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Curriculum Vitae

Education

09/2016 – ongoing	Boğaziçi University , Istanbul Institute for Graduate Studies of Social Sciences Political Science and International Relations PhD
09/2013 – 07/2016	Boğaziçi University , Istanbul Institute for Graduate Studies of Social Sciences Political Science and International Relations M.A. (graduated with honor degree) M.A. Thesis: “The Relationship Between Secularism and Democracy: The Case of Turkey in the 2000s” Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Ayşen Candaş
02/2011 – 07/2012	University of Antwerp , Antwerp Faculty of Social Sciences Political Science
09/2009 – 07/2013	Marmara University , Istanbul Faculty of Political Sciences Political Science and International Relations B.A. (graduated with honor degree)
09/2005 – 06/2009	Nişantaşı Anatolian Highschool , Istanbul (Former English High School for Boys – EHSB)

Working Experience

01/2018 – ongoing	Istanbul Political Research Institute (IstanPol) , Istanbul Co-founder & Director of Foreign Policy Program Istanpol.org
12/2017 – ongoing	Medyascope TV , Istanbul Commentator, Columnist
02/2014 – 02/2017	Yıldız Technical University , Istanbul Department of Political Science and International Relations Research and Teaching Assistant

01/2015 – 12/2017	Political and Social Research Institute of Europe , Istanbul & Vienna Co-Founder Director of Academic Affairs
09/2012 – 06/2013	Marmara University , Istanbul Marmara University Center of Research for International Relations Researcher & Assistant
09/2009 – 07/2013	ZED , Istanbul UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries Coordinator & Translator

Presentations & Teaching Experience

- “A Nation in Transition: Political Polarization in Turkey” in Middle East Institute, presented on February 11, 2021
- “Opportunities and Challenges for Turkey’s Opposition to Face Erdoğan in the Next General Elections” in Washington Institute Turkey Seminar Series, presented on December 16, 2020
- “Turkey’s Opposition and US’ Turkey Policy” in POMED-organized meetings with the US House Foreign Affairs Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee and US Department of State, presented on December 18, 2020
- “Secularism as a Means for Peaceful Co-Existence” in Political and Social Research Institute of Europe (PS:Europe) *Democratization Workshop*, presented on April 3, 2016 in Istanbul
- “Secularism and Political Inclusion: Turkey in the 2000s” presented in ICSH 2016: *International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities* held on May 16, 2016 in Paris
- “Secularism and Inclusionary Democracy: Turkey and Iran in context” (with Alphan Telek) presented in *International Colloquium on Enlightenment and Secularism* held on May 20, 2016 in Krakow.
- “Secularism and Democracy in Turkey of the 2000s” presented in *Turkish Political Science Association XIVth Graduate Conference* held on 5th November 2016 in Adana
- “Development and Transformation of Secularism in Turkey” presented in *State-Society-Religion Relations in Turkey: Secularism and Democracy* held on 26th March 2017 in Malatya
- “(De-)Democratization of State-Society-Religion Relations in the Middle East: The Cases of Turkey and Tunisia” presented in *Changing Dynamics in the Middle East: Regime, Politics and Social Structure* held on 12nd May 2017 in Istanbul

Publications

- “Turkish Foreign Policy: Approaches and Perceptions”, Istanbul Research Paper, December 2021, available at <https://en.istanpol.org/post/turkish-foreign-policy-approaches-and-perceptions> (with Dr. Pinar Sayan)
- “Demokrasiye Geçiş İçin İttifak ve Mutabakat Senaryoları”, TÜSES, May 2021, available at http://www.tuses.org.tr/haber_goster.php?Guid=474c0055-d3f5-11eb-909a-506b8d52684a
- “*Laiklik* and Nation-Building: How State-Religion-Society Relations Changed in Turkey under the Justice and Development Party” in *Nation-Building and Turkish Modernization: Islam, Islamism and Nationalism in Turkey*, Eds. Rasim Özgür Dönmez and Ali Yaman, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2019, 111-145
- “Rethinking Secularism as a Political Principle in the Middle East: From Negative to Positive Perception of Secularism” in *Sources of Secularism: Enlightenment and Beyond*, Eds. Anna Tomaszewska and Hasse Hamalainen, Palgrave Macmillan, 2017 (with Alphan Telek)
- “Secularism and Political Inclusion: Turkey in the 2000s” in *World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology – Conference Proceedings*, May 16 – 17, 2016, Paris

Opinions & Editorials

- “Muhalefetin Parlamenter Sistem Mutabakatı Neden Önemli?”, January 22, 2021 in Perspektif Online - article online available from <https://www.perspektif.online/muhalefetin-parlamenter-sistem-mutabakati-neden-onemli/>
- “Muhalefetin Kritik Kararı ve Türkiye’nin Geleceği”, December 25, 2020 in Perspektif Online - article online available from <https://www.perspektif.online/muhalefetin-kritik-karari-ve-turkiyenin-gelecegi/>
- “Türkiye için Yeniden Demokratikleşme Sahiden Mümkün mü?”, October 5, 2020 in Perspektif Online - article online available from <https://www.perspektif.online/turkiye-icin-yeniden-demokratiklesme-sahiden-mumkun-mu/>
- “Muhalefet İttifakının Siyaseti ve Stratejisi Ne Olmalı?”, Temmuz 21, 2020 in Perspektif Online - article online available from <https://www.perspektif.online/muhalefet-ittifakinin-siyaseti-ve-stratejisi-ne-olmali/>
- “İYİ Parti HDP İle Geriliminden Ne Kazanıyor?”, May 15, 2020 in Perspektif Online - article online available from <https://www.perspektif.online/iyi-parti-hdp-ile-geriliminden-ne-kazaniyor/>
- “Demokratik Bir Gelecek İçin Geniş Tabanlı İttifak”, April 25, 2020 in Perspektif Online - article online available from <https://www.perspektif.online/demokratik-bir-gelecek-icin-genis-tabanli-ittifak/>
- “Why Turkey’s Erdoğan might actually lose the June 24 Snap Elections”, 24 May 2018 in Open Democracy – article online available from <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/why-turkey-s-erdo-might-actually-lose-june-24-snap-elections/>

- “Tek Adam ve Toplumsal Barış Geriliminde ‘Türk Modeli’: Ortadoğu’dan Türkiye’ye Dersler” (with Seren Selvin Korkmaz), *Birikim* December 2016. (Turkish Model in the Tension between One Man Rule and Social Peace: The Lectures from the Middle East for Turkey)
- “The Changing View of the Turkish Constitutional Court in defining the *Laiklik*” ps-europe.org, January 2016

Research Interests

Comparative Politics, Autocratization and Democratic Backsliding, Democracy and Democratization, Populism, Secularism and Secularization Theories, Sociology of Religion, Turkish Politics, State-Religion-Society Relations in the Middle East, Constitutional Law

Languages

- Turkish: Native
- English: Advanced
- German: Very good
- French: Intermediate