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APPOINTMENTS

Boğaziçi University, Oct. 2016 - present

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Özyeğin University, Feb. 2016 - Oct. 2016

Visiting Professor of Social Sciences

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Ph.D., Political Science, Sept. 2015

Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: Political Theory

Dissertation Title: “Claiming Rights, Negotiating Exceptions: Politics of Urban Citizenship in Istanbul and Buenos Aires”

Dissertation Committee: Edward Gibson (Chair), James Mahoney, Wendy Pearlman, Brodwyn Fischer

M.A., Political Science, Jun.2011

Passed with distinction

Boğaziçi University

B.A., Political Science and International Relations with High Honor, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Publications

“Tarihsel ve Güncel Örnekler Işığında Latin Amerika’da Toplumsal Hareketlerin Sol Partilerle Etkileşimi,” (The Interactions between Latin American Social Movemments and Left Parties in light of Historical and Contemporary Examples), *Toplum ve Bilim*, 160 (July 2022), 174-197. (article)

“Yurttaşlar Protesto Hakkını ve Yasaklarını Nasıl Değerlendiriyor? İstanbul’da Yurttaş Tavırları üzerine bir Anket Çalışmasının Söyledikleri,” (How do Citizens Evaluate Protest Rights and

Protest Bans? Findings from a Survey on Citizen Attitudes in Istanbul) (with Deniz Erkmen), *Mülkiye Dergisi*, Vol.46 No.2 (June 2022), 3-38. (article)

“Spatial Reason of the State: The Role of Space in Protest Repression in Turkey,” (with Deniz Erkmen), *Territory, Politics, Governance*, first published online February 18, 2022 DOI: [10.1080/21622671.2022.2033640](https://doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2022.2033640). (SSCI-article)

“Mobile Emergency Rule in Turkey: Legal Repression of Protests during Authoritarian Transformation,” (with Deniz Erkmen) *Democratization*, Vol.27 No.6 (2020), 947-969. (SSCI-article)

“Repression without Exception: A Study of Protest Bans during Turkey’s State of Emergency (2016-2018),” (with Deniz Erkmen) *South European Society and Politics*, Vol.25 No.1 (2020), 99-125. (SSCI-article)

“Latin Amerika’da Kentleşme ve Yoksulların Kentsel Siyaseti” (Urbanization and Poor People’s Urban Politics in Latin America) Akgemci, E. ve Ateş, K. (der) *Dünyanın Ters Köşesi Latin Amerika: Tarih, Toplum, Kültür*, İletişim Yayınları, İstanbul, 2020, 187-202. (book chapter)

“Coalitional Politics of Housing Policy in AKP’s Turkey,” *POMEPS Studies: Social Policy in the Middle East and North Africa*, 31 (2018), 25-33. (research memo)

“Mobilization in Military-Controlled Transitions: Lessons from Turkey, Brazil, and Egypt,” (with Wendy Pearlman) *Comparative Sociology*, Vol.16 No.3 (2017), 311-339. (ESCI-article)

Book Review of Henry J. Rutz and Erol M. Balkan’s Reproducing Class: Education, Neoliberalism and the Rise of the New Middle Class in Istanbul,” *Review of Middle East Studies*, Vol.46 No.1 (2012). (book review)

“The Gordian Knot: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” *Turkish Review of Middle East Studies Annual*, 2004. (article)

Under Review

“How Does Enforcement Shape Mobilization? Diverging Enforcement of Property Rights and Urban Social Movements in Istanbul and Buenos Aires.” (research article)

“The Changing Dynamics of Protests under Turkey’s Authoritarian Transformation: Actors, Repertoires and Strategies of Repression” (with Deniz Erkmen), book chapter under review for the edited volume, *Turkey's Challenges and Transformation: Politics and Society on the Centennial of the Republic*, Palgrave.

“Türkiye’de Protesto Alanının Güvenikleştirilmesi: Protesto Yasakları ve Mobil OHAL Yönetimi” (Securitization of Turkey’s Protest Arena: Protest Bans and Mobile Emergency Rule)

(with Deniz Erkmen), book chapter under review for the edited volume, *Türkiye'nin Ulusal Güvenlik Devleti (Turkey's National Security State)*, İletişim Yayınları.

“Repression and Resistance at Boğaziçi University: The Making of Counterpublic under Authoritarian Offensive” (with Seda Altuğ, Volkan Çıdam, and Saygun Gökarkınel), book chapter under review for the edited volume, *Fragments of Resistance and Repression in Turkey*, Peter Lang.

