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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*

*M.A., Political Science, 2011*

**Koç University** (İstanbul, Turkey)

*M.A., International Relations, 2010*

**Boğaziçi University** (İstanbul, Turkey)

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

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Koç University & University of Exeter**  
TWICEASGOOD Project- *Funded by ERC*  
*Postdoctoral Researcher*

09/2022-

**Koç University (İstanbul, Turkey)**  
Department of International Relations  
*Postdoctoral Researcher*

2019-2022

**Carlos III-Juan March Institute (Madrid, Spain)**  
*Visiting Predoctoral Researcher*

2014- 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Party Competition and Electoral Reforms: Why Do Governments Initiate a Reform Process?”  
Forthcoming, *West European Politics*.

“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”  
*Istanbul Politika Raporu: Aralık 2021-011.*

## WORKING PAPERS

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

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

“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”

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

## WORK in PROGRESS (with tentative titles)

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

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

“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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<i>All-University Doctoral Prize for Political Science</i>	2020
The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University	
<i>Conference Grant</i>	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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“Censorship in Hybrid Authoritarian Regimes: The Role of Voter Mobilization” co-authored with Emre Ekinçi (scheduled)

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.

“Co-sponsorship Behavior on Women’s Issues Bills in the Turkish Parliament” co-authored with Eda Bektaş

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

“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” co-authored 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>Koç University</b>	2019-2022
<i>Instructor</i>	
Challenges Facing Young Democracies (SOSC116)	
Introduction to Political Science (INTL101)	
<b>Syracuse University</b>	2010-2019
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Politics of Citizenship, Politics of the Middle East, Politics of Globalization, Middle Eastern Political Systems, Security in the Middle East	
<b>Koç University</b>	2009-2010
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Politics of European Integration (Graduate), Introduction to Political Science	
<b>Boğaziçi University</b>	2004-2005
<i>Discussion Leader</i>	
Introduction to Turkish Politics, Contemporary Political Ideologies	

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

## WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

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

**Syracuse University**, Syracuse, NY

SOFTWARE & LANGUAGES

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Stata, Profiler Plus, Blackboard

Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (Intermediate/B1)