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EDUCATION

- **Princeton University, New Jersey (1995-2000)**

Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies

Dissertation: *From Strangers to Allies: Turkish-American Relations (1800-1952)*

Areas of Specialization and Interest: International Relations, Foreign Policy Analysis, Middle Eastern Studies, Turkish Foreign Policy, Eurasian Politics, Energy and Natural Resource Politics, European Security and Foreign Policy, and Diplomatic History of the Late Ottoman and the Republican Era

- **Princeton University, New Jersey (1993-1995)**

M.A. in Near Eastern Studies and International Relations

Thesis: *Bridge over Troubled Waters: Hydropolitics of the Tigris and Euphrates*

- **Bilkent University, Ankara (1989- 1993)**

B.A. in International Relations

Valedictorian

CAREER

- **Associate Professor of International Relations, Koç University (2017-) & Associate Dean, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Koç University (2017-)**

Taught undergraduate and graduate level courses on Turkish Foreign Policy, Turkish-American Relations, History of Political Thought and Advanced Topics in European Studies; Taught Foreign Policy Analysis for Business Leaders at the Graduate School of Business (GSB).

- **Visiting Scholar, Department of Public Policy, Luskin School of Public Affairs & Luskin Center for Innovation, University of California at Los Angeles, UCLA (2016-2017)**

Conducts research on Energy Politics and Energy Security with a joint appointment at the Department of Public Policy and the Luskin Center for Innovation.

- **Associate Professor of International Relations, Koç University (2010-2016)**

Taught undergraduate and graduate level courses on Turkish Foreign Policy, Turkish-American Relations, History of Political Thought and Advanced Topics in European Studies; Taught Foreign Policy Analysis for Business Leaders at the Graduate School of Business (GSB) and Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa in the Global Network of Advanced Management (GNAM) Programme

- **Visiting Scholar, CREEES, Stanford University (2009-2010)**

Conducted research on Energy Politics in Eurasia at the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies

- ***Associate Professor of International Relations, Koç University (2008- 2009)***

Taught undergraduate and graduate level courses on Advanced Topics in European Studies, Turkish Foreign Policy, Turkish-American Relations and History of Political Thought.

- ***Assistant Professor of International Relations, Koç University (1999- 2008)***

Taught undergraduate and graduate level courses on Advanced Topics in European Studies, Turkish Foreign Policy, Turkish-American Relations, Politics of the Former USSR, and History of Political Thought.

- ***Visiting Scholar, Center for International Studies, Princeton University (2001 fall)***

Conducted research (fully-funded by Princeton) on a comparative analysis of political and economic transformation, as well as interaction of state, society and religion in the Central Asian republics.

- ***Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Boston (2000 summer)***

Post-Doctorate research at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies

Worked on a project on the role of third party mediation in conflict resolution focusing particularly on the U.S. role in Turkish-Greek relations and interactive-problem solving techniques.

- ***Consultant, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (1996-summer)***

Provided research assistance and policy recommendations for the Economic, Technological, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

- ***Internship, Turkish Foreign Ministry, Ankara (1995-summer)***

Worked on projects for the improvement of political and economic aspects of Turkish-American Relations.

- ***Teaching Assistant, Princeton University (1994-1995)***

Assistant in instruction for the course on the history and politics of the modern Middle East;
Assistant in instruction for Turkish Language

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Associate Dean, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Koç University, 2017-
- University Academic Council Member, Koç University, 2017-
- University Coordination Committee Member, Koç University, 2017-
- Faculty of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Academic Council Member, 2017-
- Assurance of Learning Committee Director, CASE, 2017-
- Executive Board Member, Center for Globalization and Democratic Governance (GLODEM), 2010-2017.
- Advisory Board Member, Koç Office of Learning and Teaching (KOLT), 2015-2016.
- Associate Director, Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities (GSSSH), Koç University, 2011-2015.
- University Academic Council Member, Koç University, 2012-2013.
- University Executive Council Member, Koç University, 2012-2013.
- University Coordination Committee Member, Koç University, 2012-2013.
- Acting Director, Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities (GSSSH), Koç University, 2012-2013.

