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Education

Bilkent University, Ankara TURKEY

Ph.D., International Relations (2014) *With Distinction*

M.A., International Relations (2007)

B.A., International Relations (2004) *High Honours (GPA 3.86)*

Peer Reviewed Publications

Biltekin, Gonca and Ersel Aydınli, "Time to Quantify Turkey's Foreign Affairs: Setting Quality Standards for a Maturing International Relations Discipline" *International Studies Perspectives* (2016): 1-21

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/isp/ekv009> First published online: 27 January 2016

Biltekin, Gonca "Özgün Kuram Oluşturma ve Batı-dışı Uluslararası İlişkiler Kuramları" ("Original Theory Building and Non-Western Theories of International Relations") *Uluslararası İlişkiler Teorileri*, edited by Ramazan Gözen. İstanbul: İletişim, 2015 (2nd edition).

Biltekin, Gonca and Volkan İpek, "Turkey's Foreign Policy Implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Post-international Approach" *New Perspectives on Turkey* 49, (Fall, 2013): 121-156.

Biltekin, Gonca and Musa Tüzüner, "A Pilot Study of Quantifying Turkey's Foreign Affairs: Data Generation, Challenges and Preliminary Analysis" *All-Azimuth: Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace* 2, no 2, (2013) : 47- 70.

Working Papers

Biltekin, Gonca and Ersel Aydınli, "Widening the World of IR: A Typology of Homegrown Theorizing" (under review)

Biltekin, Gonca, "Proactivism and Activism in Turkey's Foreign Affairs: A Proposal for Clarification and Operationalization of Concepts"

Biltekin, Gonca, "Domestic Conflict and Foreign Affairs: An Event Data Study of Turkey (1991-2013)"

Biltekin, Gonca, "Turkey's Axis Shift: An Evidence Based Analysis"

Research Experience

- **Lead Researcher, Turkish International Relations (TIR) Dataset**, 2015. available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/P6CPAF>, Harvard Dataverse, V1
Research design, supervision of coders, data collection, coding and analysis
- **Lead Researcher, Turkish Foreign Affairs Event Dataset (TFAED)**, Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research, Ankara Turkey, 2010-...
Data collection, improvement of actor coding scheme, coding and analysis
- **Research Assistant** to Dr. Ersel Aydınli, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 2006-2012
- **Research Assistant** to Final Reporters of the Programme on Promoting Good Governance in the Security Sector of Turkey, by Center for European Security Studies (CESS) and Bilkent University, 2011
- **Research Fellow**, Dept. of International Relations, Katip Çelebi University, İzmir Turkey, 2013

Teaching Experience

- **Foreign Policy Analysis** (Undergraduate Level), 2016-2017 Fall
Lecturer, Bilkent University, Ankara
- **Introduction to World Politics** (Undergraduate Level), 2015-2016 Spring/Summer
Lecturer, Bilkent University, Ankara
- **Turkish Foreign Policy II** (Senior Undergraduate Level), 2012-2013 Summer
Lecturer, Bilkent University, Ankara
- **Turkey's International Relations** (Graduate level) 2010-2012
Head Teaching Assistant, Bilkent University, Ankara

Other Professional Experience

- **Managing Editor**, All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace, 2015-...
- **Foreign Relations Official**, General Directorate of State Water Works, 2006-2007
- **Assistant Intern**, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Ankara, 2003

Conference/Workshop Organization

- **2nd All Azimuth Workshop on Homegrown Theorizing**, Ankara, 23-24 September, 2016, Associate Convener
- **PeaceTalk: Young Scholar Series**, Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research, October 2015, March 2016, May 2016, Chief Convener
- **FPPR Senior Scholar Series**, Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research, Associate Convener

- **International Congress on River Basin Management**, Antalya, 22-24 March 2007, Convention Team Member
- Preparatory events and meetings leading to Turkey's hosting of **5th World Water Forum** in 2009, Convention Team Member

Awards & Fellowships

- **Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research, 2014-2016**
- **TUBITAK Doctoral Scholarship (2008-2012)**
Recipient of highly selective scholarship by Turkish national research council to fund doctoral research, app. \$35.000.
- **Bilkent University, Full Scholarship for Graduate Studies** (Tuition Waiver + Monthly stipend + Accommodation), 2005-2007
- **Bilkent University, Full Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies** (Tuition Waiver + Monthly stipend + Accommodation), 2000-2004
- Top 0.1 % at the nation-wide Higher Education Selection and Placement Examination (OSYS) 2000

Participation in Academic Conferences and Workshops

- **European Consortium for Political Science Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Budapest 28 July-5 August 2016**
Python Programming for Social Scientists: Web Data, Scraping and Other Useful Programming Tricks
Theoretically Informed Network Analysis for Social Scientists
- **European International Studies Association (EISA) 10th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, İzmir, Turkey, September 2016** (Cancelled)
"Turkey's Axis Shift: An Evidence Based Analysis"
- **International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2016**
"Proactivism and Activism in Turkey's Foreign Affairs: A Proposal for Clarification and Operationalization of Concepts"
"Domestic Conflict and Foreign Affairs: An Event Data Study of Turkey (1991-2013)"
- **Event Data Workshop: Quantifying Security Studies and Foreign Policy Analysis in Turkey and the Greater Middle East İstanbul, Turkey, December 2011**
"Quantification of Turkey's Foreign Affairs Via Event Data: Proposing the Turkish Foreign Policy Behavior and Orientation Dataset (1990-2013)" (with Ersel Aydınli and Musa Tüzüner)
- **Center for European Security Studies, Interactive Seminars on Civil-Military Relations, Ankara, Turkey, 2010-2011**
"Turkish National Security Council and Wars in Iraq: 1991-2003"
"Security sector reform: Turkish Gendarmerie"

Languages

- English: Fluent
- Turkish: Native
- French: Intermediate
- Arabic: Beginner

Technical Skills

- Familiarity with R and Python
- TABARI (Textual Analysis By Augmented Replacement Instructions)
- USCINET Network Analysis
- MS Office Applications