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APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, San Diego State University, 2011-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, San Diego State University, 2006-2011

Director, Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies, San Diego State University, 2015-present
Visiting Fellow, Brookings Doha Center, Qatar, September 2012-April 2013
Postdoctoral Scholar and Assistant Director, Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion (Director: Alfred Stepan), SIPA, Columbia University, January 2008-June 2009

EDUCATION

Ph. D., Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, 2006
Committee: Joel Migdal, Anthony Gill, Reşat Kasaba, Stephen Hanson
M.A., Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, 2002
M.A., Political Science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, 2001
M.A., International Relations, Fatih University, Istanbul, 1999
B.S., Business Administration, Bilkent University, Ankara, 1997

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), French (proficient), Arabic (advanced)

AWARDS AND GRANTS (Post-PhD)

2011. Distinguished Book Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
(*Secularism and State Policies toward Religion: The United States, France, and Turkey*)
2007. American Political Science Association Religion and Politics Section's Aaron Wildavsky Award for the best dissertation ("Dynamics of Secularism: State-Religion Relations in the United States, France, and Turkey")
2015. University Grants Program, San Diego State University
2012. Visiting Fellowship, Brookings Doha Center
2010. Critical Thinking Grant, College of Arts and Letters, San Diego State University
2009. University Grants Program, San Diego State University
2008. Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University
2007. Postdoctoral Fellowship, Columbia University, SIPA

BOOKS

2012. *Democracy, Islam, and Secularism in Turkey* (New York: Columbia University Press),
edited by Ahmet T. Kuru and Alfred Stepan.

Turkish translation: 2013. *Türkiye'de Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik* (Istanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları).

2009. *Secularism and State Policies toward Religion: The United States, France, and Turkey* (New York: Cambridge University Press).

Selected reviews: *J of Politics* (Erik Bleich), *Contemporary Sociology* (Roger Finke), *Politics and Religion* (Christopher Soper), *J for the Scientific Study of Religion* (Jonathan Fox), *J of Church and State* (Clyde Wilcox), *Contemporary Islam* (Hasan Kösebalaban), *International J of Middle East Studies* (Berna Turam), *Middle East J* (William Hale), *Middle East Policy* (Ramazan Kılınç), *Insight Turkey* (Ergun Özbudun), *French Politics, Culture & Society* (Jonathan Laurence), *Revue d'Histoire et de Philosophie Religieuses* (Jean-Pierre Bastian).

Turkish translation: 2011. *Pasif ve Dışlayıcı Laiklik: A.B.D., Fransa ve Türkiye* (Istanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları).

Arabic translation: 2012. *Al- 'Almaniyah wa-Siyasat al-Dawlah tijah al-Din: Al-Wilayat al-Muttahidah, Faransa, Turkiya* (Beirut: Arab Network for Research and Publication).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2015. "Turkey's Failed Policy toward the Arab Spring: Three Levels of Analysis," *Mediterranean Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 3, pp. 94-116.

2014. "Authoritarianism and Democracy in Muslim Countries: Rentier States and Regional Diffusion," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 129, No. 3, pp. 399-427.

2012. "The Rise and Fall of Military Tutelage in Turkey: Fears of Islamism, Kurdism, and Communism," *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 14, No. 2, pp. 37-57.

- Turkish translation in *Türkiye'de Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik* (Bilgi, 2013).
- Arabic translation in *Rouya Turkiyyah*, Vol. 2, No. 2, Summer 2013.

2009. Guest editor of the special issue on Muslim Democracies, *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 11, No. 4; "Guest Editor's Note," pp. iii-iv; and "A Research Note on Islam, Democracy, and Secularism," pp. 29-40.

2008. "Secularism, State Policies, and Muslims in Europe: Analyzing French Exceptionalism," *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 41, No. 1, pp. 1-19 (summarized in *Wilson Quarterly*, Vol. 33, No. 1, 2009, p. 88).

2008. (with Zeynep Akbulut Kuru) "Apolitical Interpretation of Islam: Said Nursi's Faith-Based Activism in Comparison with Political Islamism and Sufism," *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, Vol. 19, No. 1, pp. 99-111.