- Executive Board Member, Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities (GSSSH), Koç University, 2011-2015.
- Executive Member, Koç University Student Clubs Supervision Board, Koç University, 2012-2016.
- Member, Center for Global Public Law, 2015-2017.
- Koç University 20th Anniversary Celebrations Committee Member, 2012-2013.
- Co-director of the International Relations Graduate Program, 2011-2012.
- ERASMUS and Bologna Process IR Department Coordinator, 2011-2012.
- Freshman and Newcomer Advisor, 2010-2012, 2013-2014.
- Coordinator of the Foreign Policy Analysis Research Unit, Center for Globalization and Democratic Governance (GLODEM), 2005-2017.
- Advisory Board Member, Central Asian Studies Institute, American University of Central Asia, 2011-2017.
- Career Center Advisory Board member, 2010-2016.
- International Relations Departmental Coordinator, 2008-2009.
- Co-director of the International Relations Graduate Studies Program, 2006-2008.
- Executive Board Member, Social Sciences Institute, Koc University, 2005-2009.
- Faculty Council Board Member, Koc University, 2005-2008.
- Academic Coordinator, Princeton Global Seminar on “Islam, Empire and Modernity,” The Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), Princeton University and the Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC), Koc University, 2008-2009.
- Academic Coordinator, Koc-Michigan State University Summer School, 2008-2012.
- Member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA) Social Sciences Working Group for the Project on “Foresights on the Future Trajectory of Social Sciences,” 2005-2006.
- Chairman of the National Education and Consulting Institute, Junior Chamber International, Turkey, 2003-2004.
- Coordinator of International Relations Seminar Series, Koc University, 2000-2003.
- Coordinator of IR/GLODEM Diplomatic Speaker Series, 2004-2006.
- Advisor of the Model United Nations Club (2000-2008) and Coordinator of the Koc-Harvard World Model UN Conference in Turkey, April 2001

PRIZES and AWARDS

- Koç University Outstanding Teaching Award, Koç University, 2016.
- Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics (CASE), Koç University, 2012.
- Prof. Dr. Baki Komsuoğlu Award in Social Sciences, Kocaeli University, 2011.
- Distinguished Young Scientist Award (TUBA-GEBIP), Turkish Academy of Sciences, 2008.
- Sabanci International Research Award, Brookings Institution and Sabanci University, 2007.
- Junior Chamber International, Selection for International Senate Membership, 2007.
- Center of International Studies and Institute for Transregional Studies Fellowship, Princeton University, 2001.
- Ertegün Award in Modern Turkish and Ottoman Studies, 1997-1998.
- "Outstanding Young Person Award" (TOYP) in the Field of Political Science and Public Administration awarded by Junior Chamber International, 1996.

- Highest Prize in “National Banking Competition” of Banks Association of Turkey, 1996.
- Princeton University Scholarship (tuition & fellowship), 1993-1998.
- Eximbank Academic Achievement Award, Valedictorian, Bilkent University, 1993.

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

- *Turkish-American Relations (1800-1952): Between the Stars, Stripes and the Crescent*, Routledge, International Relations Series, New York and London, April 2015.
- *A Proposal for a National Deposit Insurance Scheme for Turkey*, (co-author Rıza Kadılar) Istanbul: Publications of Banks Association of Turkey, 1996.

