

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment History

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| September 2017- | International Visiting Fellow University of Essex, Department of Government |
| 02/2016 – | Professor and Head of Department Isik University, Department of International Relations |
| 09/2010 – 02/2016 | Associate Professor and Head of Department Isik University, Department of International Relations |
| 05/2005 - 09/2010 | Assistant Professor Isik University, Department of International Relations |

Education and Qualifications

PhD, De Montfort University, Department of Public Policy, Leicester, UK, September 2004
Thesis Title: The Internet, Local Participation and Democracy: An Institutional Approach;
Supervisors: Prof. Lawrence Pratchett, Prof. Vivien Lowndes

BA, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, 1999
Department of Political Science and International Relations, Honors degree

Research Interests

My research interests span politics of technology including online political participation, digital inequalities, control of the Internet, e-government, technology discourses, technological dimension of civil-military relations, NGOs and the Internet. I am also interested in critical security studies particularly securitization and desecuritization.

Articles in International Refereed Journals

“Historical Mission, National Pride and Moral Superiority: Construction of External and Internal ‘Others’ in AKP’s Discourses on Syrian Refugees”, under review.

(With Ozlem Kayhan Pusane) "Technology and Politics: Have the ICTs Turned into a Domain for Civil-Military Relations in Turkey", *South European Society and Politics*, 21(3), pp: 301-318, 2016.

(with Elif Cagli) "New Directions for Women's Political Development in Turkey: Exploring the Implications of the Internet for Ka-der", *Information Polity*, 19 (3-4), pp: 179-194, 2014.

(with Lawrence Pratchett) "Citizenship in the Age of the Internet: A Comparative Analysis of Britain and Turkey", *Citizenship Studies*, 18(1), pp. 63-80, 2014.

"Digital Exclusion in Turkey: A Policy Perspective", *Government Information Quarterly*, 29(4), pp. 589-596, 2012.

"The 2007 Parliamentary Elections in Turkey: Between Securitization and Desecuritization", *Parliamentary Affairs*, 62(1), pp. 129-148, 2009.

(with Bulent Aras) "From Conflict to Cooperation: Desecuritization of Turkey's Relations with Syria and Iran", *Security Dialogue*, 39(5), pp. 475-495, 2008.

"The Kurdish Issue: Can the AK Party Escape Securitization", *Insight Turkey*, 10(3), pp. 75-86, 2008.

(with Bulent Aras) "Turkey and the Middle East: Frontiers of the New Geographic Imagination", *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, 61 (4), pp. 471-488, 2007.

(with Lawrence Pratchett and Melvin Wingfield) Local Democracy Online: An Analysis of Local Government Websites in England and Wales, *International Journal of e-Government Research*, 2 (3), pp. 75-92, 2006.

"The Internet and Political Participation: Exploring the Explanatory Links", *European Journal of Communication*, 20 (4), pp. 435-459, 2005.

"The Internet and Democratic Local Governance: The Context of Britain", *International Information and Library Review*, 37 (2), pp. 87-97, 2005.

Books and Book Chapters

(with Mete Yildiz) "A Critical Assessment of E-Government Practice in Turkey" in Z. Sobaci and M. Yildiz *E-Devlet: Kamu Yonetimi ve Teknoloji Iliskisinde Guncel Gelismeler* [e-Government: Recent Developments in Public Policy and Technology], Nobel Publishers, 2012, pp: 423-447 (in Turkish).

The Internet, Local Participation and Democracy: An Institutional Approach, Saarbrücken: LAP Lambert Academic Publishing, 2010.

"How Far away from the Politics of Fear: Turkey in the EU Accession Process" in Tunkrova, L. and Saradin P. (eds.) *The Politics of EU Accession: Turkish Challenges and Central European Experiences*, London: Routledge, 2010, pp. 58-71.

(with Lawrence Pratchett) 'e-Citizenship: Reconstructing the Public Online' in Durose C., Greasley, S. and Richardson, L. (eds), *Changing Local Governance, Changing Citizens?* Bristol: Policy Press, 2009, pp. 193-209.

(with Lawrence Pratchett and Melvin Wingfield) "Local Democracy Online: An Analysis of Local Government Websites in England and Wales" in Norris, D. (ed), *E-Government Research: Policy and Management*, University of Maryland: Baltimore County, USA, 2008, pp. 120-139.

