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PERSONAL INFORMATION

I am a graduate in History with a bachelor's degree and currently a master's student in Educational Administration and Planning. My focus areas include internationalization of higher education, refugee education, adult education, and EU education policies. Additionally, I am equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to the field. I am enthusiastic about conducting research and engaging in teaching activities that address the diverse needs of learners. Furthermore, I am driven by a curiosity for EU foreign policies and current issues on the EU agenda. I firmly believe that a deep understanding of international relations and global challenges is crucial for effectively addressing the complex issues facing our world today.

EDUCATION

Master of Science | *Educational Administration and Planning*

Middle East Technical University (METU)

Sept. 2022 – Cont.

Çankaya, Ankara, Turkey

Bachelor of Arts | *Major: History*

Sept. 2017 – July 2022

METU

Seçkin Bireyler High School (Private)

2016 – 2017

Çankaya/Ankara

Cumhuriyet Anatolian Teacher High School

2013 – 2016

Çankaya/Ankara

WORK EXPERIENCE

Society and Science Application And Reserch Center Assistant

Apr. 2022–July 2022 (PT)

METU

- Technology History Museum guidance, Lego Education Workshop Management, and Planetarium Guidance
- The experience of April 23 National Sovereignty and Children's Day Event, guiding students to school groups in the Science Center Special Program

METU Register's Office Assistant

Sep. 2020–Nov. 2020 (PT)

METU

- Providing support in editing official documents and providing appropriate problem solving based on student needs
- Gained awareness of academic calendar regulations and served as an intermediary between department secretariats and students, ensuring effective communication.

METU Library Assistant

Oct. 2018–May 2019 (PT)

METU

- Made cataloging and ordering books
- Oriented of newly joined colleague and Facilitated people's search of book

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Blog Editor and Social Media Manager - Academic Well Being

Dec. 2022 – Cont.

- I have served as a Blog Writer for the Academic Well-being website, creating engaging content on academic life and career development.
- Instagram Social Media Manager, responsible for content planning and community engagement, contributing to the growth and visibility of the account.

Recreational Activities - Earthquake Relief - Aysel Sabuncu Yaşam Merkezi, Ankara Mar. 2023 – Cont.

- After the earthquake centered in Pazarcık, Kahramanmaraş (2023), I organized activities for the children of the families who were resettled in our university.
- During these visits, I personally observed that game and positive interactions can contribute to children's emotional well-being and resilience.

Mentoring Activities - Ankara (Mentorink)

Feb. 2021 – July 2023

- METU Alumni Association Mentoring Program - Two Preparatory Student, Dec. 2021 - May 2022 and Two Preparatory Student, Jan. 2023 - July 2023
- Demonstrated competencies, skills, and experience appropriate to meet the mentee's needs.

16th International Congress on Education Management, Ankara

Apr. 2023

- I provided support during the 16th International Congress on Education Management, assisting with various tasks such as registration, logistics coordination, and participant inquiries.
- This opportunity allowed me to gain valuable insight into event management and strengthen my organizational and interpersonal skills.

COST ReMO Turkey Stakeholders Meeting Organization Committee Support - METU, Ankara Apr. 2023

- Assisting in the planning and coordination of the event to promote mental health awareness among researchers in Turkey.
- This experience allowed me to contribute to a significant initiative and gain valuable insight into the importance of prioritizing mental well-being in the research community.

Educational Funds for Elementary Schools' Volunteer - METU (İLKYAR)

Sep. 2017 – July 2022

- Managed and organized volunteers, overseeing projects and collaborating with them to achieve objectives.
- Observed diverse classroom environments, prepared engaging materials, and provided online student coaching to support disadvantaged students' education remotely.

Head of METU İLKYAR Student Club - METU,

Sep. 2021 – July 2022

- Organized fundraising for children in disadvantaged schools.
- Directed university volunteers and community relations with İlkyar foundation.
- Observed at the stages of designing and executing national projects.

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey Projects (TÜBİTAK) - Ankara, Turkey 2018-2022

- Ali Kuşçu Summer Science School Project/2018 Nature and Technology Hand in Hand Summer Science School Project/2019 Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Curious Science Ambassadors Summer Science School/2022
- Analyzed and organized TÜBİTAK-funded project

Society and Science Application and Research Center, METU

Sep. 2017 - Sep. 2018

- Participated SCIENCEatHOME [European Researchers' Night] project (2018) and SciencethroughART [European Researchers' Night] project (2019)
- Analyzed EU-funded projects

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES

Pedagogical Formation Education Certificate Program - Gazi University Ankara, Turkey	2022 - 2023
Special Student - Ankara University Ankara, Turkey	Fall 2022
Current Issues in European Politics and Governance European Studies (Non-departmental student), METU	Fall 2022
Immigration Policies In Europe Political Science and Public Administration (Non-departmental student), METU	Summer 2023
Jean Monnet Summer School Turkey-EU Relations in the Wider Neighborhood: Foreign Policy and Security Dimensions	Summer 2023

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

- Usage of Textbooks As a Nation Building Project in the 19th and Early 20th Century America.
- The Perception Of Power Distance and Its Impact on Mobbing of Employees Who Have Recently Started Working In Turkey.
- A Critical Look at the Issue of Human Rights in High School History Textbooks.
- Metaverse Readiness Status of Students in Computer and Educational Technologies Education in Middle East Technical University. (Proposal)
- Critical Discourse Analysis on the Education of Syrian Refugees on News Sites.
- What is the Relationship Between Engagement in Extracurricular Activities and Employment Likelihood Among Syrian Refugees. (Proposal)
- What is the relationship between perceived organisational support and job satisfaction among Syrian refugees in Turkey? (Proposal)
- Where is Education in Climate Change, A Comparative View on the Role and Functions of Education.

LANGUAGES

- **Turkish:** Native **English:** Full fluency **Ottoman Turkish:** Fluency in reading **Persian:** Lower-Intermediate fluency **German:** Beginner

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Folk Dance, Turkish Folklore Society, METU (Fall 2021 – Cont.) **Choir**, Turkish Folklore Society, METU (Fall 2022 – Cont.) **Cycling**, (Sep. 2020 – Cont.) **Yoga**, METU (2022 – Cont.) **Fitness**, METU (2022 – Cont.) **Amateur Photographer**, (2018 – Cont.)

REFERENCES

Available upon request