Work in Progress

“When is Protest Repression Acceptable? Public Attitudes towards Protest Bans in Istanbul,” (with Deniz Erkmen and Ulaş Erdoğan), research article.

“Beyond Autocratization: Regime Policies and Changing Protest Landscape during Turkey’s Authoritarian Transformation,” (with Deniz Erkmen), research article.

“Between Rights and Exceptions: Rethinking Urban Popular Politics in Istanbul’s Informal Neighborhoods,” research article.

Other Publications (selected)

“Mobil OHAL Yönetimi ve Türkiye’de Protesto Yasakları” [Mobile Emergency Rule and Protest Bans in Turkey], *Birikim*, July 20, 2020, <https://birikimdergisi.com/guncel/10211/mobil-ohal-yonetimi-ve-turkiyede-protesto-yasaklari> (with Deniz Erkmen)

“Haklar ve İstisnalar: Kentsel Yurttaşlığı Derinleştirmek” [Rights and Exceptions: Deepening Urban Citizenship], *Ayrıntı Dergi*, 15, 2016, pp. 70-79.

“Yerinde Duramamak: Apolitik Üst-Orta Sınıf Gençlerin Gözünden Gezi ve Sokak Siyaseti” [Being Restless: Gezi Protests, Street Politics, and the Apolitical Upper Middle Class Youth], *Birikim Dergisi*, 302, 2014, pp. 59-64.

“Azınlık Olmak ile Müşterek Alan Yaratmak Gerilimi İçinde Gezi” [Gezi Protests in the Tension between Being a Minority and Creating Commons], www.birikimdergisi.com, May 29, 2014, (with Arda Güçler).

“Ernesto Laclau ile Söyleşi: Çoğulcu Hareket ve Hasmımızı Bulmak” [Interview with Ernesto Laclau: Pluralist Movement and Finding our Adversary], *Birikim Dergisi*, 255, 2010, pp. 49-56 (with Arda Güçler).

“Kapitalizm Dışı Yaşam Alanları Yaratmak” [Creating Extra-Capitalist Life Spaces], *Birikim Dergisi*, 244-245, 2009, pp. 100-109.

“Bir Toplumsal Mücadele Deneyimi: Arjantin İşsizler Hareketi” [A Social Movement Experience: Argentine Unemployed Workers Movement], *Birikim Dergisi*, 241, 2009, pp. 59-69.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

“The Transformation of the Protest Arena in Turkey (2007-2021)” (with Deniz Erkmen), supported by Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Fund (BAP-P-19161), Principal Investigator, 2022-2024 (in progress)

“Unpacking the Strategies of Political Opposition against the 21st Century Autocrats: The Cases of Turkey and Hungary” (with Edgar Şar), supported by Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Fund (BAP-D-19325), Principal Investigator for doctoral project, 2022-2023 (in progress)

“The Role of Legal Exceptions in Governance and their Effects on Citizenship Rights” supported by Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Fund (BAP-SUP-13661), Principal Investigator, 2018-2021 (completed)

INVITED TALKS

“Streets under Siege: Protest Repression and Emergency Powers in Autocratizing Turkey”
April 2022: Erasmus Mundus EuroSud MA Research Seminar, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain.

“From Backsliding to Democratic Breakdown: An Overview of Turkey’s Autocratization in the 21st Century”
November 2021: University of Shizuoka International Relations Department, Japan (online lecture)

“From Gezi Park to Pandemic: Protests and Emergency Rule in Turkey”
December 2020: University of Shizuoka International Relations Department, Japan (online lecture)

“Emergency Rule in Turkey: An Exceptional Measure or Everyday Strategy of Repression”
September 2020: Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies, Berlin (online webinar with Deniz Erkmen)

“Kentsel Yurttaşlık: Demokrasiyi Kentte Düşünmek” (Urban Citizenship: Thinking about Democracy in the City)
March 2020: Bogazici University, Istanbul

“Şili’den Hong Kong’a Küresel Protesto Dalgaları” (Global Protest Waves from Chile to Hong Kong)
February 2020: Yüksek Oda, Izmir

“The Future of Democracy between Populists and Protests”

January 2020: University of Shizuoka International Relations Department, Shizuoka, Japan

“The Protests in Lebanon: Perspectives on Context, Dynamics and Future”
December 2019: Sabancı University Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul

“Kent Yurttaşlığı” (Urban Citizenship)
April 2019: Bilgi University International Relations Department Talks, Istanbul

“Coalitional Politics of Housing Policy in Turkey”
November 2018: Istanbul Comparative Politics Workshops, Istanbul

