Technical University, 18–20 May 2002.

“İki Savaş Arası Dönemde Konut Politikaları – İngiltere Örneği” (British Housing Politics in the Interwar Years) Invited lecture for *City and Planning History*, Yıldız Technical University, 26 April 2002.

With Candan Çınar. “Changing Dynamics of the Housing Market: The Istanbul Case” *XXV International Association for Housing Science (IAHS) World Housing Congress*, Lisbon, 29 June to 3 July 1998.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AFFILIATIONS College Art Association  
DOCOMOMO International, DOCOMOMO Turkey  
Architectural Association  
Society of Architectural Historians  
American Research Institute in Turkey

- SERVICE Founding member, DOCOMOMO Turkey Working Party  
Library Commission, Faculty of Architecture, Yıldız Technical University  
Turkish representative, European Architecture Students Assembly (EASA)
- ORGANIZING COMMITTEES “Building the University: Spaces, Narratives & Ideologies” · Symposium at  
Cornell University in collaboration with the History of Architecture &  
Urbanism Society and the Architecture Graduate Student Association, 2003.
- “The Production of the City” · Workshop at Yıldız Technical University in  
collaboration with the Faculty of Planning Theory & Urban Development,  
Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen, 1999.
- “Architecture, City & Environment in the 75 Years of the Turkish Republic” ·  
Symposium at Yıldız Technical University, 1998.
- Student Exchange Program with the Faculty of City Planning & Urban  
Development, Technische Universität Hamburg-Harburg, 1998.

## LANGUAGES

Turkish · Native speaker  
English · Fluency in reading, writing & speaking  
German · Fluency in reading, writing & speaking

## ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 2002 Glenn Murcutt Master Class  
College of Architecture, Art & Planning, Cornell University
- 1999-2000 Design of a 400-unit housing complex in Davutpaşa for faculty and staff of  
Yıldız Technical University. With Prof. Dr. İhsan Bilgin.

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