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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Senior Researcher, School of Social Sciences Monash University, Australia	Sep – Dec 2019
Visiting Lecturer, School of Language, Social and Political Sciences University of Canterbury, New Zealand	Feb – Apr 2013
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow & Lecturer, Global Cities Research Institute Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia	June 2009 – Dec 2012
Researcher CORE Education, New Zealand	Sep 2008 – May 2009
Tutor University of Canterbury, New Zealand	Feb 2005 – July 2008
Research Assistant Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Türkiye	Dec 2000 – Mar 2003

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science University of Canterbury, New Zealand	2008
Master of Science, International Relations Middle East Technical University, Türkiye	2003
Bachelor of Arts, History Middle East Technical University, Türkiye Minor in European Studies	2000 Valedictorian

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Selver B. Sahin, *International Intervention and State-Making: How Exception Became the Norm*, Oxon, New York: Routledge, 2015.

Articles

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Selver B. Sahin (2022). "Combatting Violence Against Women in Turkey: Structural Obstacles." *Contemporary Politics* 28(2), 204-224. DOI: 10.1080/13569775.2021.1992131. (SSCI).

Sara Niner, Deborah Cummins, **Selver B. Sahin**, Stella Mulder, Emily Morris. (2022). "Women's Political Participation in Post-Conflict Settings: The Case of Timor-Leste." *Asian Studies Review* 46(2), 293-311. DOI: 10.1080/10357823.2021.1973365. (SSCI).

Selver B. Sahin and Evgeniia Shatin. (2020). "Piecemeal progress or persistent stalemate? Aid-supported governance reforms in Solomon Islands." *Development Policy Review* 38(3), 366-386 (SSCI).

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Selver B. Sahin & Öznur Öztürk (2023). "Waitangi Antlaşması'nın Yeni Zelanda'da Devlet-Toplum İlişkisinin Düzenlenmesindeki Yeri", *Türkiye'de Okyanusya Çalışmaları – I*, ["The Role of the Waitangi Treaty in the Regulation of State-Society Relations in New Zealand" in *Oceania Studies in Turkey*] A. Merthan Dünder & Altay Atlı (eds), Ankara: Ankara Üniversitesi Asya-Pasifik Çalışmaları Uygulama ve Araştırma Merkezi Yayınları, no. 777, pp. 31-41.

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Reports and Briefs:

Selver Sahin, "Türkiye, NATO and Strategic Autonomy in a Fragmenting International Order", *Türkiye in Front of a Crucial NATO-Summit: Perceptions, Expectations, Concerns*, Türkiye Policy Paper, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Türkiye, pp. 5-9.

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Selver B. Sahin. "International Scholarship Programs in Comparative Perspective: Soft Power and Institutional Resilience in an Era of Geopolitical Competition", paper presented at "Resilient Exchanges: Educational Mobility, Soft Power, and Public Diplomacy in Hard Times" workshop jointly organized by the Turkish Fulbright Commission, the Hollings Center and İhsan Doğramacı Peace Foundation Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research, Ankara, 19-20 June 2026.

Selver B. Sahin. "Strategic Autonomy in Practice: A Review of Türkiye's Africa Policy, State-Capital Configurations and the New Geopolitics of Development", paper presented at "What is the future for global development?", Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, 13-14 April 2026.

Selver B. Sahin, "Beyond Inclusion: Rethinking Gender, Power and Peace in UN Missions", paper presented at 67th Annual Convention "Rethinking Knowledges, Practices, & Imaginaries of the World", Columbus, US, 22-25 March 2026.

Selver B. Sahin. Convenor, "The Dynamics of Overseas Scholarship Programmes of the G20 States in the Context of their Foreign Policy Priorities", End of Project (TÜBİTAK 1001-funded 3-Year Research Project No. 221K032) Workshop. 10 December 2025.

Selver B. Sahin. "Diplomasi, Kalkınma ve Uluslararasılaşma: Yurtdışı Burs Programlarını Şekillendiren Dinamikler", paper presented at Marmara Political Science Conference, Marmara University, İstanbul, 27-28 November 2025.

Selver B. Sahin. Convenor, "Decolonising Knowledge and Global (In)Justice: Exploring Research and Pedagogy in International Development Studies". Workshop held at BISA-ISA Joint Conference "Transforming the International: Scholarship and Solidarity in a World of Inequalities", Newcastle Upon Tyne, 10-12 October 2025.

Selver B. Sahin & Stepan Verkhovets, "In Pursuit of Strategic Autonomy: The Geopolitics of the Turkish and South Korean Development Finance in Africa", paper presented at the 18th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, "International Relations: Politics for a Broken World", University of Bologna, Italy, 25-29 August 2025.

Selver B. Sahin, "Beyond Reconciliation: Gender, Power, and Transitional Justice in Timor-Leste", paper presented at the 2nd Boğaziçi University Law Conference, "Justice and Reconstruction in Post-Conflict Societies, Boğaziçi University, Türkiye, 5-6 July 2025.

