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## EDUCATION

- Sep. 2006 – Jul. 2011: **University of Nottingham**, Ph.D. in Politics  
**School of Politics & International Relations**,  
Nottingham, UK  
Thesis subject: *The determinants of electoral system choices in multi-party Turkey* (Nominated by the University for **Political Studies Association's** –PSA– 2011 Arthur McDougall Fund Prize)
- Sep. 2004 – Jul. 2006: **University of Kent at Canterbury, Kent Law School**, LLM in International Law with International Relations  
Graduation Degree: Merit
- Oct. 1999 – Jul. 2004: **Galatasaray University**, Istanbul, BA in International Relations,
- Sep. 1991 – Jun. 1999: **Galatasaray High School**, Istanbul
- Sep. 1986 – Jun. 1991: **Hasan Âli Yücel Primary School**, Istanbul

## LANGUAGE

Turkish (native speaker), English (fluent), French (fluent)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Electoral studies, comparative politics, authoritarianism, populism, Turkish politics.

## **FULL-TIME POSITIONS**

- Aug. 2024 to date      **Istanbul Planning Agency** – Academic Coordinator
- Feb. 2020 – Aug. 2022      **Bahçeşehir University**, Department of Political Science and International Relations – Associate Professor
- June 2017 – Jan. 2020:      **Istanbul Kültür University**, Department of International Relations – Associate Professor
- June 2012 – May 2017:      **Istanbul Kültür University**, Department of International Relations – Assistant Professor
- Feb. – June 2012:      **Istanbul Arel University**, Department of International Relations – Assistant Professor

## **PART-TIME POSITIONS**

- Sep. 2025 to date:      **Istanbul Kent University**, Graduate Programs Institute – Part-time Lecturer
- Feb. – June 2025:      **Beykoz University**, Graduate Programs Institute & Department of Political Science and International Relations – Part-time Lecturer
- Oct. 2018 – Jan. 2019:      **Middle East Technical University**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration – Part-time Lecturer
- Feb. 2012 – Jan. 2015:      **Galatasaray University**, Department of Politics – Part-time Lecturer
- Jan. – June 2013:      **Boğaziçi University**, Department of Political Science and International Relations – Part-time Lecturer

## VISITING POSITIONS

- December 2019: **University of Lodz**, Faculty of International and Political Studies – Guest Lecturer
- Feb. – March 2019: **Malmö University**, Department of Global Political Studies – Guest Lecturer
- Oct. 2016 – July 2017: **American University of Beirut**, Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES) – Affiliate

## TEACHING

International Organizations (MA, **Istanbul Kent University**).

Selected Readings in Turkish Politics (MA, **Beykoz University**).

Constitutional Law (BA, **Beykoz University**).

Contemporary Political Ideologies (PhD, **Bahçeşehir University**).

World Politics in the Post Cold War Era (MA, **Bahçeşehir University**).

Comparative Democratization, Electoral Systems and Party Systems, Turkish Politics, Issues and Problems in Turkish Politics, International Law, Democratic Theory, Comparative Politics: Selected Topics (BA, **Bahçeşehir University**).

Introduction to World Politics, Methodology in Social Sciences, Parties and Elections, Democratization: Theory and Practice (MA, **Istanbul Kültür University**).

World Economy, Issues in Development, History of Civilizations, History of Political Thought, Humanities, Electoral Systems and Political Parties, International Organizations, Introduction to Political Science, History of Political Thought in Turkey (BA, **Istanbul Kültür University**).

Political Participation and Electoral Systems (BA, **Middle East Technical University**).

Electoral Systems and Voting Behaviour, Radical Political Movements in Turkey (BA, **Galatasaray University**).

Comparative Electoral Systems (BA, **Boğaziçi University**).

Introduction to International Relations (BA, **Istanbul Arel University**).

## **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

2018 and 2019

BİLSAP (The Support Program for Scientific and Artistic Activities) Award, **Istanbul Kültür University**

2011

Nominee, Arthur McDougall Fund Prize, **Political Studies Association**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

- ***Türkiye’de Seçim Sistemleri*** (İstanbul: Tekin Yayınevi, February 2018).
- ***Electoral Systems in Turkey*** (İstanbul: Libra, 2017).
- ***Haksızlıklar Ülkesinde Sosyal Demokrasi*** (co-authored with Yunus Emre et. al.) (İstanbul: Tekin Yayınevi, July 2017).
- ***Türkiye İçin Sosyal Demokrasi: Zorluklar ve Fırsatlar*** (co-authored with Yunus Emre) (İstanbul: Kalkedon Yayınevi, January 2015).
- ***Gezi Parkı’nda Ne Oldu? Katılımcıların Penceresinden Bir Gezi Parkı Değerlendirmesi*** (co-authored with Mensur Akgün et. al.) (İstanbul: İstanbul Kültür Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2014).
- ***AKP’nin Yükselişi ve Düşüşü*** (İstanbul: Destek Yayınevi, March 2013).

