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## Research Interests

Environmental Policymaking, Climate Change, Sea Level Rise Adaptation, Disaster Recovery, Public Organizations, Public Participation, Organization Theory

## Education

2017– **PhD in Public Affairs**, *Florida International University*, Miami, FL, USA.

Supervisors N. Emel GANAPATI

Description Policymaking in the Face of Rising Seas in U.S. Vulnerable Communities: Exploration of Coastal Communities' Response to Sea-Level Rise within the Context of Community Perspective and Policymaking Processes.

2008–2015 **Masters in Urban Design**, *Izmir Institute of Technology*, Izmir, Turkey.

Supervisors Nicel SAYGIN

Description Place Making - Examination of Practices in Turkey: A review of Public Place and Place-Making, Privacy and Publicness Concepts in Turkish and Islamic Cultures and Place-Making Practice in Turkey. Examination of Practices in Turkey with Respect to Actors, Process and Product Components.

2003–2008 **Bachelor in City and Regional Planning**, *Izmir Institute of Technology*, Izmir, Turkey.

Supervisors Erkal SERIM

Description Urban Preservation Project of "Damlacık District", Kemeralti Historical Center, İzmir. Urban Preservation project in Damlacık District which is an Historical Residential Area in Traditional City Center of Izmir.

## Positions Held

### Research

Aug'17 - **Research & Teaching Assistant**, *Florida International University*, Department of Public Policy and Administration.

Aug'07 - **Research Intern**, *Izmir Metropolitan Municipality*, Master Plan Bureau, Analytical  
Oct'07 Investigation of Bornova District, Izmir and revise of Master Plans in 1/5.000 scale.

Aug'06 - **Research Intern**, *Izmir Institute of Technology*, Analytical Investigation of Aliğa,  
Sep'06 *Izmir*, Analysis of land use, built environment, demographic structure of Aliğa, Izmir. The analysis are digitized by GIS (Geographic Information System) and data is used for planning projects in different scales (1/25.000; 1/5.000; 1/1.000).

Jul'05- **Research Intern**, *Izmir Institute of Technology*, Relief Study of historical building  
Sep'05 stock in Bolvadin, Afyon: Building surveying and measured drawings of historical and traditional buildings in Bolvadin, Afyon. .

Sep'05 - **Research Intern**, *Izmir Institute of Technology, Topographical Surveying*, Composing  
 Aug'05 topographical map of IYTE campus by measuring topographical data. Using levelling  
 instruments is learned and the data which is acquired by measurements is used in  
 composition of maps..

### Industry

Dec'15 - **Senior Real Estate Appraisal Consultancy Expert**, *Form Real Estate Appraisal*  
 Jul'16 *Consultancy*, Istanbul, Turkey, Expertise, Supervising on various scale of projects.  
 Aug'14 - **Senior Real Estate Appraisal Consultancy Expert**, *EVA Real Estate Appraisal*  
 Aug'15 *Consultancy*, Izmir, Turkey, Expertise, Supervising on various scale of projects.  
 Jun'09 - **Real Estate Appraisal Consultancy Expert**, *Vakif Real Estate Inc.*, Izmir,  
 Aug'14 Turkey, Expertise on various scale of projects. Surveying and consultancy on South  
 Marmara and Aegean region of Turkey.

### Service

Jul'19 **Student Volunteer**, *44. Annual Natural Hazards and Applications Workshop*,  
 Colorado, USA.  
 Jun'19 **Committee Member**, *Global Planning Educators Interest Group Logo Competition*,  
 USA.  
 Mar'19 **Student Volunteer**, *ASPA 2019 Annual Conference*, Washington DC, USA.

### Awards, Grants and Honors

Nov'21 DYF Fellowship:Tuition, insurance, 16600USD stipend *Given by FIU Graduate School,*  
 2021  
 Jul'21 Travel/Voluntership Award – Registration Fee *Given by FIU School of International*  
*and Public Affairs, Natural Hazards*  
*Center Workshop 2021, Virtual*  
*Attendance*  
 May'21 DEA Fellowship:Tuition, insurance, 8300USD stipend *Given by FIU Graduate School,*  
 2021  
 Feb'21 ASPA 2021 Founders' Fellowship *Given by American Society for Public Administration,*  
 2021  
 Aug'20 DEA Fellowship:Tuition, insurance, 8300USD stipend *Given by FIU Graduate School,*  
 2020  
 May'20 Public Adm., P. Policy, and P. Affairs Scholarship *Given by ICPSR University of*  
*Michigan, 2020 ICPSR Summer*  
*Program in Quantitative Methods of*  
*Social Research*  
 Aug'19 Travel/Voluntership Award – Covering All Expenses *Given by ASPA and FIU, 2019*  
*Annual Conference March 2019*  
*Washington DC*  
 May'19 NASPAA Emergency Management Poster Competition Finalist *Given by Network of*  
*Schools of Public*  
*Policy, Affairs, and*  
*Administration*  
*(NASPAA)*  
 Nov'18 Travel Award – Covering All Expenses *Given by FIU School of International and Public*  
*Affairs, Sustainability and Development*  
*Conference Ann Harbor Michigan'18*

