

Akgün İlhan

Education

- 01/2010** **Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences**, Autonomous University of Barcelona - Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology (ICTA), Barcelona, Spain
Original thesis title (English): “Social movements in sustainability transitions: Identity, social learning & power in the Spanish and Turkish water domains”
- 04/2006** **MSc. in International Environmental Science**, Lund University - Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS), Lund, Sweden
Original thesis title (English): “Drivers of unsustainability: The Ebro River basin case study”
- 08/2004** **Graduate Course in Energy, Environment & Sustainable Development**, University of Oslo - Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), Oslo, Norway
- 06/2002** **M.A. in Curriculum & Instruction**, Hacettepe University - Institute of Social Sciences: Department of Educational Sciences, Ankara, Turkey
Original thesis title (Turkish): “Özel İngilizce kurslarına devam eden kursiyelerin öğrenme stilleri” [Learning styles of students in private English courses]
- 07/1996** **BSc. in Landscape Architecture**, Ankara University - Faculty of Agriculture, Ankara, Turkey

Grants, scholarships & awards

- 09/2019-11/2020 Mercator-Istanbul Policy Center Fellowship
- 04/2015 Turkey-Armenia Travel Grant - Hrant Dink Foundation
- 03/2010 AGAUR - FI Award for Doctoral Dissertation
- 09/2005-12/2009 AGAUR - FI Catalan Government’s Doctoral Grant for Universities & Research Centers for the Recruitment of New Research Personnel
- 06-08/2005 Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals (ICTA) Scholarship for Junior Researchers
- 04/2004 Lund University Grant for Master’s Dissertation
- 07-08/2004 Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) Grant for Graduate Courses
- 08/2003-12/2004 Swedish Institute (SI) Scholarship for Master’s Level Studies in Sweden

Topics of interest: Water crisis, Water policy and management, Climate responsive water management, Political ecology of water

Teaching experience

- 2020 - 2022 *Lecturer*, Institutional Sustainability Certificate Program - Kurumsal Sürdürülebilirlik Sertifika Programı (KSSP), Boğaziçi University Lifelong Learning Center (BÜYEM), Istanbul, Turkey
- 2017 - 2022 *Part-time lecturer*, (Courses: “Environment and Tourism” and “Sustainability from Environmental and Social Perspectives”) in the Department of Tourism Administration - Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 - 2008 *Instructor & Program coordinator*, Ecología Urbana y Cambio Climático – Módulo Agua: Curso Básico Online [Urban Ecology and Climate Change – Water Module: Online Course] at Eco-union, Barcelona, Spain
- 1998 - 2001 *Instructor*, General science education for the 4th and 5th grade students at TED Ankara College, Ankara, Turkey
- 1993 - 1996 *Instructor*, Teaching in Science Workshops, Schools and Camps organised for ages 6-12, Bilimce Scientific Activities Co. (With the support of ODTU Olcay Birgül Foundation), Ankara, Turkey
- 1992 - 1993 *Centre host & Instructor*, Science centre hosting & teaching in science workshops, schools and camps organised for ages 6-12, Feza Gürsey Science Centre, Ankara, Turkey

Research projects

- 09/2021-01/2022 *Research coordinator*, “Turkey's Contradictory Water Policies and Legislation: A Overview of the Coal Sector”. Policy document for the Turkish Foundation for Combating Erosion Reforestation and the protection of Natural Habitats (TEMA), Istanbul, Turkey
- 06/2021-12/2021 *Research coordinator*, “The Mucilage Problem: Causes, Consequences and Solutions”. Policy document for Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Istanbul, Turkey
- 09/2019-11/2020 *Post-doctoral fellow*, “Tracing Possibilities of Urban Water Demand Management in the Climate Change Age in Turkey: Deriving Lessons from Istanbul and Berlin”. Mercator-Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 03/2012 - 03/2013 *Research coordinator*, the Ekopotamya Network project funded by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation called “Water management in the Middle East: the Cases of the Lake Urmia, the Alwand and the Tigris rivers” Tehran, Iran - Suleimania, Iraq - Diyarbakir, Turkey
- 02/2011 - 12/2011 *Research coordinator*, the Association for Social Change project funded by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation called “Right to Water Campaign: Water Management and Local Authorities in Turkey” Istanbul, Turkey - Berlin, Germany
- 04/2005 - 03/2008 *Research associate*, the EU funded research project called “Methods and tools for integrated sustainability assessment (MATISSE)” (www.matisse-project.net) under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Joan David Tàbara, Barcelona, Spain