## Chapters in edited books

- 'Türkiye Siyasetinde Popülizmin Kültürel Kodları', Sencer Ayata (ed.) **Otoriter Popülizm ve Demokrasi** (Ankara: Sosyal Demokrasi Derneği, 2023), pp. 162-176.
- 'Tek Parti CHP'nin İdeolojisi', Behlül Özkan & Tolga Gürakar (eds.) **Türkiye'nin Soğuk Savaş Düzeni: Ordu-Sermaye-ABD Güdümünde İslamizasyon** (İstanbul: Tekin Yayınevi, 2020), pp. 47-70.
- 'The Justice and Development Party (AKP)' (interview with Yüksel Taşkın), Esra Özyürek et. al. (eds.) **Authoritarianism and Resistance in Turkey: Conversations on Democratic and Social Challenges** (Springer, 2019), pp. 75-80.
- 'İktidarı Yerelden, AKP'yi Bolu'dan Okumak: Sahadan ve İçeriden Gözlemler', Deniz Yıldırım and Evren Haspolat (eds.) **Değişen Karadeniz'i Anlamak** (Ankara: Phoenix Yayınevi, April 2016), pp. 127-146.
- 'The right of self-determination in international law and the Turkish Cypriot people', **Erdoğan Teziç'e Armağan** (İstanbul: Galatasaray Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2007), pp. 795-805.

## Articles

- 'Reforming the CHP: A History', **Taiwan Journal of Democracy**, December 2024, Vol. 20, No. 2, pp. 123-146.
- 'Linkage, Leverage, and Authoritarianism: An Overview of the Collapse of Turkey's EU Membership Prospect' (co-authored with Kerem Kılıçdaroğlu), **SAGE Open**, Vol. 11, Issue 3, July-September 2021, DOI: 10.1177/21582440211040783.
- 'The rise and fall of Corbynism' (co-authored with Ahmet C. Ertürk), **Reflektif: Journal of Social Sciences**, June 2021, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 287-307.
- 'Kimlik Siyasetleri ve Kimlik Mücadelelerinin CHP ve Sosyal Demokrasi İlişkisine Etkisi' (co-authored with Yunus Emre et. al.), **Ankara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi**, 2018, Vol. 73, Issue 3, pp. 731-762.
- 'Turkish Foreign Policy under the AKP: Making Sense of the Turbulence' (co-authored with Özge Zihnioğlu), **Political Studies Review**, 2017, Vol. 15, Issue 1, pp. 28-38.
- 'Küreselleşme Karşısında Sosyal Demokrasinin Konumu: CHP Örneği Üzerine Bir Alan Araştırması' (co-authored with Yunus Emre et. al.), **Uluslararası İlişkiler**, 2017, Vol. 14, Issue 53, pp. 111-128.

- 'The June 2015 legislative election in Turkey', ***Electoral Studies***, 2016, Vol. 41, pp. 213-216.
- 'Ortadoğu'da Diktatörlük Sonrası Seçim Sistemi Tasarımı: Mısır ve Irak', ***İstanbul Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi***, October 2015, Vol. 53, pp. 87-101.
- 'The 1961 Constitutional Referendum in Turkey' (co-authored with Yunus Emre), ***Sociology of Islam***, 2015, Vol. 3, No. 1-2, pp. 49-75.
- 'Extreme instability in electoral system changes: The Turkish case', ***Turkish Studies***, March 2011, Vol. 12, No. 1, pp. 5-13.
- 'The Failure of Democracy in Turkey: A Comparative Analysis' (co-authored with Dr Lauren McLaren), ***Government and Opposition***, October 2011, Vol. 46, No. 4, pp. 485-516.
- 'Will the Iraqi Special Tribunal achieve justice for Iraq?', ***Turkish Review of Middle East Studies***, Annual 2005, Vol. 16, pp. 65-81.
- 'Has the military action against Iraq in Spring 2003 fundamentally transformed the system of law governing the use of force?', ***Review of International Law and Politics***, 2005, Vol.1, No.4, pp. 124-36.
- 'The right of self-determination in international law towards the 40th anniversary of the adoption of ICCPR and ICESR' (co-authored with Doğan Eymirlioğlu), ***Perceptions: Journal of International Affairs***, Winter 2005, Vol. 10, pp. 115-46.

