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EDUCATION

- 2025 (expected) **Ph.D. in Sociology**, University of Washington, Seattle
- Dissertation: "Tech Boom to Tax Boom: Affordable Housing and the New Politics of Redistribution in a Superstar City"
- Committee: Sarah Quinn (Chair), Jelani Ince, Andrew Messamore, Margaret O'Mara (History), Jacob Grumbach (UC Berkeley)
- 2019 **M.A. in Sociology** (with Distinction), University of Washington, Seattle
- 2017 **B.A. in Sociology**, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
- Minor in Political Science and International Relations**,
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
- 2014 **Erasmus+ Grantée**, Department of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social theory; mixed methods; culture; public policy; institutional change; urban political economy; STEM higher education; organizations; social movements; sociology of the state.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2024 Margherio, Cara, Anna L. Swan, and **Selen Güler**. "From Individual Change Agents to 'Revolutionary' Teams: The Search and Selection Process of Team Formation within a Community of Practice." *Innovative Higher Education*: 1-20.

Book chapters

- 2022 Quinn, Sarah, Mark Igra, and **Selen Güler**. "A Modern Financial Tool-kit: Lessons from Berle for a More Democratic Financial System" in *Democratizing Finance: Restructuring Credit to Transform Society*, eds. Fred Block and Robert Hockett, Verso.

Manuscripts

- R&R **Güler, Selen**, Elizabeth Litzler, and Cara Margherio. "'We all signed on to this grant for the revolution': From the Ivory Tower into a Community of Change Agents." *Social Forces*.

Güler, Selen, and Devin Collins. "A Prolonged State of Emergency for Homelessness? The 2015 Proclamations in Seattle and the Exercise of Symbolic Power." *Theory and Social Inquiry*.

Submitted **Güler, Selen.** "The Good, the Bad, and the Healthy: A Factorial Survey Analysis of Situational Morality in Consumption and Healthcare." *Social Science Research*.

In Preparation **Güler, Selen.** "Tech Boom to Tax Boom: The Battle Over City Power in Seattle." Target Journal: *Urban Affairs Review*.

Güler, Selen. "'To Pay for The Obvious Thing to Address': Building Tax Coalitions in Superstar Cities." Target Journal: *City & Community*.

Han, Rae Jing, **Selen Güler**, Elizabeth Litzler, Alan Cheville, and Teodora Shuman. "Creative Changemaking within Complex Institutional Contexts." Target Journal: *International Journal of STEM Education*.

Peer Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- 2024 **Güler, Selen,** Rae Jing Han, Elizabeth Litzler, Eva Andrijcic, and Sriram Mohan. "How Communities of Transformation Support Change Agency." In *ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition*. doi: [10.18260/1-2--47533](https://doi.org/10.18260/1-2--47533).
- 2024 Andrijcic, Eva, Sriram Mohan, Elizabeth Litzler, Rae Jing Han, and **Selen Güler**. "Obstacles in Context: A Multi-Perspective Examination of Obstacles of Revolutionizing Engineering Education in the NSF RED Program." In *ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition*. doi: [10.18260/1-2--46923](https://doi.org/10.18260/1-2--46923).
- 2023 **Güler, Selen,** Elizabeth Litzler, Cara Margherio, Julia M. Williams, Eva Andrijcic, and Sriram Mohan. "Mobilizing Resources in a Community of Practice: How Academic Change Agents Work Toward Equity in their Change Projects." In *ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition*. doi: [10.18260/1-2--43936](https://doi.org/10.18260/1-2--43936).
- 2023 Williams, Julia M., Eva Andrijcic, Sriram Mohan, Elizabeth Litzler, and **Selen Güler**. "Examining the Community of Practice in the NSF RED Program." In *ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition*. doi: [10.18260/1-2--42762](https://doi.org/10.18260/1-2--42762).
- 2022 Williams, Julia M., Eva Andrijcic, Cara Margherio, Elizabeth Litzler, Sriram Mohan, and **Selen Güler**. "Leadership Succession in the National Science Foundation Revolutionizing Engineering Departments Projects." In *ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition*. doi: [10.18260/1-2--41954](https://doi.org/10.18260/1-2--41954).

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024-25 Dissertation Fellowship, The Center for Engaged Scholarship (\$30,000)
- 2023 Clarence and Elissa ("Lee") Schrag Endowed Fellowship in Sociology, Research Support, University of Washington (\$325)

- 2022 Herbert L. Costner Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award,
Department of Sociology, University of Washington
- 2021 Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
- Power Prize Outstanding Student Leaders Award for Interactive Map, “A
Peoples’ Landscape: Racism and Resistance at UW,” Department of History,
University of Washington
- Problem-Solving Sociology Dissertation Proposal Development Workshop,
Participant, Northwestern University
- James McCann Graduate Student Research Endowed Fund, Research
Support, Department of Sociology, University of Washington (\$1000)
- 2020 Best Performance in the M.A. degree, Department of Sociology, University of
Washington
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Sociology, University
of Washington

