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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”)

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
2007. Postdoctoral Fellowship, Columbia University, SIPA

BOOKS


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


JOURNAL ARTICLES


  - Turkish translation in Türkiyede Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik (Bilgi, 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.


BOOK CHAPTERS


- Turkish translation in Türkiye’de Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik (Bilgi, 2013).

- Turkish translation in AK Parti: Toplumsal Değişimın Yeni Aktörleri (Kitap, 2010).

- Turkish translation in Laik Devlet ve Fethullah Gülen Hareketi (Gelenek, 2004).

OTHER ESSAYS


2006. (with Ahmet Yükleyen) Islam, Democracy, and Secularism in Europe: France, Germany, and the Netherlands (Istanbul: TESEV) (in Turkish) (a booklet.).


BOOK REVIEWS

Long Reviews


Short Reviews (Selected)


2013. Regimes of Ethnicity and Nationhood in Germany, Russia, and Turkey by Şener Aktürk, Insight Turkey, Vol. 15, No. 3, pp. 191-2.


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

Forthcoming. Islam and Politics in the Middle East by Mark Tessler.


February 2012. Turkish Foreign Policy by Hasan Kösebalaban.

March 2009. *Political Participation in the Middle East* by E. Lust-Okar and S. Zerhouni, 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.


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.


**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
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

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

PROMOTION & TENURE REVIEWS
University of Denver
Pepperdine University
Colorado State University

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

PROMOTION & TENURE REVIEWS
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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP
American Political Science Association; Middle East Studies Association

MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND OP-EDS
Interviews in Turkish: Habertürk TV, TRT 1, TRT Haber, Bugün TV, STV Haber, Mehtap; Voice of America Radio, Moral FM; Cihan Haber Ajansı; Zaman, Bugün, Yeni Şafak; Aksiyon, Mostar; Aykın (in Kazak)

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

Op-Eds: Zaman, Sabah, Star, Radikal; Today’s Zaman

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES BY INVITATION


2007. “State-Society Relations in Turkey through the Lens of Kemalist vs. Conservative
Debate,” in “Policy from the Grassroots,” University of Washington, Seattle, February
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.
Brigham Young University, January 27-28.
Models,” Institute for Humane Studies Workshop, Arlington, VA, September 17.
2005. “Between Two Types of Secularism: State-Religion Relations in the United States, France,
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.
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
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
2010. “State-Society Relations and the Military Politics in Turkey,” American Political Science
Association, Washington, DC, September 2-5.
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).
February 15-18 (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).


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).


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).


LECTURES BY INVITATION (Selected)

2015. Pacifica Institute, San Diego, March 12.

2013. The University of Sydney (video conference), August 14.


2013. Bilkent University, Department of Political Science, Ankara, May 7.

2013. Turgut Özal University, Ankara, April 30.


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.


2012. Georgetown University, SFS in Qatar, October 1.
2012. San Diego State University, CIAS, April 25.
2011. Boston University, CURA, September 27.
2010. John Carroll University, September 1.
2010. Columbia University, SIPA, April 1.
2010. University of Tokyo, January 19.
2009. Georgetown University, SFS, December 8.
2009. Harvard University, Center for European Studies, November 24.
2009. Marywood University, March 16.
2009. New York University, Tisch School, March 10
2009. University of Mississippi, Croft Institute, February 23.
2008. Columbia University, SIPA, April 17.
2005. Cornell University, Department of Political Science, November 21.
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.