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Education

Bayreuth University, Bayreuth, Germany *10/2023–present*
M.A. in Global History & M.A. in History & Economics (dual enrollment)
Supplementary Program: *Data Literacy*

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey *09/2018–06/2023*
B.A. in History, GPA: 3.35 / 4.00

Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey *09/2020–present*
B.Sc. in Economics (Continuing)

Asiye Ağaoğlu Anatolian High School, Istanbul, Turkey *09/2014–06/2018*
Graduated with 82.38 / 100

Languages

- Turkish – Native
- English – Advanced (IELTS Academic: 7.0)
- German – Intermediate (B1.2 Certificate, Bayreuth University)

Software Skills

- **R:** (Advanced) Regression modeling, data visualization, panel data analysis
- **Google Colab:** (Advanced) Data scraping, statistical modeling
- **Microsoft Office:** Word, Excel, PowerPoint (Advanced)
- **QGIS:** (Beginner) Spatial analysis, historical cartography
- **Python:** (Beginner)

Academic and Professional Experience

- **Apollon Trading** Department of Finance and Treasury *08/2025 - 09/2025*

Research Interests

- Economic History of Empires
- Trade and Urbanization in the Mediterranean
- Neoliberal Reforms and International Financial Institutions
- Digital Religionism and Political Economy

- Intersectionality and Structural Inequality
- Quantitative Methods in Historical Research (R, QGIS)
- Qualitative Methods in Historical Analysis (Archival Research, Data Collection)
- Tax Havens as Historical-Political Constructions
- Medieval, Early Modern and Modern European History
- Ottoman History - Turkish Republican History
- Beneficial Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Humanities
- 21st Century Internationalism

Certificates

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| – Introduction to Generative AI – Google | 07/2023 |
| – Strategic Thinking – BTK Academy | 04/2022 |
| – Advanced Ottoman Paleography – İSMEK | 03/2023 |
| – Excel 2019 - İSMEK | 09/2023 |
| – E-Trade Education – Kütahya Dumlupınar University | |

Research Projects & Term Papers

Undergraduate Thesis

Title: *The Impacts of Anarchism on The Ottoman Empire in the 19th Century: The Establishment of Security Regime and its Consolidation*

Term Papers

- **Ottoman Trade and Demographics in the 19th Century**
Quantitative analysis of Ottoman port cities. Dataset compiled from historical archives. Analysis conducted using R and QGIS.
- **Tax Havens or Political Mirages?**
Critical political economy paper exploring tax havens. Custom dataset created via online archive research and international data sources.
- **The Retrospective Self-Questioning Process of the World Bank Based on the Case of the TEK Project**
Qualitative analysis of the ideological and institutional transformation of the World Bank's development policy in Turkey through the TEK Project. Built via archival search and World Bank reports; contextualized the structural adjustment policies of the 1980s in the Turkish energy sector.
- **Reuchlin and the “Augenspiegel”**
Legal-political-ideological history paper on censorship and property rights in 16th-century Holy Roman Empire.
- **A New Era of Defying Kemalism**
Political science paper on digital Islamism, influencer politics, and post-coup Islamist strategies in Turkey.
- **Beyond Narrow Orientalism**
Literary analysis exploring the Islamic East as a reflective tool for European imperial imagination.
- **Book Review: *The Logic of Violence in Civil War***
Critical review of Stathis Kalyvas' key work on civil war dynamics and political violence.

Academic Presentations

The following presentations were prepared and delivered based on critical analysis of published academic works as part of research colloquia.

- **“The Smoot-Hawley Tariff and the Political Economy of Protectionism”**
w Research & Debate Colloquium, MA in History and Economics, University of Bayreuth — January 2024
- **“Innovation and Inequality: Who Becomes an Inventor in America?”**
Delivered a critical review of Chetty et al. (2019), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*
Research & Debate Colloquium, MA in History and Economics, University of Bayreuth — May 2024
- **“War, Socialism and Fascism: Pathways from Conflict to Authoritarianism”**
Presented a structured critique of Acemoglu et al. (2022), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*
Research & Debate Colloquium, MA in History and Economics, University of Bayreuth — November 2024
- **“Trade Systems in Historical Perspective: Multilateralism vs. Bilateralism”**
Delivered an analytical presentation on Irwin (1993), in *New Dimensions in Regional Integration*
Research & Debate Colloquium, MA in History and Economics, University of Bayreuth — May 2025

Interests

- Trekking and nature walks
- Local urban exploration
- Cartography and historical maps
- Classical and folk music
- Exploring local museums and artefacts