### **Conference Proceedings**

- 'Güçlendirilmiş Parlamenter Sistem İçin Nasıl Bir Seçim Sistemi?', ***Güçlendirilmiş Parlamenter Sistem: Görüş ve Öneriler*** (İstanbul: Demokrasiyi Güçlendirme Derneği, 2022), pp. 261-272.
- 'The Effects of the Decline of the EU Leverage Over Turkey's Political Regime', ***ACSS2019 Independence & Interdependence Official Conference Proceedings*** (Nagoya: IAFOR, 2019), pp. 183-191.
- 'Corbyn's Ideology: Social Democracy, Democratic Socialism, or Left Populism?', Athens: ***ATINER's Conference Paper Series***, No: SOC2019-2637.
- 'An epic fail: Turkey's Middle East policy between 2009 and 2013', Mensur Akgün (ed.), ***Strategizing Turkey: The Davutoğlu Era in Turkish Foreign Policy*** (Istanbul: Istanbul Kültür University, 2014), pp. 363-376.

## Reports and working papers

- 'Sosyal Güvenlik Sisteminde Sürdürülebilirlik: Türkiye'nin Sosyal Güvenlik Karnesi', **İstanbul Planlama Ajansı**, *Bilgi Notu*, November 2024 (co-authored with Buğra Gökce et. al.)
- 'Countdown for Brexit: What to Expect for UK, EU and Turkey?', **İstanbul Kültür University – Global Political Trends Center (GPoT)**, *Policy Brief No. 64*, April 2019.
- 'Seçim Sistemlerinde Türkiye Tecrübesi: Ne yapmalı?', **Toplumcu Düşünce Enstitüsü – Tartışma Notu**, *TN-SIY/14-001*, 6 January 2014.
- 'Güney Avrupa'da Ekonomik Kriz ve Toplumsal Hareketler', **İstanbul Kültür University – Global Political Trends Center (GPoT)**, *Küresel Eğilimler Serisi Çalışma Kağıdı No. 5*, February 2013.
- 'Yurtdışı Seçim Çevresi: Daha Adil Bir Seçim Sistemine Doğru', **Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi (CHP) – Bilim Yönetim Kültür Platformu (BYKP)** *Politika Notu No. 11*, May 2013.

## Book reviews

- *Elections, Electoral Systems and Volatile Voters*, **Political Studies Review**, May 2010, Vol. 8, No. 2, p. 251.
- *Introduction to Political Concepts*, **Political Studies Review**, May 2010, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 257-8.
- *The Cambridge History of Turkey Volume IV: Turkey in the Modern World*, **Political Studies Review**, September 2009, Vol. 7, No. 3, p. 444.

## Op-Ed articles (selected)

- 'CHP'nin Konya mitingine neden şaşmamalıyız?', **Medyascope**, 5 May 2025, <https://medyascope.tv/2025/05/05/chpnin-konya-mitingine-neden-sasirmamaliyiz/>
- 'Orta yaşlı birinin Saraçhane gençliğine dair gözlemleri', **Medyascope**, 29 March 2025, <https://medyascope.tv/2025/03/29/sarachane-gezi-gencler-orta-yasli-gozlemler/>
- 'SGK'yı çıkmaza kim soktu?', **Medyascope**, 25 November 2024, <https://medyascope.tv/2024/11/25/sgk-yi-cikmaza-kim-soktu-burak-cop-yazdi/>
- 'Türkiye ve Avrupa'dan örneklerle vergi üzerine düşünceler', **İkinci Yüzyıl Dergi**, July-August 2022,

<https://ikinciyuzyildergi.com/2022/07/29/turkiye-ve-avrupadan-orneklerle-vergi-uzerine-dusunceler/>

