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## EDUCATION

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### 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?”

### 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

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant

- Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA (2018 - Present)
- Department of Political Science, Sabancı University, İstanbul, Turkey (2013-2014)

### Research Assistant

- Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA (Spring 2020)
- Department of Sociology, Koc University, İstanbul, Turkey (2016-2017)
- Social Policy Center, Koc University, İstanbul, Turkey (2014-2016)
- Centre for Policy Analysis and Research on Turkey, London, UK (2014- 2015)
- Public Administration Institute for Turkey and Middle East, Ankara, Turkey (2013)

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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- *Spring 2022* Dissertation Development Grant (CLADDF), 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, İstanbul

## PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### 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*, (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) “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)

### Working Papers

- “The Politics of the Minimum Wage”, *manuscript in preparation* (with Teri Caraway)
- “Regime type and perceptions of inequality and meritocracy” *manuscript in preparation* (with Aras Köksal)
- “Financial Liberalization and Autocratic Leader Survival”, *manuscript in preparation*
- “Barriers to and triggers of policy innovation and knowledge transfer in Turkey”, (2015) STYLE Working Papers, University of Brighton, Brighton, UK. (with Fatos Goksen, Deniz Yukseker, and Sinem Kuz)

### Conference Presentations

- “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. (*Proposal accepted for panel presentation*)
- “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. (*Proposal accepted for panel presentation*)
- “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)

### LANGUAGES

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