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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

International politics and history of the Middle East, Islamic resurgence movements in the Middle East and Turkey; relationship between religion, modernity, secularism and democracy; political Islam; state-religion relations in the Middle East; identity politics; democratization and Islamic politics in the Middle East and Turkey; contemporary Islamic activist intellectuals in the Middle East; Turkish Politics.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands, **June 2006**
Dates Attended: September 2002 – June 2006
Major: Turkish Studies
Dissertation: “Strange Fruit: Muslim Intellectuals as Products of Kemalist Modernization in Turkey.”
Supervisor: Professor Eric J. Zürcher
- M.A.** Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, **December 1999**
Dates Attended: January 1999 – December 1999
Major: Political Science
Thesis: “The Demise of Mass Production: Fordism versus Flexible Specialization.”
Advisor: Professor Michael Dolan
- M.A.** International University of Japan, Niigata, Japan
Dates Attended: September 1997 – August 1998
Major: Political Science
- B.A.** Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, **June 1997**
Dates Attended: October 1992 – June 1997
Major: History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/2022-Present **Instructional Assistant Professor**
Department of International Affairs
Bush School, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 09/2013- 05/2022 **Instructional Assistant Professor**
Department of International Studies
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 09/2010- 09/2013 **Lecturer**

Arabic Studies Program and Religious Studies Program
College of Liberal Arts
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

- 09/2009 – 09/2010 (on leave) *Assistant Professor*
Department of Political Science and International Relations
Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 06/2009 – 09/2009
06/2010 – 09/2010
To Present (every summer) *Visiting Assistant Professor*
Department of History
Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 09/2008 – 06/2009 *Lecturer*
Department of History
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 01/2008 – 06/2008 *Lecturer*
The Bush School of Government and Public Service
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 09/2006 – 06/2009 *Lecturer*
Department of Political Science
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 09/2005 – 06/2006 *Visiting Research Scholar*
The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian
Understanding
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Supervisor: Professors John L. Esposito and John Voll.
- 09/1998 – 01/1999 *Research Associate*
Department of Political Science
Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey
Supervisor: Professor Hans George Betz

TEACHING

TEACHING INTERESTS

- International Politics of the Middle East
- Political Islam and Jihad
- Current Social Movements and Popular Uprisings
- History of the Modern Middle East
- Turkish Politics
- Contemporary Islamist Movements in the Middle East
- Neoliberalism, Globalism, Capitalism

COURSES TAUGHT

AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

- *INTS 251 Contemporary Issues in the Middle East.*
FA20 (47 students), FA19 (39 students), SP19 (33 students), FA18 (32 students), SP18 (22 students), SP17 (32 students), FA16 (33 students), FA14 (21 students), SP14 (16 students), FA13 (24 students)
- *INTS 285 Directed Studies (**High Impact Course**).*
FA19 (20 students), SP14 (26 students)
- *INTS 301 Theories of Globalization.*
FA21 (28 students), SP21 (39 students), FA20 (48 students), FA19 (36 students), FA16 (40 students), SP16 (41 students)
- *POLS 306 Islam and Politics.* Junior level undergraduate course.
- *POLS 306 Contemporary Issues and Problems in the Middle East.* Junior level undergraduate course.
- *INTS 321 (RELS 321) Political Islam and Jihad.*
FA21 (18 students), SP21 (41 students), SP20 (20 students), SP19 (10 students), FA18 (13 students), SP18 (29 students), FA17 (23 students), SP17 (34 students), FA16 (42 students), SP16 (39 students), FA16 (40 students), SP15 (25 students), FA14 (13 students), FA13 (19 students), SP13 (29 students)
- *HIST 348 History of Modern Middle East.* Senior level undergraduate course.
- *INTS 409 Culture, Neoliberalism, Globalism.* Senior level undergraduate course.
SP21 (20 students), SP20 (23 students)
- *POLS 429 Issues in World Politics.* Junior level undergraduate course.
- *INTS 481 Arab Spring and Social Movements.* Senior level seminar course (**Writing Intensive High Impact Course**).
FA21 (12 students), FA20 (39 students), FA19 (22 students), FA17 (49 students), FA16 (23 students), SP16 (24 students), FA16 (25 students), SP15 (15 students), FA14 (14 students), SP14 (10 students)
- *RELS 485 Contemporary Islamist Movements.* Senior level undergraduate course.
- *ARAB 491 Research.* Senior undergraduate graduation thesis research (**Writing Intensive High Impact Course**).
FA18 (5 students), SP18 (6 students), SP17 (7 students), SP15 (19 students), SP14 (15 students), FA13 (4 students), SP13 (13 students)
- *BUSH 604 Contemporary Politics of the Middle East.* Graduate course.
- *BUSH 677 Political Islam and Jihad.* Graduate course.

AT BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

- HIST 49: History of the Modern Middle East. Junior level undergraduate course.
- HIST 234: Special Topics in Political Islam and Jihad. Junior level undergraduate course.