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2024 “A Prolonged State of Emergency for Homelessness? The 2015
Proclamations in Seattle and the Exercise of Symbolic Power,” Brown Bag
presentation (with Devin Collins), Center for Evaluation & Research for STEM
Equity (CERSE), University of Washington, June 2024
- “A Prolonged State of Emergency for Homelessness? The 2015
Proclamations in Seattle and the Exercise of Symbolic Power,” SocSem
presentation (with Devin Collins), University of Washington, April 2024
- 2023 “Tech Boom to Tax Boom? Breaking Institutional Habits to Tax Big Business
in Seattle,” course presentation for *Unequal Budgets: Taxation, Spending,
and States of Inequality*, Macalester College, November 2023
- “‘We all signed on to this grant for the revolution’: How a Community of
Practice Mobilizes Resources for Academic Change.” Brown Bag
Presentation, Center for Evaluation & Research for STEM Equity (CERSE),
University of Washington, February 2023
- 2020 “The Good, The Bad, and The Taxed: How Taxes Shape Morals in Markets,”
SocSem presentation, University of Washington, January 2020

Conference Presentations

- 2024 “Towards a New Politics of Redistribution in Superstar Cities? The Case of Seattle,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Montréal, Canada
- “A Prolonged State of Emergency for Homelessness? Seattle’s Proclamations and the Exercise of Symbolic Power,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Montréal, Canada (with Devin Collins)
- “How Communities of Transformation Support Change Agency,” *Annual Conference & Exposition of the American Society for Engineering Education*, Portland OR (with Rae Jing Han)
- 2023 “A Prolonged State of Emergency for Homelessness? The 2015 Proclamations in Seattle and the Exercise of Symbolic Power,” *Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association*, Washington D.C. (with Devin Collins)
- “Tech Boom to Tax Boom: How Seattle Developed a Novel Framework to Tax the Rich,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA
- “‘We all signed on to this grant for the revolution’: Mobilizing Resources for Academic Change,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA
- “Mobilizing Resources in a Community of Practice: How Academic Change Agents Work Toward Equity in their Change Projects,” *Annual Conference & Exposition of the American Society for Engineering Education*, Baltimore, MD
- “Tech Boom to Tax Boom: How Housing Shapes the New Politics of Taxing the Rich,” *Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association*, Bellevue, WA
- 2021 “The Good, the Bad, and the Taxed: How social and political markers shape morals in markets,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association* (virtual)
- “‘What Money Can Buy: Assessing the Impact of Unemployment on Subjective Well-Being Across 6 PSID Waves,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association* (virtual, with Devin Collins and Ramin Jabbarli)
- 2020 “Writing in Strong Opposition: How Social Movements Use Emotional Rhetoric to Counter Shifts in Political Power,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association* (virtual, with Didem Turkoglu and Daniel Karell)

2019 “Dr. Pepper or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Soda Tax,”
Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL

“I See Where You’re Coming from...and It Matters: How Migrant Origin Shapes Support for Social Programs,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, New York, NY (with Mark Igra)

“State your Business: Credit Guarantee Fund as a Site of Struggle and State-making in Turkey,” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, New York, NY

TEACHING

University of Washington

2021 **Instructor**, Sociological Theory (summer)

Teaching Assistant, Sociological Theory (winter); Introduction to Sociology (spring)

2020 **Instructor**, Sociological Theory (summer)

Teaching Assistant, Sociological Theory (fall, winter, and spring)

2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Sociology of Power (winter); Foundations of Social Inquiry (spring); Introduction to Sociology (fall)

2018 **Teaching Assistant**, Economic Sociology (fall); Sociological Theory (spring); Introduction to Sociology (winter)

2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Sociology (fall)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021-25 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Center for Evaluation & Research for STEM Equity (CERSE), University of Washington

-Participatory action & mixed methods research, program evaluation, grant writing for National Science Foundation projects to strengthen inclusive and equitable learning and working environments within STEM higher education.

COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2024 Solving Global Poverty Collaborative Virtual Paper Workshop (organizer), Problem-Solving Sociology

2023-24	Graduate Student Research Symposium (organizer), University of Washington
2022-23	Sociology Honors Program (Thesis advisor), University of Washington Graduate Student Association (International Student Representative), University of Washington
2021-22	Graduate Student Association (vice president), University of Washington C.O.M.R.A. Graduate Research Cluster (organizer), the Simpsons Center for Humanities, University of Washington
2020	Peoples' History interdisciplinary collective (organizer), University of Washington
2019-20	Sociology Honors Program (Thesis advisor), University of Washington The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (senator for Sociology), University of Washington
2018-19	Graduate Student Research Symposium (organizer), University of Washington
2017-18	Graduate Student Association (social committee representative), University of Washington

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-24	EDI Committee & Evaluation Team, Cosmic Explorer Scientific Collaboration <i>-Co-led and implemented formative, summative, and developmental program evaluation using interviews and surveys; data briefs and reports.</i>
2017	International media editor & translator, dokuz8 News, Turkiye <i>-Led the international edition of the citizen journalism network dokuz8.</i>
2017	Contributing translator (English-Turkish), <i>Herkesin, Herkes İçin</i> , Metis Press <i>-The first Turkish translation of a critical anthology on the Commons</i>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; American Society for Engineering Education; Social Science History Association; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics.

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), French (intermediate), and Persian (intermediate).