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## EDUCATION

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**2011 – present**  
**Ph.D.**

**Koç University**, Istanbul, Turkey

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science and International Relations

Graduate School of Social Sciences & Humanities

*Dissertation Title:* Refugee Activism and State Policies in Comparative Perspective: Contentious Voices from Greece and Turkey

*Dissertation Advisor:* Prof. Ahmet İçduygu

*Dissertation Committee:* Assoc. Prof. Özlem Altan-Olcay & Assoc. Prof. Erdem Yörük

Expected Graduation: April/May 2021

**2010-2011**  
**M.A.**

**Columbia University** in the City of New York, US

M.A. in Human Rights Studies

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Graduated in 19 October 2011

GPA: 3.41/4.00

*Thesis Title:* The EU-AKP-New Business Class Triangle: A Liberal Perspective On Democratization and Human Rights Improvements During the 2000s

*Thesis Advisors:* Prof. Jack L. Snyder & Dr. David C. Cuthell

**2005-2010**  
**B.A.**  
**B.S.**

**Binghamton University**, State University of New York, US

**Boğaziçi University**, Faculty of Economics & Administrative Sciences, Istanbul,

BA & B.S. in Global & International Affairs,

Minors in **Sociology & History**,

Concentration in **Middle East and North African Studies**,

Dean's List for Fall 2007, Spring 2008 and Spring 2010 (SUNY Binghamton)

Honors Certificate from Bogazici University (24 June 2010)

GPA: 3.61/4.00 Graduated in 16 May 2010

Graduation with Honour, Valedictorian / *Dux Litterarum*

**2018 – 2020**  
**A.D.**

**Anadolu University**

Associate degree in Justice

Graduated in 09 July 2020

GPA: 3.06 Graduation with Honour

**2001-2005**

**Izmir Tevfik Fikret High School**, Izmir, Turkey

Francophone, 4.88/5.00 Rank: Valedictorian / *Major de promotion*

## EXPERIENCE

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**2018 – present**

**Koç University**, Istanbul

**Migration Research Center at Koç University, MiReKoc**

Coordinator & Researcher

**2018 – 2019**

**Istanbul Bilgi University**, Istanbul

Part-time Instructor

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, International Relations

Fall 2018 - IR 480/527 Issues in Migration Studies

**2015 – 2018**                      **Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc)**

Research Fellow

**2011 – 2015**

**Koç University**, Istanbul  
Graduate School of Social Sciences & Humanities  
Research and Teaching Assistant

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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2020. "Understanding foreign policy strategies during migration movements: a comparative study of Iraqi and Syrian mass refugee inflows to Turkey." Co-authored with Salih Tosun. *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 21 (5), pp. 684-704, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2019.1709055>
2019. "Düzensiz Göç: Akdeniz'de Boğulan İnsanlık" 1868 Dergi Özel Sayı (Türk Kızılay Kültür & Sanat *Turkish Red Crescent: Culture and Art*), Kasım (November) (Turkish), pp. 22-27.
2018. "How to co-exist? Urban refugees in Turkey: Prospects and Challenges." Co-authored with Salih Tosun. *Policy Brief*, 1 (4), Yasar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration (ISSN: 2619-9440).
2017. "Rethinking Refugee Activism within and beyond the State: The Trajectory of Refugee Activism" in *The Migration Conference 2017 Proceedings (Conference Series)*, Fethiye Tilbe, Elif Iskender and Ibrahim Sirkeci (comp.), London: Transnational Press. pp: 531-541.
2017. "Recalibrating Turkish Foreign Policy After the Arab Uprisings: From Pro-activism to Uncertainty by Easing Off Ideational and Liberal Goals" co-authored with Sinan Karşıyaka in *Contemporary Turkey at a Glance II: Turkey Transformed? Power, History and Culture*. Meltem Ersoy and Esra Ozyurek (eds.), Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden. pp. 145-161. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-658-16021-0\_10
2015. "Characteristics of Prolonged Social Movements: The Case of Gezi Park Protests" co-authored with Kerem Yıldırım, in *Contentious Politics in the Middle East: Popular Resistance and Marginalized Activism beyond the Arab Uprisings*. Fawaz A. Gerges (ed.) Palgrave-Macmillan. pp. 415-435.
2015. [Book Review] "Sınır ve Sınırdışı: Türkiye'de Yabancılar, Göç ve Devlete Disiplinlerarası Bakışlar" [Border and Deportation: Interdisciplinary Observations on the Foreigners, Migration and State in Turkey] Didem Danış ve İbrahim Soysüren (eds/der.), *İdealkent: Journal of Urban Studies*, January, Issue 15: 242–248.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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- 2020 Co-authored with Ahmet İcduygu. Turkey and International Migration, 2019-2020 Report Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the OECD Expert Group on Migration, Online, October 19-21, 2020: Istanbul.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- IR 480/527 Issues in Migration Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University, Fall 2018.
- SOSOC 102 Culture and Society, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Sociology, Koc University, Summer 2017.

