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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

- Sep 2019–Present Assistant Professor of Political Science at Bogazici University
- Sep 2018–Sep 2019 Senior Analyst at FutureMap <https://futuremap.io/team/>
- Oct 2016–Aug 2018 Postdoctoral researcher, Northwestern University Buffett Institute for Global Studies
- Sep 2015–Jan 2016 Varieties of Democracy Project, country expert (Ottoman Empire, Egypt)
<https://www.v-dem.net/en/historical/country-experts/>

EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, Political Science
- 2009 M.A., Sabanci University, Political Science, Turkey
- 2006 M.A., College of Europe, European Political & Administrative Studies, Belgium
- 2005 B.A., Galatasaray University, Political Science & International Relations, Turkey

Study abroad

- 2005 Intensive ERASMUS programme on the EU, Hungary
- 2004 Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne University, ERASMUS programme, France
- 2003 IEP de Lille, Summer School on the European Union 2003, Lille, France

Methods training

- 2018 High Throughput Computing, Open Science Grid, Uni. of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Duke University
- 2017 Santa Fe Summer School on Complexity, Santa Fe Institute
- 2014 Programming in Java, Mergecon, Istanbul
- 2014 Introduction to Computer Programming (Java), University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 Advanced Network Analysis, ICPSR, University of Michigan Ann Arbor
- 2014 Complex Systems, ICPSR, University of Michigan Ann Arbor
- 2014 Theory of Networks, University of Pennsylvania
- 2013 Network Theory and Applications, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012 Social Network Analysis, Statistical Horizons
- 2012 Market & Social Systems on the Internet, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012 Game Theory, University of Pennsylvania
- 2009 Multilevel Analysis, ECPR Essex Summer School on Social Data Analysis

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Methodology

Computational social sciences (network analysis, agent-based modeling, machine learning), historical comparative analysis, complex adaptive systems

Comparative politics

Collective action, political regimes and regime change, intrastate conflict, contentious politics and social movements

International relations

International political economy, financial and sovereign debt crises

Area specialization

European studies

PUBLICATIONS

Articles under review

"Tolerable levels of disagreement: How coalitions form"

"Recurrent authoritarian revivals: Evidence from Ottoman and Republican Turkey"

"Good intentions are not enough: Constitutional arrangements by elites who pursue collective interests"

Refereed journal articles

Braun, B., Taraktas, B., Beckage, B. and Molofsky, J. (2020) "Phase transitions and social distancing control measures for small world network epidemics with presymptomatic, asymptomatic, and symptomatic stages", forthcoming in *Plos One*.

"Studying alliance formation using case studies and network analysis," *SAGE Research Methods Cases*, (2019), doi:10.4135/9781526486639.

"The Irish Bailout: When resolve breaks down," (2012) *Contemporary European Studies*, 2, pp. 83-113.

"A Comparative Approach to Euroscepticism," (2008) *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, Nov., 16: 2, pp. 249-266.

Book chapters

"When Does Repression Trigger Mass Protest? The 2013 Gezi Protests," (2016) in Julie M. Mazzei (ed.) *Non-State Violent Actors and Social Movement Organizations* (Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change, Volume 41) Emerald Publishing Limited, pp.205 - 239.

(awarded Sidney Tarrow Best Article Prize).

Book reviews

"Checking presidential power: executive decrees and the legislative process in new democracies," by Valeria Palanza, *Democratization*. 2020 DOI:10.1080/13510347.2020.1787990.