Aug'18 Quick Response Grant – 2000USD *Given by Natural Hazard Center, and used in the fieldwork in Monroe County Florida Aug'18*

## Certificates

May'13 ExpropriationExpertise *Expropriation Expertise Education by Turkey Real Estate Appraisal Consultants Union, Istanbul'13*

Aug'12 Capital Markets Board of Turkey *Real Estate Appraisal Licence No: 402525*

## Languages

Turkish	Native speaker	
English	Advanced	<i>Read Written Spoken</i>
French	Intermediate	<i>Read Written Spoken</i>

## Computer Skills

**Mainstream** NVivo, Stata, AutoCad, GIS, ArchiCAD, Photoshop, 3D Max

**Functional** MS Office, Open Office

## Invited Talks, Presentations, Seminars

Jul'21 **Relocation in the Face of Rising Seas: The Florida Keys Post-Hurricane Irma**, The 46th Annual Natural Hazards Research & Applications Workshop (Virtual Poster Presentation).

Jul'21 **Post-disaster Relocation in the Face of Rising Seas: The Florida Keys after Hurricane Irma**, Senior Fellows and Friends (Virtual Presentation), <https://seniorfellowsandfriends.org/events/>.

Apr'21 **Post-disaster Relocation in the Face of Rising Seas: The Florida Keys after Hurricane Irma**, ASPA (American Society for Public Administration) 2021 Annual Conference Founders' Fellow Panel (Virtual Presentation).

Apr'21 **To Respond or Not to Respond? A Review of the Literature on How Public Sector Organizations Address Sea Level Rise in the United States**, ASPA (American Society for Public Administration) 2021 Annual Conference (Virtual Presentation).

Jun'20 **Conducting Systematic Literature Reviews**, Florida International University Public Policy and Administration (Webinar Presentation).

Feb'20 **Back to "the New Normal" in the Face of Rising Seas: Sea Level Rise Adaptation and Mitigation in Post-Disaster Recovery Context in the U.S.**, IAARC Event: Let's Talk Reseach, Florida International University Moss School of Construction, Infrastructure and Sustainability, Florida, USA.

Mar'19 **Back to "the New Normal" in the Face of Rising Seas: Post-Hurricane Irma Relocation and Repopulation in Monroe County**, ASPA 2019 Annual Conference Washington DC, USA.

Nov'18 **To Respond or Not to Respond?**, Sustainability and Development Conference , University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.

Sep'14 **"Place-Making" as a Tool for Vital Public Spaces : A Review of Public Space with respect to "Spatial Organization" and User Participation through "Place Making" and Examination of Practices in Turkey**, Pro Walk / Pro Bike / Pro Place Conference Pittsburg, USA.

Jul'10 **A Review of Place Making with respect to the Interaction of Design and Public Use in Case Study of Sultanahmet District, Istanbul, COAC International Workshop Architecture, Education and Society Barcelona, Spain.**

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## Publications

### Journal Articles

**Kuru, O.D.**, Ganapati, N.E. & Marr, M (2020).

Local Leader Perceptions of Post-Disaster Resident Relocation Decisions in the Face of Rising Seas.

**Minor Revisions for Acceptance.**

Pridemore A. A., Ganapati, N. E., Revell, K., **Kuru, O. D.** Citizen Participation is Shifting While Public Administrators Lock Down: A Citizen Participation Literature Review for Public Administration. **Under Revision.**

**Kuru, O. D.**, & Ganapati, N. E. (2021).

To Respond or Not to Respond? A Review of the Literature on How Public Sector Organizations Address Sea-Level Rise in the United States (U.S.)

**Prepared & To-be-submitted.**

South, J., **Kuru, O. D.**, Ganapati, N. E., Kalesnikaite, V., Baker, K. (2021).

How Key Stakeholders Affected by Sea Level Rise Take Policy Positions.

**Prepared & To-be-submitted.**

### Technical Reports

**Kuru, O. D.** (2018).

Relocation, Repopulation, and Rising Seas - Monroe County, Florida, Following Hurricane Irma. Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder.

<https://hazards.colorado.edu/quick-response-report/relocation-repopulationand-rising-seas>

### Other Publications

**Kuru, O. D.** (2021).

Managing the Known-Unknowns: A Review on Public Service's Responses to Emergencies, Crises, and Environmental Threats.

**Forthcoming** PA Times Online.

**Kuru, O. D.**, Ganapati, N. E. (2021).

Rebuilding Back or Rebuilding Forward? Disasters as Windows of Opportunities for Policymakers to Address Sea Level Rise.

**Short Paper In Preparation.**