- 'Muhalefete öneri: Seçim sistemi değişikliğine karşı ara seçim hamlesi', **Diken**, 23 March 2022, <https://www.diken.com.tr/muhalefete-oneri-secim-sistemi-degisikligine-karsi-ara-secim-hamlesi/>
- 'Rusya'nın Ukrayna Saldırısı ve Uluslararası Hukuk', **Siyasal Paradigmalar**, 20 March 2022, <https://siyasalparadigmalar.org/rusyanin-ukrayna-saldirisi-ve-uluslararasi-hukuk/>
- 'Rusya'nın Ukrayna Saldırısına Retrospektif Bir Bakış', **Siyasal Paradigmalar**, 18 March 2022, <https://siyasalparadigmalar.org/rusyanin-ukrayna-saldirisina-retrospektif-bir-bakis/>
- 'İktidarın seçim sistemi hamlesi ne anlama geliyor, millet ittifakı ne yapmalı?', **Diken**, 15 March 2022, <https://www.diken.com.tr/iktidarin-secim-sistemi-hamlesi-ne-anlama-geliyor-millet-ittifaki-ne-yapmalı/>
- 'Milletin Vekillerini Millet Seçsin, Peki Nasıl?', **İkinci Yüzyıl Dergi**, September-October 2021, <https://ikinciyuzyildergi.com/2021/09/26/626/>
- 'Türkiye'de Seçim Sisteminin Tarihsel Evrimi', **İkinci Yüzyıl Dergi**, September-October 2021, <https://ikinciyuzyildergi.com/2021/09/26/623/>
- 'Akademik özgürlükler halk için lüks mü, yaşamsal mı?', **İkinci Yüzyıl Dergi**, May 2021, <https://ikinciyuzyildergi.com/2021/05/05/burak-cop/>
- 'İkinci Meclis İhtiyacı', **Siyasal Paradigmalar**, 7 March 2021, <https://siyasalparadigmalar.org/ikinci-meclis-ihtiyaci/>
- 'Türkiye'de Halkçılık 1960-1980', **Siyasal Paradigmalar**, 5 February 2021, <https://siyasalparadigmalar.org/turkiyede-halkcilik-1960-1980/>
- 'Dünya'da ve Türkiye'de Tarihsel Halkçılık', **Siyasal Paradigmalar**, 10 January 2021, <https://siyasalparadigmalar.org/populizm/>
- 'Simülasyon: Olası seçim sistemi değişikliği ve sonuçları', **Diken**, 5 August 2020, <https://www.diken.com.tr/simulasyon-olasi-secim-sistemi-degisikligi-ve-sonuclari/>
- 'Kurultaya doğru: CHP, AKP sonrası için tarihi bir rol oynamanın eşliğinde', **Diken**, 21 July 2020, <https://www.diken.com.tr/kurultaya-dogru-chp-akp-sonrasi-icin-tarihsel-bir-rol-oynamamin-esiginde/>
- 'Britain at crossroads: How to deal with the Brexit?', **METU News Report**, Vol. 14, Issue 2, March – April 2019, p. 9.
- 'Sosyal Demokrasinin Krizi İçin Bir Reçete: Sosyalistleşme', **Sosyal Demokrat Dergi**, No. 85/86, January-February 2018, pp. 19-21.

- 'Türkiye'de Halkçılık Düşüncesinin Tarihselliği', **Politik Yol**, 27 May 2016, <https://www.politikyol.com/burak-cop-turkiyede-halkcilik-dusuncesinin-tarihselligi/>
- 'In the Dawn of a New Barbaric Era', **E-International Relations** (ISSN 2053-8626), 23 November 2016, <http://www.e-ir.info/2016/11/23/in-the-dawn-of-a-new-barbaric-era/>
- 'Turkey's Operation in Syria and the Future of the Syrian Civil War', **E-International Relations** (ISSN 2053-8626), 26 September 2016, <http://www.e-ir.info/2016/09/26/turkeys-operation-in-syria-and-the-future-of-the-syrian-civil-war/>
- 'A Course in Constitution for Turkey', **Bianet English**, 24 August 2011, <https://bianet.org/english/other/132342-a-course-in-constitution-for-turkey>
- 'Advanced Democracy? Thanks, We Just Need Democracy', **Bianet English**, 27 May 2011, <https://bianet.org/english/human-rights/130288-advanced-democracy-thanks-we-just-need-democracy>

## **PROJECTS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- **European Association of Taiwan Studies** Annual Conference Participation Grant (2023)
- **Istanbul Kültür University** International Academic Conference Participation Grant No. ULEP-2018-2019/45 (2019)
- **Erasmus+** Teaching Mobility Grant (2019)
- **TÜBİTAK** Bilimsel Araştırmalar Projeleri (**The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey** – Scientific Research Projects). 3501 Kariyer Geliştirme Programı (Career Development Program #3501). 'Sosyal Demokrasi Türkiye'de Niçin Gelişemedi? Atipik Bir Örneğin Analizi' ('Why the social democracy has not developed in Turkey? The analysis of an atypical case'). Project No. 113k635 – **Researcher**. (March 2014 – March 2016)
- **University of Nottingham**, School of Politics and International Relations, **Postgraduate Research Grant** (2009)