Selected work in progress

"Neo-patrimonial Rule in Authoritarian Regimes," with Berk Esen (Sabanci University)

"A Text mining analysis of crisis management of populist leaders," with Mustafa Baydogan (Bogazici University) & Berk Esen (Sabanci University)

"Studying parliamentary minutes with natural language processing," with Ulya Bayram (University of Cincinnati) & Berk Esen (Sabanci University)

"Right-wing Populism in the time of Covid 19," with Suzan Uskudarli (Bogazici University) & Berk Esen (Sabanci University)

"Regime survival, counterinsurgency, and resource extraction", with Kit Martin (Northwestern University)

"Together in contention: Building bridges through protests," with Uzay Cetin (Bilgi University) & Jais Troian (Universite d'Aix-Marseille)

"The Black Lives Matter and Me Too Movements," with Anna McKean (Northwestern University), Libby Trudeau (University of Notre Dame), and Josey VanOrsdale (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Working papers

"Christian Democracy in Professional Life: Farmers and Workers Associations"

"The Birth of Social Contract"

"Democratization & Civil War in Columbia"

"Religious tolerance in the Mongolian Empire"

"State Formation"

Media publications

"Sage Methods Short Film on Methods: An Interview on Network Analysis", <http://methods.sagepub.com/video/srmpromo/VXbwhb/an-introduction-to-network-analysis>.

"Katılanların gözünden ABD Kadın Yürüyüşü (2017 Women's March from the perspective of protesters), *Medyascope.tv*, Jan. 23, 2017, <http://medyascope.tv/2017/01/23/ozel-yayin-katilanlarin-gozunden-abd-kadin-yuruyusu-tugba-tanyeri-basak-taraktas/>

"Biz', 'onlar' ve toplumsal dayanma ("We", "Them" and social cooperation), *Radikal 2*, Feb. 2007.

"Milliyetçilik, siyasallasma, militanlaşma," (Nationalism, politicization, militantism) *Radikal* 2, Feb. 2007.
"Mitinglerin Siyasi Arz Eksikliği," (Manifestations and the Shortage of Political Supply), *Yeni Safak*, May 2007.
"Turkish points of view on EU accession," *Faith in Europe Magazine*, May 2007.
"Rights, Identities and EU citizenship," *Faith in Europe Magazine*, May 2007.
"Opening of the negotiations with Turkey," *Yeni Aktuel*, Oct. 2005.

PRESENTATIONS

"All President's Men, European Consortium for Political Research, Virtual Conference, 26 Aug. 2020
"All President's Men, Empirical Political Studies Association (ESPA), Adana, 23-24 Jan. 2020
"Turkish political system as an oscillating complex system, Karmasik Sistemler ve Veri Bilimi Calistayi, Istanbul, 4 May. 2019.
"Coups & Countercoups: Explaining Oscillation Between Regime Types," APSA 2018, Boston, Aug. 2018.
"Regime survival, counterinsurgency, and resource extraction," ASA 2018, Philadelphia, Aug., 2018.
"Regime survival, counterinsurgency, and resource extraction," MPSA 2017, Chicago, Apr., 2018.
"Constitutional debates & Authoritarian backslides," Law and Politics in Turkey Conference, Northwestern University, Oct., 2017.
"Building bridges through protest," MPSA 2017, Chicago, Apr., 2017.
"Regime building in the face of diversity," APSA 2016, Philadelphia, Sep., 2016.
"Shall we cooperate? The challenge of strong commitments to cooperation for regime change," APSA, San Francisco, Sep. 5, 2015.
"Condemned to Authoritarianism? The challenge of preference diversity on regime change," MPSA, Chicago, Apr. 17, 2015.
"Building societal support in post-revolutionary regimes," Democracy Constitution and Citizenship Graduate Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Apr. 8, 2015.
"Condemned to Authoritarianism? The Challenge of Preference Diversity on Regime Change," MARC, Annenberg, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Mar. 23, 2015.
"Condemned to Authoritarianism? A Collective Action Perspective on the Ottoman Transition to Constitutional Regime," APSA, Washington, DC, Aug. 30, 2014.
"From small to mass-scale events: 2013 Gezi Protests," Sabanci University Jean Monnet Workshop for Young Researchers, SUCEES 2014, Istanbul, Mar. 13, 2014.
"Christian Democracy in Professional Life: Farmers and Workers Associations," University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Workshop, Philadelphia, Mar. 2013.
"Ireland the Reluctant Borrower: When political measures fall short," University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Workshop, Philadelphia, May 2012.
"Ireland the Reluctant Borrower: When political measures fall short," University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Apr. 2012.
"The 2008 Financial Crisis in the European Union," University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Workshop, Philadelphia, May 2010.
"The EU's member states in the face of the Crisis: Solidarity vs. Self-Interest," Koc University Graduate Student Workshop, Istanbul, May 2009.