Articles

- “Middle Powers and Regional Powers.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*. Ed. Patrick James. New York: Oxford University Press, September 2017. (invited annotated bibliographic article)
- “Energy Dynamics in Turkish Foreign Policy: Asset or Liability?” (co-author: Duygu Sever-Mehmetoglu), *Uluslararası İlişkiler/ International Relations*, vol. 13, issue 52, 2016, pp.105-128.
- “Managing the Transition from Pax-Britannica to Pax-Americana: Turkey’s Relations with Britain and the US in a Turbulent Era,” (co-author: Dilek Barlas), *Turkish Studies*, Vol.16, issue 3, 2016, pp. 449-473.
- “The Quest for Energy Security and Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities for Turkey,” Oxford Round Table, *Forum on Public Policy: A Journal of the Oxford Round Table*, 2016.
- “Turkey and Russia in a Shifting Global Order: Co-operation, Conflict and Asymmetric Interdependence in a Turbulent Region,” (co-author Ziya Öniş), *Third World Quarterly*, Volume 37, Issue 1, January 2016, pp.71-95.
- “Turkey–USA Relations in an Age of Regional and Global Turmoil: Challenges and Prospects” (co-author Ziya Öniş), *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, vol. 15, no. 2, 2013.
- “Turkey’s Quest for NATO Membership: Institutionalization of the Turkish-American Alliance,” Special issue: Greece and Turkey in NATO, Dimitrios Triantaphyllou and Evanthis Hatzivassiliou, eds., *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, vol. 12, no. 4, November 2012.
- “Gunboat Diplomacy: Turkey, USA and the Advent of the Cold War” (co-author Gül İnanc), *Middle Eastern Studies*, vol.48, no.3, May 2012.
- “Between Europeanization and Euro-Asianism: Foreign Policy Activism During the AKP Era,” (co-author Ziya Öniş), *Turkish Studies*, vol.10, no.1, (Spring 2009): 7-24.
- “Fighting the Specters of the Past: Ottoman Legacy in the Balkans and the Middle East,” (co-author Ipek Yosmaoglu), *Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 44, no.5, (September 2008): 677-693.
- “Greek-Turkish Rapprochement: Rhetoric or Reality?” (co-author Ziya Öniş), *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 123, no.1, (Spring 2008): 123-149.
- “In Pursuit of Elusive Glory: Enver Pasha’s Role in the Pan-Islamic and Basmachi Movements,” *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, vol.13, no.1-2, (July 2007): 185-202.

- “Challenging the Stereotypes: Turkish-American Relations in the Interwar Era,” *Middle Eastern Studies*, March 2006, vol. 42, no.2, (March, 2006): 223-237.
- “Turkey-EU-US Triangle in Perspective: Transformation or Continuity?” (co-author Ziya Öniş), *Middle East Journal*, vol. 59, no.2, (Spring 2005): 265-284.
- “The Thorny Path: Turkey-EU Relations in Perspective,” *Journal of Cyprus Studies*, vol. 8/9, no. 22/25, (December 2003): 126-135.
- “İki Dünya Savaşı Arasında Türk-Amerikan İlişkileri: “Korkunç Türk” imajı ile mücadele”, Şuhnaz Yılmaz, *Toplumsal Tarih*, Aralık 2003.
- “Aftermath of the War: The Iraq Policy of the US and Turkey,” (in Turkish, “Savaşın Ardından: Amerika’nın Irak Politikası ve Türkiye’nin Konumu”), (co-author Gul Barkay), *Foreign Policy*, (May/June 2003): 32-37.
- “Implications of the War in Iraq for Turkey,” (in Portuguese, “Implicações da guerra no Iraque para a Turquia”) *O Mundo em Portugues*, 43 (4), (April, 2003): 12-13.
- “At the Gates of Europe,” *World Today*, 59 (1), (January, 2003): 9-12.
- “Implications of the Political Changes in Turkey,” (in Portuguese, “Implicações da mudança política na Turquia”) *O Mundo em Portugues*, 39 (4), (December, 2002): 10-14.
- “Newly Emerging European Security Architecture: Implications for Transatlantic Relations,” *Insight Turkey*, 3 (2), (April-June 2001): 141-152.
- "An Ottoman Warrior Abroad: Enver Pasha as an Expatriate," *Middle Eastern Studies* (October, 1999): 40-70.
- "Bridge Over Troubled Waters: Hydropolitics of the Tigris and Euphrates Dispute," *Istanbul University Journal of Social Sciences*, 2 (1), (January,1995): 12-22.

Edited Volumes for Academic Journals

Special Issue: Turkey–US Relations, eds. (co-editor Ziya Öniş), *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, vol. 15, no. 2, 2013.

