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EDUCATION

- **University of Virginia** 2023
PhD in Political Science
Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology
Dissertation: “State Repression, Party Formation, and Democratic Consolidation: Turkey since the Late Nineteenth Century”
Committee: David Waldner (chair), Carol Mershon, Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner
- **Koç University (İstanbul, Turkey)** 2017
M.A., International Relations
- **Boğaziçi University (İstanbul, Turkey)** 2014
B.A., Political Science and International Relations
B.A., Psychology (Double Major)
- **Universität Hamburg** 2013
Department of Political and Social Sciences (Erasmus)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

The Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research 2022
Syracuse University

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Comparative Politics: Democratization, political parties, comparative political institutions, party finance, corruption, politics of the Middle East and North Africa, politics of immigration.

Political Methodology: Qualitative methods including in-depth interviews and archival research &

Quantitative methods including time series analysis, survival models, computer assisted text analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

- Political economy of corruption in Turkey: declining petty corruption, rise of cronyism?, *Turkish Studies*, 20:3, 351-376, 2019.
- Democratic transition and party polarization: A fuzzy regression discontinuity design approach, *Party Politics*, 2023. (with Ubeydullah Ademi).
- Executive decrees, omnibus bills, and the politics of abusive constitutionalism, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 2023. (with Abdullah Sait Özcan).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Institutions and Economic Growth: Cases of China and India, *METU Studies in Development*, Vol 45, No 2, 2018.

- Book Review: Europeanisation, good governance, and corruption in the public sector: the case of Turkey, *Turkish Studies*, 21:5, 808-810, 2020.
- Authoritarian Legacies, Weakness of Political Parties, and Prospects for Tunisian Democracy, *Al Sharq Strategic Research*, 16 August, 2021.
- Democracy Promotion No Longer? Autocratic Diffusion and Economic Barriers to Democratic Consolidation in Tunisia, *Al Sharq Strategic Research*, 16 November, 2021
- Syrian Immigration in Turkish Party Politics, *Al Sharq Strategic Research*, 8 April, 2022
- Refugees like Us: Ukrainian Refugee Surge demonstrates double standards in refugee treatment, *Al Sharq Strategic Research*, 7 November, 2022.

GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

University of Virginia Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$20,000)	2022-2023
The Quandt International Research Fund (\$2,500)	2022
University of Virginia, Department of Politics, Departmental Fellowship	2017-2022
Al Sharq Strategic Research Associate Fellow	2021-2022
Dumas Malone Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Virginia (\$11,000)	2020-2021
Summer Research Grant, Department of Politics, University of Virginia (\$2,000)	2020
Travel Grant, Department of Politics, University of Virginia (\$4,000)	2017-2023
John Allan Love Scholarship	2018-2019
Koç University, Full Educational and Assistantship Scholarship	2015-2017
Koç University Research and Travel Grant (\$1,500)	2016
Erasmus Exchange Scholarship, Universität Hamburg (\$2,500)	Fall 2013
TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey)	2009-2014

WORK UNDER REVIEW OR REVISION

- "The Stability and Growth Pact's "Escape Clause" and the Funding of the Refugee Crisis in the European Union" (with James Savage). Forthcoming at *International Journal of Public Administration*.
- "Weakening the Strong Mayor: Democratic Backsliding at the Local Level" (with Abdullah Sait Özcan).
- "Political Economy of Budgeting under Autocratization" (with James Savage).

SELECT WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Elite Networks and Personalized Rule" (with Abdullah Sait Özcan and Ömer Faruk Yalçın). *In preparation for submission*.
- "Localization of National Politics: Evidence from Turkey" (with Abdullah Sait Özcan). *In preparation for submission*.
- "Ottoman Polarization" (with Ubeydullah Ademi). *In preparation for submission*.
- "Repression and Party Formation." *In preparation for submission*.
- "State Repression and Democratization: Turkey since the Late Nineteenth Century." *In preparation for submission*.

EMPLOYMENT

Swarthmore College, Visiting Assistant Professor	Summer 2022
University of Virginia, Instructor	Fall 2023
University of Virginia, Research and Teaching Assistant	2017-2023
Koç University, Research and Teaching Assistant	2015-2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

APSA (planned)	2023
MPSA	2020 (cancelled), 2023
University of Virginia, Lansing B. Lee, Jr./Bankard Seminar in Global Politics	2022
University of Basel, MUBIT Doctoral Workshop on Contemporary Turkish Politics	2021
İSAR Research Center, İSTANBUL	2021
University of Virginia, Political Economy Working Group	2019
University of Virginia, Graduate Student Conference	2018
University of Edinburgh	2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Swarthmore College

Democracy and Dictatorship	Fall 2023
Middle East Politics	Fall 2023
Politics Across the World	Spring 2024
Comparative Political Economy	Spring 2024

Instructor of Record, University of Virginia

Islam, Democracy, and Authoritarianism	Spring 2023
Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	Summer 2022, Summer 2023

Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia

Introduction to Comparative Politics	Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2022
Politics of Western Europe	Spring 2020
Politics of Modernity	Spring 2019
Graduate Seminar on Linear Regression (Grader)	Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant, Koç University

Graduate Seminar on Political Economy of Globalization	Spring 2017
Comparative International Relations of Asia and Pacific	Fall 2016
Introduction to Political Science	Spring 2016
History of Turkish Republic	Fall 2015

LANGUAGE

Turkish (Native), English (fluent), German (Intermediate - B1), Arabic (Beginner)

SOFTWARE

R, STATA, L^AT_EX, GIS (basic).