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Curriculum Vitae
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Bilkent University
Department of International Relations
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EDUCATION

- 2011-2015 **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY, USA
Ph.D. in Government
Fields of Study: Comparative Politics and International Relations
Committee: Kenneth Roberts, Sidney Tarrow, Nic van de Walle
- 2007-2011 **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY, USA
M.A. in Government
- 2005-2009 **Jacobs University Bremen**, Bremen, Germany
M.A. in Integrated Social Sciences
- 2004-2006 **Sabancı University**, Istanbul, Turkey
M.A. in Political Science
- 2000-2004 **Vanderbilt University**, Nashville, TN, USA
B.S. Political Science, Economics, Western Civilization (triple major)

EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Professor Bilkent University, Ankara Turkey
Department of International Relations
September 2015 – Present
- Post-doctoral Fellow Sabancı University, Istanbul Turkey
January - August 2015
- Teaching Assistant Cornell University
September 2008–May 2014
- Teaching Assistant Sabancı University
September 2004–May 2005

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2017 Starting R&D Projects Funding Program (3001), TUBITAK, Turkey
- 2012-3 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2012 Tinker Foundation Grant for Field Research
- 2011 Graduate School Field Research Travel Grant, Cornell University
- 2010 Michele Sicca Research Grant, for Preliminary Field Research
- 2009 Mario Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant
- 2008-14 Graduate Student Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2007-8 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University

2004-5 Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Sabancı University
2001 Third Place in Inter-College Debate Tournament, Vanderbilt University
2000-4 Merit-based Scholarship, Vanderbilt University
1993 Ranked 1st in nationwide middle school examination in Turkey among 1.5 million students

PUBLICATIONS

2017 “Building a Competitive Authoritarian Regime: State–Business Relations in the AKP’s Turkey” (with Sebnem Gumuscu) *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*

2017 “A Small Yes for Presidentialism: The Turkish Constitutional Referendum of April 2017” (with Sebnem Gumuscu) *South European Society and Politics*, 22 (3): 303-326

2017 “Turkey: How the Coup Failed” (with Sebnem Gumuscu) *Journal of Democracy*, 28 (1): 59-73

2016 “Rising Competitive Authoritarianism in Turkey” (with Sebnem Gumuscu) in *Third World Quarterly* 37 (9): 1581-1606

2014 “Nation-Building, Party-Strength, and Regime Consolidation: Kemalism in Comparative Perspective.” *Turkish Studies* 15 (4): 600-620

2014 “Turkey’s Republican People’s Party: Politics of Opposition under a Dominant Party System.” *Turkish Studies* (with Sinan Ciddi). 15 (3): 419-441

2011 "Turkey's 2011 Elections: An Emerging Dominant Party System?" *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (with Sinan Ciddi).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Latin American Studies Association, 2016
American Political Science Association, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
Midwest Political Science Association, 2017, 2014, 2010
Middle East Studies Association Conference, 2014

INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

Monash University & GIGA Institute (Kuala Lumpur) in November, 2017
Northwestern University (Chicago) in October, 2017
Fulbright Office (Turkey) in September 2015, 2016, 2017
Netherlands Institute at Athens (Greece) in 2017
Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop (Turkey) in January 2017
University of Bern (Switzerland) in November 2016

Sciences Po (France) in September 2016
Middle East Technical University (Turkey) in April 2016
Bahçeşehir University (Turkey) in March 2016
TED University (Turkey) in March 2016
Cape Town (South Africa) in November 2015
University of Graz (Austria) in October 2015
Koç University (Turkey) in July 2015
Stockholm University (Sweden) in May 2015
Bilkent University (Turkey) in April 2015
Notre Dame (USA) (via skype) in November 2013
Cornell University (USA) in 2013

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2012-3 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
2012 Tinker Foundation Grant, for Field Research in Argentina
2011 Graduate School Field Research Travel Grant, Cornell University, for Research in Turkey
2010 Michele Sicca Research Grant, for Preliminary Field Research in Turkey
2009 Mario Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant for Preliminary Research in Argentina
2007-8 Sage Graduate Fellow, Cornell University

TEACHING

Graduate

Policy Skills and Strategic Analysis (Bilkent)
Latin American Politics (Bilkent)
Issues in Turkish Foreign Policy (Bilkent)

Undergraduate

Latin American Politics (Bilkent)
Turkish Foreign Policy (Bilkent)
Research Methods in International Relations (Bilkent)
Social Challenges in Turkey (Bilkent)
Society and Humanity I (Sabanci)

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Referee (Journals): Foreign Policy Analysis, Turkish Studies, South European Society and Politics, Governance, Democratization, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, Politics, Religion & Ideology, Insight Turkey

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Political Economy
Political Parties and Social Movements in the Global South
Comparative-Historical Analysis
Authoritarian Regimes
Latin American Politics
Middle East Politics
State-building and nation-formation
Turkish Politics

LANGUAGES

Turkish	Native speaker
English	Near-native proficiency in speaking, writing, and reading
Spanish	Advanced level of proficiency in reading; Intermediate skills in speaking, writing
German	Elementary level of proficiency