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*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**Education**

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Post-Doc 2015 -2016

Research Defence Studies Department  
King's College, London

Ph. D. 2006 – 2010  
Department of International Relations  
Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

Dissertation Title: De Facto States and Interstate Military Conflicts  
Dissertation Committee: Nil Şatana (Chair), Tarık Oğuzlu (Chair), Mitat Çelikpala,  
Serdar Güner, İlker Aytürk.

M.A. 2004 – 2006  
Department of History of Architecture  
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

Thesis Title: Ayn Rand, Objectivism and Architecture  
Master's Committee: Tomris Elvan Altan Ergut (Chair), Belgin Turan Özkaya, Haluk  
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B.A. 2001 – 2004  
Department of International Relations  
Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

**Publications**

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**Journal Articles (in Web of Science and Scopus Indexes)**

How Russia Exploited Nationalism in Turkey to Expand Its Influence in Syria?, *Middle East Policy Journal*, forthcoming (**SSCI**)

State's Changing Role Regarding the Kurdish Question in Turkey: From Consistent Tutelage to Volatile Securitization, *Alternatives*, DOI 03043755419854599 (**SSCI**)

Savaşların Açıklanmasında "Fırsat ve İsteklilik" Ön Kuramsal Çerçevesi ve Kullanım Alanları. (Opportunity and Willingness as a Pre-theoretical Framework to Explain the War) *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi*, 2018, 15(59): 33-48. (**SSCI**)

Paradigm Shift between Turkey and the Kurds: From Clash of the Titans to Game of Thrones, *Middle East Critique*, 2018, 27(1):43-60 (**SCOPUS**)

(with Yavuz Yağış), Competitive Jihadism: Understanding Survival Strategies of Jihadist De Facto States, *All Azimuth*, forthcoming (SCOPUS)

(with Nabahat Tanrıverdi Yaşar), Populism and Foreign Policy in Turkey under the AKP Rule, *Turkish Studies*, 2018, 19(2): 198-216 (SSCI)

(with Başak Yavcan), Follow the Money: The Turkish Government is Rewarding Newspapers Which Favour Its Position with State Sponsored Advertisement, *Index on Censorship*, 2016, 45(4): 72-75 (AHCI)

(with Oğuzhan Mutluer), Turkey and the Kurdish Question: Last Exit Before the Bridge, *Iran and the Caucasus*, 2016, 20(1): 127-141. (AHCI)

The Role of Democracy in the Recognition of De Facto States: An Empirical Assessment, *Global Governance*, 2014, 20(4):585-599. (SSCI)

(with Yelda Demirağ ), Turkish Foreign Policy After the Arab Spring: From Agenda Setter to Agenda Entrepreneur State, *Israel Affairs*,2014, 20(3):328-346. (SSCI)

Democracy or Partition: Future Scenarios for the Kurds of Iraq, *Insight Turkey*, 2012, 14(3): 127-140.

En Uzun On Yıl: 11 Eylül Sonrası Ortadoğu (The Longest Decade: Middle East after 9/11), *Ortadoğu Etüdüleri*, 2012, 3(2):183-215.

Securing Energy or Energizing Security: The Impact of the Russian Energy Policy on Turkey's Accession to the European Union" *Journal of International Relations and Development*, 2013, 16(3): 358-379. (SSCI)

Constitution Making in Turkey after the 2011 Elections, *Turkish Studies*, 2012, 14(3): 153-167. (SSCI)

(with Yelda Demirağ), Davutoğlu Effect in Turkish Foreign Policy: What if the Bowstring is Broken?, *Iran and the Caucasus*, 2012, 16(2): 117-128. (AHCI)

Arab Spring or Turkish Winter, *Near East Quarterly*, 2011, Issue V, ([www.neareastquarterly.com/index.php/august-2011-issue-v/](http://www.neareastquarterly.com/index.php/august-2011-issue-v/))

(with Nil Şatana) "A.B.D ve Türkiye'de Geçmişten Günümüze Güvenlik Çalışmaları (Latest Developments in Security Studies: U.S. versus Turkey)" *Ortadoğu Etüdüleri*, 2010, 2(2):75-114.

(with Tarık Oğuzlu) "Turkey's Europeanization" *International Journal*,2008, 63( 4): 991-1009. (SSCI)

"Andijon Events: Demand for More Development or Threat to Stability," *Perceptions*, 2007, 12(Winter): 43-60.

## **Books**

The Peace Process between Turkey and the Kurds: Anatomy of a Failure, **Routledge**, 2017.

Barişın İdeolojisi Liberalizm (Liberalism: The Ideology of Peace), **Liber+ Yayınları**, 2016.

Islamism, Populism and Turkish Foreign Policy (eds. Burak Bilgehan Özpek and Bill Park), **Routledge**, 2019

## **Book Chapters**

Civil Military Relations in Turkey: Tutelage Against Populism or Threat to Democracy, **Routledge Handbook of Turkish Politics**, forthcoming

Evolution of Civil Military Relations in Turkey, **Oxford Handbook of Turkish Politics**, forthcoming

The Progress of the Kurdish Movement in Iraq, in *Encyclopedia of Modern Ethnic Conflicts* (Joseph Rudolph ed.) **Greenwood**, 2015.

Türkiye ve Irak Kürt Bölgesi: Çatışmadan İşbirliğine (Turkey and Iraqi Kurdistan: From Conflict to Cooperation) in *Türk Dış Politikası Yıllığı 2010* (Burhanettin Duran and Kemal İnat eds.) SETA, Ankara, 2011, pp 581-596.

Türkiye'deki SAM'ların Teorik Altyapı Sorunları (Theoretical Problems of Think-Tanks in Turkey) in *Türkiye'de Stratejik Düşünce Kültürü* (Hasan Kanbolat and Hasan Ali Karasar eds.), Nobel, Ankara, 2008, pp 457-464.

## Research Interests

International Relations: Contemporary Politics of the Middle East, De Facto States, International Relations Theory, Turkish Foreign Policy.

Methodology: Comparative Method, Case Studies, Content and Discourse Analysis.

## **Reports**

Media Freedom in Turkey, 2015, Freedom Research Association

Media Freedom in Turkey, 2016, Freedom Research Association

Media Freedom in Turkey, 2020, Freedom Research Association

Russian Propaganda in Turkey during 2018 National Elections, International Republican Institute

Russian and Chinese Propaganda in Turkey during Covid-19 Pandemic, International Republican Institute

## **Civil Society Activities**

Founder of **Daktilo1984 Movement**

Member of **International Studies Association**

Member of **Political Science Association**

## **Employment**

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- Post-Doc Researcher    September 2015-2016  
King's College, London  
Defence Studies Department
- Associate Professor    October 2014-...February 2020  
TOBB University of Economics and Technology  
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- Assistant Professor    September 2011-October 2014  
  
TOBB University of Economics and Technology,  
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- Instructor                September 2010 – August 2011  
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- Research Assistant    September 2006 - July 2010  
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