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Academic Positions

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies

Assistant Professor, International Relations, European and Eurasian Studies (July 2017–present)

Co-Director, SAIS Media and Politics Initiative (July 2021–present)

Barnard College, Columbia University

Visiting Assistant Professor, International Relations (July 2016–June 2017)

Cornell University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies (2015–16)

Education

George Washington University

Ph.D. Department of Political Science (August 2015)

University of Kent (Brussels School of International Studies)

M.A. International Relations (with Distinction, May 2003)

Northwestern University

B.A. German Language (Magna cum laude, May 1999)

Books

Fight Scenes: Pop Culture as Political Battleground in Autocratizing Turkey

Manuscript under contract with Cambridge University Press, to be delivered July 2024

2018. *Identity Politics Inside Out: National Identity Contestation and Foreign Policy in Turkey* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2018).

*Selected by Foreign Policy Interrupted as one of the top foreign policy books of 2018

*Finalist for Best Book Published in 2018 or 2019 by APSA MENA Politics Section

*Selected for Round Table session at Association for the Study of Nationalities Conference 2019

*Reviewed in *International Studies Review*, *Turkish Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics, Survival, Global Affairs*, *Uluslararası İlişkiler*

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2024. “Permissive Prejudice in Localized Authoritarian Consolidation: Evidence from Turkey’s Municipalities,” *Democratization*, (with Harun Ercan). Published online 16 May.

2024. “Academic Solidarity in the Wake of Disaster: Blueprint for an Online Writing Group,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Published online 16 February.

2023. “A Different ‘Turkish Model’: Exemplifying De-Democratization in the AKP Era,” in Archon Fung, David Moss, and Arne Westad (eds) *When Democracy Breaks* (Oxford University Press).

2022. “Symbolic Amplification and Suboptimal Weapons Procurement: Explaining Turkey’s S-400 Program,” *Security Studies*, Vol. 31, No. 5 (with David E. Banks).

2022. “The Politics of Identity and Sectarianism,” in Marc Lynch, Jillian Schwedler, and Sean Yom (eds) *The Political Science of the Middle East: Theory and Research since the Arab Uprisings* (Oxford University Press), with Bassel Salloukh et al.

2021. “The Empire’s Opposition Strikes Back: Popular Culture as Creative Resistance Tool under Turkey’s AKP,” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 48, No. 1, 2021.

*Awarded Honorable Mention for Best Article in 2020 or 2021, APSA MENA Politics Section

2021. “Holidays as Sites of Minority Identity Contestation in Repressive Regimes,” *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity*, Vol. 49, No. 2 (with Allison Quatrini).

2020. “Turkey’s Foreign Policy in the Middle East: An Identity Perspective,” in Güneş Murat Tezcür (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Turkish Politics* (Oxford University Press), pp. 563-584.

2019. “Rethinking Turkey’s ‘Rapprochements’: Trouble with Germany and Beyond,” *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy*, Vol. 61, No. 3.

2017. “Review: The New Turkey and Its Discontents (Simon Waldman and Emre Çalışkan, Oxford University Press, 2017),” *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, Vol. 23, Nos. 1-2, 2017.

2016. “‘Take It Outside!’ National Identity Contestation in the Foreign Policy Arena,” *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 22, No. 2.

2013. “Us v. Them, Over and Over Again? National Identity Contestation in Turkey’s Stalled EU Bid,” *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 12, No. 1.

Other Academic Publications

2023. “AKP Foreign Policy for Wider Audiences: Spotlighting Puzzles and Voices from the Region,” *APSA MENA Politics Newsletter*, Vol. 6, No. 1.

2022. “Rethinking Local Governance and Contention: A Subnational Democracy and Authoritarianism Lens in MENA Studies,” *APSA MENA Politics Newsletter*, Vol. 5, No. 1.

*Article introduces a six-article symposium I co-edited

2021. “COVID and MENA Political Science: Impacts on Research and Region,” *APSA MENA Politics Newsletter*, Vol. 4, No. 1.