Policy Reports and Policy Papers

- Energy and Climate Strategies, Interests, and Priorities of EU and Turkey, FEUTURE Policy Paper, No.2, EU Horizon 2020 Project, March 2017. http://www.feuture.uni-koeln.de/sites/feuture/user_upload/FEUTURE_5.2_Energy_and_Climate_Strategies.pdf.
- "Turkey: On Fault Lines," *World Policy Journal*, Spring 2015. (Invited ISI-Opinion Piece)
- *Türkiye'nin Enerji Verimliliği Haritası ve Hedefler (Mapping Energy Efficiency of Turkey and Targets)*, (co-author Metin Türkay, Belgin San Akça), KÜTEM Report, May, 2012.
- "Restoring Brotherly Bonds: Turkey-Azerbaijani Energy Relations (co-author M. Tahir Kılavuz), *PONARS Eurasia Policy Papers*, Policy Memo No. 240, Washington D.C., September 2012.
- *Turkish-American Relations for a New Era: A Turkish Perspective*, (co-author Soli Özel), TÜSİAD Report, Istanbul: April 2009.
- "Hydropolitics of the Tigris and Euphrates Basin," in *Voice of Water*, Hague: World Wide Water Awareness Council Publication, 2000.

Book Chapters

- “Revisiting Networks and Narratives: Enver Pasha’s Pan-Islamic and Pan-Turkic Quest,” *Individuals and Social Change in the Muslim World: Trajectories of Subversives and Mavericks*, Texas: Texas University Press, 2016, pp. 143-166.
- “Amerika Birleşik Devletleri’nin Kafkasya Politikaları,” *Avrasya Üçlemesi-III: Kafkaslar 1989-2009*, Mustafa Aydın ed., Istanbul: Nobel Yayınevi, 2012.
- “Türkiye-ABD İlişkileri,” *XXI. Yüzyılda Türk Dış Politikası’nın Analizi*, Faruk Sönmezoğlu, Nurcan Özgür Baklacioğlu, Özlem Terzi, ed., Istanbul: Der Yayınları, 2012.
- “Active Diplomatic Engagements and Energy Politics: The Caspian, Azerbaijan, and the Gulf Region,” *Russian and CIS Relations with the Gulf Region: Current Trends in Political and Economic Dynamics*, Marat Terterov ed., Dubai: Gulf Research Center Publications, 2009.
- “Turkey and the European Union: a Security Perspective,” *Turkey and European Security*, Giovanni Gasparini ed., Rome: Instituto Affari Internazionali Publications, 2007, pp. 51-64.
- “Modernity and Nationalism: Turkey and Iran in Comparative Perspective,” (co-author Fuat Keyman), Gerard Delanty and Krishan Kumar eds., *Handbook of Nations and Nationalism*, London: Sage Publications Ltd., 2006, pp. 425-437.
- “Impact of Lobbies on Turkish-American Relations,” in *Turkish-American Relations: Past, Present and Future*, Mustafa Aydın, Cagri Erhan (eds.), Routledge: New York, 2004, pp. 181-212.
- “Transboundary Rivers of Turkey,” in *Sınırşan Sularımız*, (co-author Rıza Kadılar), Tuna Taner ed., Manisa: Celal Bayar Foundation Publications, 1997, pp. 24-66.

WORK in PROGRESS

Submitted and Under Review

-Balancing of Threats and Strategic Compartmentalization: Entangled Web of Military and Political Alliances in the South Caucasus (1991-2016), (co-author: Elnur Ismayilov)

-The Precarious Role of Emerging Powers in a Transforming International Order: The Brazilian and Turkish Initiative for a Nuclear Deal with Iran, (co-author: Ariel Gonzalez Levaggi)

In Preparation for Submission:

-Energy Resources and External Intervention: When Do Energy Resources Fuel Support of Rebels? (co-authors: Belgin San Akca, Duygu Sever)

- Response of Regional Powers to the Transition from *Pax-Britannica* to *Pax-Americana*: Turkey-Britain-USA Triangle at the Advent of the Cold War (1947-57) (co-authors: Dilek Barlas, Serhat Guvenc)