10/2004 - 02/2005 *Research associate (Intern)*, the UNESCO research “Public participation in international river basin management” under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Michael Bonell, UNESCO – Water Division/Hydrology for the Environment, Life and Policy (HELP), Paris, France

Other work experience

05/2018 - 2022 *Radio programmer*, “Sudan Gelen” (currently at Açık Radyo), Istanbul, Turkey. (<http://acikradyo.com.tr/program/sudan-gelen>)

10/2012 - 05/2018 *Radio programmer*, “Su Hakkı” at Açık Radyo, Istanbul, Turkey. (<http://acikradyo.com.tr/program/su-hakki>)

06/2012 - 01/2018 *Research Coordinator*, Right to Water Campaign, Civil and Ecological Rights Association, Istanbul, Turkey

09/2008 *Team leader assistant*, the International Workshop of Key Challenges of Environmental Sociology to Sustainable Societies Research, Barcelona, Spain

Some seminars & conferences

05/2021 “Political Ecology of Istanbul's 2000 Years Old Water Paradigm”, 2nd *Climate Responsive Urbanism: Water in Cities*, 21 May 2021.

04/2021 “Political Ecology of Istanbul's Two-Thousand-Year-Old Water Paradigm” in Explorations along the Peripheries of Contemporary Istanbul, *Istanbul Unbound: Environmental Approaches to the City*, Istanbul Research Institute, 8-11 April 2021.

01/2020 “Su Yönetimi Açısından Kanal İstanbul”, *İklim Değişikliği ve Su Yönetimi Sempozyumu*, İSKİ, 8-9 January, Istanbul, Turkey.

11/2019 “Değişen İklimde Geleceğin Şehirleri”, *Çevre, Enerji ve Sürdürülebilirlik Uygulama ve Araştırma Merkezi*, Bilgi Üniversitesi, 13 November, Istanbul, Turkey.

03/2019 “İklim değişikliği çağında kentsel su yönetiminin su döngüsüne etkileri”, *Dünya Ormanlık, Su ve Meteoroloji Günleri Etkinlikleri*, Düzce Üniversitesi, 22-25 March, Düzce, Turkey.

06/2018 “Protecting water through protecting people's right to water: The case of Dikili”, *POLLEN (Political Ecology Network) Biennial Conference*, 19-22 June, Oslo, Norway.

04/2018 “Suyumuz plastik çorbasına dönmesin”, TEDx Talks, 14 April, Istanbul, Turkey. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-jEBA3AtMs>

05/2018 “Dünden bugüne İstanbul'da su yönetimi”, *Şehrin Doğası: Tarihsel ve Güncel Tartışmalar Işığında İstanbul'da Toprak, Yeşil ve Su Konferansı*, 4-6 May, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Turkey.

03/2018 “Dünyada su hakkı mücadelesi”, Barışa Giden Yollar VII: Barış ve Su, 22 Mart, TED Üniversitesi, Ankara, Turkey.