AT YEDITEPE UNIVERSITY, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

- POLS 325: Politics of the Middle East and Turkey. Junior level undergraduate course.
- POLS 513: Political Islam and Jihad. Graduate course.
- POLS 444: Turkish Political Life. Senior level undergraduate course.

RESEARCH

WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. Sena Karasipahi, "Greater Middle East Project?!!! Déjà vu: Remodeling the Fertile Crescent"

PUBLICATIONS

I. BOOKS

- "Muslims in Modern Turkey: Kemalism, Modernism and the Revolt of the Islamic Intellectuals." I.B.Tauris Publishers, London, UK, January 2009.

II. PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Sena Karasipahi, "A Comparison: Islamic Revivalism in Iran and Turkey." *The Middle East Journal*, Volume 63, Number 1, 2009, pp. 87-107.

III. ACADEMIC BOOK REVIEWS (BY INVITATION)

- "Muslim Reformers in Iran and Turkey: The Paradox of Moderation." by Gunes Murat Tezcur, (2010), *The Middle East Journal*, Volume 65, Number 1, Winter 2011.

IV. CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2021 Annual Meeting*, November 29-December 3, 2021.
- *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2019 Annual Meeting*, November 14-17, 2019, New Orleans, Louisiana. (served as chair)
- *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2018 Annual Meeting*, April 5-8, 2018, Chicago, IL.
- *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2017 Annual Meeting*, November 18-21, 2017, Washington DC. (served as chair)
- "Arab Spring (!) and its Aftermath: The Rise of Radical Islamist Groups", *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2017 Annual Meeting*, April 6-9, 2017, Chicago, IL.
- "The Rise of ISIS: A Terrorist Organization or Pseudo-State?" *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2016 Annual Meeting*, April 7-10, 2016, Chicago, IL.

- “Comparing Public Rebellions: Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey”, *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2015 Annual Meeting*, April 16-19, 2015, Chicago, IL.
- “A Comparative Analysis of the Green? Origins of Public Revolt in Turkey”, *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2014 Annual Meeting*, April 3-6, 2014, Chicago, IL.
- “Arab Awakening: The Cases of Tunisia and Egypt” *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2013 Annual Meeting*, April 10-14, 2013, Chicago, IL.
- “Transformation of Political Landscape in Turkey: From Islamism to Authoritarianism?” *International Studies Association (ISA) 2013 Annual Meeting*, April 3-6, 2013, San Francisco, CA.
- “The Power of the Weak: Revolution in the Arab World”, *International Studies Association (ISA) 2012 Annual Meeting*, April 1-4, 2012, San Diego, CA.
- “Islamic Activisms Reconsidered: Why Revolution in Iran and not in Turkey?” *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2011 Annual Meeting*, March 31-April 3, 2011, Chicago, IL.
- “From Islamism to Neo-Conservatism: Moderation of Turkish Islamist Politics”, *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) 2011 Annual Meeting*, January 6-8, 2011, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “Post-Islamist Politics in Turkey”, *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2010 Annual Meeting*, April 22-25, 2010, Chicago, IL.
- “Islamist Politics and the Rise of the “Muslim Democrats” in Turkey,” *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2008 Annual Meeting*, November 22-25, 2008, Washington DC.
- “The Rise of Political Islam and the Recent Electoral Victory of the Justice and Development Party in Turkey,” *The American Political Science Association (APSA) 2008 Annual Meeting*, August 28-31, 2008, Boston, MA. (also served as the chair of the panel).
- “Shifting Discourses in Turkish Islamist Thinking,” *Middle East & Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference (MECA) 2007*, September 6-8, 2007, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.
- “A Comparison: Islamic Revival Movements in Iran and Turkey,” *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2006 Annual Meeting*, November 18-21, 2006, Boston.
- “The Muslim Intellectuals in Contemporary Turkey,” *The Graduate Student Symposium on "Identity and Difference: Confrontation, Response, and Resistance,"* University of Texas at Austin, October 18, 2003, Austin, Texas.

SERVICE

INVITED LECTURES

- “Language Policies in Turkey” Invited by Dr. Salah Ayari, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2020.
- “Greater Middle East Project,” Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2018.
- “Women in Islam,” Invited by Muslim Student Association, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2018.
- “Rise and Evolution of IS,” Istanbul Commerce University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2016.
- “Contemporary Islamic Revivalism and ISIS,” Academy for Future International Leaders Seminar, The Study Abroad Programs Office, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2015.
- “Ataturk to Erdogan: Reshaping Turkey Through Reform”, Turkey: Tradition and Transformation 2014 Conference, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2014.
- “Islam and Democracy”, Invited by Association of Islamic Spirituality, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2013.
- “Contemporary Islamic Resurgence Movements,” Department of History, Guest Lecture, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2007.
- "Israel & Palestine: A History of Enduring Conflict," *L.T. Jordan Institute of International Awareness*, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2006.
- “Revival of Cultural Islam and Contemporary Islamic Intellectuals in Turkey,” Georgetown University, Washington DC, 2006.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Open Educator Award, The Student Government Association, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2017.
Awarded to faculty members who demonstrate exemplary usage of open access materials in their own classrooms.

