

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Fatma Müge Göçek, associate professor of sociology, with tenure, and associate professor of women's studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Sciences, and Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of sociology, with tenure, and professor of women's studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Sciences, and Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1988	Princeton University
M.A.	1984	Princeton University
M.A.	1981	Bosporus University
B.A.	1979	Bosporus University

Professional Record:

2007 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan
1995 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
1995 – 2007	Associate Professor, Women's Studies Program, University of Michigan
1988 – 1995	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Women's Studies Program, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Göçek has performed a considerable amount of teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level. She is a committed mentor and has served on 30 dissertation committees, chairing ten and co-chairing one. She has supervised four undergraduate honors theses.

Research – Professor Göçek's research expertise focuses on Turkey and the Ottoman Empire, and Middle East area studies more generally. Much of her work also reflects her interest and expertise in culture, nationalism, and collective violence. In the past three years she has published a sole-authored book, three co-edited volumes, and has a manuscript in press, which is a collection of essays that explores the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire. This is in addition to having published numerous papers, encyclopedic entries, and other material since promotion to associate professor.

Recent and Significant Publications:

The Transformation of Turkey: Redefining State and Society from the Ottoman Empire to the Modern Era, IB Tauris Publishers, 2011.

A Question of Genocide: Armenians and Turks at the End of the Ottoman Empire, R. G. Suny and N. Neimark (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2011.

Social Constructions of Nationalism in the Middle East, edited volume, SUNY Press, 2002.

Rise of the Bourgeoisie, Demise of Empire: Ottoman Westernization and Social Change, Oxford University Press, 1996.

Service – Professor Göçek has served in leadership roles and on numerous committees in her departments and across campus, including the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, International Institute, Center for Education of Women, and Rackham Graduate School, among others. Her external service record involves contributions to several editorial boards (including Duke University Press and the University of Michigan Press) and she has been involved in numerous committees for the American Sociological Association. Her most prominent activities in recent years concern her organization of Turkish-Armenian scholarship and relations workshops.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“I take great delight in supporting MUGE GOCEK’s promotion to full Professor. ...I assumed that, given her prominence in the field, Prof. Göçek was already at this level. It has been a pleasure to read the work she has produced over the past 15 years...”

Reviewer (B)

“...the edited volume and forthcoming monograph on the Armenian Genocide, both of which rest on deep and extensive research...are sure to garner considerable attention... In short, Gocek’s work is more topical than ever, and a top tier sociology department unquestionably does need someone like her these days.”

Reviewer (C)

“This combination of original archival research and big-game sociological theory is characteristic of the ‘third wave’ of historical sociology, which has long been one of the strengths of the University of Michigan’s sociology department. ...the Workshop on Armenian-Turkish Scholarship...resulted in a blossoming of research on nationalizing violence in the late Ottoman period.”

Reviewer (D)

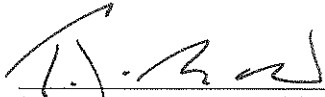
“Professor Göçek’s considerable body of work is both impressive and unusual. I do not believe I have ever seen work that combines this level of deep historical work with the search for meaning... This combination makes her work unique. ... Taken as a body of work, Professor Göçek’s manuscript (*Deciphering Denial*) and the articles show a deeply engaged, and courageous, historical sociologist who is methodologically sophisticated, empirically strong and theoretically complex. ...she is clearly in demand and visible as a global scholar...”

Reviewer (E)

“She is clearly an interdisciplinary scholar, but one with serious credentials and high standards... If we define her field...as that of ‘collective memory,’ there is no doubt that this has been an extremely important topic in recent years, and the specific case in which Prof. Göçek is most expert is one that has been of great salience to those working in the field. ...the book manuscript is likely to stand alone... I suspect the book will place her in a prominent place...in both scholarly and more general public contexts.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Göçek has produced an admirable body of scholarship. She is a strong teacher and has an excellent record of service. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Fatma Müge Göçek be promoted to the rank of professor of sociology, with tenure, and professor of women's studies, without tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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