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EDUCATION

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA

2017-2023 (Expected)

Ph.D. in Political Science

Dissertation: “The Politics of Authoritarian Social Welfare Provision: Why Do Some Autocracies Develop Generous Welfare States?”

Committee: Teri Caraway, Kathleen Collins, David Samuels, and Hassan Abdal Salam

Subfields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology

Concentration: Power, Equity, and Diversity

Sabancı University, İstanbul, Turkey

2013-2014

M.A. in Public Policy

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

2008-2013

B.Sc. in Political Science and Public Administration

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- (2022) “The Four Worlds of Global Welfare Capitalism: Institutional, Neoliberal, Populist and Residual Welfare State Regimes.” *Journal of European Social Policy*, 32(2), 119-134 (with Erdem Yoruk and Gabriela Tafoya)
- (2019) “Indigenous Unrest and the Contentious Politics of Social Assistance in Mexico.” *World Development* 123 (with Erdem Yoruk and Lara Sarlak).
- (2019) “The Variable Selection Problem in the Three Worlds of Welfare Literature.” *Social Indicators Research*, 144 (2), 625-646 (with Erdem Yoruk, Kerem Yildirim, and Burcu Yakut-Cakar).

Book Chapters

- (2019) “Fragile transitions from education to employment: Youth, gender and migrant status in the EU.” In E. Colombo (Ed.), *Youth and the Politics of the Present: Coping with Complexity and Ambivalence* London: Routledge (with Cetin Celik, Fatos Goksen, Alpay Filiztekin, and Mark Smith).
- (2018) “Policy-making and gender mainstreaming.” In J. O’Reilly, C. Moyart, T. Nazio, and M. Smith (Eds.), *Youth Employment: STYLE Handbook*. Bristol: Policy Press. (with Fatos Goksen, Alpay Filiztekin, Mark Smith, Cetin Celik)
- (2018) “Gender and migrant workers’ fragile transitions from education to employment.” In J. O’Reilly, C. Moyart, T. Nazio, and M. Smith (Eds.), *Youth Employment: STYLE Handbook*. Bristol: Policy Press. (with Fatos Goksen)
- (2018) “Leaving and returning to the parental home during the economic crisis.” In J. O’Reilly, C. Moyart, T. Nazio, and M. Smith (Eds.), *Youth Employment: STYLE Handbook*. Bristol: Policy Press. (with Fatos Goksen, Deniz Yukseker, Alpay Filiztekin, Fernanda Mazotta, Lavinia Parisi)

Work in Progress

- “The Historical Origins of Generous Authoritarian Welfare States.” *Under review*
- “The Politics of the Minimum Wage.” *Manuscript in preparation, available upon request* (with Teri Caraway).

- “Financial Liberalization and Autocratic Leader Survival.” *Manuscript in preparation, available upon request.*
- “Regime type and perceptions of inequality and meritocracy.” *Manuscript in preparation* (with Aras Köksal).

Conference Presentations

- “The Authoritarian Origins of Comprehensive Social Legislation.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, September 15-18, 2022.
- “The Authoritarian Origins of Comprehensive Social Legislation.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver, December 1-4, 2022.
- “The Politics of the Minimum Wage.” American Political Science Association Comparative Labor Workshop, March 7, 2022. (with Teri Caraway)
- “The Politics of Authoritarian Social Welfare Provision: Why Do Some Autocracies Develop Generous Welfare States?” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Seattle, September 30-October 3, 2021.
- “The Politics of Authoritarian Social Welfare Provision: Insights from the Middle East and North Africa.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Ontario, Canada October 28-31, 2021.
- “The Politics of the Minimum Wage.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference (Virtual), September 9-13, 2020. (with Teri Caraway)
- “Four Worlds of Welfare Capitalism.” International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP4), Montreal, June, 26-28, 2019. (with Erdem Yoruk and Gabriela Tafoya)
- “Indigenous Revolts and Politics of Social Assistance in Mexico.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 5-8, 2018. (with Erdem Yoruk and Lara Sarlak)
- “Four Worlds of Welfare Capitalism.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 5-8, 2018. (with Erdem Yoruk and Gabriela Tafoya)
- “A Beauvoirian Approach to a Historical Novel: I killed my love.” Women’s Studies Symposium. Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, Turkey. November 3-4, 2016. (with Sultan Toprak)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Teaching Experience

- *Instructor of Record*, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA
 - Political Economy of Development (Summer 2022)
- *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA
 - Politics Around the World (Fall 2021)
 - Politics of Class, Race, and Ethnicity (Fall 2020)
 - Russian Politics (Spring 2020)
 - Citizens, Consumers, and Corporations (Fall 2019)
 - European government and Politics (Spring 2019)
 - American Democracy in a Changing World (Fall 2018)
- *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey
 - Introduction to Social and Political Science 101 (Fall 2013)
 - Introduction to Social and Political Science 102 (Spring and Summer 2014)

Research Experience

- Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (2020)
 - Research assistant for Professor Teri Caraway. Focus on labor relations in Asia.
- Department of Sociology, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey (2016-2017)
 - Researcher in a project funded by the European Research Council: “The New Politics of Welfare: Towards and Emerging Markets Welfare State Regimes”
- Social Policy Center, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey (2014-2016)
 - Researcher in a project funded by the EU Framework Program: “Strategic Transitions for Youth Labor in Europe”
 - Researcher in a project funded a Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey: “Multi-level Youth Typologies in Turkey”
- Centre for Policy Analysis and Research on Turkey, London, UK (2014- 2015)
 - Contributed two reports on Turkey’s privatization experience since 1980s and its import substitution industrialization policies in the 1960s and 1970s.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022-2023, Dissertation Development Grant, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Summer 2022, Claggett Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Spring 2022, Dissertation Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Summer 2021, Andrew Dickinson Memorial Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Spring 2021, Thesis Research Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- 2020-2021, Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Summer 2020, Larson Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Summer 2020, Joyce C. Le Vi Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Summer 2019, Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Summer 2018, Summer Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- 2013-2014, Graduate Student Fellowship, Sabancı University, Istanbul

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), French (Beginner)

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, R, SPSS, NVIVO, L^AT_EX

SERVICE

Co-organizer: Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota (2019-2020)

Graduate School Representative: Graduate Student Life Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota (2018-2019)

REFERENCES

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