IN THE NEWS (Interviews, articles and news published about my work)

- “What caused the Turkey coup? Interview with Texas A&M professor Sena Karasipahi,” by Zach Kluver, The Middle East Scroll, October 8, 2016.
<https://mescroll.wordpress.com/2016/10/08/what-caused-the-turkey-coup-interview-with-texas-am-professor-sena-karasipahi-part-one/>

- “Islamist Intellectuals in Modern Turkey,” by William Armstrong, Hurriyet Daily News, April 24, 2014.
<http://www.hurriyetaailynews.com/opinion/william-armstrong/islamist-intellectuals-in-modern-turkey-65451>
- “Conservatives, Kemalists Unite around Nationalism,” Southern Daily Press, September 17, 2011.
<http://southerndailynews.com/conservatives-kemalists-unite-around-nationalism-274.html>
- “Europa ist für sie ein hoffnungsloser Fall,” by Joseph Croitoru, Frankfurter Allgemeine, April 8, 2009.
<http://www.faz.net/aktuell/wissen/wissenschaft/europa-ist-fuer-sie-ein-hoffnungsloser-fall-1845912.html>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL

- *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2021 Annual Meeting*, November 29-December 3, 2021.
- Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2019 Annual Meeting, November 14-17, 2019, New Orleans, Louisiana. (served as chair)
- Panel Chair, Panel on “The Surreal and the Real between Orientalism and Post-Orientalism,” *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2018 Annual Meeting*, November 15-18, 2018, San Antonio, TX.
- Panel Chair, Panel on “Lightning Talk: Ideas and Identities in International Relations,” *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2018 Annual Meeting*, April 5-8, 2018, Chicago, IL.
- Panel Chair, Panel on “The Surreal and the Real between Orientalism and Post-Orientalism,” *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2017 Annual Meeting*, November 18-21, 2017, Washington, DC.
- Committee Chair, Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2013 Annual Meeting*, October 10-13, 2013, New Orleans, LA.
- Member, Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2012 Annual Meeting*, November 17-20, 2012, Denver, CO.
- Panel Chair, Panel on “Continuity, Change and the Media,” *Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2011 Annual Meeting*, December 1-4, 2011, Washington DC.

- Panel Chair, Panel on “The Rise of Political Islam and the Recent Electoral Victory of the Justice and Development Party in Turkey,” *The American Political Science Association (APSA) 2008 Annual Meeting*, August 28-31, 2008, Boston, MA.
- Book Reviewer (BY INVITATION)
 - The Turkish State and its Many Nations, David Selim Sayers, Cambridge University Press, 2016.
- Peer reviewer for the Journals (BY INVITATION)
 - "Islamic Revival as Development: Does Modernity Highway Have an Islamic Exit?" *Politics, Religion and Ideology*, 2011.
 - “Defining Nation and Religious Minorities in Russia and Turkey: A Comparative Analysis *Politics and Religion*,” 2010.

UNIVERSITY

- Led 26 Corps of Cadets for a two-week international excursion to Turkey, January 2014. Students met with members of Turkish Congress, visited NATO Center in Izmir, The U.S. Embassy in Ankara, and Turkish Foreign Ministry.
- Faculty Advisor, Palestinian Solidarity Organization.

COLLEGE

- Member, Elected, Liberal Arts Council represented INTS, 2015 - 2021.

DEPARTMENT

- Led a field trip to Istanbul, Turkey with 18 students on Fall 2019.
- Developed three completely new courses for the department “**INTS 321 Political Islam and Jihad**”, “**INTS 251 Contemporary Issues in the Middle East**”, and senior level writing intensive, high impact course “**INTS 481 Arab Spring Seminar**”.
- Created and developed undergraduate course “**INTS 301 Theories of Globalization**” and senior level writing intensive, high impact “**INTS 409 Neoliberalism, Globalism and Culture**” and “**ARAB 491 Research**” courses.
- Mentored following undergraduate seniors and provided them with recommendation letters to continue their career in graduate schools, including Texas A&M Bush School of Government, Georgetown University, and UT Austin.

Self-development activities to enhance teaching

- Participated in the Humanizing Education, Learning, and Leadership Online/Offline (HELLO²) teaching certificate program and attended three required, three elective courses and one orientation workshop in addition to Inclusive Pedagogy Series: Designing International and Cultural Diversity and Cultural Discourse and received teaching certificate on May 2018.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA).
- The American Political Science Association (APSA).
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA).
- The International Studies Association (ISA).

LANGUAGES

- English (near native)
- German (near native)
- French (intermediate)
- Arabic (intermediate)