“Katılımcı Demokrasiyi Arttırma ve İletişim Teknikleri,” (Enhancing Participatory Democracy)
October 2018: Argüden Governance Academy, Ankara

“Türkiye’de Protesto Yönetiminde Hukuki İstisnaların Rolü” (Role of Legal Exception in Protest Management in Turkey) (with Deniz Erkmen),
December 2017: Küresel İncelemeler ve Sınıfsal Stratejiler Çalışma Grubu Semineri.
Istanbul

“Democratizing the City: Urban Citizenship in Buenos Aires and Istanbul”
April 2016: Sabancı University Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul

“Claiming Rights, Negotiation Exceptions: Politics of Urban Citizenship in Istanbul and Buenos Aires”
April 2015: Bilgi University, Istanbul

“Claiming Rights, Negotiation Exceptions: Politics of Urban Citizenship in Istanbul and Buenos Aires”
March 2015: Özyeğin University, Istanbul

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Beyond Autocratization: Regime Policies and Changing Protest Landscape during Turkey’s Authoritarian Transformation,” (with Deniz Erkmen)
November 2022: CEST, Venice, Italy

“Protesto Yasaklarını Kim Destekliyor? İstanbul’da Yapılan Bir Anket Çalışmasının Bulguları” (with Deniz Erkmen)
September 2022: Siyasal İlimler Türk Derneği 1. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi, Istanbul, Turkey

“When is Protest Repression Acceptable? Public Opinion on Protests in Istanbul” (with Deniz Erkmen and Ulaş Erdoğan)
September 2022: APSA, Montreal, Canada (virtual panel)

“When is Protest Repression Acceptable? Public Attitudes towards Protest Bans in Istanbul”
(with Deniz Erkmen and Ulaş Erdoğan)

July 2022: Law and Society Association Global Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal

“Türkiye’de Protesto Alanının Güvenlikleştirilmesi:
Protesto Yasakları ve Mobil OHAL Yönetimi” (with Deniz Erkmen)

Kasım 2021: Türkiye’nin Ulusal Güvenlik Devleti: Paradigma, Kurumlar,
Siyasetler ve Söylemler Çalıştayı (online)

“Law and Protest Control in Turkey (2007-2018) (with Deniz Erkmen)

May 2019: Mobilization Annual Conference: Protest and Repression in Illiberal
Democracies, San Diego, USA

“Unpacking the Role of Legal Exceptions in Governance: A Comparative Study of Urban
Governance in Istanbul and Buenos Aires”,

May 2018: Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Barcelona, Spain

“Coalitional Politics of Housing Policy in AKP’s Turkey”,

April 2018: POMEPS Social Policy in the MENA Region, Boston, USA

“Mobile Emergency Rule: Protest, Law, and Authoritarian Consolidation in Contemporary
Turkey” (with Deniz Erkmen),

October 2017: Northwestern University Keyman Turkish Studies 2017 Conference on
Law and Politics in Turkey: Reform, Authority and Emergency, Evanston, USA

“Mobile Emergency Rule: Law, Protests, and Authoritarian
Consolidation in Turkey” (with Deniz Erkmen)

August 2017: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco,
USA

“Mobile Emergency Rule in Hybrid Political Regimes: Law and Authoritarian
Consolidation in Contemporary Turkey” (with Deniz Erkmen)

June 2017: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico

“Navigating Boundaries: Towards an Integrated Understanding of Urban Politics from Below in
Contemporary Istanbul”

December 2016: CEST Second European Symposium on Turkey, Paris, France

“Democratizing the City: A Comparative Study of State-Urban Poor Relations in Istanbul and
Buenos Aires”

August 2014: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.,
USA

“Claiming Rights, Negotiating Entitlements: Politics of Urban Citizenship in Istanbul’s Informal
Neighborhoods”

June 2014: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, USA

“Being Restless: Testimonials from the Gezi Protests”

May 2014: Northwestern University MENA Workshop on the Anniversary of Gezi Protests, Evanston, USA

“Negotiating Exceptions and Rights: Politics of Urban Informality in Neoliberalizing Istanbul”

March 2014: Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, USA

“Rights and Entitlements: Historical Trajectory of Urban Informality Regime in Istanbul”

November 2013: Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Panel organizer, Chicago, USA

“Contentious Legalities: A Comparative Study of Law and Contentious Politics in the Informal Settlements of Istanbul and Buenos Aires”

August 2013: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA

“Theorizing Law and Collective Action in the Informal Settlements”