*Article introduces a five-article symposium I co-edited

2020. “Domestic Politics in Turkey’s Foreign Policy,” *APSA MENA Politics Newsletter*, Vol. 3, No. 1.

*Article introduces a five-article symposium I edited

2019. “Flipping the Scripts: Pop Culture as Alternative Subject and Data Source in MENA Politics,” *APSA MENA Politics Newsletter*, Vol. 2, No. 1.

2016. “Opportunity Missed: Identity Alignment and Turkey’s Kurdish Question,” *Project on Middle East Political Science Studies*, Vol. 22.

2016. “Adding Insult to Injury: Vilification as Counter-Mobilization in Turkey’s Gezi Protests,” *Project on Middle East Political Science Studies*, Vol. 20.

Publications for the Public Square

2022. “Explaining Turkey’s Foreign Policy Moves in the Context of Russia’s War Against Ukraine,” German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), CATS Network, 7 July.

2022. “A Turkish Pop Video Went Viral. Is It Just a Catchy Song – Or an Anthem for the Opposition?” *The Washington Post* (Monkey Cage political science blog), 23 February, with Kenan Behzat Sharpe.

2021. “Assessment of Turkey’s Offer to Secure Kabul Airport,” German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), CATS Network, 26 August.

- 2019.** “No One Lost Turkey: Erdoğan’s Foreign Policy Quest for Agency in Russia and Beyond,” *Texas National Security Review* Roundtable, Vol. 2, No. 4.
- 2019.** “Here’s How Pop Culture Woke Up Turkey’s Disillusioned Opposition on Friday,” *The Washington Post* (Monkey Cage political science blog), 10 September.
- 2019.** “Challenges to Religious Freedom among Religious Minorities in Turkey,” Report for United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, Congressional Hearing 27 June.
- 2018.** “Turkey’s Emerging Role in the Middle East,” *Middle East Policy*, 4 June 2018.
- 2018.** “How a Hashtag and Memes Are Uniting Turkey’s Opposition,” *The Washington Post* (The Monkey Cage political science blog), 11 May.
- 2018.** “Why Recep Erdogan Is Calling Turkish Students Terrorists,” *The Washington Post* (The Monkey Cage political science blog), 12 April.
- 2017.** “A Series of Misperceptions: The Kurdish Referendum and Its Fallout,” *International Peace Institute* (Global Observatory), 19 December, with student Katie Klain.
- 2017.** “Hitting Erdogan Where It Hurts, Not Where It Helps,” *War on the Rocks*, 3 November, with Blaise Misztal.
- 2017.** “Words as Weapons in Turkey’s Foreign Policy,” Bipartisan Policy Center report, 12 October.
- 2017.** “Global Support for Turkey Thrown into Further Question,” *International Peace Institute* (Global Observatory), 24 May, with student Asya Sağnak.
- 2017.** “Turkey’s President Erdogan Has Gone to Extremes to Win Sunday’s Referendum. Here’s Why,” *The Washington Post* (The Monkey Cage political science blog), 14 April, with student Melina Dunham.
- 2017.** “Burden or Boon? Turkey’s Tactical Treatment of the Syrian Refugee Crisis,” *Refugees Adrift Series* (Washington, DC: Middle East Institute, 2017), with student Caroline Feehan.
- 2016.** “Turkey’s Post-Putsch Purge,” *The Boston Globe*, 28 July 2016.
- 2016.** “The Dark Side of the Mobilization that Stopped Turkey’s Coup,” *The Washington Post* (The Monkey Cage political science blog), 21 July.
- 2016.** “What’s Next for Fractured Turkey?” *International Peace Institute* (Global Observatory), 21 July.
- 2016.** “The Real Refugee Crisis Is in the Middle East, Not Europe,” *The Washington Post* (The Monkey Cage political science blog), 14 May, with Rawan Arar and Kelsey Norman.
- 2015.** “The Heinous Consequences of Turkey’s Polarization,” *The Washington Post* (The Monkey Cage political science blog), 15 October.
- 2014.** “‘No Opposition, No Democracy’ in Turkey’s Elections,” *The Washington Post* (The Monkey Cage political science blog), 3 April.
- 2013.** “The Might of the Pen(guin) in Turkey’s Protests,” *Foreign Policy*, 10 June.
*chosen by *Foreign Policy* as one of the best 2013 articles on the Middle East
- 2012.** “Reading Turkish Politics from a Soap Opera,” *Foreign Policy*, 7 December

Works in Progress

Title TBA, with Berk Esen and Tudor Onea. Book proposal on grand strategy in Turkey under review.