2007. "Passive and Assertive Secularism: Historical Conditions, Ideological Struggles, and State Policies toward Religion," *World Politics*, Vol. 59, No. 4, pp. 568-94.

2005. "Globalization and Diversification of Islamic Movements: Three Turkish Cases," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 120, No. 2, pp. 253-74.

- Reprinted in Frederic Volpi, ed., *Political Islam: A Critical Reader* (Routledge, 2010).

2002. "Between the State and Cultural Zones: Nation-Building in Turkmenistan," *Central Asian Survey*, Vol. 21, No. 1, pp. 71-90.
- French translation in *Outre-Terre: Revue française de géopolitique*, No. 16, 2006.
 - Turkish translation in Ertan Efeğil and Pınar Akçalı, eds., *Orta Asya'nın Sosyo-Kültürel Sorunları: Kimlik, İslam, Milliyet ve Etnisite* (Gündoğan, 2003).
2002. "The Rentier State Model and Central Asian Studies: The Turkmen Case," *Alternatives: Turkish Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 51-71.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2016. "Sharia, Islamic Ethics, and Democracy: The Crisis of the Turkish Model," in Robert W. Hefner, ed., *Shari'a Law and Modern Muslim Ethics*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
2014. "Secularism(s), Islam, and Education in Turkey: Is *E Pluribus Unum* Possible?" in Adam B. Saligman, ed., *Religious Education and the Challenge of Pluralism* (Oxford University Press), pp. 150-67.
2013. "Assertive Secularism, Islam, and Democracy in Turkey" in Jeffrey T. Kenney and Ebrahim Moosa, eds., *Islam in the Modern World* (Routledge), pp. 319-34.
2013. "Ideologies, Institutions, and Laws: Religious Freedom in Secular States," in Bruce Ackerman, Rajeev Bhargava, and André Laliberté, eds., *Secular States and Religious Diversity* (University of British Columbia Press), pp. 165-83.
2013. "State-Society Relations and Religious Freedom: The United States, France, and Turkey" in Adam White, ed., *The Everyday Life of the State: A State-in-Society Approach* (University of Washington Press), pp. 46-59.
2013. "Muslim Politics Without an 'Islamic' State: Can Turkey's Justice and Development Party Be a model for Arab Islamists?" Policy Briefing, Brookings Doha Center, February (in both English and Arabic).
2012. "Assertive and Passive Secularism: State Neutrality, Religious Demography, and the Muslim Minority in the United States," in Allen Hertzke, ed., *The Future of Religious Freedom: Global Challenges* (Oxford University Press), pp. 235-55.
2012. (with Alfred Stepan), "Introduction," pp. 1-11; and "Laïcité as an 'Ideal Type' and a Continuum: Comparing Turkey, France, and Senegal," pp. 95-121 in Kuru and Stepan, eds. *Democracy, Islam, and Secularism in Turkey*.
- Turkish translation in *Türkiye'de Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik* (Bilgi, 2013).
2007. "Changing Perspectives on Islamism and Secularism in Turkey: The Gülen Movement and the AK Party," in Ihsan Yılmaz, ed., *Muslim World in Transition: Contributions of the Gülen Movement* (London: Leeds Metropolitan University Press), pp. 140-51.

2006. "Reinterpretation of Secularism in Turkey: The Case of the Justice and Development Party," in M. Hakan Yavuz, ed., *The Emergence of a New Turkey: Democracy and the AK Parti* (University of Utah Press), pp. 136-59.
- Turkish translation in *AK Parti: Toplumsal Değişimin Yeni Aktörleri* (Kitap, 2010).
2003. "Fethullah Gülen's Search for a Middle Way between Modernity and Muslim Tradition," in M. Hakan Yavuz and John L. Esposito, eds., *Turkish Islam and the Secular State: The Gülen Movement* (Syracuse University Press), pp. 115-30.
- Turkish translation in *Laik Devlet ve Fethullah Gülen Hareketi* (Gelenek, 2004).

