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**EDUCATION:**

**Ph.D.,** Department of Government, American University, Washington DC, August 2008

**B.A.,** Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, June 2001

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- **Işık University, Department of International Relations,** January 2023-Present  
Department Chair
- **Işık University, Department of International Relations,** September 2023-Present  
Professor
- **Işık University, Department of International Relations,** March 2018-September 2023  
Associate Professor
- **Işık University, Department of International Relations,** August 2009-March 2018  
Assistant Professor
- **American University, School of International Service,** August 2008-May 2009  
Visiting Assistant Professor

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- “Paradox of optimism: opposition coordination against autocratic incumbents in Turkey’s 2019 and 2023 elections” *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14683857.2024.2338504> (online publication 5 April 2024) (with Evren Balta)
- “What do Keloğlan stories say about masculine anxieties and reclaiming masculinity?” *Middle Eastern Literatures* 25: 2-3 (2023), 139-149.
- “Debating Voter Defection in Turkey,” *Turkish Studies* 24:5, 739-763 (2023) (with Evren Balta and Selva Demiralp).
- “Biraderler Rejimi”nden “Zorba Biraderin Rejimi”ne: Otoriter Sağ Popülizm, Liberal Demokrasi ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet,” *Alternatif Politika* 15:2 (2023), 289-314 (with Feyda Sayan-Cengiz).
- “Keloğlan’dan Köse Değirmenciye: Kamil Erkekliğin İnşası,” *Motif Akademi Halkbilimi Dergisi* 15:40 (2022), 1183-1196.
- “Defeating Populists: The Case of 2019 Istanbul Elections,” *South European Society and Politics* 26:1 (2021), 1-26 (with Evren Balta).
- “Thousand and One Nights with Animus,” *Arab Studies Quarterly* 43:3 (2021), 213-229.
- “Erosion of Central Bank Independence in Turkey,” *Turkish Studies* 20:1 (2019), 49-68 (with Selva Demiralp).
- “Making Winners: Urban Renewal and Political Transformation in Turkey,” *Middle East Journal* 72:1 (2018), 89-108.

- “The State of Property Development in Turkey: Facts and Comparisons,” *New Perspectives on Turkey* 55 (2016), 85-106 (with Selva Demiralp and İnci Gümüş).
- “The Rational Islamic Actor? Evidence from Islamic Banks,” *New Perspectives on Turkey* 52 (2015), 3-27 (with Selva Demiralp).
- “White Turks, Black Turks? Faultlines beyond Islamism versus Secularism,” *Third World Quarterly* 33:3 (2012), 511-524.
- “The Odd Tango of the Islamic Right and the Kurdish Left in Turkey: A Peripheral Alliance to Redesign the Centre?” *Middle Eastern Studies* 48:2 (2012), 287-302.
- “The Rise of Islamic Capital and the Decline of Islamic Radicalism in Turkey,” *Comparative Politics* 41:3 (2009), 315-336.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “2024 Yerel Seçimlerine Doğru: Seçmen Apatisi ve Seçmen Tercihleri (Toward 2024 Local Elections: Voter Apaty and Political Preferences)”, *IstanPol Report*, March (2024), [https://istanpol.org/Uploads/ContentManagementFile/apatirapor\\_tr\\_240424\\_web.pdf](https://istanpol.org/Uploads/ContentManagementFile/apatirapor_tr_240424_web.pdf).
- “Hükümetin Bir Yılı: “Normalleşme”?” *İktisat ve Toplum* 165, July (2024), 31-36.
- “Yerel Seçimlerde 2024 Hedefleri: Demokratik Gerilemeyi Sınırlamak, Küskün Seçmeni Siyasetle Barıştırmak,” *İstanbul Kent Araştırmaları ve Düşünce Dergisi* 010 (2024), 26-29.
- “Popülizm ve Oy Verme Davranışı,” in *Seçmen Ne İster*, eds. Emre Erdoğan, Pınar Uyan Semerci, Tuğçe Erçetin, Mustafa Gökcan Kösen, 94-102, İstanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi (2023), <https://www.secmenneister.org/> (Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/3nW4QmMIC4P0z5fb5siCVJ?si=a91d3812977a4762>)
- “2023 Seçimlerinde Mantık ve Duygu Yarışı,” *Panorama*, November (2022), <https://www.uikpanorama.com/blog/2022/11/08/sd/>
- “Dijital Kampanyalar Hayatımızı Nasıl Etkiliyor?,” *Birikim* 404, December (2022), 15-21.
- “Covid-19, Populism, and Political Change in Turkey,” *Turkish Policy Quarterly* 19:4 (2021).
- “Patriyarka, Otokrasi, ve İstanbul Sözleşmesi,” *Birikim*, December 21, <https://birikimdergisi.com/guncel/10392/patriyarka-otokrasi-ve-istanbul-sozlesmesi>
- “COVID-19’in Cinsiyetler Arası Asimetrik Maliyeti,” *Panorama*, December 2, 2020, <https://www.uikpanorama.com/blog/2020/12/02/covid-19un-cinsiyetler-arasi-asimetrik-maliyeti/>.
- “Adaptive Strategies in Women’s Movements: Combating Violence against Women in Turkey,” *Marmara Üniversitesi Kadın ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet Araştırmaları Dergisi*, 3-2 (2019): 80-89.
- “The Cost of Turkey’s 2017 Referendum,” *Ante Portas-Security Studies* (Central European Institute of Research and Strategic Analysis), May 10 (2017) URL: <http://cirsa.pl/?p=355&lang=en>
- “The New Turkey: Urban Renewal and Beyond,” *Sociology of Islam* 4:3 (2016), 215-235.
- “The Breaking up of Turkey’s Islamic Alliance,” *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, April 20 (2016).
- “In Bourgeoisie We Trust, But Which One?” *Journal of Emerging Economies and Islamic Research*, 3:1(2015), URL: <http://www.jeeir.com/index.php/jeeir/article/view/139>
- “Can Money Make Us Friends? Islamic Financial Networks and the Chances for Democratization in the Muslim World,” *Journal of the Middle East and Africa* 1:1 (2010), 120-138.