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2015 The Cornell Institute for European Studies, Sidney Tarrow Best Article Prize
2014 Democracy, Constitution, and Citizenship Graduate Fellow
2014 Boies Fellow
2013 UPenn School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Teece Fellowship
2009 Ben Franklin Award
2005 European Commission Jean Monnet Fellowship
2005 Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (Tubitak) Fellowship
2003 National Agency of Turkey Fellowship (Ulusal Ajans)

INVITED TALKS

- "Computational methods in social science," Bogazici University Department of Computer Science, guest lecturer, April 24, 2019.
"Tolerable Disagreements: Dynamics of Coalition Formation," Sabanci University, Brown Bag Seminar, March 6, 2019.
"Workshop on Network Analysis," University of Illinois in Chicago, Chicago, Apr. 28, 2017.
"Perceptions of Ethnicity," the Penn Middle East Center, Philadelphia, Nov. 10, 2015.
"Turkey: Culture & Ethnic Diversity," Penn Middle East Center, Philadelphia, May 24, 2015.
"L'eurosepticisme en Turquie," Institut Francais d'Etudes Anatoliennes, Istanbul, May 2007.
"European Citizenship," ARI Workshop on European Civilisation and Culture (EU Commission Action I project), Koc University, Istanbul, May 2005.
"Legal Violations in Cyprus History," Greco-Turkish Forum on Cyprus, Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Aug. 2002.
"Questioning the EUs 5th Enlargement," European Days 2002, Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Oct. 2002.
"Defining Terrorism," Campus Forum, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Apr. 2002.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Computational Social Science*, APSA Short Course, Sep. 8, 2020
Short course on network analysis, Bilkent University, Dec. 27-28, 2019.
Social Statistics, Bogazici University
Research Methods, Bogazici University
Quantitative Research Methods, Bogazici University
Computational Modeling in Political Science, APSA Short Course, Aug. 28, 2018
Democratic Transitions (Spring 2017 and 2018), Northwestern University
Short course on Complexity, 2017 APSA Short Course

INTERNSHIPS

- 2009 Jul. – Aug. 2013 University of Pennsylvania, research assistant
Dec. 2012 University of Pennsylvania, research assistant
Dec. 2011 University of Pennsylvania, research assistant
Jun. – Nov. 2007 European Commission Crime and Culture International Research Project, research assistant
Jan. – Sep. 2007 Institut Francais d'Etudes Anatoliennes, researcher
Mar. – Aug. 2007 Islam and Democracy in Turkey Project, research assistant, Koc University

Jul.–Aug. 2005 Institut Francais d' Études Anatoliennes, research assistant
Jul. 2004 The Secretariat General for EU Affairs, project assistant
Jun. 2004 Istanbul NATO Summit 2004, assistant at Ministry of Foreign Affairs media department
Apr.–Sep. 2001 Cumhuriyet (daily newspaper), intern at the international affairs department

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish: Native
English: Reading (fluent), speaking (fluent), writing (fluent)
French: Reading (fluent), speaking (fluent), writing (fluent)
Italian: Reading (beginner), speaking (beginner), writing (beginner)

COMPUTER SKILLS

R, Netlogo, Linux, Java, Python, L^AT_EX

DATA SETS

19th century Ottoman regime challengers
19th century French regime challengers
Survey data on 2013 Gezi protests
Twitter data on Black Lives Matter & Me Too Movements
Turkish political elites (with Berk Esen)

REFEREES

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