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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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*Visiting Assistant Professor*, Department of Political Science, Union College, Schenectady, NY *September 2024 -*  
*Instructor*, Department of Political Science, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN *January-May, 2024*  
*Instructor*, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities *2022-2024*  
*Research Associate*, Social Policy Center, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey *2014-2017*

## EDUCATION

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**University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA** *2017-February 2024*  
Ph.D. in Political Science

**Dissertation:** “The Politics of Authoritarian Social Welfare Provision: Why Do Some Autocracies Develop Generous Welfare States?”

**Committee:** Teri Caraway, Kathleen Collins, David Samuels, and Hassan Abdal Salam

**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

## 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*, 32(2), 119-134 (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 Project

- *The Politics of Authoritarian Social Welfare Provision*
  - Book workshop was held on May 28, 2024 at the University of Minnesota

### 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) “Gender and migrant workers’ fragile transitions from education to employment.” In J. O’Reilly, C. Moyart, T. Nazio, and M. Smith (Eds.), *Youth Employment: STYLE Handbook*. Bristol: Policy Press. (with Fatos Goksen)
- (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/Papers Under Review**

- “The Historical Origins of Generous Authoritarian Welfare States.” *Under review*
- “The Politics of the Minimum Wage.” *Under Review* (with Teri Caraway).
- “Financial Liberalization and Autocratic Leader Survival: The Role of Banking System Deregulation.” *Manuscript in preparation, available upon request.*

### **Work in Progress**

- “The Labor Origins of Food Subsidies in the Middle East and North Africa.” *Manuscript in preparation*
- “Perceptions of Syrian Refugees in Turkey” *Manuscript in preparation*
- “Correcting Distortions in Latent Measures: A Penalized Regression Approach to Item Response Theory” *Manuscript in preparation* (with Josef Woldense and Matthew Wilson)
- “America’s Minimum Wage in Comparative Perspective.” *Manuscript in preparation* (With Teri Caraway)
- “Warfare and Welfare: The ‘Butter or Guns’ Model Revisited” *Manuscript in preparation* (With Pedro Accorsi)
- “Why Do Military Dictators Spend Less on the Military?” *Manuscript in preparation* (With Pedro Accorsi)

### **Conference Presentations**

- “Distorted Perceptions” of Prosperity: Consumer Credits and AKP Support in Turkey.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, *Virtual* November 2-5, 2024.
- “America’s Minimum Wage in Comparative Perspective.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 31-September 3, 2024 (With Teri Caraway)
- “Financial Liberalization and Autocratic Survival: The Role of Banking System Deregulation.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, California, August 31-September 3, 2023 (*Attended virtually*).
- “Financial Liberalization and Autocratic Survival: The Role of Banking System Deregulation.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada November 2-5, 2023.
- “The Authoritarian Origins of Comprehensive Social Legislation.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, September 15-18, 2022.
- “The Authoritarian Origins of Comprehensive Social Legislation.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver, December 1-4, 2022.
- “The Politics of the Minimum Wage.” American Political Science Association Comparative Labor Workshop, March 7, 2022. (with Teri Caraway)
- “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.
- “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.
- “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)

### **Invited Talks**

- “The Historical Origins of Generous Authoritarian Welfare States.” Macalester College, Political Science Colloquium Series. March 8, 2023.

## **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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- *Summer 2023* MnDRIVE Human in the Data Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *2022-2023*, Dissertation Development Grant, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Summer 2022*, Claggett Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- *Spring 2022*, Dissertation Development Grant, 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, Istanbul

## **LANGUAGES**

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

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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STATA, R, Python, SPSS, nVivo, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Visual Studio Code (basic)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Referee, *International Interactions*

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, Middle East Studies Association

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Co-organizer, Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota (2019-2020)

Graduate School Representative, Graduate Student Life Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota (2018-2019)

## COURSES

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Union College, Schenectady, NY, USA

- Introduction to Global Politics (Fall 2024)
- Politics of the Middle East (Fall 2024)

*Instructor*, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, USA

- International Political Economy (Spring 2024)
- Political Economy of the Middle East (Spring 2024)
- The Politics of Colonialism: The Birth of the Modern International Order (Spring 2024)

*Instructor of Record*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA

- Political Economy of the Middle East (Summer 2024)
- Democracy Under Threat (Summer 2024)
- Political Economy of Development (Summer 2022, Summer 2023)

*Teaching Assistant*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA

- Sociology of Ethnic and Racial Conflict (Fall 2023)
- Politics Around the World (Fall 2021)
- Politics of Class, Race, and Ethnicity (Fall 2020)
- Russian Politics (Spring 2020)
- Citizens, Consumers, and Corporations (Fall 2019)
- European government and Politics (Spring 2019)
- American Democracy in a Changing World (Fall 2018)

*Teaching Assistant*, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey

- Introduction to Social and Political Science 101 (Fall 2013)
- Introduction to Social and Political Science 102 (Spring and Summer 2014)

## REFERENCES

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