

Acknowledgements

The creation of this book has been a collaborative work. It has been a long journey in which very many inspirational and obliging people have kindly supported me.

I would like to start by thanking my main supervisor, Prof. Dr. Nina Gribat. She was always there when I needed help. She aided me with elaborate comments on my writing. I am truly grateful for her encouragement and wise guidance. She showed me how academic work can be conducted with solidarity. I consider myself very lucky to receive such strengthening support that includes caring, understanding and sharing.

I would like to acknowledge my gratitude to the Hans Böckler Foundation for providing a scholarship for my Ph.D., conferences, and a perspective-altering summer school that I attended. Their solidarity and attention to my research topic made it possible for me to give it my full attention. In the foundation network, I want to especially thank Prof. Dr. Barbara Schönig for reviewing my research progress.

I am indebted to the participants of our monthly academic colloquium: Dr. Emily Bereskin, Anna Kokalanova, Christoph Muth, Agnès Klöden-Billemont, Natacha Quintero González, Pearl Puwurayire, Christian Rosen, Tülay Güneş, Leonie Plänklers, Jammie A. Titilayo and Erik Hofedank. They not only shared their research and academic knowledge but also made invaluable comments on my presentations. Without their support, I would not have been able to keep up such a regular workflow.

I would like to thank Prof. Dr. Can Altay, Prof. Dr. Nurbin Paker, Prof. Dr. Arda İnceoğlu, and Prof. Dr. İpek Akpınar, who guided me at the very beginning of my Ph.D. journey in Turkey. I am also grateful for the companionship of Mike Nelson, Mari Spirito, Özgür Atlagan, Erdinç Eşref Uslu, Bekir Sak and Kılıçer Family while exploring Turkey in search of my research topic.

I am grateful for the many scholars who influenced me profoundly. The work of Dr. Benedict Anderson, Dr. Sezai Ozan Zeybek, Dr. Özlem Ünsal Kavlak, Dr. Emrah Altınok, Yaşar Adanalı, and Anna Wyss have been very inspirational, and their motivating help is unforgettable. Specially, I am thankful to the researchers who I met in RC21 Summer School Delhi in 2019 for sharing their work and practices.

I am grateful to Vera Ryser, Halil and Sevda Vatansever for their unprecedented generousness in helping me overcome various challenges during my stay in Germany. I am thankful for Charlotte Watermann's support in the scholarship application process. I am indebted to Mark Farrier for the last phase of the writing process. His contribution has had a vitalizing effect on improving the language of the work.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the *çıkmacı*s who agreed to participate in the research and share their work experiences and life stories. Although their work conditions were extremely demanding and tiresome, they welcomed me as an outsider.

Lastly, I would like to thank my parents, Merih Ege and Ahmet Tevfik Ceritoğlu, for their extraordinary encouragement throughout my education. And foremost, I am grateful to my biggest supporter and life partner, Lia Kraus. With her patience and kindness, she made me believe in myself enough to complete the book.