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Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

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**Syracuse University**, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (Syracuse, NY)

*Ph.D., Political Science, 2019*

Dissertation: *Party Competition and Electoral Reforms in Parliamentary Democracies*

*Committee Members:* Margarita Estévez-Abe, Seth Jolly, Matthew R. Cleary, Brian Taylor, Ryan Griffiths, Renée de Nevers

*M.A., Political Science, 2011*

**Koç University** (İstanbul, Turkey)

*M.A., International Relations, 2010*

*Committee Members:* Bahar Rumelili, Ahmet İçduygu, Hakan Yılmaz

**Boğaziçi University** (İstanbul, Turkey)

*B.A., Political Science and International Relations, 2005*

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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<b>Bilkent University</b> Department of Political Science and Public Administration <i>Assistant Professor</i>	09/2023-
<b>Koç University &amp; University of Exeter</b> TWICEASGOOD Project- <i>Funded by ERC</i> <i>Postdoctoral Researcher</i>	2022-2023
<b>Koç University (İstanbul, Turkey)</b> Department of International Relations <i>Postdoctoral Researcher</i>	2019-2022
<b>Carlos III-Juan March Institute (Madrid, Spain)</b> <i>Visiting Predoctoral Researcher</i>	2014- 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Party Competition and Electoral Reforms: Why Do Governments Initiate a Reform Process?”  
2023, *West European Politics*. DOI: 10.1080/01402382.2023.2199247

“Who Represents Women in Turkey? An Analysis of Gender Difference in Private Bill Sponsorship in the 2011-2015 Turkish Parliament” *Politics & Gender*, 2019, Vol: 15, pp: 851-881 (with Eda Bektaş).

“Hükümetlerin Politika Gündemleri: 1983 Sonrası Kanunlar Üzerine Bir İnceleme” [Policy Agenda of Turkish Governments: An Analysis of the Laws in the post-1983 Period] *Yasama Dergisi*, 2021 Issue: 42 pp: 11-48 (with Berk Esen and Eda Bektaş).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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“Türkiye’de Seçim Sistemleri ve Güçlendirilmiş Parlamenter Sistem için Seçim Sistemi Önerileri”  
*İstanbul Politika Raporu: Aralık 2021-011*.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Electoral Consequences of Changing Candidate Placements in a Closed Party List System: Evidence from the 2015 Twin Elections in Turkey” with Ali Çarkoğlu.

“Censorship in Hybrid Authoritarian Regimes: The Roles of Voter Mobilization and Polarization” with Emre Ekinçi.

“Preference Voting and Local Representation: How Electoral Reform Affects the Legislative Behavior” with Merih Angın.

“How to Get Electoral Reform Proposals Enacted: An Analysis of Electoral Reform Attempts in Parliamentary Democracies”

“The Politics of Institutional Change: Electoral Reforms in Turkey”

## WORK in PROGRESS (with tentative titles)

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“Electoral Reform in Volatile Party Systems: A Comparative Analysis of Lithuanian and Turkish Reforms”

“Mandate Responsiveness of Turkish Governments” with Berk Esen and Eda Bektaş.

“Social Policy Agenda of Turkish Governments” with Berk Esen and Eda Bektaş.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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“A Quantitative Analysis of Government Responsiveness in Turkey since 1983” Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), September 2017- March 2019, Researcher.

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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*All-University Doctoral Prize for Political Science* 2020

The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

*Conference Grant* 2020

ECPR General Conference

<i>GSO Travel Grant</i>	2018, 2019
Graduate Student Organization, Syracuse University	
<i>Conference Travel Grant</i>	2016-2019
Political Science Department, Syracuse University	
<i>Andersen Award</i>	2016
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Grant, Syracuse University	
<i>ECPR Summer Program in Methods Grant</i>	2014
Political Science Department, Syracuse University	
<i>Research Fellowship</i>	2013
Political Science Department, Syracuse University	
<i>Graduate Assistant Fellowship</i>	2010-2016
Political Science Department, Syracuse University	
<i>Summer Research Grant</i>	2011-2013
Political Science Department, Syracuse University	
<i>Merit Scholarship</i>	2008-2010
International Relations Department, Koç University	
<i>Merit Fellowship</i>	2000-2005
Turkish Prime Ministry	

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Electoral Consequences of Changing Candidate Placements in a Closed Party List System: Evidence from the 2015 Twin Elections in Turkey” with Ali Çarkoğlu.

