

## UMUT DUYGU

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### EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

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**Sabancı University**, MA, Department of Political Science, İstanbul

2020 – Today

**Koç University**, BA, Department of International Relations, &History (Double Major), Graduation **GPA: 3.55** 2015-2020

**San Francisco State University**, Department of International Relations, San Francisco/California, Exchange Student, SPA:

4.00/4.00

Track Program on **Global Learning and Leadership**: A comprehensive program that aims to enable students to acquire global competence and to develop personal and professional skills to thrive in a 21st-century world with a "hands-on" approach.

Track Program on **Diplomacy**: A set of lectures and seminars that aims to equip students who seek to pursue a diplomatic career with favorable skills.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

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**United Nations, Resident Coordinator Office, Intern- Ankara, Turkey**

June 2019-July 2019

- Responsible for note verbal writing processes to various ambassadors, NGO representatives, ministries, and other government officials.
- Actively participated in the fieldwork projects under UNHCR on the accommodation, transportation, and relocation of refugees.
- Assisted the Head of the Office of UN Resident Coordinator on day-to-day communications while actively participated in the meetings, and guest welcoming.

**QNB Finansbank, Communications Intern-Istanbul, Turkey**

November 2018-May 2019

- Contributed to strategy development and campaign management of Miles&Smiles credit card which is a joint product with Turkish Airlines.
- Responsible for communications between the field operators and headquarters.

**Research Assistant under Prof.Dr. Ali Çarkoğlu**

2018-2019

- Responsible researcher on an academic study regarding the impact of social media usage by the MP candidates and how it affects their campaign in the Turkish election context.
- Worked on MP profiling and examined the social media usage patterns of candidates with the help of SPSS.

**Research Assistant under Prof.Dr. Murat Somer**

2018-2019

- Assisted Prof. Somer on his new book which touches upon the struggles of democratization & political identity.
- Assisted with qualitative analysis, resource procurement, and literature review on relevant sources.

**Sabancı University, Istanbul Policy Center, Researcher, Istanbul**

June 2018-August 2018

- Took part in research operations on academic articles of member scholars mainly on democratization and climate change.

- Contributed to the preparation of several events including City-Region: *New Dynamics in Local Development – From Turkey’s Cities to Cities’ Turkey and Cosmopolitan Democracy Revisited in a World of Rising Populism, Deepening Polarization and Rampant Neoliberalism*.

#### **Business Development Manager at uLouder Mobile App, - San Francisco, USA**

2018

- Responsible for marketing operations, had several meetings with local government offices, municipalities, and festival organization teams.
- Content creating and contributing to the business development processes

#### **Hürriyet Newspaper (Doğan Media), Special News, Intern- İstanbul, Turkey**

July 2017-August 2017

- Participated in the news research team, conducted interviews both for daily news and feature stories.
- Presence in press conferences as the responsible reporter.
- Conducted interviews with scholars Associate Professor Berat Haznedaroğlu from Boğaziçi University and Burak Avcı from Max Planck Institute for Marine Biology on the news story titled: "The new pandemic? Glaciers are melting and ancient viruses are awakening." Which has been featured on the first page of the Hürriyet Newspaper. (27 July 2017\*)

#### **Ernst&Young, Department of Tax&Audit, Intern-İstanbul, Turkey**

June 2017

- Participated in auditing processes of companies and contributed to tax calculation operations.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS**

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#### **Exchange Mentor at Koç University**

2017-2019

- Responsible for the incoming exchange students from partner institutions. Assisted incoming exchange students on their adaptation process to Turkey by providing help on accommodation, transportation, communication, etc.

#### **Student Ambassador at Suna Kıraç Library**

2017

- Strengthening the communication between students and the SKL’s administrative team to enhance the library services provided to students.
- Pioneered a project aimed to improve the accessibility of the library for physically disabled students which has been put into practice by the Fall 17 term.

### **HONORS & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

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- Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Koç University
- Ranked 2,103rd in National University Entrance Examination in 2015 among 1.9 million students.
- Featured in Koç University’ Vehbi Koç Scholar List for 3 times which is awarded to students with a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above.
- Accepted to the 8. University Scholars Leadership Symposium by Humanitarian Affairs at United Nations ESCAP Bangkok, Thailand, and earned a full scholarship from my university with my essay on SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions in 2017.
- Outstanding Delegate Award at Bilkent University Model United Nations 2016 in UNHCR Committee representing Australia.
- Semi-Final on Debate Anatolia English Debate Championship in Bursa, Turkey.

## SKILLS

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- English (Advanced) TOEFL IBT: 98/120
- Python: Beginner
- Stata: Intermediate
- LaTeX: Intermediate

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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Date of Birth: 21 November 1997  
Citizenship: Turkish

Place of Birth: Osmangazi, Bursa, Turkey  
Gender: Male

\*References from all previous work are available upon request.