“Cooking Shows as Gender Edutainment in Authoritarian Regimes: A Recipe for (New) Turkey.” Article manuscript under review.

“Election Drama: TV Serials in Online Political Discourse.” Part of special issue accepted for submission to *Third World Quarterly*.

“What’s Past Is Pro-Regime Prologue: Popular History Videos as Authoritarian Legitimation Tool,” with Jonas Bergan Draege.

“Producing the Personality Cult: A Multi-Modal Analysis of Regime-Disseminated Videos in AKP Turkey,” with Didem Seyis and Jonas Bergan Draege.

“Insult, Injury, and Ingroup Activation: Aesthetics of Vilification in Regime Counter-Mobilization.”

Academic Service

***Peer Reviewer:** *American Political Science Review, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Comparative Politics, European Journal of International Relations, Security Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Government and Opposition, Journal of Global Security Studies, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Terrorism and Political Violence, Mediterranean Politics, Global Media and Communication, Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies, International Feminist Journal of Politics, Asian Studies Review, Middle East Law and Governance, Foreign Policy Analysis, Turkish Studies, Political Studies Review, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Oxford Encyclopedia of Foreign Policy*; Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Illinois Press, Edinburgh University Press, Routledge.

***Founder and Administrator:** Post-Earthquake Writing Support Group for Turkey and Syria Scholars (March 2023–present; 115 active participants)

***Founder and Administrator:** SAIS PhD Student Online Working Group (September 2023–present; 12 active participants)

***Co-Founder and Co-Director:** SAIS Media and Politics Initiative (2021–present)

***Chair:** APSA Interpretative Methodologies and Methods Section (2023–present)

***Chair:** Project on Middle East Political Science Virtual Research Workshop Committee (2023–present)

***Steering Committee Member:** Project on Middle East Political Science (2019–present)

***Discussant Member:** Gender in MENA Politics Workshop (2020–present)

***Editorial Board Member:** APSA MENA Politics Newsletter (Spring 2019–Fall 2023); APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter (Fall 2018–Fall 2021)

***Committee Member:** APSA MENA Research Development Group (2020–2023)

***Faculty Adviser:** SAIS Student MENA Club: (Summer 2021–present); International Relations and Global Theory and History Capstones (Fall 2019–Fall 2022, generally 40 students per year); support advising to Europe and Eurasia Club and Caucasus and Central Asia Society (Fall 2022–present)

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

*SNF Agora Institute Faculty Grant for Diversity in Media and Democracy Workshop (2023)

*Visiting Research Fellow at Sabancı University’s Istanbul Policy Center (Summer 2023)

*SAIS Europe Integration Fund Faculty Fellow in Bologna (Spring and Fall 2023)

- *Honorable Mention for Best Article in 2020 or 2021 by the APSA MENA Politics section (2022)
- *Visiting Research Fellow at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul (Summer 2022)
- *SAIS Innovation Fund Grant, awarded to set up SAIS Media and Politics Initiative (AY 2021-22)
- *SAIS Excellence in Teaching in Regional Studies Award (AY 2019–20)
- *US-Turkey Select Security Fellow, Middle East Technical University in Ankara (Winter 2019)
- *Top 10 book of foreign policy of 2018 by *Foreign Policy, Interrupted* (2018)
- *Visiting Research Fellow, Bilkent University in Ankara (Summer 2017)
- *Cornell University’s Mario Einaudi Center Postdoctoral Fellowship (AY 2015–16)
- *Dissertation Grant, American Consortium on European Union Studies (2014)
- *Dissertation Writing Grant, Institute of Turkish Studies (2014–15)
- *Travel and Research Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science (2014)
- *International Studies Association Travel Grant (2014)
- *Doctoral Fellow, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (2010–14)
- *Visiting Research Fellow, Bilkent University in Ankara (2012-2013 and Summer 2014)
- *Two Hoffman Full-Semester Dissertation Fellowships (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
- *Two U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholarships (Ankara 2012, Bursa 2011)
- *Critical Language Scholarship Alumni Development Grant (2012)
- *Fieldwork Grant, Institute of Middle East Studies (2010)
- *Davis and Isham Language Study Fellowship (2010)
- *Selective Excellence Graduate Teaching Assistantship, GWU (2008–2013)