OTHER ESSAYS

2016. "Regional Diffusion, Rentierism, and Authoritarianism in Turkey," *POMEPS Studies*, No. 21 (Transnational Diffusion and Cooperation in the Middle East), pp. 53-56.
2015. "The False Promise [of the 'Turkish Model']," *Critical Muslim*, No. 16, pp. 15-23.
2013. "Constitution, Presidentialism, and Checks and Balances: Turkey and the US," *Turkish Review*, Vol. 3, No. 6, pp. 572-79.
2010. "Afterword: Education, Islam, and the Secular State in Turkey," in Michael Merry and Jeff Milligan, eds., *Citizenship, Identity, and Education in Muslim Communities: Essays on Attachment and Obligation* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), pp. 189-93.
2008. "Secularism in Turkey: Myths and Realities," *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp. 101-10.
2006. (co-authored) *Islam, Democracy, and Secularism in Europe: France, Germany, and the Netherlands* (Istanbul: TESEV) (in Turkish) (a booklet).
1999. "The Analysis of a Turkic Union through the Lens of Regional Integration Theories and International Conditions," in Mim Kemal Öke, ed., *Central Asian Republics in Transition* (Istanbul: Alfa), pp. 152-210 (in Turkish).
1998. "Turkey's Orientation toward Central Asia: Policy Change after Nine Centuries," *Türkiye Günü*, No. 51, pp. 78-88 (in Turkish).

BOOK REVIEWS

Long Reviews

2012. *The Oil Curse: How Petroleum Wealth Shapes the Development of Nations* by Michael L. Ross. *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 14, No. 4, pp. 210-3.
2011. *Are Muslims Distinctive? A Look at the Evidence* by M. Steven Fish. *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 13, No. 4, pp. 214-7.
2011. *The Price of Freedom Denied* by Brian J. Grim and Roger Finke. *Middle East Policy*, Vol. 18, No. 2, pp. 172-5.
2010. *Radical Reform: Islamic Ethics and Liberation* by Tariq Ramadan. *Politics and Religion*, Vol. 3, No. 2, pp. 659-61.

2009. *Party Building in the Modern Middle East* by Michele Penner Angrist. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 4, pp. 706-8.
2009. "Laiklik," in John Esposito, ed., *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World* (Oxford University Press), pp. 375-6.
2007. *Between Islam and the State: Politics of Engagement* by Berna Turam. *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 40, No. 2, pp. 1560-2.
2005. *Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide* by Pippa Norris and Ronald Inglehart. *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 38, No. 10, pp. 1300-4.
2001. *La Nouvelle Asie centrale ou la fabrication des nations* by Oliver Roy. *Cahiers d'études sur la Méditerranée orientale et le monde turco-iranien*, No. 32, pp. 347-51 (in French).
2001. *Islam and Modernity: Muslim Intellectuals Respond* by John Cooper, et. al., eds. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Vol. 22, No. 1, pp. 174-7.

Short Reviews (Selected)

2015. *The House of Service: The Gülen Movement and Islam's Third Way* by David Tittensor, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 2, pp. 402-403.
2014. *Gülen: The Ambiguous Politics of Market Islam in Turkey and the World* by Joshua D. Hendrick, *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 68, No. 1, pp. 178-179.
2013. *Regimes of Ethnicity and Nationhood in Germany, Russia, and Turkey* by Şener Aktürk, *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 15, No. 3, pp. 191-2.
2013. *When Victory Is Not An Option: Islamist Movements in Arab Politics* by Nathan J. Brown, *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 128, No. 2, pp. 354-5.
2012. *The Cartoons that Shook the World* by Jytte Klausen. *Review of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 2, pp. 254-6.
2011. *Islam and Secularism in Turkey: Kemalism, Religion, and the Nation State* by Umut Azak. *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 65, No. 1, pp. 161-2.
2011. *Democratic Values in the Muslim World* by Moataz A. Fattah. *Contemporary Islam*, Vol. 5, No. 1, pp. 93-4.
2010. *Laïcité en débat: Principes et représentations en France et en Turquie* edited by Samim Akgönül. *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe*, Vol. 2, pp. n.a.
2010. *Islamism, Democracy, and Liberalism in Turkey: The Case of the AKP* by William Hale and Ergun Özbudun. and *Democratization and the Politics of Constitution Making in Turkey* by Ergun Özbudun and Ömer Faruk Gençkaya. *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 125, No. 2, pp. 349-51.
2010. *Redeploying the State: Corporatism, Neoliberalism, and Coalition Politics* by Hishaam D. Aidi. *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 12, No. 3, p. 266.
2008. *Contemporary Islamic Conversations: M. Fethullah Gülen on Islam, Turkey, and the West* ed. by Nevval Sevindi. *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 62, No. 3, pp. 529-30.
2008. *Integrating Islam: Political and Religious Challenges in Contemporary France* by Jonathan Lawrence and Justin Vaisse. *Contemporary Islam*, Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 91-2.
2001. *Türk Dininin Sosyolojik İmkani* by Yasin Aktay. *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 154-6.