Ongoing Academic Work

Book Project

Political Economy of Energy-Water Nexus in Eurasia, (co-author: Prof. Norman Graham, Michigan State University)

Articles

- Rethinking Energy and Human Security: Linking Energy, Environment and Economy
- Walking on Thin Ice: Turkish-Russian Relations in a Turbulent Region
- Energy Security in the Global Context: Challenges and Opportunities for Turkey (co-author: Duygu Sever, PhD Student)

EDITORIAL POSITIONS in ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- Member of International Editorial Board, Turkish Studies, 2014-2017.
- Member of Editorial Committee, Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies, 2007-2017.
- Member of International Editorial Board, Michigan State University, Eurasian Political Economy and Public Policy Book Series, 2008-2017.

TEACHING

Teaching Awards and Recognitions

- Koç University Outstanding Teaching Award, Koç University, 2016.
- Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Koç University, 2012.

(Koç University started granting teaching awards in 2012. Dr. Yılmaz is the first recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award from the College of Administrative Sciences and Economics. In 2016, she received the highest teaching award in her institution granted to only one professor with the best teaching performance in the entire university.)

President's List for Outstanding Teaching

Fall 2015

INTL 385- Turkish Foreign Policy

INTL 525- Turkish Foreign Policy in the Global Context

Spring 2015

INTL-308- History of Political Thought

Spring 2014

INTL 308-History of Political Thought

INTL 525- Turkish Foreign Policy in the Global Context

Spring 2013

INTL 308- History of Political Thought

Fall 2011

INTL/HIST 445 Turkish-American Relations

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Courses: Turkish Foreign Policy, Turkish-American Relations, History of Political Thought, Politics of the Former USSR

Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities: Turkish Foreign Policy, Advanced Topics in European Studies

Graduate School of Business: Foreign Policy Analysis for Business Leaders

Global Network of Advanced Management Programs (GNAM): Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa

Other teaching interests: Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to Political Science, Understanding the Middle East: Domestic and Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective, Eurasian Politics, Politics of Energy and Environment, Foreign Policy and Political Economy for Global Leaders

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

PhD Student Supervision

Duygu Sever, “The Domestic and Global Context of Energy Preferences: Explaining the Choice for the Nuclear”, (co-Advisor: Prof. Yehia Khalil, Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Yale University), Completed Comprehensive Exams, PhD expected in 2018.

Ariel Gonzalez, “Confrontational and Cooperative Regional Orders: Engagement, Accommodation and Contestation in Central Eurasia and South America,” Completed Comprehensive Exams, PhD expected in 2018.

Emre Doğru, “International Political Business: How Firms Affect Foreign Policy”, (Second Advisor), Completed Comprehensive Exams, PhD expected in 2018.

Benal Nazlı Üstünes, “Domestic Adaptation of International Norms” (Second Advisor), Completed Comprehensive Exams, PhD expected in 2019.

PhD Dissertation Committee Member

Deniz Karcı Korfalı, “Duality in Context: Multi-Level Approach to Dual Citizenship in Turkey,” (expected November 2017).

Mustafa Kutlay, “Reforming the Reactive States: A Comparative Political Economy of Greek and Turkish Crises”, December 2014. (Currently Associate Professor at TOBB University, Ankara)

MA Student Supervision

- Muhammed Lutfi Türkcan, “The US Liberal Hegemony and Balance of Power: Wedging Strategies,” September 2017. (Second Advisor)
- Muhammet Tahir Kılavuz, 'The Old Elites Strike Back: The End of Political Liberalization under Khrushchev and Menderes,' December 2013.

