



Hola a tothom!

Sóc la Zeynep (de cognom Akinci). Sóc arquitecta de paisatge, de turquia-kurdistan. (No puc parlar castellà, només una mica de català, però no gaire).

I graduated from Landscape Architecture and Urban Design in 2008 (from Bilkent University-Ankara) and since then, I have worked as an urban-landscape designer for about 6 years in municipalities and 4 years in NGOs and private design studios, in various cities of Turkey and Northern Kurdistan (Eskisehir, Istanbul, Izmir and Amed). I attended a master's program in Architectural Theory between 2015-2017 in Mardin Artuklu University. I contributed to a book

chapter related with my topic (Akinci and Tan, 2016. "Waterdams as Dispossession: Ecology, Security, Colonization," in J. Graham (ed.), *Climate: Architecture and the Planetary Imaginary*, New York and Zurich: Columbia Books on the City and Architecture and Lars Müller Publishers). In 2017, I attended ICTA's Environmental, Economic and Social Sustainability master's program in UAB. My research focused on how Turkish state uses a regional development project -especially hydro-structures and massive irrigation systems in it- as instruments to imply state politics on Northern Kurdistan. The title of my thesis was "The Southeastern Anatolia Project (GAP) in Turkey: Regional Development as a Tool for Homogenization."

In April 2019 I started my PhD in GEMOTT in Geography Department under supervision of Carme Miralles Guasch. My current research focuses on walkability, and specifically the impacts of urban micro elements on seniors' walking patterns in Barcelona. I have a grant from FI-DGR and I will be among you in the following three years.

See you around,

Zeynep