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

2019. "Refugee Voices in Comparison: State Policies, Civil Society and Activism Practices from Greece and Turkey" Presented at the conference "International Migration in the 21st Century-IV", special session of Migration Research Center at Koc University's (MiReKoc) titled "Bringing Transnational Dimension of Global Governance: Micro-Meso-Macro Perspectives", Yeditepe University Global Education and Culture Research and Application Center (KEKAM), Yeditepe University, Istanbul, October 10-11, 2019.
2019. Participation in Peer Workshops and Group Presentations at the 9th International Neighbourhood Symposium on "Addressing the Challenges in Europe and its Neighbourhoods" The Center for International and European Studies (CIES) at Kadir Has University. Odessa, Ukraine, June 18-23, 2019.
2019. "Mültecilerin Sesleri: Yunanistan ve Türkiye'deki Devlet Politikaları, Sivil Toplum ve Aktivizm Uygulamaları" (Voices of Refugees: State Policies, Civil Society and Activism Practices in Greece and Turkey). Presented at the "3. İlişkisel Sosyal Bilimler Kongresi", Koç University, Istanbul, June 13-14, 2019. (Turkish)
2018. "Unpacking legitimization strategies in foreign policy: Comparative analysis of Iraqi and Syrian mass refugee flows to Turkey" co-authored with Salih Tosun. Presented at the conference of the third "International Migration in the 21st Century", Yeditepe University Global Education and Culture Research and Application Center (KEKAM), Yeditepe University, Istanbul, October 10-11, 2018.
2018. "'They are our brothers, but' the Miscellaneous Xenophobic Attitudes: The Case of Turkey and Syrians" co-authored with Salih Tosun. Presented at the conference "Migration, Social Transformation and Differential Inclusion in Turkey," Young Scholars and Early Career Academics Conference, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) Sabancı University, Istanbul, 5-6 October 2018.
2018. "Syrian and Afghani Refugees in Fatih and Exarcheia Neighbourhoods – Activism Practices from Turkey and Greece" Presented at the conference on *Wellbeing and Migration: Inter-Asian Perspectives*, KUASIA (Koç University Centre for Asian Studies) in association with the Sussex Asia Centre (University of Sussex), Koc University, Istanbul, May 7-8, 2018.
2017. "Rethinking Refugee Activism within and beyond the State: The Trajectory of Refugee Activism" Presented at Harokopio University, *The Migration Conference*, Athens, August 23-26, 2017.

2014. “Re-calibrating Turkish Foreign Policy after the Arab Uprisings: From pro-activism to uncertainty by easing off ideational and liberal goals” with Sinan Karşıyaka. Presented at Istanbul Bilgi University, International Conference on *Contemporary Turkey at a Glance II: Turkey Transformed? Power, History, Culture*, in partnership with Network Turkey, London School of Economics (LSE) Contemporary Turkish Studies, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC), Istanbul, October 18-19, 2014.
2013. “Characteristics of Prolonged Social Movements: The Case of Gezi Park Protests” with Kerem Yıldırım. Presented at London School of Economics, Middle East Center PhD Conference on *Contentious Politics in the Middle East*, London, September 30, 2013.
2012. “EU’s problems in the Neighborhood Policy: Arab Spring squeezed between economy and security” Presented at CEE – IRSEM Joint Doctoral Student Workshop and Doctoral Seminar on *The EU as a Global Actor*, Paris, June 18-19, 2012 [The Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l’Ecole Militaire (IRSEM - French Institute of Strategic Research), in partnership with the Centre d’études Européennes - Sciences Po (CEE)]

### **INVITED TALKS**

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2020. The Consultation Meeting Between the Directorate General of Migration Management and Migration Research Centers (Göç İdaresi Genel Müdürlüğü ile Göç Araştırma Merkezlerinin Arasında İstişare Çalıştayı) in the framework of the “Supporting Turkey’s Efforts to Manage Migration” project, in collaboration with the Directorate General of Migration Management and International Organization for Migration (IOM) Turkey, Ankara, March 4-5.
2020. “1923 Sonrası Türkiye’nin Göç Politikaları” (Turkey’s Migration Policies since 1923) organized by Üsküdar Mihrimah Sultan Kız Anadolu İmam Hatip Lisesi, Istanbul, 11-12 January.
2019. “The Roles of Think Tank and Research Institutes in Security” at *The Security Sector Symposium* organized by Charles University, the University of Glasgow, Dublin City University, the University of Trento, and OTH Regensburg under International Master Security, Intelligence & Strategic Studies (IMSIS), Czech Republic, Prague, 12-13 December.
2019. “Temporary Protection Workshop: Project on Supporting the National Institutions in Turkey to Mitigate the Impact of the Syrian Refugee Crisis”, in collaboration with the Directorate General of Migration Management and UNHCR Turkey, Ankara, August 21-23.
2018. “18 December International Migrants Day” KuGlobalAid, Koç University, Istanbul, December 18.
2018. “Göçmeyi Anlamak” Konuşu Platform. Boğaziçi Mezunlar Derneği (BÜMED - International Alumni Group of Bogazici University), December 5.
2015. “Syrian Refugees in Turkey”, 4<sup>th</sup> *International Students Symposium on Law and Global Issues*, in collaboration with Koç University Law School, ANAMED, Istanbul, May 13-15.

