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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania, Political Science May 2012

Dissertation Title: “Meta-Narratives and National Identity Formation in Post-Imperial States: Minority Questions in Turkey and Austria”

Committee: Ian S. Lustick (chair), Rogers M. Smith, Jeffrey Green

Fields of Study: Comparative Politics (primary), Political Theory, Middle Eastern Politics

M.A. University of Pennsylvania, Political Science December 2008

B.A. Bilkent University, Turkey, Political Science June 2005

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Bilkent University, Assistant Professor February 2014-Present

Bilkent University, Instructor September 2013-January 2014

Işık University, Instructor September 2013-January 2014

New School for Social Research, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow July 2012-September 2013

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Bilkent University, Department of Political Science

Vice-Chair September 2015-October 2016

Director of Graduate Studies September 2015-October 2016

AWARDS AND HONORS

Sakıp Sabancı International Research Award	2013
National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) Exemplary Diversity Scholar Citation, University of Michigan	2012
University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship Summer Pew Presidential Prize Fellowship Summer 2010 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship 2006 – 2011	2011
Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Grant	2006
Bilkent University Valedictorian 2005 Merit Scholarship (Tuition & Expenses) Dean's High Honor Roll, for all semesters	2001-2005 2001-2005

PUBLICATIONS (IN ENGLISH)

Collective Memory and National Membership Identity and Citizenship Models in Turkey and Austria, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

“Letter from Ankara,” *The Political Quarterly*, Vol. 86, No. 3, July–September 2015.

"Narrative Structures and the Politics of Peoplehood," with Rogers Smith, in *Political Peoplehood: The Roles of Values, Interests, and Identities*, The University of Chicago Press, 2015.

“Building Democracy to Last: The Turkish Experience in Comparative Perspective,” with Kürşat Çınar, *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 20, No. 3, 2015, 342-363.

“The Second International: The Impact of Domestic Factors on International Organization Dysfunction,” with Kürşat Çınar, *Political Studies*, 62(3), 2014, 669-685.

“When Defense Becomes Offense: The Role of Threat Narratives in the Turkish Civil War of the 1970s,” *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 15, No: 1, 2014, 1-11.

“Construction of Gender and National Identity in Turkey: Images of the First Lady in the Turkish Media (2002–7),” *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol.50, No: 3, 2014, 482-492.

“Nation-Building Narratives: Implications for Immigrants and Minorities,” with Rogers Smith, in *The Nation State and Immigration: The Age of Multiculturalism*, Eds. Anita Shapira, Yedidia Z. Stern, Alexander Yakobson, and Liav Orgad, Israel Democracy Institute and Sussex Academic Press, 2014.

“Roads 'Drawn' to Modernity: Religion and Secularism in Contemporary Turkey” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, Vol.40, No. 2, 311-314, April 2007, with Hakkı Taş.

PUBLICATIONS (IN TURKISH)

“Marx, Arendt, Modernite, Yabancılaşma ve Siyaset: ya da, Modern Çağ'da İnsanca Bir Yaşam Mümkün mü?” *YDÜ Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, Vol.9, No. 2, 2016, 140-167.

PRESENTATIONS

“Foundations of the Modern State: Patriarchy and its Subversion at Gezi Protests,” with Alev Çınar, Panel Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2016.

Panel Organizer, Panel Title: “Patriarchy, State and Legitimacy in Turkey,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2015.

"Don't Worry Mom, We are Protesting in the Back Rows": Patriarchy and its Subversion in the Gezi Movement,” with Alev Çınar, Panel Presentation at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2015.

“Can Money Buy Freedom?: Discourses on Economic Development and Democracy in Turkey,” Panel Presentation at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2014.

“Metahistorical Narratives and Visions of Nationhood: Turkey and Austria Compared,” Paper presented at Bilkent University in November 2013 and at Işık University in July 2013

Discussant, Annual New School for Social Research Sociology Conference 2013: The Politics of Materiality, “Panel: Material Nationalism,” April 2013.

“Nation-Building Narratives: Implications for Immigration,” Israel Democracy Institute, Jerusalem, Keynote Speech, with Rogers Smith, March 2013.

"Metahistorical Narratives and Visions of Nationhood," Sociology Brown Bag Presentation, New School for Social Research, February 2013.

“The Role of Historical Narratives in National Identity Formation: Turkey and Austria,” Panel Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2012.

“Collective Memory and National Identity in Turkey,” Poster Session at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2012.

"The Role of Historical Narratives in the Construction of Citizenship and National Identity in Turkey," Workshop on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, October 2010.

Discussant, Kurt Weyland, “The Revolutionary Wave of 1848: Theoretical Lessons from Europe and Latin America,” Comparative Politics Workshop University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, November 2007

“Roads 'Drawn' to Modernity: Religion and Secularism in Contemporary Turkey," Political Science Graduate Student Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, March 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bilkent University: Graduate Level: Comparative Politics Seminar, Issues in Comparative Politics, Turkish Politics in Comparative Perspective; Undergraduate Level: Introduction to Political Science, Comparative Politics I- II, Governance and Public Policy, Introduction to Sociology, Transdisciplinary Senior Project Course.

Işık University: Current Issues in Turkish Politics (Graduate Level), Introduction to Political Science

New School for Social Research: Memory and Identity (Graduate Level), Collective Memory and Political Identity

University of Pennsylvania, Teaching Assistant: *Taught 3 weekly discussion sections per course and graded exams and papers*

Comparative Politics, International Politics of the M. East: The Arab-Israeli Conflict, International Politics of the Middle East (Prof. Ian S. Lustick), Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (Prof. Rogers M. Smith), Arab-Israeli Conflict: Past and Present (Prof. Yitzhak Brudny), International Relations Theory and Practice (Prof. Edward Mansfield)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Bilkent University

Vice Chair and Graduate Studies Coordinator	September 2015-October 2016
Department Web and IT Coordinator	September 2014-October 2016
Alumni Relations Coordinator	September 2014-October 2015

University of Pennsylvania

Political Science Graduate Student Workshop, Co-Organizer	April 2008
Middle East Politics Graduate Study Group, Co-Organizer	2008

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee

International Political Science Review, Politics and Gender, Journal of Mediterranean Studies

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), German (fluent), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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