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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Union College, Schenectady, NY 2024 -
Instructor, Department of Political Science, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN January-May, 2024
Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 2022-2024
Research Associate, Social Policy Center, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey 2014-2017

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA February 2024
Ph.D. in Political Science
Sabancı University, İstanbul, Turkey August 2014
M.A. in Public Policy
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey June 2013
B.Sc. in Political Science and Public Administration

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- (2022) “The Four Worlds of Global Welfare Capitalism: Institutional, Neoliberal, Populist and Residual Welfare State Regimes.” *Journal of European Social Policy*, 32(2), 119-134 (with Erdem Yoruk and Gabriela Tafoya)
- (2019) “Indigenous Unrest and the Contentious Politics of Social Assistance in Mexico.” *World Development* 123 (with Erdem Yoruk and Lara Sarlak).
- (2019) “The Variable Selection Problem in the Three Worlds of Welfare Literature.” *Social Indicators Research*, 144 (2), 625-646 (with Erdem Yoruk, Kerem Yildirim, and Burcu Yakut-Cakar).

Book Project

- *The Politics of Authoritarian Social Welfare Provision: The Middle East and Beyond*
 - Book workshop was held in May 2024 at the University of Minnesota

Book Chapters

- (2019) “Fragile transitions from education to employment: Youth, gender and migrant status in the EU.” In E. Colombo (Ed.), *Youth and the Politics of the Present: Coping with Complexity and Ambivalence* London: Routledge (with Cetin Celik, Fatos Goksen, Alpay Filiztekin, and Mark Smith).
- (2018) “Policy-making and gender mainstreaming.” In J. O’Reilly, C. Moyart, T. Nazio, and M. Smith (Eds.), *Youth Employment: STYLE Handbook*. Bristol: Policy Press. (with Fatos Goksen, Alpay Filiztekin, Mark Smith, Cetin Celik)
- (2018) “Gender and migrant workers’ fragile transitions from education to employment.” In J. O’Reilly, C. Moyart, T. Nazio, and M. Smith (Eds.), *Youth Employment: STYLE Handbook*. Bristol: Policy Press. (with Fatos Goksen)

- (2018) “Leaving and returning to the parental home during the economic crisis.” In J. O’Reilly, C. Moyart, T. Nazio, and M. Smith (Eds.), *Youth Employment: STYLE Handbook*. Bristol: Policy Press. (with Fatos Goksen, Deniz Yukseker, Alpay Filiztekin, Fernanda Mazotta, Lavinia Parisi)

Policy Reports

- (2016) “Vulnerable Youth and Gender in Europe” (with Fatos Goksen, Alpay Filiztekin, Mark Smith, Cetin Celik)
- (2016) “Economic Crisis and Nest Leaving in Europe” (with Fatos Goksen, Deniz Yukseker, Alpay Filiztekin, Fernanda Mazotta, Lavinia Parisi)
- (2015) “Policy Performance and Evaluation: Turkey” (with Fatos Goksen, Deniz Yukseker, Sinem Kuz)
- (2015) “Barriers to and triggers of policy innovation and knowledge transfer in Turkey” (with Fatos Goksen, Deniz Yukseker, Sinem Kuz)

Papers Under Review

- “The Post-Colonial Origins of Generous Authoritarian Welfare States: The Middle East and Beyond” *Under review*
- “Popularity Through Debt: How Do Bank Credits Reinforce Authoritarian Popularity?” *Under review*
- “The Politics of the Minimum Wage.” *Under Review* (with Teri Caraway).

Working Papers

- “The Origins of Egypt’s Welfare State: The Role of the Muslim Brotherhood and the Communist Movement” *Available upon request.*
- “Financial Liberalization and Autocratic Leader Survival: The Role of Banking System Deregulation.” *Available upon request.*
- “America’s Minimum Wage in Comparative Perspective” *Available upon request.* (with Teri Caraway)
- “Guns versus Governance: Military Rule and Defense Spending Reduction” (With Pedro Accorsi)

Work in Progress

- “The Legacies of the Ottoman Empire and Local Development in the Middle East.” *Manuscript in preparation*
- “The Labor Origins of Food Subsidies in the Middle East and North Africa.” *Manuscript in preparation*
- “Neoliberalisms in the Middle East.” *Manuscript in preparation*
- “Warfare and Welfare: The ‘Butter versus Guns’ Model Revisited” *Manuscript in preparation* (With Pedro Accorsi)
- “Individual-level Determinants of Labor Union Membership” (With Ibrahim Kuran and Fuat Kina)
- “Correcting Distortions in Latent Measures: A Penalized Regression Approach to Item Response Theory” *Manuscript in preparation* (with Josef Woldense)