- 11/2016 “Su hakkı bir insan hakkıdır”, *Uluslararası Su Mücadeleleri Konferansı*, 12-13 November, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 10/2016 “Dünyada ve Türkiye’de Alternatif Su Yönetimi Arayışları ve Öneriler”, *İklim Değişikliği’ne Yerel Çözümler: Yağmur Hasadı Konferansı*, 3 October, Ankara, Turkey.
- 05/2014 “This is just the Beginning the fight is continuing”, *Reclaiming the City: Privatizations, Large-scale Projects and Social Struggles for Land as a Common*, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Athens, Greece.
- 11/2013 “A public being in bottles: No to packaged water”, *No democracy without water justice! Defending our commons and right to water panel & forum*, 2 November, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 05/2013 “From peoples’ rights to rivers’ rights”, *International Rivers Conference*, 18 May, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 06/2012 “Searching alternative ways of managing water in Turkey and the world”, *Workshop about alternative water services in the context of social policies*, 27 June, İzmir, Turkey.
- 03/2012 “The social movement against the Ilisu Dam”, *Alternative World Water Forum*, 14-17 March, Marseille, France.
- 12/2011 “Towards a New Water Policy: Water Management in Turkey, Alternatives & Recommendations”, *Panel on water policies that deepens water crisis in Turkey*, 10 December, İstanbul, Turkey.
- 11/2010 “A brief look into the privatisation of water services and the social response against privatisation in Turkey”, *International Water Right Symposium*, 5-6 November, Diyarbakir, Turkey.
- 10/2010 “The case of the Ilisu Dam: Individual-society-nature separation”. *Panel on the Evaluation of the Ilisu Dam from Legal, Social, Economic and Ecological Perspectives*, 15 October, Batman, Turkey.
- 03/2008 “New Water Culture”, *Global Climate Change and Sustainability Seminars*, 12-26 March, Barcelona, Spain.
- 09/2008 “Water identities & social learning in Spain and Turkey: Social movements against the Itoiz & the Ilisu Dams”, *First World Sociology Forum – International Sociology Association (ISA)*, 5-8 September, Barcelona, Spain.
- 05/2007 “Water and sustainability”, *Urban Ecology and Climate Change Seminars*, 17 April-8 May, Barcelona, Spain.
- 12/2006 “Culture as trigger for sustainability transition in the water domain: The case of the Spanish water policy and the Ebro River basin”, *Fifth Iberian Congress of Water Planning and Management*, 4-6 December, Faro, Portugal.
- 12/2006 “Participatory modelling for the integrated assessment of water: The World Cellular Model and the Matisse project”, *First International Conference on Sustainability Measuring and Modelling*, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, 02-06 December, Barcelona, Spain.

Some publications

Ilhan, Akgun (2021). "Marmara Denizi'nde Müsilaj Sorunu", *Eskatolojik Anlatıların Kıyısında Ekolojik Kriz Spektrum* 6: 37-41.

<https://www.tasarimrehberleri.com/yayinlar/spektrum/#ekitaplar-2021>

Ilhan, Akgun (2021). "Supply, demand or prayer", *Eurozine*, 15 September 2021.

<https://www.eurozine.com/supply-demand-or-prayer/#>

Ilhan, Akgun (2021). İklim Değişikliği ve Kentsel Su Yönetimi, *Su ve İnovasyon* 3: 22-29.

Ilhan, Akgun (2021). "Waterscape and Modern Water Infrastructures on Our Routes" (in progress) in Nick Hobbs and Oytun Güventürk (Eds.), *Hiking Istanbul: A Guide to Independent Hiking in Istanbul's Countryside*.

Ilhan, Akgun (2021). "Uluslararası Hukuk Bağlamında Tatlısu Kaynaklarının Korunması" Zerrin Savaşan & Hakan Ünay (Ed.), *Uluslararası Çevre Hukuku ve Politikaları*. Ankara: Yetkin Yayınları.

Ilhan, Akgun (2021) "Krizlerin Yönetiminde Suya Erişimin Önemi" TESEV Değerlendirme Notları 2021/5. <https://www.tesev.org.tr/tr/research/krizlerin-yonetiminde-suya-erisimin-onemi/>

Ilhan, Akgun (2021) "Su Hakkı, Yaşama Hakkı", *Magma Yeryüzü Dergisi*, Yıl 2030 Özel Sayısı.

Ilhan, Akgun (2021). "Suyun Değeri" *National Geographic Türkiye* 239: 8-12.

Ilhan, Akgun (2020). "Su Krizi, Pandemi ve Ortak Geleceğimiz", *Pandemi; Ütopya ile Distopya Ara Kesitinde mi, Yoksa Heterotopyanın Bizatihi İçinde mi?* *Spektrum* 3: 42-45.