June 2013: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, USA

June 2013: LSA Graduate Student Workshop

“Mobilization against Military Tutelage: Lessons from Turkey, Brazil and Egypt”

June 2013: Project on Middle East Political Science Annual Conference, Washington D.C., USA

“Generating Social Rights: Contentious Politics, Law and Urban Informality in Buenos Aires”

April 2013: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA

“Popular Engagements with Law”

October 2012: Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association Inauguration Meeting, Philadelphia, USA

“Struggle over Rents and Rights in Globalizing Istanbul”

November 2011: Graduate Student Colloquium, Northwestern University

November 2011: Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop, Northwestern University

“Shifting Scales, Contentious Actors: Politics of the Urban Poor in Globalizing Istanbul”

April 2011: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Metropolitan Dynamics and the Urban Poor: Everyday Politics and Contentious Collective Action in Buenos Aires and Istanbul”

April 2010: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Fund Standard Grant (BAP-19161), “The Transformation of the Protest Arena in Turkey (2007-2021),” 2022-2024 (in progress)

Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Fund Doctoral Grant (BAP-19325), “Unpacking the Strategies of Political Opposition against the 21st Century Autocrats: The Cases of Turkey and Hungary” (with Edgar Şar), 2022-2023 (in progress)

Teaching Excellence Award, Boğaziçi University Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, 2020

Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Fund Start-up Grant (BAP-13661), “The Role of Legal Exceptions in Governance and their Effects on Citizenship Rights,” 2018-2021 (completed)

Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies Program, Northwestern University, 2013- 2014

TGS Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2012

Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2010, 2011

Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies Summer Research Travel, Northwestern University 2008

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Centro de Estudios Internacionales at El Colegio de Mexico, Visiting Research Fellow, June-July 2017 (conducted research on the politics of urban citizenship in Mexico City).

Northwestern University, Doctoral Research Abroad

Turkey: 2010 (3 months), 2011 (6 months), 2012 (2 months), 2013 (6 weeks)

Argentina: 2008 (6 weeks), 2012 (6 months), 2014 (1 month)

Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum, Visiting Research Fellow, 2012

Department of Political Science at Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Visiting Research Fellow, Buenos Aires, 2012

Institute of Metropolitan Studies at Universidad General Sarmiento, Visiting Research Fellow, Buenos Aires, 2012

TEACHING

Boğaziçi University, Assistant Professor

POLS 304 Development of Contemporary Democracies, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020,2022

POLS 311 Politics of Latin America, 2016, 2019

POLS 332 Political Sociology, 2018
 POLS 333 Local Politics and Democracy, 2017, 2020
 POLS 424 Social Movement, 2021 (fall and spring)
 POLS 472 Comparative Political Systems, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020,2021, 2022
 POLS 541 Comparative Politics (MA required course), 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
 POLS 581 R&R in Turkish Politics: Authoritarian Transformation in Turkey, 2017, 2018
 POLS 593 R&R in Comparative Politics: Qualitative Methodology, 2019
 POLS 687 R&R in Comparative Politics: Social Movements, 2020
 MIR 550 European Cities in a Globalized World, 2016, 2017
 MIR 515 Civil Society and Democracy in Turkey, Europe, and the Middle East, 2018, 2019, 2020,2021, 2022

Özyeğin University, Instructor

SOC 201 Introduction to Sociology, 2015 (Fall), 2016 (Spring, Summer, Fall)

Syracuse University Istanbul, Instructor

SOC/GEO 300.1 Society and Politics in Globalizing Megacities: Istanbul in Comparative and Critical Perspective, 2015 (Fall), 2016 (Spring)

Bilgi University, Instructor

IR 509 Politics of Latin America, 2015 (Fall)

Özyeğin University, Guest Lecturer

“Democratization in Latin America”, December 17, 2019

Boğaziçi University, Guest Lecturer

“Urban Exclusion in Istanbul” in Political Economy of Exclusion, May 4 ,2016

Bilkent University, Guest Lecturer

“Politics of Urban Transformation” in Issues in Turkish Politics, March 22, 2016

Syracuse University Istanbul, Guest Lecturer

“Understanding and Explaining Arab Uprisings” in Issues of Democratization, November 27 2014

“Urban Development and Its Discontents in Istanbul” in Contemporary Issues in Turkish Politics, December 4, 2014

Northwestern University Legal Studies Program, Teaching Assistant, 2014

Introduction to Law and Society (Laura Beth Nielsen and Heather Schoenfeld- two quarters)

Northwestern University Political Science, Teaching Assistant, 2007- 2013

Latin American Politics (Edward Gibson)