- “The Rise of the Periphery and the Peripheralization of the Center: Moderation of Islamic and Kurdish Extremism in Turkey,” in *Understanding and Responding to the Terrorism Phenomenon*, ed. by Ozgur Nikbay and Suleyman Hancerli (IOS Press: Amsterdam, 2006), 116-123.
- “Prisoner Erdogan’s Dilemma and the Origins of Moderate Islam in Turkey,” coauthored by Todd Eisenstadt and published by Center for Democracy and Election Management (CDEM), August 31, 2006 (url: [http://american.edu/ia/cdem/pdfs/case\\_study\\_2.pdf](http://american.edu/ia/cdem/pdfs/case_study_2.pdf)).
- “The Moderation of Political Islam in Turkey: The Case of the Justice and Development Party,” *The Public Purpose* 2.1 (2004), 14-29.

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Biraderler Rejiminden “Zorba Birader” Rejimine: Otoriter Sağ Popülizm, Liberal Demokrasi, ve Toplumsal Cinsiyet,” *Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği*, 1. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi, Bilgi Üniversitesi, 24-25 Eylül, 2022 (İstanbul)
- “Power in Discourse: Politicization of Corruption and Inequality,” CEEISA 2022 Conference, 21-25 June (Bratislava).
- “Politicization of Corruption in Turkey: Populists and their Rivals” presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> PSA Annual International Conference, 11-12 April 2022 (online).
- “How to beat Populists? The case of 2019 Istanbul Elections” presented at the 71<sup>st</sup> PSA Annual International Conference, 29-31 March (online and with Evren Balta).
- “From Elitism to Populism: Economic Foundations of Populist Backsliding of Democracy (*Elitizmden Popülizme: Popülist Gerilemenin Ekonomik Temelleri*)” presented at Populism, Democracy, Security Conference Işık University, December 10-11, 2020 (İstanbul).
- “How to Beat the Populists? The Case of 2019 Istanbul Elections (*Popülistler Nasıl Yenilir? 2019 İstanbul Seçimleri Örneği*),” (with Evren Balta), presented at Populism, Democracy, Security Conference Işık University, December 10-11, 2020 (İstanbul).
- “Rise of Populism in Fragile Democracies: from Latin America to Southeast Asia,” presented at the International Tricontinental Conference 2019: Populism in Latin America, Africa and Asia, 15-17 May 2019 (İstanbul).
- “Populism and Democratic Backsliding in Turkey: A Comparative Perspective,” presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> PSA Annual International Conference, 15-17 April 2019 (Nottingham).
- “Adaptive Strategies in Womens’ Movements,” presented at the World Muslim Women Summit, February 28-March 3, 2018 (İstanbul).
- “Making Winners and Losers: Urban Renewal and Political Transformation in Turkey,” presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science (MPSA) Conference, April 6-9, 2017 (Chicago).
- “Participatory Citizenship and Turkey (Katılımcı Kentleşme ve Türkiye,” presented at the International Congress of City Councils and Cities (Uluslararası Kent Konseyleri ve Kentler Kongresi), İstanbul Aydın University, April 14-15, 2016 (İstanbul).
- “What Did We Learn from the Arab Spring? (Arap Baharı’ndan Ne Öğrendik?),” presented at the New Middle East Conference (Yeni Ortadoğu Konferansı), Işık University, April 24-25, 2016 (İstanbul).