<https://www.tasarimrehberleri.com/yayinlar/spektrum/#ekitaplar-2020>

Ilhan, Akgun (May 2020). "COVID-19 Penceresinden Suya Erişim Meselesi ve Çözüm Önerileri", IPM Politika Notu.

<https://ipc.sabanciuniv.edu/Content/Images/CKeditorImages/20200604-23064346.pdf>

Ilhan, Akgun (2019). "Bin dereden su getirmek" *National Geographic Türkiye* 215: 24-28.

Ilhan, Akgun et.al. (2017). "Suya Erişim Hakkından Suyun Akma Hakkına" [From Right to Water to the Water's Right] in *Türkiye ve Dünyada Su Krizi ve Su Hakkı Mücadeleleri [Water Crisis and Water Rights Movements in Turkey and the World]*. İstanbul: Sivil ve Ekolojik Haklar Derneği Yayınları.

Ilhan, Akgun et. al. (2016). "Bir Baraj Karşıtı Hareketten Fazlası: Ilisu Vakası" [More than an anti-dam Movement: The Case of the Ilisu] in *Sudan Sebepler: Kalkınmacılık ve Yeşil Ekonomi Kısılcığında Hidro-Enerji ve HES Karşıtı Mücadelenin Ekoloji Politikası [Aqueous Reasons: Political Ecology of the Hydro-energy and Anti-HEPP Struggle in the Grip of Developmentalism and Green Economy] by Sinan Erensü (Ed.)*. İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları.

Ilhan, Akgun et. al. (2015). "Su Gaspına Karşı Su Hakkı" [Right to Water against Water Grabbing] in *All That We Share, A Field Guide to the Commons* by Jay Walljasper (2010) Translated to Turkish by Bengi Akbulut (Ed.). İstanbul: Metis Yayınları

Ilhan, Akgun (2014). “İyi Yaşam: Toprak, Kimlik ve Mücadele” *Feminist Yaklaşımlar* 22: 34-39. ISSN 1307-0932 <http://www.feministyaklasimlar.org/sayi-22-subat-2014/iyi-yasam-toprak-kimlik-ve-mucadele/>

Ilhan, Akgun (2014). “Drought in Turkey: A social or physical phenomenon?” *Turkish Review* 4(3): 270-274.

Ilhan, Akgun et. al. (2014). *İstanbul'un Su Krizi ve Kolektif Çözüm Önerileri [Towards a New Water Policy: Water Management in Turkey, Alternatives & Recommendations]*. İstanbul: Sosyal Değişim Derneği Yayınları.

Ilhan, Akgun et. al. (2014). *Su Kanunu Tasarısı: Eleştirisi ve Alternatif Su Kanunu Tasarısı. [Draft of the Water Law: Criticisms & Alternative Draft for Water Law]*. İstanbul: Sosyal Değişim Derneği Yayınları.

Ilhan, Akgun (2011). *Yeni Bir Su Politikasına Doğru. Türkiye'de Su Yönetimi, Alternatifler ve Öneriler [Towards a New Water Policy: Water Management in Turkey, Alternatives & Recommendations]*. İstanbul: Sosyal Değişim Derneği Yayınları.

Tabara, Joan David & **Ilhan, Akgun** (2008). “Culture as trigger for sustainability transition in the water domain: The case of the Spanish water policy and the Ebro River basin” in *Regional Environmental Change*, 8:59-71.

Tabara, Joan David; Elmqvist, Bodil; **Ilhan, Akgun**; Madrid, Cristina; Olsson, Lennart; Schilperoord, Michael; Valkering, Pieter; Wallman, Patrik & Weaver, Paul (2006). “Modelización participativa para la Evaluación Integrada de la sostenibilidad de los recursos hídricos: El modelo del mundo celular y el proyecto Matisse” in *Revista Internacional de Sostenibilidad, Tecnología y Humanismo*, 1:185-244. <https://e-revistas.upc.edu/bitstream/2099/2579/1/12Tabara.pdf>

Language proficiency

Turkish: Native English: Fluent Spanish: Fluent

Computer skills

Microsoft Office,
SPSS (Statistical Analysis),
GIS (Geographic Information System),
Vensim and STELLA (Systems Analysis)