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS & NETWORKS**

- 2020 – present HORIZON2020 Key Inclusive Development Strategies for LifeLongLearning (KIDS4ALLL) (2020-2023)  
**(Researcher)**
- 2020 – present ERASMUS+ EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES PROGRAMME – The European University of Post-Industrial Cities (UNIC)  
**(Administrative Coordinator)**
- 2019 – present ERASMUS+ JEAN MONNET NETWORK PROGRAM – The Euro-Mediterranean Research Network on Migration (EUMedMi) (2020-2023)  
**(Member)**
- 2017 – present COST ACTION CA16111 – International Ethnic and Immigrant Minorities’ Survey Data Network (April 2017 – April 2021)  
**(Administrative Coordinator, MiReKoc)**

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS – Completed**

- TÜBİTAK-RCUK (June 2016 – November 2019) “Integration and Well-Being of Syrian Youth in Turkey” (Türkiye’deki Gençlerin Entegrasyonu ve Refahı). Project No: 116K828. Project Coordinator Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu, Koc University. **(PhD Researcher)**
- WORLD BANK GROUP (May-June 2018) “Mapping of Centers that Provide Information/Counselling/Referral and/or Basic Services for Syrians Under Temporary Protection (SuTPs), Refugees and Other Migrants in Turkey” in collaboration with Ministry of Interior Directorate General of Migration Management. Internal report. **(Principal Investigator)**
- TÜBİTAK (April 2017-June 2018) “Turkey’s State Policies during the Mass Refugee Inflows: The Cases of Inflows from Bulgaria (1989), Iraq (1991), and Syria (2011-2015)” (Türkiye’de Kitlemel Sığınma Hareketleri Üzerine Devlet Politikaları: Bulgaristan (1989), Irak (1991) ve Suriye (2011–2015) Örnekleri), Project no: 116K448, Project Coordinator Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu, Koc University. **(PhD Researcher)**
- NGOWG (September – December 2010) “Mapping Women, Peace and Security in the UN Security Council: Report of the NGOWG 2009-2010” Researcher for the annual report published by the *NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security* by Sarah Taylor and Kristina Mader. October 2010, New York. **(Researcher)**

## **PROJECT WRITING EXPERIENCE**

- EU Horizon 2020: Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation
  - o WIDESPREAD-03-2018: Twinning
- TÜBİTAK Projects
- NGO Project Calls

## **PEER REVIEWER FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS**

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Turkish Studies, New Perspectives on Turkey

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Human Rights, Civil Society Actors/Organizations, Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, Mediterranean Politics, Turkish Foreign Policy, Activism, Social Movements, Comparative Politics

## **HONORS, AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS**

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- 2017-2018 TÜBİTAK Scholar 116K448 “Turkey’s State Policies during the Mass Refugee – Inflows: The Cases of Inflows from Bulgaria (1989), Northern Iraq (1991), and Syria (2011-2015)” (Türkiye’de Kitlemel Sığınma Hareketleri Üzerine Devlet Politikaları: Bulgaristan (1989), Kuzey Irak (1991) ve Suriye (2011–2015) Örnekleri), Koc University.
- 2015-2016 Koç University Travel Grant
- 2011-2015 Koç University PhD Scholarship
- 2010 Honors List, Boğaziçi University
- 2007-2008 Binghamton and Boğaziçi Universities, DUAL Diploma Programs Merit 2009-2010 Base Tuition Scholarship (Academic Years)

## **OTHER EVENTS**

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- Organizer of the International Meeting “South Asian Network on Development and Displacement (SANDD) Network, February 28-March 1, 2019. Koç University, Istanbul.
- MiReKoc Wednesday Seminar Series, Fall 2018 – present.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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<b>Turkish</b>	Native Speaker
<b>English</b>	Fluent writer, reader and speaker
<b>French</b>	Intermediate level writer, reader and speaker - DELF
<b>Arabic</b>	Beginner level writer, reader and speaker