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EDUCATION

Middle East Technical University

B.Sc. International Relations, June 2013 (Valedictorian, GPA: 3.97)

Bilkent University

M.A. International Relations, July 2015 (Valedictorian, GPA: 3.98)

Thesis: “The Quest for Security: Soviet Union’s Demands from Turkey, 1945-1946”

Defense Committee members: Onur İşçi (supervisor), Samuel J. Hirst, Paul Williams

Koç University

Ph.D. Political Science and International Relations, ongoing (GPA: 4.00)

Dissertation: “Nationhood Cleavages and Ethnic Conflict: A Comparative Analysis of Postcommunist Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Montenegro”

Committee Members: Assoc. Prof. Şener Aktürk (supervisor), Prof. Dr. Murat Somer, Prof. Dr. Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Assoc. Prof. Ioannis Grigoriadis

Subfields: 1. Comparative Politics, 2. International Relations

Qualified in Comparative Politics and International Relations, February 2017

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

comparative politics; ethnic conflict; nationalism; regime transitions; qualitative research methods; Southeast European politics

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Journals included in the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)

“Threat Perceptions in Turkish Foreign Policy: Postwar Soviet Demands and the Origins of the Cold War” *Journal Of Cold War Studies* (under review)

Articles in Other Refereed Journals

“DAESH, The Proliferation of Violent Non-State Actors and the Future of the Modern Nation-State,” *The Journal of International Social Research*, Vol. 10, No. 50 (June 2017): pp. 239-244.

“Why do Democracies Experience Antisystem Movements: Statistical Analysis from Interwar Europe (1919-1939),” *International Journal of Contemporary Research and Review*, Vol. 9, No. 3 (March 2018): pp. 402-415.

Contributions to Reference Books

Provided an expert evaluation of state policies on ethnicity and religion in “Albania”, “Bulgaria”, “Macedonia”, and “Montenegro” for Şener Aktürk, "Regimes of Ethnicity Data Set, v2015." Online <http://home.ku.edu.tr/~sakturk/indexregimesofethnicity.htm> (2015).

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Albanian (native), *English* (fluent), *Turkish* (fluent), *Italian* (fluent), *French* (fluent), *Arabic* (intermediate), *Bulgarian* and *Macedonian* (working knowledge)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Koç University

- Fall 2015 Teaching Assistant for *INTL 101 Introduction to Political Science* (Instructor: Zeynep Gülru Göker)
- Spring 2016 Teaching Assistant for *INTL 440/540 Religion, Secularism and Democracy in the World* (Instructor: Prof. Dr. Murat Somer) Advanced Undergraduate/graduate cross-listed course; Graded quizzes and exams; Taught Review Sessions
- Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant for *INTL 475/575 Politics of Ethnicity and Nationalism* (Instructor: Assoc. Prof. Şener Aktürk) Advanced Undergraduate/graduate cross-listed course
Graded quizzes and exams
- Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant for *INTL 604 Qualitative Research Methods* (Instructor: Assoc. Prof. Şener Aktürk) Advanced PhD Course
- Fall 2017 Part-time lecturer for *INTL 475/575 Politics of Ethnicity and Nationalism* (Advanced Undergraduate/graduate cross-listed course)
- Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant for *INTL 604 Qualitative Research Methods* (Instructor: Assoc. Prof. Şener Aktürk) Advanced PhD Course
- Fall 2018 Part-time lecturer for *INTL 204 Introduction to Comparative Politics*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015- 2017 Research Assistant for “Regimes of Ethnicity: A Global Database of Ethnic Demography and State Policies on Ethnicity” Şener Aktürk, "Regimes of Ethnicity Data Set, v2015." Online <http://home.ku.edu.tr/~sakturk/indexregimesofethnicity.htm> (2015)
- Fall 2018 Field Research in Bulgaria. Conducted elite interviews in Sofia and Razgrad.

METHODOLOGY TRAINING

Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Sciences

Attended the methodology training course “Case Study Research Methods” offered by Professor Andrew Bennett, Georgetown University, USA (24-28 July 2017, Oslo, Norway)

Introduction to R Programming Workshop, July 2-3, 2018, Koç University

Systematic Reviewing and Meta-Analysis with R Workshop, July 4-6, 2018, Koç University

Internship at SETA, Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research, November 14 – December 30, 2011, Ankara, Turkey.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Nationhood Cleavages and Ethnic Conflict: A Comparative Analysis of Postcommunist Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Montenegro” *Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Sciences*, Oslo, July 28, 2017

“Nationhood Cleavages and Ethnic Conflict in Postcommunist Countries” *Fourth Annual European Symposium on Turkey*, Stockholm, November 29-December 1, 2018

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

High Honor Student Ranked First among the 63 graduates of the Bachelor’s degree in the Department of International Relations in the 2012-2013 academic year with a cumulative grade point average of 3.97/4.00 (Middle East Technical University)

High Honor Student Ranked Third among the 2401 graduates of the Bachelor’s degree programs at the Middle East Technical University in the 2012-2013 academic year with a cumulative grade point average of 3.97/4.00

MA Scholarship, 2013-2015, Bilkent University

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) Graduate Fellowship for International Students, 2015-2019 (monthly stipend 2800 TL)

Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, 2018-2019, Koç University Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities (12 000 TL)

REFERENCES

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