- Cantay Çalışkan, “The Success Behind Renewable Energy: A Comparative Analysis of Germany, The United Kingdom, Brazil and Turkey,” July 2013.
- Cansu Güner, “Lead & Conquer: An Agent Based Analysis to Leadership Modelling,” (Second Advisor), September 2013.
- Aybüke Aksoy, 'Water Cooperation: Comparative Cases of the Euphrates and the Nile” (Second Advisor), February 2013.
- Atilla İlker Tuncay, “The Use of Social Media by Turkish Political Parties as a Tool for Political Communication”, October 2012.
- Fevzi Eyiñ, “Avrupa Birliđi'nin Ortak Güvenlik ve Savunma Sisteminin Türkiye Açısından Deđerlendirilmesi,” Stratejik Arařtırmalar Enstitüsü Müdürlüğü, Mayıs 2011 (Thesis Advisor).
- Ebru Eren Webb, “To which Eurasia does Turkey Belong? A Comparative Analysis of Turkish Eurasianist Geo-Political Discourses”, April 2011. (Second Advisor)
- Liana Varon, “Emergence of Transnational Social Spaces and Rethinking Citizenship: The Case of Jewish Minority in Turkey”, September 2010.
- Gülhan Aygün, “Civil Military Relations in Egypt and Turkey,” June 2009. (Second Advisor)
- Taylan Çoban, “The Europeanization of Turkish-Greek Dispute,” September 2008.
- Osman Şengün, “Turkey’s Future Possible Contributions to European Security Through its Participation in the EU Crisis Management Operations”, July 2008.
- Kadir Onur Unutulmaz, “International Retirement Migration in Turkey: Dynamics, Implications and Prospects”, June 2007. (Second Advisor)
- Şaziye Burcu Giray, “European and American Policies Over Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Comparative Perspective: 1993-2003”, September 2006.
- Nihat Şengül, “Towards a More Effective EU Conflict Prevention Policy: Lessons from Bosnia and Kosovo”, June 2006.
- İzzet Nas, “Europeanization of Greece and Turkey in Comparative Perspective: The Role of Business Associations and Civil Society Organizations”, August 2006. (Second Advisor)
- Burcu Yılmaz, “Türkiye’nin Güvenliđi Bağlamında Kamu Diplomasisi: Irak Örneđi”, Stratejik Arařtırmalar Enstitüsü Müdürlüğü, 2012. (Thesis Defense Committee Member)
- Pınar Çolak, “Avrupa Birliđi'nin Gelişen Sınır Politikalarının Türkiye'ye Etkisi” Stratejik Arařtırmalar Enstitüsü Müdürlüğü, Mayıs 2011 (Thesis Defense Committee Member)

INVITED LECTURES

- “Turkey and Russia in a Turbulent Middle East and Eurasia: Energy Politics and Regional Security Challenges” Stanford University, June 1, 2017.
- “The Quest for Reconciling Energy and Human Security: Global Trends, Regional Context, and the Challenges for Turkey,” UC Irvine, March 2, 2017.
- "Energy Politics and Security: Implications for Eurasia and Turkey,” Department of Political Science, San Diego State University, November 2, 2016.