"From Securitization to Desecuritization? The Impact of the EU Membership Process on Political Culture in Turkey" in Tunkrova, L. and Saradin, P. (eds.) *Turecko a Evropska Unie: Ceska a Turecka Perspektiva (Turkey and the European Union: Czech and Turkish Perspectives)*, Olomouc: Vydavatelstvi UP, 2007, pp. 109-127.

"The Internet and Citizen Participation: Exploring the Barriers to Reform in the Context of UK Local Government" pp. 261-287 in Reynaert, H., Delwit, P., Steyvers, K., Pilet, J.B., (eds), *Revolution or Renovation? Reforming Local Politics in Europe*, Vanden Broele: Brugge, 2005, pp. 261-287.

Citations

Web of Science citations: 175 (without self-citations 171)

Google Scholar citations: 797

Research Awards and Experience

Isik University Research Fund, Research grant for the project titled: Ideological Positioning of Political Parties in Turkey: A Closer Look at the 2007 Elections, (with Dr. Odul Celep), September 2007 - December 2009.

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Research grant for the project titled: The Political Cartoons: Means of Political Change and Modernization in Azerbaijan and Turkey, (with Dr. Salih Bicakci), January 2007 – January 2008.

Isik University Research Fund, Research grant for the project titled: The Political Cartoons: Means of Political Change and Modernization in Azerbaijan and Turkey, (with Dr. Salih Bicakci), March 2006 – January 2008.

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Grant for organizing an international workshop on "e-Democracy: Rethinking Concepts and Methods", 2006.

National Project on Local e-Democracy: Developing the e-Democracy Environment. Research commissioned by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, UK and carried out by Local Governance Research Unit, De Montfort University, September 2004 - February 2005.

Central European University, Budapest, Full scholarship to study 'Globalization and Public Policy' in the Summer School July 2004, sponsored by Open Society Institute.

European Consortium for Political Research Grant for attending Essex Summer School on Data Collection and Analysis, August 2003.

Project on Defining the Parameters of e-Municipality in Turkey. Commissioned by Turkish Informatics Society, Dec 2004 - Feb 2005.

Research on political party websites and the websites of the national parliaments in the member states of the EU. Commissioned by the European Parliament and the European University Institute (Italy), 2003.

De Montfort University, ESRC PhD Bursary, 2001 – 2004.

Conference Presentations

Discourses on Syrian Refugees in the Turkish Parliamentary Debates and Presidential Speeches, Paper presented at the Middle East and North Africa Research Cluster Annual Conference, Nottingham Trent University, May 2017.

(with Ozlem Kayhan Pusane) *How the Internet Has Turned into a Domain for Civil-Military Power Struggle in Turkey*, Paper presented at the 73rd Midwest Political Studies Association Conference, Chicago, April 2015.

(with Elif Cagli) *The Internet and Women's NGOs in Turkey: The case of Ka-der*, Paper presented at the 63rd Annual Conference of Political Studies Association, Cardiff, United Kingdom, April 2013.

(with Lawrence Pratchett) *Citizenship in the Age of the Internet: A Comparison of Liberal-Individualist and Civic-Republican Traditions*, Paper presented at Symposium on Globalization, New Inequalities and Citizenship, Marmara University, March 2012 (in Turkish).

Internet and the Transformation of the Concept of Citizenship, Paper presented at the 16th Internet Conference, Ege University, Izmir, December 2011 (in Turkish).

Digital Divide in Turkey, Paper presented at the 28th Informatics Conference, Ankara, October 2011 (in Turkish).

The Implications of the Arab Spring for Turkish Foreign Policy in the Middle East, International Conference on "Iran, Turkey and the Arab Spring: Foreign Policy towards Recent Developments in the Middle East", University of Tehran, Center for Graduate Studies, May 2011.

(with Lawrence Pratchett) *Electronic Citizenship in Britain and Turkey: Rights, Responsibilities, Liberties*, Paper presented at the 69th Annual National Conference of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March 2011.

(with Lawrence Pratchett) *Citizenship in the Age of the Internet: A Comparative Analysis of Britain and Turkey*, Paper presented at the 60th Annual Conference of Political Studies Association, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, April 2010.

