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He was born in Adana on August 11, 1946. He attended Ceyhan Atatürk Primary School between 1953 and 1958, Ceyhan Secondary School between 1959 and 1961, and Ceyhan High School between 1962 and 1964.

He began studying at Istanbul University Faculty of Letters Department of Turkish Language and Literature in 1964, and graduated in with the thesis *Mi'râc-nâme* (The Book of Mi'râc)1968 . He entered to the Department in 1970.

He served his military service in Turkish Air Force in 1975.

He got his Ph. D. in excellent grade in 5 January 1976 with the thesis *Sir@cü'l-Δul,b: The Manuscript writing with Uiguric script at the Islamic Period* (Transcription and Indeks).

On June 6, 1982, he was appointed as a teaching member as an Assistant Professor in Old Turkish Branch of the Department of Turkish Language and Literature in Faculty of Letters of Istanbul University.

On October 15, 1989 he became an Associate Professor Dr. with the thesis *Musical Terminology and Names of the Musical Instruments in Old Turkish*.

He was appointed to the position of Full professorship on August 8, 1996.

He held various positions, including a member of administrative committee, in Turkish Language Institute, which is restructured in accordance of Turkish Constitution's article of 134, and the law 2876.

Between 1987 and 1990 he served a member in the Committee of Consultation an Publication of Primary Sources and the Committee of Consultation of 1000 Primary Sources of Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

Osman Fikri Sertkaya between 1966 and 2006 published more than 350 articles in various aspects of Turkish language and culture, around 40 of them being in the languages of German, French, English, Japanese, Kırgız Turkish, and Russian.

He attended, national and international, more then 150 conferences, congresses, colloquiums, panels, seminars, and symposiums.

In Turkey, he has been serving as a member, main member, science committee member, and administrative member in Institute for Turcology, 1970; Turkish Literature Foundation, 1972; Institute the Study of Turkish Culture, 1976; Turkish Language Institute, 1983; Institute of Turkish Medical History, 1985; and TAC Foundation, 1987. Outside of Turkey, he has been serving as a main member in institutions like Permanent International Altaistic Conference = PIAC, 1972; Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft =DMG, 1979; Societas Uralo-Altaica =SUA, 1980; Association of the Central Asian Studies = ACAS, 1988.

Besides being a teaching member of Istanbul University, he has been serving as a reporter in the Committee of International Academic Relations since February 1985-February 2005, and he has been a director of Turcology Research Institute since February 1997.