Selver B. Sahin, "Gender and Development at the Age of Global Multiplexity", paper presented at "Forum: Great Power Competition and the Middle East | Redrawing Trade Routes and Networks", Boğaziçi University, Türkiye, 16-17 June 2025.

Selver B. Sahin. Moderator, "No Sustainability without Women", Antalya Diplomacy Forum, 11-13 April 2025.

Selver B. Sahin & Hacer Atabaş. "Promoting Gender Equality through Aid: A Study of the Policy and Practice in the Turkish Case", paper presented at 66th Annual Convention of International Studies Association (ISA) "Reconnecting International Studies", Chicago, 2-5 March 2025.

Selver B. Sahin, Astrid Schnitzer-Skjønsberg & Hacer Atabaş, "Chinese and Turkish Aid in Ethiopia", paper presented at "Global Development and contemporary geopolitical rivalry" conference, University of Cambridge, 12-13 December 2024.

Selver B. Sahin, "NATO@75: Bridging Perspectives and Strengthening Bonds through Gender Sensitive Human Security Strategies" talk delivered at "Women, Peace and Security" Panel held at "From Article 5 to 360 Degrees: Expanding NATO's Definition of Security over 75 Years" Workshop, Istanbul Policy Center, Sabancı University, Istanbul, 7 November 2024.

Selver B. Sahin & Sitare Kurdes, "State Strategies in the Context of Transformations in Security and Economic Development: The Cases of the Fulbright, Chevening and Australia Awards" [Güvenlik ve İktisadi Dönüşüm Süreçleri Bağlamında Gelisen Stratejiler: Fulbright, Chevening ve Avustralya Ödülleri

Örnekleri], paper presented at the 10th Congress of International Relations Studies organized by the Council of International Relations, Ordu, 23-26 May 2024.

Selver B. Sahin, "The Significance of Southeast Asian Countries in the Context of the Global Geostategic Competition" [Stratejik Rekabette Güneydoğu Asya Ülkelerinin Önemi], lecture delivered at the Asia Anew Initiative Training Programme organised by the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 9 May 2024.

Selver B. Sahin, "War, Peace and Security", lecture delivered at the training programme organized by the SDG5 Research Network, 27 April 2024.

Selver B. Sahin, Scholarship Programmes of G20 States and their Foreign Policy Dynamics [G20 Ülkelerinin Yurtdışı Burs Programları ve Dış Politika Dinamikleri], paper presented at the "Internationalisation of Higher Education on the Centenary of the Republic" organized by the Izmir Institute of Technology, 26 April 2024.

Selver B. Sahin and Hacer Atabas, "International Scholarships as Development Assistance: The Role of Türkiye as An Educational Aid Donor", paper delivered at the "Global Transformations and Türkiye" conference held by the Turkish Academy of Social Sciences, Istanbul, 18-20 April 2024.

Selver B. Sahin, Astrid Schnitzer-Skjønsberg, Stepan Verkhovets, "Global Governance After Hegemony: Western and Non-Western Powers in the Era of Loosely Coupled Engagement", paper presented at 65th Annual Convention of Annual Convention of International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco, 3-6 April 2024.

Selver B. Sahin, "Women, Peace and Security: Why is Women's Role in Sustainable Peace Important", Tea Talks | TRT World Research Centre, 23 January 2024.

Selver B. Sahin, "Balkans Under the Spotlight: Resolving Tensions and Disputes", 7th TRT World Forum, Istanbul, 9 December 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "The Political Economy of Violence Against Women in the Turkish Context", paper presented at 3rd Security Studies Conference, Hitit University.

Selver B. Şahin, "Development, Gender and Disasters: A Study of the Nexus from An Everyday Political Economy Perspective", paper presented at 3rd Security Studies, Hitit University.