- “The New Turkey: Urban Renewal and Beyond,” presented at the Annual MESA Conference, November 21-24, 2015 (Colorado).
- “The Rational Islamic Actor? Evidence from Islamic Banks,” presented at the Annual APSA Conference, August 31-September 3, 2014 (Washington DC).
- “The Rational Islamic Actor? Evidence from Islamic Banking,” presented at the 2nd Islamic Economics Workshop, April 5-6, 2014 (İstanbul).
- “Homo Islamicus in a Pragmatic World: A Comparison of Islamic and Commercial Banks in Turkey,” presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science (MPSA) Conference, March 30-April 3, 2011 (Chicago).
- “Lifting the Veil on Islamic Banking: A Comparative Analysis between the Commercial and Islamic Banks in Turkey,” presented at the 2. International Economy Conference by Turkish Economic Association, September 1-3, 2011 (Kyrenia).

- “The Case of Islamic Banks: Democratic Allies or Financiers of Terrorism?” presented at the World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES) Conference, July 19-24, 2010 (Barcelona).
- “Can Money Make Us Friends? Islamist Businessmen and Moderation of Islamist Politics in Turkey, Indonesia, and Sudan,” presented at the Annual ASMEA Conference, October 22-24, 2009 (Washington DC).
- “Attraction of Culturalist Parties and the Myth of Cultural Extremism: Electoral Volatility among Kurdish and Islamic Constituencies in Turkey,” presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science (MPSA) Conference, April 3-6, 2008 (Chicago).
- “The Rise of Islamic Capital and the Decline of Islamic Radicalism in Turkey,” presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, April 20-23, 2006 (Chicago).

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS**

- Işık University BAP Grant, 2021-2022, Principal Investigator (Project Title: From Awkward Boy to Hero: What Keloğlan Stories Reveal about Male Anxieties and Mature Masculinity)
- Işık University BAP Grant, 2019-2020, Principal Investigator (Project Title: From Elitist Democracy to Populist Reversal and the Rare Bliss of Social Democracy)
- TÜBİTAK 1001 Research Grant, 2011-2012, Principal Investigator (Project Title: Islamic Economic Actors: A Comparative Analysis of Islamic and Commercial Banks).
- Middle East Research Competition (MERC) Research Fellowship, Ford Foundation 2007 (Project Title: Entrepreneurs and Politics: The Political Economy of Moderation in Islamic and Kurdish Parties in Turkey).
- School of Public Affairs Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, American University 2004-2005.

## **AWARDS**

- School of Public Affairs Award for Outstanding Scholarship at the Graduate Level, American University 2008
- Amos Perlmutter Award, American University 2008
- Hurst Scholars Award, American University 2001-2004
- Graduate Assistant Award, American University 2001-2004

## **REFEREING EXPERINECE**

- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Comparative Politics
- Comparative Political Studies
- European Journal of Political Research
- Government and Opposition: An International Journal of Comparative Politics
- Dialectical Anthropology
- Party Politics
- Social Forces
- Journal of Near Eastern and Balkan Studies
- Turkish Studies