- "Walking on Thin Ice: Turkish-Russian Relations in a Turbulent Region," Harriman Institute, Columbia University, October 26, 2016.
- "Challenges to Turkish-American Relations in a Turbulent Middle East," Provost Lecture Series, Departments of Political Sciences and History, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, October 5, 2016.
- "Energy Security and Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities for Turkey," Oxford Round Table: Environment, Climate Change and Global Warming, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, July 23, 2015.
- "Turkish- American Relations (1800-1952): Between the Stars, Stripes and the Crescent", Stanford University, Mediterranean Studies Forum and CREEES, March 5, 2015.
- "Turkish-Russian Relations in a Turbulent Region and the Challenges of Eurasian Energy Politics," Stanford University, Mediterranean Studies Forum and Department of International Relations, March 3, 2015.
- "Complex Dynamics of Turkish-Russian Relations and Energy Politics in Eurasia," Cambridge University, CISA, November 20, 2014.
- "Quest for Energy Security: Turkey's Role in Eurasian Energy Politics," Princeton University, October 9, 2013.
- "Geopolitics of Energy in Central Asia", China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, May 21, 2013.
- "The Role of Regional Powers in Energy and Water Politics in Eurasia: Cases of Azerbaijan and Turkey", Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, May 20, 2013.
- "Turkey's Policy and Posture on Energy in Eurasia," Energy-Water Nexus in Eurasia, Michigan State University, May 5-7, 2011.
- Keynote Speaker, "Dilemmas of Europeanization and Euro-Asianism in Turkish Foreign Policy" Sciences Po, International Policy and Leadership Institute (IPLI), Euro-Mediterranean Affairs Conference, Malta, March 10-11, 2011.
- "Turkish-American Relations: An Alliance at Crossroads," UC Davis, May 26, 2010.
- "Quest for Energy in Eurasia: Turkey's Role in Eurasian Energy Politics," Stanford University, Dec. 4, 2009.
- "Revisiting Narratives of History: Enver Pasha's Pan-Islamic and Pan-Turkic Quest," Reform in the Mediterranean, University of Montpellier, June, 2007.
- "Entrepreneurship and the European Union," Junior Chamber International Turkey and Anadolu University, Eskisehir, March, 2006.
- "Turkish-American Relations in the Interwar Era and the Contributions of Turkish Diplomats," Annual Mica Ertegun Conference, Princeton University, April, 2003.
- "NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue: Prospects for Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean," Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, January, 2003.
- "An Assessment of Recent developments in Turkey's European Odyssey," Near Eastern Studies Ertegun Seminar Series, Princeton University, December, 2002.
- "Reconfiguration of Identity in the Central Asian Republics," Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, February, 2002.
- "Opening Pandora's Box: Identity and Politics in Central Asia," Center for International Studies, Princeton University, December, 2001.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Energy Intervention and Energy Resources: When Does Energy Fuel Support of Rebels?” (co-authors: Belgin San Akca, Duygu Sever) International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 21-25, 2017.
- Conference Plenary Session Speaker, “The Interplay between History and International Relations,” Two Hundred Years Since the Congress of Vienna: The State of International Relations as a Discipline and Alternative World Views, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, 22-24 October, 2015.
- “Energy Security Challenges in the Mediterranean and Eurasia: Assessing the Turkish Role in Changing Regional Dynamics,” 8th International Conference on Mediterranean Studies, Athens, ATINER, March 30, 2015.
- “The Political Economy of BRICS and near-BRICS in an Emerging Global Order: Cooperation and Conflict in Turkish-Russian Relations,” International Studies Association-FLASCO Conference, University of Buenos Aires, July 24, 2014.
- Chair, “A Global Resource-Collaboration & Competition”, When China Meets Turkey: Energy Matters, Koç University, December 5, 2012.
- “Restoring Brotherly Bonds: Turkey-Azerbaijani Energy Relations,” PONARS Eurasia Conference, Washington D.C., September, 13-14, 2012.
- “Energy Security, Human Security and Turkey’s Role in Eurasian Energy Politics”, Istanbul Human Security Conference, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, October 27-28, 2011.
- “Changing Dynamics of Turkish-Russian Relations: Energy Security and Turkey’s Role in Eurasian Energy Politics,” PONARS Eurasia Conference, Washington D.C., September, 8-11, 2011.
- “Political Economy of Energy in Eurasia: Energy Security and Turkey’s Role in Eurasian Energy Politics,” WISC Conference, International Studies Association, Porto, August 17-20, 2011.
- “Iran and the Future of Turkey-US Relations,” Next-Generation Dialogue, Hollings Center and Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul, October 22-24, 2010.
- “Hydropolitics in the Tigris and Euphrates River Basin and the role of the European Union,” (co-author Bahar Rumelili), Eurasia in a Shifting Global Context: Building Interdisciplinary Bridges, Istanbul, 18-21 June, 2009.
- Chair, “Russia’s Eurasian Energy Policy” The Changing Politics of Energy and Security in Eurasia, PONARS Eurasia Conference, Istanbul, April 30-31, 2009.
- “The Role of Turkey in Eurasian Energy Politics,” The Changing Politics of Energy and Security in Eurasia, PONARS Eurasia Conference, Istanbul, April 30-31, 2009.
- “Turkey: Forging a Common Agenda for a Defining Moment,” Aspen Strategy Group, Ankara, 24-25 Apr 2009.
- “Water Resources in the Tigris-Euphrates River Basin and the European Union,” (co-author Bahar Rumelili), 2nd Global Studies Conference (WISC), Ljubljana, July 2008.
- “Political Economy of Energy in Eurasia,” Koc-MSU Workshop on Eurasian Energy Politics, Koc University, Istanbul, June, 2008.
- “The Role of Turkey in Euro-Mediterranean Security: Challenges and Opportunities,” International Conference on Mediterranean Studies, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, March, 2008.
- “Role of Enver Pasha in the pan-Islamic and the Basmachi Movement,” Middle Eastern Studies Association Conference (MESA), Boston, November, 2006.