Conference Presentations

- “America’s Minimum Wage in Comparative Perspective” American Political Science Association Comparative Labor Workshop, March 19-20, 2025. *Abstract accepted for presentation* (with Teri Caraway)
- “Guns versus Governance: Military Rule and Defense Spending Reduction” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 5-8, 2025. *Abstract accepted for presentation* (with Pedro Accorsi)
- “Popularity Through Debt: How Consumer Credit and Mortgages Reinforce Authoritarian Popularity” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, *Virtual* November 2-5, 2024.
- “America’s Minimum Wage in Comparative Perspective.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 31-September 3, 2024 (With Teri Caraway)

- “Financial Liberalization and Autocratic Survival: The Role of Banking System Deregulation.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, California, August 31-September 3, 2023 (*Attended virtually*).
- “Financial Liberalization and Autocratic Survival: The Role of Banking System Deregulation.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada November 2-5, 2023.
- “The Authoritarian Origins of Comprehensive Social Legislation.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, September 15-18, 2022.
- “The Authoritarian Origins of Comprehensive Social Legislation.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver, December 1-4, 2022.
- “The Politics of the Minimum Wage.” American Political Science Association Comparative Labor Workshop, March 7, 2022. (with Teri Caraway)
- “The Politics of Authoritarian Social Welfare Provision: Why Do Some Autocracies Develop Generous Welfare States?” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Seattle, September 30-October 3, 2021.
- “The Politics of Authoritarian Social Welfare Provision: Insights from the Middle East and North Africa.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Ontario, Canada October 28-31, 2021.
- “The Politics of the Minimum Wage.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference (Virtual), September 9-13, 2020. (with Teri Caraway)
- “Four Worlds of Welfare Capitalism.” International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP4), Montreal, June, 26-28, 2019. (with Erdem Yoruk and Gabriela Tafoya)
- “Indigenous Revolts and Politics of Social Assistance in Mexico.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 5-8, 2018. (with Erdem Yoruk and Lara Sarlak)
- “Four Worlds of Welfare Capitalism.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 5-8, 2018. (with Erdem Yoruk and Gabriela Tafoya)
- “A Beauvoirian Approach to a Historical Novel: I killed my love.” Women’s Studies Symposium. Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, Turkey. November 3-4, 2016. (with Sultan Toprak)

Invited Talks

- “The Historical Origins of Generous Authoritarian Welfare States.” Macalester College, Political Science Colloquium Series. March 8, 2023.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- *Summer 2023* MnDRIVE Human in the Data Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *2022-2023*, Dissertation Development Grant, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Summer 2022*, Claggett Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Spring 2022*, Dissertation Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Summer 2021*, Andrew Dickinson Memorial Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Spring 2021*, Thesis Research Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *2020-2021*, Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Summer 2020*, Larson Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Summer 2020*, Joyce C. Le Vi Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Summer 2019*, Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Summer 2018*, Summer Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *2013-2014*, Graduate Student Fellowship, Sabancı University, Istanbul

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), French (Research)

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, R, Python, SPSS, nVivo, L^AT_EX, Visual Studio Code (basic)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee, *International Interactions*

Referee, *Kurdish Studies Journal*

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, Middle East Studies Association

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Co-organizer, Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota (2019-2020)

Graduate School Representative, Graduate Student Life Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota (2018-2019)

COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor, Union College, Schenectady, NY, USA

- Introduction to Global Politics (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- Politics of the Middle East (Fall 2024)
- International Political Economy (Winter 2025)
- Muslim/Arab Political Thought (Winter 2025)
- Democracy Under Siege (Spring 2025)
- International Politics of the Middle East (*Approved to be taught in Fall 2025*)
- Comparative Ethnic and Racial Politics (*Approved to be taught in Fall 2025*)
- Comparative Politics of Colonialism (*Approved to be taught in Winter 2026*)

Instructor, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, USA

- Global Political Economy (Spring 2024)
- Politics of the Middle East (Spring 2024)
- The Politics of Colonialism: The Birth of the Modern International Order (Spring 2024)

Instructor of Record, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA

- Political Economy of the Middle East (Summer 2024)
- Democracy Under Threat (Summer 2024)
- Political Economy of Development (Summer 2022, Summer 2023)

Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA

- Sociology of Ethnic and Racial Conflict (Fall 2023)
- Politics Around the World (Fall 2021)
- Politics of Class, Race, and Ethnicity (Fall 2020)
- Russian Politics (Spring 2020)
- Citizens, Consumers, and Corporations (Fall 2019)
- European government and Politics (Spring 2019)
- American Democracy in a Changing World (Fall 2018)

Teaching Assistant, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey

- Introduction to Social and Political Science 101 (Fall 2013)
- Introduction to Social and Political Science 102 (Spring and Summer 2014)