Concise Reviews for Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries (Selected)

- May 2016. *From Religious Empires to Secular States* by Birol Başkan.
- February 2016. *Islam and Politics in the Middle East* by Mark Tessler.
- July 2012. *The Emancipation of Europe's Muslims* by Jonathan Lawrence.

March 2012. *Shari'a Politics: Islamic Law and Society* by Robert W. Hefner.
February 2012. *Turkish Foreign Policy* by Hasan Kösebalaban.
July 2011. *Muslims and Global Justice* by Abdullahi An-Na'im.
March 2010. *Muslims in Global Politics* by Mahmood Monshipouri.
January 2010. *Islam, Secularism, and Liberal Democracy* by Nader Hashemi.
August 2009. *Muslims in Western Politics* by Abdulkader H. Sinno, ed.
March 2009. *Political Participation in the Middle East* by E. Lust-Okar and S. Zerhouni, eds.
August 2008. *Race and Arab Americans before and after 9/11* by A. Jamal and N. Naber, eds.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2012 (September) to 2013 (March). Field research on the Arab Spring, Brookings Doha Center (Cairo: January 2013; Tunis: March 2013); and Arabic language study, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies
2010 (June), 2008 (July). Arabic language study, University of Damascus, Syria.
2004 (October-December). Dissertation field research on *laïcité*, L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France.
1999 (February-June). MA field research on nation building, International Turkmen-Turk University, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

2006. Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University, January 3-13.
2004. IHS Summer Workshop, "Rationality and Institutions," University of Virginia, June 19-25.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (Pre-PhD)

2005. Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies
2005. Calihan Academic Fellowship, Acton Inst. for the Study of Religion and Liberty
2004. Chester Fritz Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Washington, Seattle
2001. Best Graduate Student Paper Awards, Department of Political Science and the Middle East Center, University of Utah
1990. Ranked 18 in Turkey's University Entrance Examination among around 1 million students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

San Diego State University (Fall 2006-present)
"MA Seminar in Comparative Politics"
"Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective"
"Governments and Politics in the Middle East"
"Introduction to Comparative Politics"

Columbia University (Spring 2008 and 2009)
(co-taught with Alfred Stepan): "Issues on Comparative Secularisms and Democracy"

University of Washington, Seattle

Summer 2006: "Theories of the State"; Summer 2005: "Introduction to Comparative Politics"
Summer 2003: "State-Society Relations in the Third World"
2001-2006: Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science

University of Utah

1999-2001: Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science

International Turkmen Turk University

Spring 1999: “Introduction to International Relations”

ACADEMIC SERVICE

APSA Religion and Politics Section: Chair: 2010-2012; Executive Committee: 2008-2010; Best Book Award Committee: 2013; Best Dissertation Award Committee: 2008, 2009

Politics and Religion: Editorial Board: 2012-2015

Middle East Studies Association: Conference Program Committee: 2010

Central Eurasian Studies Society: Book Award Committee: 2009

PROJECT REVIEWS

National Science Foundation

Netherlands Org. for Scientific Research

Swiss National Science Foundation

PROMOTION & TENURE REVIEWS

Syracuse, Georgetown, University of

Denver, Pepperdine, Colorado State

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS (Selected)