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor: Johns Hopkins University SAIS (2017–present)

- *Psychology and Decision-Making in Foreign Policy (M.A. level)
- *Conflicts and Cultures in Contemporary Turkey (M.A. level)
- *Politics of Protest in Europe and Eurasia (M.A. level)
- *Reading European Politics through Pop Culture (M.A. level)
- *Comparative Politics (M.A. level)

Visiting Assistant Professor: Barnard College, Columbia University (2016–17)

- *Psychology and Decision-Making in Foreign Policy (B.A. level)
- *Politics of the Middle East and North Africa (B.A. level)
- *Social Movements across Space and Time (B.A. level)
- *Problems in International Politics: International Security (B.A. level)
- *Political Violence and Terrorism (B.A. level)

Postdoctoral Lecturer: Cornell University (Spring 2016)

- *Turkey and the Middle East (B.A. level)
- *Ottoman History and Imperial Legacies (B.A. level)

Teaching Assistant: George Washington University (2008–13)

- *Introduction to Comparative Politics (B.A. level; 4 semesters)
- *International Relations Theory (M.A. level; 3 semesters)
- *The Middle East: An International Affairs Survey (B.A. level)

Selected Conference Presentations

2023. International Studies Association. “Recipe for (New) Turkey: Cooking Shows as Gender Edutainment.”

2022. American Political Science Association. “Insult, Injury, and Ingroup Activation: Aesthetics of Vilification in Counter-Mobilization.”

2022. International Studies Association. “Epic Battles: Dramas of Empire in the Struggle for Sunni Hegemony in the Middle East.”

2021. Middle East Studies Association. “Local Politics of Authoritarian Consolidation: Evidence from Turkey’s Municipalities.”

2021. International Studies Association NE. “Boomer Fails: Explaining Failure in Political Elites’ Youth Outreach,” with Kenan Sharpe.

2021. American Political Science Association. “Local Politics of Authoritarian Consolidation: Evidence from Turkey’s Municipalities.”

2021. International Studies Association. “Minority Report: Locating Mechanisms of De-Democratization in Turkey’s Kurdish Municipalities.”

2020. Middle East Studies Association. “The Empire’s Opposition Strikes Back: Pop Culture as Creative Resistance Tool under Turkey’s AKP.”

2020. American Political Science Association. “Symbolic Props in Political Narratives: Multivocal Signaling and Turkey’s S-400 and IMF Debates,” with David E. Banks.

2019. University of Warwick MENA Politics and Pop Culture. “Fight Scenes: Reading State-Society Struggles through Pop Culture in Turkey.”

2019. Association for the Study of Nationalities. Featured Book Roundtable on *Identity Politics Inside Out: National Identity Contestation and Foreign Policy in Turkey*; panelist on “Patterns of Repression in Turkey” panel.

2019. International Studies Association. “Fight Scenes: Reading State-Society Struggles through Pop Culture in Turkey.”

2018. Middle East Studies Association. “Red Lines in Domestic and Foreign Policy: The Identity Politics of Turkey’s Nationalist Action Party.”

2018. American Political Science Association. “(Red) Lines at the Polls: Theorizing the Limits of Far-Right Parties’ Outreach and Appeal.”

2018. DC Area Comparative Politics Workshop. “Bread, Circus, and Subversion: A Framework for Reading Politics through Pop Culture.”

2017. Middle East Studies Association. “Pride, Prejudice, and Presidency: A Social Identity Approach to Turkey’s Kurdish Question.”

