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Melek Hilal Eroğlu

Academic Appointments

08.2025- **Postdoctoral Researcher, Political Science**, *Aarhus University*, Aarhus/Denmark
Supervised by Suthan Krishnarajan

Education

08.2020- **Ph.D. in Political Science**, *University of Pittsburgh*, Pittsburgh/USA
08.2025 GPA:3.92

- *Dissertation Title:* Three Essays on Partisan Hostility and Democratic Political Behavior

- *Dissertation Committee:* Jae-Jae Spoon, Steven Finkel, Scott Morgenstern, Alexa Bankert

09.2017- **M.A. in Political Science**, *Sabancı University*, Istanbul/Turkey
08.2019 GPA:3.74

- *Thesis Title:* Economic Voting and Relative Importance of Domestic and International Reference Points

- *Thesis Committee:* Mert Moral, Selim Erdem Aytaç, and Senem Aydın-Düzgit

09.2012- **B.A. in Political Science and International Relations**, *Marmara University*, Istanbul/Turkey
06.2016 GPA:3.66

- Ranked second in the Faculty of Political Sciences

Publications

Melek H. Eroglu, Steven E. Finkel, Anja Neundorf, Aykut Öztürk, and Ericka Rascón Ramírez "Choosing Democracy Over Party? How Civic Education Can Mitigate the Anti-Democratic Effects of Partisan Polarization" 2025 *British Journal of Political Science*

Melek H. Eroglu, "Relative Out-Party Hostility and Its Consequences in Multiparty Democracies", 2025 *Electoral Studies*

Selected Working Papers

"Mitigating Multi-Party Dislike: Strategies to Reduce Hostility and Promote Democratic Behavior Towards Out-party: Survey Experiment in Germany"

"Negative Partisanship and Its Threats to Democracy in Multiparty Systems"

"Disliking Undemocratic Parties: A Sign of Democratic Commitment"

"Voter Bias When Facing Defeat by a Least Preferred Party"

"Voting Behavior of Negative Partisans in Multiparty Systems"

"Strategic Polarized Voter: How Affective Polarization Influences Vote Choice in European Democracies"

Research Experience

11.2024- **USAID/Social impact**, *Arlington, Virginia/United States*
02-2025 - Consultant, "Social Cohesion for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance", project for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) conducted by Social impact.

09.2022- **University of Glasgow**, *Glasgow/Scotland*
02-2025 - Project Associate to ERC-funded research project "Democracy Under Threat and How to Save It (DEMED)"

09.2022- **University of Pittsburgh**, *Pittsburgh/United States*
Present - Research Collaboration with Steven Finkel on "Civic Education, Partisan Polarization and Democratic Support: A Cross-National Study"

09.2019- **Sabanci University**, *İstanbul/Turkey*
05.2020 - Research Assistant to Mert Moral for research project "Merging and Moving Ballot Boxes: Voter Intimidation in the June 2018 Parliamentary and Presidential Election"

01.2019-	**Sabancı University**, İstanbul/Turkey
09.2019	- Research Assistant to Meltem Muftuler Bac for research project "Turkey's Migration Governance and Unexpected Political Consequences of the Syrian Refugee Crisis"(Migration Governance and Asylum Crises)
05.2018-	**Sabancı University**, İstanbul/Turkey
09.2018	- Research Assistant to Ozge Kemahlioglu for research project "Congruence in Proportional Representation Systems: Non-Economic Issue Salience and Coalition Formation"(Migration Governance and Asylum Crises)

Teaching Experience*

05.2024-	**Instructor of Record for the Political Science Research Methods (PS0700)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
07.2024	- Summer class for undergraduates

05.2023-	**Instructor of Record for the Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS0300)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
07.2023	- Summer class for undergraduates

01.2023-	**Teaching Assistant to Iza Ding in Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS0300)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
05.2023	- Conducting weekly recitation sessions for a group of 100 undergraduate students
	- Grading exams and assignments

09.2022-	**Teaching Assistant to Jae-Jae Spoon in Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS0300)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
12.2022	
	- Conducting weekly recitation sessions for a group of 100 undergraduate students
	- Grading exams and assignments

01.2022-	**Teaching Assistant to Max Goplerud in Visualizing and Understanding Social Data (PS1702)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
05.2022	
	- Conducting weekly recitation sessions for a group of 25 undergraduate students
	- Grading exams and assignments

01.2022-	**Teaching Assistant to Jae-Jae Spoon in Analysis of Comparative Politics: Comparative Parties and Elections (PS1399)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
05.2022	
	- Grading exams and assignments

09.2021-	**Teaching Assistant to Iza Ding in Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS0300)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
12.2021	- Conducting weekly recitation sessions for a group of 100 undergraduate students
	- Grading exams and assignments

09.2019-	**Teaching Assistant to Mert Moral in Methods and Scope of Political Analysis (POLS529)**, *Sabancı University*
05.2020	- Teaching weekly Stata and LaTeX lab sessions for 22 graduate-level students
	- Grading weeekly assignments

09.2018-	**Teaching Assistant to Özge Kemahlıoğlu in Research Methods (SPS311)**, *Sabancı University*
05.2018	- Led discussion sessions and assisted in preparing class activities focusing on theory building, measurement, sampling, and statistical analysis for 12 junior- and senior-level undergraduates

09.2017-	**Teaching Assistant in International Political Economy (IR391), Işık Özel**, *Sabancı University*
01.2018	- Guided the students for preparation and presentation of their research findings
	- *Student evaluation forms are available upon request

Presentations

†: conference presentation. §: research workshop

2024	American Political Science Association (APSA)[†], Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)[†], Promoting Democratic Citizenship Workshop by DEMED/Istanbul [§], The Case for Democracy by the International Republican Institute/Washington, DC [§]
2023	APSA[†], MPSA[†], European Union Studies Association (EUSA)[†].
2022	MPSA[†], University of Pittsburgh[§].

Skills

Software	Stata, LaTeX, R, Qualtrics, Python, Microsoft Office
Methodology	*University of Pittsburgh:* Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Text as Data, Experimental Research in Political Behavior
	Sabancı University: Survey Research Methods, Advance Research Methods and Data Analysis in Political Science, Quantitative Research Methods, Formal Modelling I, Methods and Scope of Political Analysis.

Languages   English (advanced), Arabic (beginner), Ottoman (beginner)
Turkish (mother tongue)

▬▬ Trainings & Certificates

06.2019   *Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS),* Kadir Has University, İstanbul/Turkey- Sessions and lectures were taken place in tandem with the flagship event at Princeton University

- Screen Scraping, Data wrangling, Text Analysis, Data Visualization

12.2022   *Faculty Development Practicum on University Teaching,* University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh/United States

▬▬ Honors & Awards

09.2024-   Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship), *University of Pittsburgh*
06.2025

09.2023-   Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD) Fellowship, *University of Pittsburgh*
06.2024

09.2012-   Honor award for the second rank student in the Faculty of Political Sciences, *Marmara University*
06.2016

▬▬ Academic Service

2024-   Maurice Falk Chair hiring committee member, *University of Pittsburgh*
2025

2022   Social chair at the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), *University of Pittsburgh*

2021   Grad student representative, *University of Pittsburgh*

2018-   Facilitator in GR501 orientation, *Sabancı University*
2019