Cambridge University Press

Oxford University Press

Columbia University Press

Stanford University Press

Syracuse University Press

Indiana University Press

University of California Press

Georgetown University Press

New York University Press

University of Toronto Press

University of Utah Press

University of North Carolina Press

United Nations University Press

Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge

Brill; W. W. Norton, Lynne Rienner

Ashgate, CQ Press

American Political Science Review

World Politics

Comparative Politics

Political Science Quarterly

Comparative Political Studies

Perspectives on Politics

American Journal of Political Science

Political Research Quarterly

Politics & Religion

Millennium

Review of International Studies

Democratization

Nationalism & Ethnic Politics

American Journal of Sociology

British Journal of Sociology

Current Sociology

Theory and Society

Mobilization

American Ethnologist

Comp. Studies on Society & History

Law & Society Review

Contemporary Islam

J Scientific Study of Religion

Comp. Std. of S. Asia, Africa, and MidEast

MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND OP-EDS

English: Al Jazeera Mubasher, Ebru TV, UT – TV San Diego; WBUR (Boston’s NPR), China Radio International; CNN Online, Changing Turkey Blog; openDemocracy, The Immanent Frame, *Today’s Zaman*

Turkish: Habertürk TV, TRT 1, TRT Haber, Bugün TV; Voice of America Radio; *Mavi Yorum Zaman, Bugün, Radikal, Star, Aksiyon, Aykın* (in Kazak)

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES BY INVITATION

2017. “Book Workshop,” **University of Notre Dame**, May 5.
2016. “Regional Diffusion and the Crisis of Democracy in Turkey,” Transnational Diffusion, Cooperation and Learning in the Middle East and North Africa: A Post-Arab Uprisings Perspective,” **GIGA-POMEPS Workshop, Hamburg**, June 8-9.
2015. Panelist in “Future of Islam Conference: Muslim Perspectives on Islamic Extremism,” **Rethink Institute, Washington D.C.**, December 5, 2015.
2015. “Keynote Conversation: Overcoming Differences Between Western Democracies in Developing a Common Religious Freedom Policy,” in “International Religious Freedom: Toward a Model of Transatlantic Cooperation, **Georgetown University**, October 8-9.
2015. “Passive Secularism, Islamic Ethics, and Democracy: Why Did the Turkish Model Fail?” in “The Governance of Religious Diversity More or Less Secularism?” **European University Institute, Florence**, June 10-12.
2015. “Violence and Peace in Muslim Countries: A Political Science Perspective,” in “Sectarian Peace/Conflict in Religions: The Middle East and the Globe,” **Bayan Claremont, Claremont School of Theology**, April 17-18.
2015. “Underdevelopment in the Middle East,” in “Turks, Kurds and Arabs: Hundred Years After the War,” **Ipek University, Ankara**, March 30.
2014. “Book Workshop,” **MIT**, September 12.
2013. “Can AK Party’s Conservative Democracy Be A Model for Arab Islamists?” in “10 Years of the AK Party Government,” **Istanbul Şehir University**, May 31-June 1.
2013. “Passive and Assertive Secularism,” in “Religion in the Modern World,” Institute for Philosophy, Political Science, and Religious Studies, **Kazakhstan Ministry of Education, Almaty**, May 29.
2013. “Between Sharia and Assertive Secularism,” in **ATCOSS III, Istanbul**, May 2-4.
2013. “Can Turkey’s Justice and Development Party Be a Model for Arab Islamists?” in “Democratic Transformations in the Arab World: Tunisia as a Model,” **Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Tunis, Tunisia**, March 29-30.
2013. “Sharia and Secularism: The Turkish Model,” Workshop entitled “Shari’a and Islamic Ethics in Transitions,” **CURA, Boston University**, March 8-9.
2012. “Domestic Policy and Future Polity,” in “Turkey 2022: Internal Dynamics,” Foreign Service Institute, **U.S. Department of State**, Washington, DC, June 14.
2012. Workshop on the Character of Military Obedience to Civilian Control, **UCSD**, May 4.
2012. “Democratization in Muslim-majority Countries,” in “Islam and Democracy,” **University of Wisconsin-Madison**, April 13-14.
2012. “Islam and Politics,” in “Islam and Democracy in Turkey,” **Boston College**, March 16.
2011. “The Secular State and Islamic Instruction in Turkey: E Pluribus Unum?” Workshop entitled “Bridging, Bonding, or Dividing: The Role of Religious and Ethical Education in Mediating Deeply Divided Societies,” **Boston University**, April 29-30.
2010. “Secularism in Turkey: From History to Present,” in “Secularism and Islam in Contemporary Islam,” **Stanford University**, November 15-16.
2010. “Secularism in Comparative Perspectives,” Panel entitled “Faith and Politics: Religion and the Secular State,” **University of Toronto**, November 4.

