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EDUCATION

Georgetown University, Department of Government

Washington, D.C.

Master of Arts in Democracy and Governance, *magna cum laude* (GPA:3.77/4.0)

May 2023

- Awards: Outstanding Graduate Student Organization Award with Democracy and Society Journal

California State University, Sacramento, Department of Political Science

Sacramento, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *magna cum laude* (GPA:3.8/4.0)

May 2020

Minor in Middle Eastern Studies

- Honors and Awards: Dean's List, Model United Nations Position Paper Award (2020)

EXPERIENCE

The Woodrow Wilson Center

Washington, D.C.

Program Coordinator, Middle East Program

July 2023 – Current

- Editor of MENA360°, the program's flagship publication shaping discourse on Middle Eastern affairs.
- Led strategic initiatives like Future of EURO-MENA and Turkey-US Relations, managing planning, events, and stakeholder engagement.
- Organized high-profile events that enhanced the program's reputation as a hub for impactful dialogue.
- Secured USG grants and private funding through effective proposal writing and fundraising.
- Featured expert in outlets like The Guardian, BBC, Business Insider, VOA, and El Independiente; published in the Wilson Center, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and BirGün.
- Boosted program outreach with innovative social media campaigns and video content, driving audience engagement.

Georgetown University

Washington, D.C.

Editor/Writer, Democracy and Society Journal

October 2021 – May 2023

- Copyedited 22 academic articles on the state of democracy by academics for publication with an international readership of academics and civil society.
- Organized two global panels with academics for graduate students on the state of democracy in the U.S.
- Designed and moderated six roundtable discussions on public policy and the state of democracy in the U.S. for Georgetown graduate students to promote networking and provide exposure to diverse perspectives.

Freedom House

Washington, D.C.

Program Associate, Europe and Eurasia Program

July 2022 – November 2022

- Contributed to briefs for official correspondence on legislative developments regarding democratic governance and civil liberties in the broader Eurasia region by researching local media outlets and government websites.
- Coordinated with NGOs in Eurasia for projects to support local activists and journalists during European Court of Human Rights proceedings involving digital rights and the freedom of the press.
- Edited 3000-word policy papers on elections and the freedom of the press, providing innovative policy solutions to scholars and civil society.

The Woodrow Wilson Center

Washington, D.C.

Research Assistant, Middle East Program

January 2022 – May 2022

- Drafted six briefs on the ongoing political developments in the Middle East for official correspondence by researching local media outlets and sources, including NGO reports and official correspondence.
- Gathered and analyzed publicly available data for policy papers on the digitalization of the economy, online education, and employment status of youth and women during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Middle East.

California State Senate

Sacramento, CA

Staff Assistant, Senator Dr. Richard Pan's Office

December 2015 – December 2018

- Drafted 22 resolutions to commemorate state employees, prepared weekly newsletters, and authored briefings for the Senator regarding ongoing legislative developments.

SKILLS AND PROFICIENCIES

Language: Turkish (native)

Computer Skills: Data Visualization, R, Stata, Microsoft Office Products, Google Suite, Google Analytics, WordPress, Adobe Creative, Chartbeat, Social Media Marketing and Campaign, Canva, Buffer, Hootsuite