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EDUCATION

- Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY** September, 2010- present
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations
Dissertation Title: Re-Designing Electoral Systems: Party Competition and Electoral Reform in Parliamentary Democracies
Dissertation Committee: Margarita Estevez-Abe (Chair), Matt R. Cleary, Seth K. Jolly
- Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM), Madrid** Spring, 2014- Spring 2016
Visiting Graduate Student
- Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY** May, 2012
M.A., Political Science,
- Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey** September, 2008 - August, 2010
M.A., International Relations
Graduate School of Social Sciences
- Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey** September, 2000 - June, 2005
B.A. Political Science & International Relations,
Faculty of Administrative Sciences and Economics,
High Honors Student

WORKING PAPERS

Who Represents Women in Turkey? An Analysis of Gender Difference in Private Bill Sponsorship in the 2011-2015 Turkish Parliament, July 2017 (co-authored with Eda Bektas). *Invited to Revise and Resubmit at Politics & Gender*

Instability in the Electoral Rules: Turkish Case in Comparative Perspective, September 2016

WORK IN PROGRESS

Party Competition and Electoral Reforms in Parliamentary Democracies

Responsiveness and Accountability in Turkish Parliament (co-authored with Berk Esen and Eda Bektas)

Politics of Electoral Reform: Changing First-Past-the-Post Systems (co-authored with Margarita Estevez-Abe)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor Margarita Estevez-Abe Spring, 2013
Project: Politics of Electoral Reform in Advanced Industrialized Democracies

Research Assistant to Professor Ahmet Icduygu 2008-2009
Project: International Migration and Asylum Policies in Turkey, 1923-2023: From a Nation-State Formation to a Trans-National Transformation, funded by Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBITAK).

RESEARCH GRANT

A Quantitative Analysis of Government Responsiveness in Turkey since 1983 2017- 2018
16-month project with Berk Esen and Eda Bektas, funded by Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

AWARDS

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Grant, Syracuse University Summer, 2016
ECPR Summer Program in Methods Grant, Syracuse University Summer, 2014
Research Fellowship Grant, Syracuse University Spring, 2013
Teaching Assistant Scholarship, Syracuse University 2010-2015
Summer Research Grant, Syracuse University 2011, 2012, 2013
Fulbright Opportunity Grant 2010
Full Merit Scholarship, Koç University 2008-2010
Conference Travel Grant, Koç University 2010
Fellowship from Turkish Prime Ministry 2000-2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant (Syracuse University)

Politics of Citizenship (Professor Elizabeth Cohen) Spring 2016
Politics of the Middle East (Professor Mehrzad Boroujerdi) Fall 2012
Politics of Globalization (Professor Seth Jolly) Spring 2012
Middle Eastern Political Systems (Professor Hossein Bashiriyeh) Fall 2010 & 2011
Security in the Middle East (Professor Michael Makara) Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant (Koç University)

The Politics of European Integration (Professor Bahar Rumelili) Spring 2010
Introduction to Political Science (Professor Bahar Rumelili) Fall 2009

Discussion Leader (Boğaziçi University)

Introduction to Turkish Politics (Professor Hakan Yilmaz)

Spring 2005

Contemporary Political Ideologies (Professor Ilkay Sunar)

Fall 2004

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

APSA Annual Conference Philadelphia, PA. Sep. 1-4, 2016. Paper presenter: "The Politics of Institutional Change: Electoral Reforms in Turkey"

MPSA Annual Conference Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2016. Paper presenter: "The Politics of Electoral Reforms in Turkey"

Populism, Majoritarianism and Crises of Liberal Democracy: Modes of Illiberal Governance in Comparative Perspective: The Inaugural Symposium on Turkey, University of Graz, October 1-3, 2015. Paper presenter: "The Politics of Electoral Reform in Turkey"

Workshop Series of Center for European Studies in Syracuse University, April 2012. Paper discussant.

Annual Conference on Democracy and Democratization, 2010, University of Connecticut. Paper presenter: "Citizenship and Minority Rights in Turkey: An Inquiry of the Law on Foundations"

Jean Monnet Graduate Student Workshop, 2009, Koç University, Istanbul. Paper presenter: "European Citizenship and Third-Country Nationals: A Comparative Analysis of Germany and Britain"

METHOD SCHOOLS

Summer Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), June, 13th - 24th 2016
Syracuse University, Syracuse, USA.

Text Analysis for Applied Social Science, June, 8th - 12th 2015
Fundación Juan March, Madrid, Spain.

Hierarchical Modeling, June, 28th – August, 2nd 2014
ECPR Summer Program in Methods, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Process Tracing Workshop on by David Collier, April, 29th 2011
Syracuse University, Syracuse, USA.

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Intermediate)

STATA, SPSS, ProfilerPlus

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