- “Turkey’s Role in Euro-Mediterranean Security,” Instituto Affari Internazionali/TESEV, Euro-Mediterranean Security Conference, Rome, Italy, September 2005.
- “Turkey-EU Relations in Perspective: Domestic and Foreign Linkages,” ECPR Standing Group on European Politics, Second Pan-European Conference, Bologna, Italy, June 2004.
- “South East Europe: Sharing the Future as a Community of Constitutional Values,” RIGAS Network Closing Conference, Center for European Constitutional Law, Athens, March, 2003.
- “Political Changes in Turkey and their Impact on Turkish Foreign Policy,” International Lisbon Conference, Instituto de Estudos Estrategicos e Internacionais, November, 2002.
- “Reconfiguration of Power Structures in Central Asia,” Middle Eastern Studies Association Conference (MESA), San Francisco, November, 2001.
- “Water Politics in the Middle East,” European Conference of Junior Chamber International, Hague, June, 1999.

ORGANIZATION of INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Political Change in the Arab World: Internal Dynamics and Regional Actors, Arab Reform and Democracy Fifth Annual Conference, Stanford University and GLODEM, Koç University, Istanbul, 27-28 March, 2014.
- When China Meets Turkey: Energy Matters, Koç University, Istanbul, December 5, 2012.
- The Changing Politics of Energy and Security in Eurasia, PONARS Conference, Istanbul, April 30-31, 2009.

GRANTS and FUNDING

- Principle Investigator, EU Horizon 2020 Project, H2020-INT-SOCIETY-2015, Topic: INT-09-2015, Type of action: Research and Innovation Action, Project acronym: FEUTURE, 2017-2018. *The Future of EU-Turkey Relations: Mapping Dynamics and Testing Scenarios (FEUTURE)* is the largest research project on EU-Turkey relations ever funded by the European Commission with the participation of scholars from 13 partner institutions in nine countries.
- Research Partner, EU Horizon 2020 Project, H2020-INT-SOCIETY-2015, Topic: INT-09-2015, Type of action: Research and Innovation Action, Project acronym: FEUTURE, 2016-2017.
- BIDEB 2219 Grant, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), 2016-2017.
- Energy Efficiency Project, Seed Grant, KÜTEM, 2012-2015.
- BIDEB 2219 Grant, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), 2009-2010.
- American Research Institute in Turkey, Grant Award in Social Sciences, 2007.
- Koc-Harvard Research Grant, 2000.
- American Research Institute (ARIT) Academic Research Grant in Social Sciences, 2000.
- Center for International Studies Academic Research Grant, Princeton University, 1998.
- Hyde Research Grant, Dumberton Oaks Foundation, 1997.
- Center for Regional Studies Academic Research Grant, Princeton University, 1994.
- Bilkent University Full Scholarship, 1989-1993.

ACADEMIC NETWORKS and MEMBERSHIPS

- PONARS Eurasia Network, 2009-2016.
- Program on Central Asia and the Caucasus Network, Harvard University, 2009-2014
- International Senate Member, Junior Chamber International, 2007-2015.
- International Studies Association
- Middle Eastern Studies Association
- International Relations Council of Turkey (Uluslararası İlişkiler Konseyi)
- Germany Meets Turkey: Young Leaders Forum
- Princeton University, International Undergraduate Interview Team Member

SUPERVISING and MENTORING ACTIVITIES

- Undergraduate Students: Freshman and Newcomer Advisor, 2010-2012, 2013-2016.
- Departmental ERASMUS Coordinator and Supervisor, 2011-2012.
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