2010. "Secularism and State Policies toward Religion: The US in Comparison to France and Turkey," in "Gündelik Hayatta Laiklik. Başka Coğrafyalardan Deneyimler," **Helsinki Citizenship Assembly, Istanbul**, May 21-22.
2010. "Secularism, State Policies, and Muslims: Comparing France and the United States," in "The Challenge of Integration in the 21st Century: Muslim Immigrants in the United States and France" **Columbia University**, April 2-3.
2010. "Assertive Secularism, Islamophobia, and State Policies toward Muslims: The French Exceptionalism in Europe," in "Jews and Muslims in France: The Challenge of Multiculturalism in Contemporary Europe," **Georgetown University**, March 17-18.
2010. "Muslims in the French Public Sphere," in "Islam, Muslims, and the Media," **Michigan State University**, February 25-26.
2010. "The Roles of Islamic Actors in Turkish Democratization," Workshop entitled "Religious Actors in Democratization Processes," **Princeton University**, February 5.
2009. Organizer of the "Religion, Ethnicity, and Politics Lecture Series," CDTR, SIPA, **Columbia University**, Fall 2008 and Spring.
2009. Panelist in "Migration Policy, Response and Reaction," in "Islam in Europe," **New York Public Library**, June 9-11.
2009. "The Secular State and Islam: The Turkish Experience," in "State Management of Islam," **Northwestern University**, April 30-May 2.
2009. "Passive and Assertive Secularisms: Comparing the United States, France, and Turkey," "Symposium on Religious Liberty," **Templeton Foundation, Istanbul**, April 20-22.
2009. "The Myth of Turkish Exceptionalism in the Political Science Literature," Workshop "Turkish Modernity and the Social Sciences," **Princeton University**, March 20-21.
2009. "Politicized Military and Democratic Consolidation in Turkey," in "Democracy, Islam, and Secularism: Turkey in Comparative Perspective," **Columbia University**, March 6-7, 2009 (co-organizer of the conference).
2009. "Religious Education and the Secular State: The Turkish Experience," in "Alliance of Civilizations: Turkey at the Crossroads of Cultures," **Kennesaw State University**, January 29-31.
2008. "Comparing Secularisms: The U.S., France, and Turkey," in "Secularism, the Secular State, and Religious Diversity," **University of Ottawa**, November 1-2.
2008. Organizer of the Lecture Series entitled "Transforming Secularism, Democracy, and Nationalism in Turkey," Spring and co-organizer of the Conference entitled "The New Draft Constitution of Turkey," CDTR, SIPA, **Columbia University**, March 2-3.
2008. "Secularism and Modernization in the United States, France, and Turkey," in "Turkey in Motion," **Princeton University**, February 29-March 1.
2008. "Islam and Secularism: Turkey between the French and American Models," in "Islam, Secularism and Democracy in Turkey Today," **University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign**, February 28.
2007. "Islam and Secularism: The Turkish Experience," in "Islam in Turkey Today," **Columbia University**, November 2-3.
2007. "Changing Perspectives on Islamism and Secularism in Turkey: The Gülen Movement and the AK Party," Conference entitled "Muslim World in Transition: Contributions of the Gülen Movement," **SOAS, University of London**, October 25-27.
2007. "A Comparative Perspective: Religion and Politics in the United States, France, and Turkey," in "The American Experience: Religious Freedom," **University of Portland**,

