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Education

9/2012 – 03/2017 University of Sussex, School of Global Studies
PhD in Migration Studies

Thesis Title: The Shaping of Turkish Migration Policy: Competing Influences between the European Union, International Organisations and Domestic Authorities.

Supervisors: Prof Paul Statham; Dr James Hampshire

9/2009 – 4/2012 Koç University, Graduate School of Social Sciences
MA in International Relations, Full Scholarship, GPA: 3.74/4.00

Thesis Title: Bargaining on Asylum and Migration: The Case of EU and Turkey.

Supervisors: Prof Ahmet Icduygu; Dr Resat Bayer

2/2008 – 6/2008 BEM – Bordeaux Management School, Master of Science in
Management (ESC) Department, ERASMUS Student Mobility
Grant by the European Commission

9/2005 – 6/2009 Koç University, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics
BA in International Relations, GPA: 3.09/4.00, *Vehbi Koç Scholar*
(Spring 2009 and Fall 2008)

Employment

02/2019 – Present Koç University, Migration Research Center (MiReKoc)
Scientific Coordinator and Post-Doctoral Researcher

Research Interests

My work on migration governance utilises a political science frame and explicates migration governance in the Mediterranean, with a specific focus on the external dimension of the EU's migration policies and the migration diplomacy they induce.

Publications

- Demiryontar, B. (2020). Accession conditionality and migration diplomacy: Turkey's dual identity in migration policy negotiations with the EU. *European Politics and Society*, 22(1), 88-103. doi:10.1080/23745118.2020.1719741
- İçduygu, A. and B. Demiryontar. (2019) "Mediterranean's Migration Dilemma and the EU's Readmission Agreements: Reinforcing a Centre-Periphery Relation." *EuroMedMig Working Paper Series*, no. 1 (December): <http://hdl.handle.net/10230/43144>
- Demiryontar, B. (2016). The Shaping of Turkish Migration Policy: Competing Influences between the European Union, International Organisations and Domestic Authorities. Brighton: PhD Thesis, Department of Geography, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex.
- Demiryontar, B. (2016). European Union and Turkish Migration Policy Reform: From Accession to Policy Conditionality. In I. Sirkeci, & B. Pusch, *Turkish Migration Policy* (pp. 73-91). London: Transnational Press London.

Teaching and Research Experience

- 01/2022 – Present Project Coordinator, TUBITAK 1001
Türk Yükseköğretim Alanında Yabancı Öğrenciler: Politika Yapım Süreçlerinde Yapı, Kurum ve Aktör Etkileşimleri
(*Foreign Students in Turkish Higher Education: Structure, Institution and Actor Interactions in Policy Making Processes*)
- 02/2022 – Present Lecturer
SOSC108 Migration and Globalization, Koç University
- 09/2020 – Present Reviewer
International Migration Journal
- 09/2019 – Present Project Coordinator, European Universities
UNIC – The European University of Post-Industrial Cities
- 01/2019 – 06/2019 Guest Lecturer
INTL 360 International Organizations and NGOs, Koç University
INTL330 Institutions and Politics of the European Union, Koç University
- 9/2010 – 10/2011 Research Assistant
Technical Assistance for Impact Assessment Study of a Possible Turkey-EU Readmission Agreement in Turkey

9/2009 – 9/2011 Teaching Assistant
 Koç University, Department of International Relations:
International Migration in a Global World; International Organizations and NGOs; US-Turkish Relations; History of Political Thought

Academic Conferences

- 11/2021 “Safe Zones and Return of Refugees: A Debate on Syrians in Turkey” Paper presented at the “Refugees: Integration, Harmonisation, Solidarity, Hospitality, or What?”, İstanbul.
- 07/2021 “Superdiversity Challenging Higher Education: A “UNIC” Approach for Societal Impact” Paper presented at the IMISCOE Annual Conference “Crossing Borders, Connecting Cultures”, hosted by the University of Luxembourg.
- 10/2019 “The Impact of EU Involvement on Migration Governance in the Mediterranean: Transnationalism, Multilateralism or Bilateralism” Paper presented at the KEKAM Conference, “International Migration in the 21st Century,” Yeditepe University, Istanbul.
- 09/2018 “Migration Diplomacy between the EU and Turkey: International Bargaining and Domestic Politics” co-authored with Ahmet İçduygu. Paper presented at the 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations at Prague, Czech Republic.
- 07/2018 “Mediterranean’s Migration Dilemma and the EU’s Readmission Agreements: Reinforcing a Centre-Periphery Relation” co-authored with Ahmet İçduygu. Paper presented at the 2018 IMISCOE Annual Conference: Europe, Migrations and the Mediterranean: Human Mobilities and Intercultural Challenges at Barcelona, Spain.
- 06/2015 Demiryontar, B. (2015, June). “European Union and Turkish Migration Policy Reform: From Accession to Policy Conditionality.” Paper presented at the Turkish Migration Conference at Charles University Prague, Czech Republic.
- 04/2014 “Negotiating EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement: A Formidable Process.” Paper presented at the Migration Researchers in the Field: A Graduate Student Conference on Method and Theory at the University of Sussex, Brighton, UK.

10/2012 “Three-Tiered Security Negotiations” co-authored with Resat Bayer. Paper presented at the Istanbul Human Security Conference, Centre for Peace and Reconciliation Studies (CPRS) at Coventry University, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Administration

2019-2021 Coordination, preparation and submission of various research projects within the Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe frameworks and other international and national funding schemes.

07/2019 Organisation of the two-week 2019 MiReKoc International Summer School: Highly-Skilled and Student Mobility in the Age of Selective Migration at Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey.

04/2014 Organisation of the Migration Researchers in the Field: A Graduate Student Conference on Method and Theory at the University of Sussex, Brighton, UK.

Computer Skills

Microsoft Office, NVivo 12

Language Skills

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Elementary)