2023. ECPR General Conference. Charles University, 4 – 8 September 2023.

“Türkiye’de 1991 Seçim Sistemi Değişikliğinin Milletvekili Davranışlarına Etkisi” with Merih Angın.

2023. II. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi, SITD, Bilkent Üniversitesi, Ekim 2023

“Censorship in Hybrid Authoritarian Regimes: The Role of Voter Mobilization” with Emre Ekinci.

2022. APSA Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada. September 15-18.

“Electoral Reform Attempts in Parliamentary Democracies”

2020. APSA Annual Conference. Virtual. September 10-13.

2020. ECPR General Conference. Virtual. August 24-28.

2020. Election Science, Reform and Administration Conference. Virtual. June 29-July 4.

“Electoral Reform Initiations in Parliamentary Democracies”

2019. MPSA Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 4-7.

2019. NYSPSA Annual Conference. Staten Island, NY. April 12-13.  
 “Responsiveness of Turkish Governments” with Berk Esen and Eda Bektaş.
2019. MPSA Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 4-7.  
 “Party Competition and Electoral Reforms in Parliamentary Democracies”
2018. MPSA Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 5-8.  
 “The Politics of Institutional Change: Electoral Reforms in Turkey”
2016. APSA Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. Sep. 1-4.
2016. MPSA Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 7-10.
2015. Populism, Majoritarianism and Crises of Liberal Democracy: Modes of Illiberal Governance in Comparative Perspective: The Inaugural Symposium on Turkey, University of Graz, Graz, Austria. October 1-3.
- “European Citizenship and Third-Country Nationals: A Comparative Analysis of Germany and Britain”
2009. Jean Monnet Graduate Student Workshop, Koç University. İstanbul, Turkey.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Bilkent University</b> <i>Instructor</i> Comparative Politics (POLS 303)	2023-
<b>Koç University</b> <i>Instructor</i> Challenges Facing Young Democracies (SOSC 116) Introduction to Political Science (INTL 101)	2019-2022
<b>Syracuse University</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Politics of Citizenship, Politics of the Middle East, Politics of Globalization, Middle Eastern Political Systems, Security in the Middle East	2010-2019
<b>Koç University</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Politics of European Integration (Graduate), Introduction to Political Science	2009-2010
<b>Boğaziçi University</b> <i>Discussion Leader</i> Introduction to Turkish Politics, Contemporary Political Ideologies	2004-2005

## GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

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### **Master Thesis Committee Chair:**

Mert Kaya Öngelen. Polarization, Stigmatization and Anti-Gender Politics (MA, in progress), Bilkent University.

## Dissertation Committee Member

Cansu Yetimoğlu. Role of Collective Memory in Constitutive Representation of Women: Collective Memory Constellations Across Female Representatives in Grand National Assembly of Türkiye. (PhD in progress), Bilkent University.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Politics of Electoral Reform in Advanced Industrialized Democracies RA for Margarita Estévez-Abe, <b>Syracuse University</b>	2013-2014
International Migration and Asylum Policies in Turkey, 1923-2023: From a Nation-State Formation to a Trans-National Transformation. RA for Ahmet İçduygu, <b>Koç University</b>	2008-2009

## WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

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<i>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)</i> <b>Syracuse University</b> , Syracuse, NY	Summer 2016
<i>Text Analysis for Applied Social Science</i> <b>Fundación Juan March</b> , Madrid, Spain	Summer 2015
<i>Hierarchical Modeling</i> <b>ECPR Summer Program in Methods</b> , Ljubljana, Slovenia	Summer 2014
<i>Process Tracing Workshop by David Collier</i> <b>Syracuse University</b> , Syracuse, NY	April 2011

## SOFTWARE & LANGUAGES

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Stata, Profiler Plus, Blackboard  
Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (Intermediate/B1)

## REFERENCES

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