- April 12-14.
2007. "State-Society Relations in Turkey through the Lens of Kemalist vs. Conservative Debate," in "Policy from the Grassroots," **University of Washington, Seattle**, February 25-26.
2006. (with Zeynep Akbulut Kuru) "Apolitical Interpretation of Islam: Said Nursi's Faith-Based Activism in Comparison to Political Islamism and Sufism," in "Islam in Contemporary Turkey: Perspectives of B. Said Nursi," **John Carroll University**, Nov. 6.
2006. "Islamic Movements and Globalization: Dialogue vs. Conflict in Turkey," "International Conference on Islam II," **University of Wisconsin-Madison**, March 24-25.
2006. "Muslims and the Secular State in France," in "Islam in the European Public Sphere," **Brigham Young University**, January 27-28.
2005. "Muslim Society and the Secular State: Turkey between the French and American Models," **Institute for Humane Studies Workshop**, Arlington, VA, September 17.
2005. "Between Two Types of Secularism: State-Religion Relations in the United States, France, and Turkey," **Humane Studies Research Colloquium**, Arlington, VA, May 20-22.
2005. "Muslim Societies and Secularisms: The Case of Turkey," "International Conference on Islam," **University of Wisconsin-Madison**, April 29-30.
2004. « Deux types de laïcité : Turquie, France, Etats-Unis, » « Recherches et travaux sur le monde turco-iranien, » **AFEMOTI / Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris**, November 19.
2004. "Two Types of Secularism: State-Religion Relations in the US, France, and Turkey," Graduate Student Retreat, **Society of Comparative Research**, UCSD, May 14-15.
2001. "Searching for a Middle Way between Modernity and Tradition: The Case of Fethullah Gülen," in "Islamic Modernities: Fethullah Gülen and Contemporary Islam," **Georgetown University**, Washington, DC, April 26-27.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

2015. "Panel: Religion, Law, and Democracy," **American Political Science Association**, San Francisco, September 3-6 (discussant).
2014. "Panel: Patterns of Muslim Democratization," **American Political Science Association**, Washington D.C., August 30-31 (discussant).
2013. "A Turkish Model for the Arab Spring? Between Assertive Secularism and Sharia," **American Political Science Association**, Chicago, August 29-September 1.
2012. "Authoritarianism and Democratization in Muslim-Majority Countries: Regional Effects," **International Studies Association**, San Diego, April 1-4 (also a roundtable).
2011. "Rentier States and Regional Effects: Authoritarianism in Muslim-majority Countries," **American Political Science Association**, Seattle, WA, September 1-4.
2010. "Neighborhood Effect, Oil Revenue, and Authoritarianism in the Muslim World," **Middle East Studies Association**, San Diego, November 18-21.
2010. "State-Society Relations and the Military Politics in Turkey," **American Political Science Association**, Washington, DC, September 2-5.
2009. "Panel: Power of Neighborhood in Turkey: Piety in A Secular State," **Middle East Studies Association**, Boston, November 21-24 (discussant).
2009. "Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Muslim World," **American Political Science Association**, Toronto, September 2-6 (also organizer and discussant of another panel)
2009. "Panel: Religion, Ethnicity, and Identity Politics in Turkey," **Association for the**