2017. International Studies Association. “NIMBYism and the Psychology of EU Migration Deterrence.”

2016. Middle East Studies Association. “Beyond Sticks and Stones: Humor and Insult in Protest Escalation Dynamics.”

2016. American Political Science Association. “It’s MY Party! Holidays as Sites of Minority Contestation in Repressive Regimes” (with Allison Quatrini).

2016. University of Oxford’s Middle East Centre and POMEPS. “Adding Insult to Injury: Vilification as Counter-Mobilization Strategy in Turkey’s Gezi Protests.”

2016. International Studies Association. “Leader of the Pack? Identity Politics in the Foreign Policy Trajectories of Regional Powers”; “Mapping the Dynamics of Nonviolent Identity Politics: Hybridization, Polarization, and Self-Marginalization.”

2015. International Studies Association. “An EU Path to Ottoman Islamism: Theorizing the Identity-Foreign Policy Link under Turkey’s AKP.”

2014. American Political Science Association. “Take It Outside! National Identity Contestation in Foreign Policy.”

2014. International Studies Association. “Who We Are in What We Do: Identity and Place in Turkey’s Foreign Policy.”

2011. Midwest Political Science Association. “Us v. Them, Over and Over Again? National Identity Contestation in Turkey’s EU Stalemate.”

2010. International Studies Association. “Sovereignty (Partially) Constructed: Who’s Responsible Now? Kosovo in Theory and Practice.”

Selected Invited Academic Talks

Colorado State University (Zoom)

*“Studying Politics through Pop Culture” (Fall 2021)

Cornell University (Zoom)

*“Identity Rhetoric in Regimes’ Counter-mobilization Strategies” (Fall 2021)

Harvard University (Center for European Studies, Zoom)

*Speaker: “Tensions in Turkey EU Relations” (Spring 2021)

Harvard University (Center for Middle East Studies, Zoom)

*Book Talk: “Identity Politics Inside Out” (Fall 2020)

Sabancı University (Istanbul, Zoom)

*Book Talk: “Identity Politics Inside Out” (Fall 2020)

Stockholm University (Zoom)

*Book Talk: “Identity Politics Inside Out” (Spring 2020)

Middle East Technical University (Ankara)

*“US-Turkey Tensions in the Contemporary Era” (Fall 2019)

Middle East Technical University (Ankara)

*Book Talk: “Identity Politics Inside Out” (Fall 2019)

Syracuse University

*Book Talk: “Identity Politics Inside Out” (Spring 2019)

George Washington University

*Book Talk: “Identity Politics Inside Out” (Spring 2019)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*Speaker: “Erdoğan’s Turkey in the Balkans: A Rival of the West?” (Spring 2019)

Georgetown University

*Book Talk: “Identity Politics Inside Out” (Spring 2019)

Columbia University

*Keynote speech at “Turkey Today” graduate student conference (Spring 2019)

SAIS Faculty Research Forum

*Book Talk: “Identity Politics Inside Out” (Fall 2018)

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

*“Future of Democracy in Turkey” (Spring 2018)

Georgetown University

*Speaker on “Migration in the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey” (Spring 2017)

Barnard College Alumnae Club of Chicago

*“Democratic Backsliding and Foreign Policy Crises in Turkey” (Spring 2017)

Columbia University

*“Post-referendum Breakdown: The Future of Turkey’s Kurdish Question” (Spring 2017)

Cornell University

*“Kurds in Turkey: Case Study of Democracy under Threat” (Spring 2017)

Oxford University

*“Cultural Contestation in the Middle East: A Turkey Perspective” (Spring 2017)

Cornell University

*Speaker on “Refugees, IDPs and Asylum Seekers in Long-Term Global Crises” (Spring 2016)

Cornell University, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies

*“Erdoğan’s ‘New Turkey’: Arab Street Hero to Foreign Policy Zero” (Spring 2016)

Cornell University

*“Talking Turkey: Between Democracy and Autocracy” (Spring 2016)

Cornell University, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies

*Speaker on Turkey-PKK-ISIS Relations (Fall 2015)

Languages

Turkish (fluent), French (advanced), Spanish (advanced), German (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)