Middle East Politics (Wendy Pearlman- two quarters)

Democratization (Edward Gibson)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Victor Shih)
 Chinese Politics (Victor Shih)
 Urban Politics (Roger Reul)
 Introduction to American Politics (Victoria de Francesco)
 Globalization (Hendrik Spruyt)
 National Security (Risa Brooks)
 Law in the Political Arena (Mark Iris)

THESIS ADVISEES

Emir Kurmuş, “Neoliberal Autocratization on the Nexus of Law and Time: The Case of Omnibus Law in Turkey”, PhD Thesis in Political Science and International Relations (in progress)

Atakan Çiftçi, “Between Rupture and Bargaining: Political Strategies of Secessionist Governing Parties in Catalonia and Scotland”, PhD Thesis in Political Science and International Relations (in progress)

Edgar Şar, “Unpacking the opposition strategies against the 21st century autocrats: The cases of Venezuela, Turkey and Hungary”, PhD Thesis in Political Science and International Relations (in progress)

Ezgi Murat, “Everyday Experiences of Violence in the Urban Margins: The Case of Okmeydanı”, PhD Thesis in Political Science and International Relations (in progress)

Rana Elif Aydın, “When do Movements against Femicides Succeed: The Cases of Mexico and Turkey”, MA Thesis in MIR program (**defended in June 2022**)

Beyza Kurtuluş, “Shifting Opportunities: Shifting Opportunities: Comparing the Dynamics of 2014 and 2017 Venezuelan Protests”, MA Thesis in MIR program (**defended in June 2022**)

Fahir Yumuk, “Between Anxiety and Hope: The Ebb and Flow of Prefigurative Politics after Gezi Protests”, MA Thesis in Political Science and International Relations (**defended in June 2022**)

Ulaş Erdoğan, “Violence and Voting Behavior: Evidence from 2015 Turkish Elections”, MA Thesis in Political Science and International Relations (**defended in June 2021**)- Phd student in Northwestern University (currently)

Jeffrey Howard Bishku Aykul, “The Diffusion of Malcolm X as a Political Symbol among Turkish Islamists”, MA Thesis in MIR program (**defended in September 2020**)

Elif Ünal, “Everyday Practices of Domination and Resistance in Turkish Mainstream Media, MA Thesis in Political Science and International Relations (**defended in September 2020**)

İlknur Yiğit Yazğan, “Urban Integration of Irregular Afghan Migrants in Istanbul: The Case of the Yenimahalle Neighborhood”, MA Thesis in MIR program (**defended in July 2019**)

Sinançan Silsüpür, “The Politics of Judicial Independence: Explaining the Trajectories of Judicial Councils in Turkey and Italy”, MA Thesis (**defended in June 2019**)- PhD student in University of Minnesota Political Science (currently)

Ronay Bakan, “Rethinking Urban Transformation and Contested Spaces: Case of Diyarbakır”, MA Thesis in Political Science and International Relations (**defended in June 2018**)- PhD student in John Hopkins Univ. Political Science (currently)

Umut Mişe, “The Politics of Rap: Rap Music as a Tool for Expressing Exclusion in Istanbul”, MA Thesis in Political Science and International Relations (**defended in July 2018**)- PhD student in Boğaziçi Univ. Political Science (currently)

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Advisor of MA Program in Political Science and International Relations (July 2022-)

Department Vice-Chair (July 2019-July 2021)

Academic Coordinator of Master in International Relations: Turkey, Europe, and the Middle East (Sep. 2019-Sep.2021)

Transfer Students Advisor (Sep. 2019-)

Political Science Colloquium Coordinator (2018-)

Double Major and Minor Program Advisor (2018-2019)

Graduate Admission Exam Coordinator (2017-2019)

Executive Committee Member, Master in International Relations: Turkey, Europe, and the Middle East (Sep.2018-)

Executive Committee Member, Human Development Center, (Sep.2019-)

Vice-director, European Studies Center, (Sep.2021-)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee (Journals): Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi (2017), Comparative Sociology (2017), MGSÜ Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi (2018), Southeast European and Black Sea Studies (2018), Siyasal: Journal of Political Sciences (2020), Democratization (2020), South European Society and Politics (2020), Mülkiye Dergisi (2021, 2022), The Geographical Journal (2021)

Membership: American Political Science Association, Law and Society Association, Turkish Political Science Association

Editorial/Advisory Board Member: İPA İstanbul Dergisi, Turkey Beyond Borders

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING

Comparative Historical Social Science Certificate Program, Northwestern University, 2012

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 2012

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English, Spanish