- Study of Nationalities**, Columbia University, April 23-25 (organizer and discussant).
2009. "Panel: Islam and Politics in Turkey," **International Studies Association**, New York, February 15-18 (discussant).
2008. "Panel: Islam and Politics in Turkey," **Middle East Studies Association**, Washington, DC, November 22-25 (organizer and discussant).
2008. "State Policies toward Muslims in Europe: the French Exceptionalism," **American Political Science Association**, Boston, August 30-Sept 2 (also organizer of the panel).
2008. "Secularism and State-Religion Relations in the United States, France, and Turkey," **International Stud. Assoc.**, San Francisco, March 26-9 (also discussant of two panels).
2007. "Muslim Society and the Secular State: Turkey between the French and American Models," **Middle East and Central Asia Conference**, University of Utah, September 6-8 (also discussant of a panel).
2007. "State-Religion Relations in the United States: Christian Right, Accommodationists, Separationists, and Secularists," **American Political Science Association**, Chicago, August 30-September 2 (also discussant of a panel).
2006. "From Islamism to Conservative Democracy: The Justice and Development Party in Turkey," **American Political Science Association**, Philadelphia, August 31-September 3
2006. "Dynamics of Secularism: State Policies towards Religion in the United States, France, and Turkey," **Institute on Qualitative Research Methods**, Arizona State U., Jan. 3-13.
2005. "Between the French and American Models: Turkish Secularism in Comparative Perspective," **Middle East Studies Association**, Washington, DC, November 19-22.
2005. "Secularism in Comparative Perspective: State Policies toward Religion in the United States, France, and Turkey," **Social Science History Assoc.**, Portland, November 3-6.
2005. "The Justice and Development Party and Reinterpretation of Secularism in Turkey," **Middle East and Central Asia Conference**, University of Utah, Sept. 8-10 (also the discussant of a panel).
2005. "Secularism in the United States, France, and Turkey: An Historical Perspective," Poster Presentation, **American Political Science Association**, Washington, DC, September 1-4.
2005. "Politics and Religion in Secular States: The United States, France, and Turkey," **Midwest Political Science Association**, Chicago, April 7-10.
2001. "The Impact of Globalization on Islamic Movements in Turkey," **Middle East Studies Association**, San Francisco, November 17-20.
2001. "Nation-Building and its Impact on Foreign Policy in Turkmenistan," **Association for the Study of Nationalism**, Columbia University, April 5-7.

LECTURES BY INVITATION (Selected)

2016. Osher Institute, UCSD, April 20.
2015. Pacifica Institute, San Diego, March 12.
2013. The University of Sydney (video conference), August 14.
2013. Journalists and Writers' Foundation (Ambassadors in Turkey), Ankara, June 6.
2013. Bilkent University, Department of Political Science, Ankara, May 7.
2013. Turgut Özal University, Ankara, April 30.
2013. World Bank, Ankara-Washington D.C. Panel, April 24.
2013. University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute, April 18.
2013. Gediz University, Izmir, April 15.
2013. Journalists and Writers' Foundation (Academics and Bureaucrats), Ankara, April 5.

2013. Turkey's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara, March 14.
 2013. Brookings Doha Center, February 28.
 2013. Senate of Canada, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Committee,
 February 7 (video conference).
 2012. Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, November 7.
 2012. Georgetown University, SFS in Qatar, October 1.
 2012. San Diego State University, CIAS, April 25.
 2012. San Diego World Affairs Council, March 29.
 2012. New Hampshire Institute of Politics, February 20.
 2011. Rollins College, October 6.
 2011. Boston University, CURA, September 27.
 2011. TOBB University, Ankara, July 28.
 2011. University of Texas, Austin, March 28.
 2011. University of California, San Diego, January 13.
 2010. John Carroll University, September 1.
 2010. SETA Foundation, Ankara, June 3.
 2010. Bilim ve Sanat Foundation, Istanbul, May 27.
 2010. University of California, Los Angeles, April 28.
 2010. Columbia University, SIPA, April 1.
 2010. Michigan State University, James Madison College, February 24.
 2010. University of Tokyo, January 19.
 2010. Japan External Trade Organization, Institute for Developing Economies, January 18, 20.
 2009. Georgetown University, SFS, December 8.
 2009. Harvard University, Center for European Studies, November 24.
 2009. Northeastern University, November 24.
 2009. Princeton University, Institute for International and Regional Studies, October 26.
 2009. Marywood University, March 16.
 2009. New York University, Tisch School, March 10
 2009. Florida International University, March 3.
 2009. University of Mississippi, Croft Institute, February 23.
 2008. New School for Social Research, December 1.
 2008. Yale University, Council on Middle East Studies, September 10.
 2008. Gordon College, August 28.
 2008. San Diego State University, Hansen–Hostler Series, April 26.
 2008. Columbia University, SIPA, April 17.
 2005. Cornell University, Department of Political Science, November 21.
 2005. University of Arizona, Department of Political Science, November 4.
 2005. San Diego State University, Department of Political Science, December 14.
 2005. Villanova University, Department of Political Science, November 28.
 2005. Dickinson College, Department of Political Science, November 29.
 2005. Iowa State University, Department of Political Science, December 5.
 2005. Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas at Dallas, February 4.
 2002. Stanford University, November 15.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association, Middle East Studies Association.