## PRESENTATIONS (selected)

- 'Modernizing the CHP', *European Association of Taiwan Studies Annual Conference, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy Panel*, **SOAS**. London, 2023.
- 'Türkiye'de popülist söylem, strateji ve iktidar: Son 20 yıla genel bir bakış', *The 5<sup>th</sup> Politics and International Relations Congress*, **Karadeniz Technical University**. Trabzon, 2022.
- 'Climate crisis and the Turkish economy', *International Congress on Ecology, Economy, and Regional Development*, **Artvin Çoruh University**. Hopa, 2022.
- 'Güçlendirilmiş parlamenter sistem için nasıl bir seçim sistemi?', *Güçlendirilmiş Parlamenter Sistem – Görüş ve Öneriler Sempozyumu*, **Demokrasiyi Güçlendirme Derneği**. İstanbul, 2022.
- 'Ordu ve siyaset ilişkisi', *Siyaset Okulu'22*, **Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi**. İstanbul, 2022.
- 'The decline of authoritarian populism & the limits of social polarization in Turkey', *Political Rights and Behaviour of Non-Muslim Minorities in Turkey Under Highly Polarized Politics*, **Research Centre for the Humanities (Athens)**. 2021 (online).
- 'Covid-19 Sonrası Küresel Yönetişim: Ekonomik Milliyetçilik ve Otoriter Popülizm', *ULMER Çalıştayları*, **Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi Hükümet ve Liderlik Okulu**. İstanbul, 2021.
- 'Revisiting the Single-Party CHP's ideology in the era of decline of Post-Kemalism', *Politics and Society Seminars*, **Bahçeşehir University**, Department of Political Science and International Relations. İstanbul, 2019.
- 'From Pro-democratic Interdependence to Pro-authoritarian Independence: The Effects of the Decline of the EU Leverage Over Turkey's Political Regime', *The Asian Conference on the Social Sciences (ACSS)*. **The International Academic Forum**. Tokyo, 2019.
- 'Corbyn's ideology: Social Democracy, Democratic Socialism, or Left Populism?', **Athens Institute for Education and Research 13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Sociology**. Athens, 2019.
- 'An epic fail: Turkey's Middle East policy between 2009 and 2013', *Strategizing Turkey: The Davutoğlu Era in Turkish Foreign Policy* hosted by **Istanbul Kültür University**. 2013.
- 'Changing forms of the Turkish state's political violence under AKP rule', *Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics (CAPPE) Annual Conference on Representation, Politics and Violence*. **University of Brighton**. 2013.

- 'How does Historical Institutionalism explain institutional creation, reproduction, and change?', *Staff Seminar* at **Middle East Technical University**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration. Ankara, 2012.
- 'To what extent do the electoral outcomes shape the political arena in Turkey?', *Annual European Graduate Conference on Political Parties* hosted by the **University of Birmingham**. 2009.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Referee**

Government and Opposition (3), Journal of Contemporary European Studies (3), Political Studies Review, South European Society and Politics, Turkish Studies, Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft, Memleket Siyaset Yönetim (2), Alternatif Politika, Marmara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi.

### **Jury member** (selected)

PhD Proficiency Written & Oral Exam – Jury Member – **Galatasaray University, Department of International Relations**. 2022.

Master Thesis Award for Young Social Scientists – Jury Member – **The Turkish Social Science Association**. 2021.

PhD Viva – Jury Member – **Middle East Technical University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration**. 2021.

PhD Proficiency Written & Oral Exam – Jury Member – **Middle East Technical University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration**. 2018.

### **Other**

2023 and 2024: **Times Higher Education's (THE's)** Global Academic Reputation Survey, Participant

## JOURNALISM & TV CAREER

- 2019 to date: **HaberTürk TV, Halk TV, Sözcü TV, TV100, KRT, Tele1** and **Flash Haber** (Turkish national TV channels), Political commentator
- 2024: **ANKA Review**, Columnist
- 2010 – 2011: **Ntvmsnbc.com** (now NTV.com.tr), Contributing writer
- 2008: **Four Four Two Türkiye** and **Platin** (monthly magazines), Part-time contributing writer
- 2005-2006: **Sky Türk TV** (national news channel), Local correspondent
- 2002-2003: **Ntvmsnbc.com** (now NTV.com.tr), Foreign news editor