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PROFILE

Associate Professor of Political Science specializing in comparative politics, political economy, and political behavior of both elites and voters. I utilize statistical and mixed methods. I have experience in designing surveys and survey experiments.

APPOINTMENTS

2025 – ... Boğaziçi University, Political Science & International Relations, Assoc. Prof.
2019 – 2024 Boğaziçi University, Political Science & International Relations, Assist. Prof.
2016 – 2019 Özyeğin University, International Relations, Assist. Prof.
2015 WZB Berlin Social Science Center, visiting researcher

ONGOING PROJECT AFFILIATIONS

2025-... World Elite Database (WED), <https://worldelitedatabase.org>, Turkey team coordinator

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2016.
M.A. Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, 2009.
B.A. High honors, double major in Political Science and History, Boğaziçi University, 2007.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2022 Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA) Outstanding Young Scientist Award
2015 Dissertation Completion Fellow, Mellon-ACLS
2012 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (NSF)
2011 Dissertation Prospectus Development Fellow, Social Science Research Council (SSRC)
2007-09 Graduate Fellow, Turkish Institute for Scientific and Technological Research (TUBITAK)

INTERNAL UNIVERSITY AWARDS

2025 Boğaziçi University, Outstanding Achievement in Teaching Award
2023 Boğaziçi University, Outstanding Achievement in Research Award

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

- 2026 Yagci, A. H., Yılmaz, C. & Çetin, U. “Rival or Villain? The Evolution of Language Depicting the Opposition during Authoritarianization” *Government and Opposition* (accepted for publication)
- 2025 Oyvatt, Cem, Hasan Tekgüç, and Alper H. Yagci. “Pious people, patronage jobs, and the labor market: Turkey under Erdoğan’s AKP.” *Public Choice*: 203: 465-491.
- 2023 Yagci, Alper H., Mehmet Harma, and Hasan Tekgüç. “Who Wants Left-Wing Policies? Economic Preferences and Political Cleavages in Turkey,” *Mediterranean Politics*, 28(1): 1-26.
- 2022 Şaşmaz, Aytuğ, Alper H. Yagci [corresponding author], and Daniel Ziblatt. “How Voters Respond to Presidential Assaults on Checks and Balances: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Turkey.” *Comparative Political Studies* 55(11), 1947-1980.
- 2022 Balta, Evren, Cristobal Rovira Kaltwasser, and Alper H. Yagci. “Populist Attitudes and Conspiratorial Thinking.” *Party Politics* 28(4), 625-637.
- 2020 Yagci, Alper H. and Cem Oyvatt. “Partisanship, Media and the Objective Economy: Sources of Individual-Level Economic Assessments,” *Electoral Studies* 66.
- 2019 Yagci, Alper H. “Policy Knowledge, Collective Action and Advocacy Coalitions: Regulating GMOs in Turkey,” *Journal of European Public Policy* 26(6), 927-945.
- 2019 Kevin Young and Alper H. Yagci, “Status Quo Conservatism, Placation, or Partisan Division? Analysing Citizen Attitudes Towards Financial Reform in the United States,” *New Political Economy* 24(3): 313-333.
- 2018 Yagci, Alper H. “The Political Economy of Coups D’etat: A General Survey, and a Local Theory for Turkey,” *Turkish Studies* 19(1): 72-96.
- 2017 Yagci, Alper H. “The Great Recession, Inequality, and Occupy Protests Around the World,” *Government and Opposition* 52(4): 640-670.

BOOKS

- 2024 Tekgüç, H. and Yağcı, A. H. (eds.). *Piyasa, Sandık ve Başkan Arasında: Türkiye’de Ekonomik Dönüşüm ve Tıkanma* (İletişim Yayınları).

OTHER BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2023 Yağcı, Alper H. “Turkey’s Political Economy in International Context,” in Harun Arıkan and Zeynep Alemdar. (eds.), *Turkey’s Challenges and Transformation. Politics and Society in the Centennial of the Republic* (Palgrave Macmillan), 55-76.
- 2023 Yağcı, Alper H. “Cumhurbaşkanlığı Hükümet Sistemi ve Güvenlik Siyasetinin Kurumsal Anatomisi,” in Özlem Kaygusuz, Behlül Özkan (eds.), *Devletin Güvenliği Adına: Türkiye’de Milli Güvenlik Siyaseti*, (İletişim Yayınları), 390-420.
- 2023 Yağcı, Alper H. “Cumhurbaşkanlığı Hükümet Sisteminin Tasarımı Ve İktidarın Muhafazası,” in Emre Erdoğan, Ali Çarkoğlu and Mert Moral (eds.), *Türkiye Siyasetinin Sınırları: Siyasal Davranış Kurumlar ve Kültür* (İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları), 617-34.

PUBLICATIONS IN TR-DIZIN (TURKISH) JOURNALS

- 2023 Yağcı, Alper H. “2018-23 Döneminde Türkiye’de Ekonomik Değişim ve Seçmen Eğilimleri”, *Mülkiye Dergisi*, 47(4).
- 2022 Yağcı, Alper H. “Actual and Popularly Attributed Placement of Political Attitudes on the Left-Right Scale: Results from a Representative Survey of Turkey. *Siyasal: Journal of Political Sciences* 31(2):235–253.
- 2022 Yağcı, Alper H. Türkiye’de Bireylerin Sol-Sağ Ayrımına Göre Konumlanması: Dünya Değerler Araştırması 1990-2018 Verilerinin İncelenmesi. *Marmara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi*, 10(1), 21-50.

REFEREE SERVICE

American Political Science Review (APSR), World Politics, Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Studies in Comparative International Development, Political Behavior, Electoral Studies, International Studies Quarterly, Acta Politica, Interest Groups & Advocacy, Policy & Society, Journal of Comparative Policy Studies, International Migration, Mediterranean Politics, South European Society and Politics, Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, New Perspectives on Turkey, Turkish Studies, Uluslararası İlişkiler, Mülkiye Dergisi (member of the editorial board)

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Education Reform Initiative, Istanbul Policy Center (Istanbul, Turkey), 2009.

Research Consultant.

Boğaziçi University-TUSIAD Foreign Policy Forum (Istanbul, Turkey), 2006-08.

Research Assistant.

RELATED SKILLS

Statistical analysis: Stata, R

Network analysis: R

Programming: Python

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), Portuguese (advanced), Ottoman script (basic reading comprehension)