The European Union as a Desecuritizer: Securitization and Desecuritization of Turkey's Kurdish Question, Paper presented at the 58th Annual Conference of Political Studies Association, Swansea University, United Kingdom, April 2008.

Constitutional Dimension of the Parliamentary Elections in Turkey, Paper presented at Strategic Research Center, Tehran, December 2007.

Europeanization and Turkish Foreign Policy toward the Middle East: A process of desecuritization?, Paper presented at Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Canada, November 2007.

Securitization and desecuritization: Assessing the impact of the EU membership process on political culture in Turkey, Paper presented at European Political Science Network Plenary Conference "Europe Integration and/or Fragmentation", University of Ljubljana, June 2007.

Europeanization in Turkey: Searching for Impacts on Foreign Policy, Paper presented at the European Political Science Network Plenary Conference "Europe In Context: Debating the Project, Central European University, Budapest, June 2006.

(with Lawrence Pratchett) *Enacting Electronic Democracy*, Paper presented at the 55th Annual Conference of Political Studies Association, University of Leeds, April 2005.

The Internet and Citizens' Participation: Exploring the Barriers to Reform, Congress on Political and Electoral Reforms at the Local Level, Universiteit Gent, Belgium, December 2004.

The Internet and Citizen Participation: How Institutional Environment Impacts upon the Strategy of a Local Authority? Paper presented at European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Marburg, Germany, September 2003.

The Use of the Internet for Citizen Participation: Enhancing Democratic Local Governance? Paper presented at the Annual Conference of Political Studies Association, University of Leicester, United Kingdom, April 2003.

Political Participation at the Local Level: New Challenges in Researching the Impacts of the Internet, Paper presented at the Central and Northern Universities Graduate Network Conference, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom, November 2001.

Referee Services

Citizenship Studies; Security Dialogue; Parliamentary Affairs; Turkish Studies; Public Management Review; Local Government Studies; South European Society and Politics; Information Polity; Journal of Global Analysis; International Journal of Electronic Government Research; Urban Studies; Public Administration: An International Quarterly; Icelandic Research Fund; The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

Teaching Experience

Designed and taught the following undergraduate modules:

- Public Policy (4th year core)
- Political Theory (3rd year core)
- Comparative Politics (2nd year core)
- Introduction to Political Science (1st year core)
- Internet and Politics (3rd year elective)
- Turkey-EU Relations (3rd year elective)
- European Union Politics (2nd year elective)
- Political Change and Modernization (2nd year elective)

Designed and taught the following module at MA level:

- Political Change and Modernization in the Middle East

Short-term teaching experience in Spain, Poland, Estonia, Czech Republic, Mexico, and France as part of international exchange programs.

Professional Memberships and Activities

- Member of Political Studies Association, United Kingdom, 2002-2012
- Member of Turkish Political Science Association, 2010-
- Member of ECPR Standing Group on Local Government and Politics
- Member of ECPR Standing Group on Forms of Participation
- Member of ECPR Standing Group on Internet and Politics
- Member of e-TR Awards jury sponsored by Turkish Informatics Society, 2012-2015
- Member of advisory board, National m-Government Conference, 2009, 2010
- Committee member for IADIS International Conference on “e-Democracy, Equity and Social Justice”, 2010, Freiburg, Germany
- Member of Scientific Committee, International symposium on “Online political participation and its critics”, 2013, Paris, France

Other Professional Activities

- Panel organizer and chair, ‘Current Developments in Turkish Foreign Policy’, 27 December 2016
- Conference co-organizer and discussant, ‘The New Middle East: Society, Politics, Economy’, 24-25 March 2016
- Panel organizer, ‘Syrian Crisis and Its Regional Repercussions’, 10 December 2015
- Expert advisor to the USAID project on Electoral Education and Integrity, organized and participated in election observation tours in Latvia, Hungary, the USA, Iran, 2008-2011

Administrative Responsibilities

Head, Department of International Relations, 2010-
Member, Executive Board of Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, 2010-
Member, Scholarships Committee, 2008-
Member, International Office Advisory Board, 2005-
Erasmus Coordinator, Department of International Relations, 2005-2012
Mentor, International Relations Student Club, 2015-

Languages

Turkish (native); English (fluent)