Selver B. Sahin and Burcu Sarı Karademir, "Social Reconstruction: A Gender Approach to Disaster Governance in the Turkish Context", webinar to be delivered on the scope of "16 Days Activism UNITE! To End the Violence Against Women", International Organisation for Migration, UN Migration, 30 November 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "Non-Western Practices of Educational Aid as Development Assistance: China and Türkiye", paper presented at "Coexistence of Civilisations in the Age of Great Transformation – The 1st Türkiye-China Academic Cooperation Forum" conference organised by Institute Social in collaboration with Shanghai University, Ankara, 23-24 November 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "Turkish Foreign Policy", 5-week training programme delivered as part of the 22nd Internship/Training Programme organized by the Foreign Policy Institute, 20 November-22 December 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "How to Write Competitive Research Project Applications for National Grants Programmes: Some Personal Experience from a Twice Recipient of TÜBİTAK Funding – ARDEB 1001 and BİDEB 2232", training programme delivered at "Grants Writing Training Programme for Early Career Researchers", Bodrum Institute, 16-19 November 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "Higher Education Scholarships as Development Aid: Some Findings from a Comparative Study", seminar delivered at Centre for International Development, Centre for International Development, Ankara Social Science University, 9 November 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "Can Türkiye's Proposed 'Guarantorship System' Be Implemented in Palestine?" web panel organized by Siyaset, Ekonomi ve Toplum Araştırmaları Vakfı, 3 November 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "Political Regime Outcomes and Gender (In)Equality: A Social Conflict Analysis of Turkey's Withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention", VII. Annual International Relations Congress of Mülkiye, "Turkish Foreign Policy on the Centennial of the Republic", 12-13 October 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "The Policy Practice of the Fulbright and Chevening Awards: A Content Review", 2nd National Congress of the Turkish Political Science Association, 7-8 October 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "Preliminary Findings of A Post-Disaster Management Study on the Earthquake-Affected Southeast Anatolia", talk delivered at WomenInDiplomacy event on "Human Trafficking and Forced Marriage in the Wake of a Disaster" organized by the Embassy of Australia, 29 September 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "Turkish Foreign Policy in Light of Recent Global and Regional Developments", webinar delivered at academic event co-hosted by Foreign Policy Institute and Marmara University Global Diplomacy Club, 25 June 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "Türkiye's Contributions to International Peace Operations", IX. Diplomacy School, Foreign Policy Institute, 20 May 2023.

Selver B. Sahin, "Türkiye's Foreign Aid Policy", IX. Diplomacy School, Foreign Policy Institute, 13 May 2023.

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Selver B. Sahin, "Political Regime and Gender (In)Equality: A Social Conflict Analysis of Turkey's Withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention", Turkish Foreign Policy at The Centenary of the Republic, Altınbas University, Istanbul, 4 May 2023.

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Selver B. Sahin, "Foreign Policy Analysis", 13th Training/Internship Programme, Foreign Policy Institute, 9 May – 13 June 2022.

Selver B. Sahin, "Middle Powers and their Influence on the Security of Small States: The Case of the Turkish Soft Power Activism in the Western Balkans", keynote speech delivered at the 10th International Scientific Conference, "The Great Powers Influence on the Security of Small States", Ohrid, Macedonia, 24 June 2019.

Selver B. Sahin, "Iraq's Popular Mobilisation Units and the Re-making of the State", Asia Institute, University of Melbourne, 26 March 2019.

Selver B. Sahin and Dilan Ezgi Koc, "Turkey and Cambodia: A Tale of Western Support for Democratization?", 25th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Brisbane, Australia, 21-25 July 2018.

Selver B. Sahin and Levent Ozan, "Turkey's and Germany's Soft Power Approach: Comparative Deliberations on their Communicated Presence in Kosovo", 25th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Brisbane, Australia, 21-25 July 2018.

Selver B. Sahin, "Relations in Peace-Building Environments: Understanding the Dynamics of Peace in Kosovo", International Workshop on Democratic Transformation in Post-Conflict Societies: Path to Ensured Success?, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 26-27 September 2016.

Selver B. Sahin, "The Problem of Local Ownership of Security Sector Reform: The Case of Kosovo", University of Graz, Austria, 17 March 2016.

Selver B. Sahin, "Expert Meeting on Peace Sustainability", Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity, Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York, United States, 23 October 2015.

Selver B. Sahin, "Beyond Gallipoli: Reconciliation and Cooperation after Conflict", talk delivered at Moshe Dayan Center's Turkish Studies Programme, Tel Aviv University, 12 April 2015.

Selver B. Sahin and Elizabeth Kath, "Conflict in Contemporary Turkey and Brazil: A Reconciliation Approach", 23rd IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Montreal, Canada, 19-24 July 2014.

Selver B. Sahin, "The Current Political Turmoil in Turkey: Some Reflections" – seminar delivered at Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Athens, Greece, 24 February 2014.

Selver B. Sahin, "The problem of the policy-practice gap in security sector reform in 'fragile' or 'post-conflict' settings", paper presented at the Interrogating Australia's Regional Interventions Workshop, RMIT University, Melbourne, 2010.

Selver B. Sahin, "A brief assessment of Timor-Leste's presidential and parliamentary elections: Will the elections help the country to move on from last year's crisis?", 17th New Zealand Asian Studies Society International Conference, University of Otago, Dunedin, 2007.

Selver B. Sahin, "Operation Allied Force: A critical assessment of the moral justification of NATO's unauthorised use of force in Kosovo", Ethics of War and Peace Workshop, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, 2007.

GRANTS and AWARDS

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Recipient of Şirin Tekeli Research Incentive Award, Sabancı University Gender and Women's Studies Center of Excellence (SU Gender), December 2023.

Research Title: "Emancipating Women and Girls from Vulnerabilities Through A Social Reconstruction-Oriented Approach to Disaster Management".

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