Curriculum Vitae- RABIA KARAKAYA POLAT

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Employment History

02/2016 – Professor and Head of Department
Işık University (Istanbul), Department of International Relations

September 2017-July 2018 International Visiting Fellow
University of Essex, Department of Government

09/2010 – 02/2016 Associate Professor and Head of Department
Işık University, Department of International Relations

05/2005 - 09/2010 Assistant Professor
Işık University, Department of International Relations

Education and Qualifications

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

BA(Hons), Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, 1999
Department of Political Science and International Relations

Research Interests

Political implications of technology including online democracy, digital inequalities, control of the Internet, e-government, technological dimension of civil-military relations

Critical security studies, with particular interest on securitisation and desecuritisation

Critical discourse analysis with particular interest on discourses on refugees

Citations & Metrics

Web of Science citations: 208 (without self-citations 203)
Google Scholar citations: 928
Google Scholar H-index: 10

Articles in International Refereed Journals


Books


Book Chapters


Research Awards and Experience

**British Academy, Newton Advanced Fellowship**, grant for project titled “Syrian Refugees in Turkey: Understanding Local Government Responses”, September 2018-September 2020, co-Applicant Prof. Vivien Lowndes, University of Birmingham, £61,745

**The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)**, Threshold award for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Global fellowship application, 2016, €2000.


**The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)**, Grant for organizing an international workshop on “e-Democracy: Rethinking Concepts and Methods”, 2006, €1500.


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, €1000


Conference and Workshop Presentations

(with Vivien Lowndes) Investigating the spatial dynamics of refugee policy frames in Turkey, Paper presented at the workshop “The framing of the ‘migration crisis’ cross-nationally: From problem definition to institutionalization (or not)”, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, 4-5 October 2018.


(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.

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.


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.


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.

Note: A list of previous conference papers can be provided on request.

External Peer Recognition

Referee Services for Journals (alphabetical order)
British Journal of Political Science; Citizenship Studies; Information Polity; International Journal of Electronic Government Research; Journal of Global Analysis; Local Government Studies; Parliamentary Affairs; Public Administration: An International Quarterly, Public Management Review; Security Dialogue; South European Society and Politics; Turkish Studies; Urban Studies

Other
- Regular participant at project review panels of TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Group
- Invited reviewer for Icelandic Research Fund; project titled “Digital divide: Internet access and use in Iceland”, 2013
- Member of e-Turkey Awards jury sponsored by Turkish Informatics Society, 2012-2015
- Member of Scientific Committee, International symposium on “Online political participation and its critics”, 2013, Paris, France
- Committee member for IADIS International Conference on “e-Democracy, Equity and Social Justice”, 2010, Freiburg, Germany

Research Impact (Media, Policy and Civil Society)

‘Turkey resists Erdoğan on social media as snap election approaches’, The Conversation, 19 June 2018

‘Refugee Code Week’: mobilized university students to obtain basic coding and animation skills and teach these skills to local and refugee kids (sponsored by SAP in coordination with Isik Primary School and the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey), September 2016

‘Vote and Beyond’: mobilized political science students in the June 2015 and November 2015 elections to increase voter turnout and to act as unofficial observers in polling stations.

Organised and participated in election observation tours with political science students in Latvia, Hungary, the USA and Iran between 2008 and 2011, funded by USAID (United States Agency for International Development).

TV commentary on CNNTurk, ‘Political Developments in Libya and the Public Protests in the Middle East’, 23 February 2011.


“Is Turkish Big Brother Watching Us”, *Turkish Daily News*, 03 June 2008.


(with Lawrence Pratchett and Melvin Wingfield) “Barriers to e-Democracy: Local Government Experiences and Responses”, final report prepared for Office for the Deputy Prime Minister as part of National Project on Local e-Democracy, 2005.


**Teaching Experience**

Designed and delivered the following modules since 2005:

- Political Theory (3rd year compulsory)
- Public Policy (4th year compulsory)
- Comparative Politics (2nd year compulsory)
- Introduction to Political Science (1st year compulsory)
- Internet and Politics (3rd year elective)
- Turkey-EU Relations (3rd year elective)
- European Union Politics (2nd year elective)
- Political Change and Modernisation (2nd year elective)
- Political Change and Modernisation in the Middle East (MA level)

**Summary of Most Recent Teaching**

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<td>POLS 377 Internet and Politics</td>
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Invited short-term teaching at the following universities as part of international exchange programmes:
• Tec de Monterrey (Mexico), 2016
• Université Paris-Est Créteil Val de Marne (France), 2016
• Palacký University (Czech Republic), 2014
• University of Warsaw (Poland), 2012
• University of Tartu (Estonia), 2010
• Universidad de Granada (Spain), 2009

Professional Memberships

- Member of Political Studies Association, United Kingdom, 2002-
- Member of Turkish Political Science Association, 2010-
- Member of ECPR Standing Group on Internet and Politics
- Member of ECPR Standing Group on Local Government and Politics
- Member of ECPR Standing Group on Forms of Participation

Other Professional Activities

- Panel organiser and chair, ‘Current Developments in Turkish Foreign Policy’, 27 December 2016
- Panel organiser, ‘Syrian Crisis and Its Regional Repercussions’, 10 December 2015

Managerial Responsibilities

**Head, Department of International Relations, Isik University, 2010-**

Responsible for managing two undergraduate and two graduate programmes; leading a team of 8 full-time and 8 part-time faculty; responsible for maintaining relations with the management team; coordination with other departments; recruiting students for undergraduate and graduate courses; curriculum development and revision; advising students with joint degrees; meeting the requirements of the academic calendar; organising panels, conferences, and other academic events.

**Other**

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)