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Education

Ph.D. Florida International University, Fall 2013-Present (Expected graduation: Spring 2019)

- Political Science
- Dissertation: Populism and Leader Polarization in Venezuela, Ecuador, and Turkey
- Committee: Eduardo Gamarra (Chair), Barry Levitt, Tatiana Kostadinova, and Qing Lai

M.A. Florida International University, Fall 2013-Spring 2016

- Political Science
- Subfields: Comparative Politics and International Relations
- Specialization: Latin American Politics

M.A. Boğaziçi University, Fall 2010-Summer 2012

- Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History
- Thesis: Turkish Airlines as a Soft Power Tool in the Context of Turkish Foreign Policy
- Committee: Aydın Babuna (Chair), Kemal Kirişçi, and Şevket Pamuk

B.A. Boğaziçi University, Fall 2006-Spring 2010

- Major: Political Science and International Relations

Study Abroad West Virginia University, Spring 2009

Academic Positions

Interdisciplinary Writing Teaching Assistant, Fall 2017-Present

Florida International University

Department of English

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2013-Summer 2017

Florida International University

Department of Politics and International Relations

Research Interests

Populism, polarization, democratization, personalism, Latin American politics, Turkish politics.

Teaching Interests

Introduction to comparative politics, democratization, Latin American politics, South American Politics, introduction to international relations, introduction to political theory, introduction to American government, and research methods.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- (2016) “Strong Presidents and Weak Institutions: Populism in Turkey, Venezuela, and Ecuador.” *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*. 16 (4): 571-589. DOI:10.1080/14683857.2016.1242893. (Google Scholar citations: 30).
- (2013) “Turkish Airlines: Turkey’s Soft Power Tool in the Middle East.” *Akademik Orta Doğu*. 14: 175-199. Available online at: <http://www.akademikortadogu.com/belge/ortadogu14makale/orcun_selcuk.pdf> (Google Scholar citations: 11).

Book Chapters

- (2015) “Bir Yumuşak Güç ve Kamu Diplomasisi Aracı Olarak THY.” [Turkish Airlines as a Soft Power and Public Diplomacy Tool] in *Türk Dış Politikası ve Kamu Diplomasisi [Turkish Foreign Policy and Public Diplomacy]*. (eds.) Mehmet Şahin and B. Senem Çevik. Nobel Akademik Yayıncılık, Ankara: 321-344.

Book Reviews

- (2018) “Ana L. Mallen and María Pilar García-Guadilla. 2017. *Venezuela’s Polarized Politics: The Paradox of Direct Democracy Under Chávez*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.” in *Democratization* 25 (7): 1310-1311. DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2017.1399123.
- (2015) “Leonidas Karakatsanis. 2014. *Turkish-Greek Relations: Rapprochement, Civil Society and the Politics of Friendship*. London; New York: Routledge.” in *Insight Turkey* 17 (1): 229-231.
- (2015) “Fatih Öztürk, Murat Yanık and Hüseyin Özcan (eds.). 2014. *A Road Map of a New Constitution for Turkey*. Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press.” in *ASMEA Book Notes*. Available online at: <<http://www.asmeascholars.org/publications/a-road-map-of-a-new-constitution-for-turkey/>>

Other Publications

- (2017) “Here’s what Peru can teach Turkey about presidential power grabs” with Astrid Arrarás in *the Monkey Cage of the Washington Post*. Available online at: <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/05/02/heres-what-peru-can-teach-turkey-about-presidential-power-grabs/>>
- (2016) “U.S. must remain committed to democracy in Turkey” with Eduardo Gamarra in *the Miami Herald*. Available online at: <<http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/op-ed/article91626367.html>>

Courses Taught as an Instructor of Record

Comparative Politics Courses

CPO 2002-Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2016, Spring 2017).

CPO 4303-Politics of South America (Fall 2016).

First-Year-Writing Courses

ENC 1101-Writing and Rhetoric I (Spring 2018, Summer 2018).

ENC 1102-Writing and Rhetoric II (Fall 2018, Spring 2019).

Courses Served as a Teaching Assistant

Comparative Politics Courses

CPO 2002-Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2014).

CPO 3055-Authoritarians and Democrats (Summer 2016).

CPO 3304-Politics of Latin America (Spring 2015).

CPO 3403-Politics of the Middle East (Fall 2015).

CPO 3643-Russian Politics (Summer 2017).

CPO 4303-Politics of South America (Spring 2015).

American Politics Courses

POS 2042-American Government (Spring 2014).

POS 3413-The Presidency (Fall 2013).

POS 3443-Political Parties (Spring 2014).

First-Year-Writing Courses

ENC 1101-Writing and Rhetoric I (Fall 2017).

Research Grants

(2016) Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship Award (\$750).

(2016) ASMEA Research Grant Award (\$2,500).

(2016) Tinker Field Research Grant (\$1,123).

(2015) ASMEA Research Grant Award (\$2,000).

Teaching Awards

(2017) Best Teaching Assistant in Political Science.

Other Grants and Awards

(2018) SPSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant (\$300).

(2017) APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant (\$125).

(2017) LASA Travel Grant of Four Nights of Accommodation in Lima, Peru.

(2016) APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant (\$170).

- (2015) Consortium on European Symposia in Turkey Travel Grant (€500).
- (2014) ASMEA Annual Meeting Travel Grant Award (\$500).
- (2012) Model United Nations İstanbul-Outstanding Delegate Award.
- (2012) Thessaloniki International Model United Nations-Honorary Mention Award.
- (2011) Thessaloniki International Model United Nations-Honorary Mention Award.
- (2010) Galatasaray Model United Nations-Best Delegate Award.
- (2010) TÜBİTAK M.A. Scholarship during graduate studies.

Language Skills

Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced research skills).

Computer Skills

STATA, SPSS, NVivo, Yoshikoder, Blackboard, Canvas.

Conference Papers and Presentations

- (2019) “Inclusionary vs. Exclusionary Populism and Leader Polarization: Evidence from Venezuela.” Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.
- (2019) “The Erdoğanization of Turkish Politics (2011-2014)” with Dilara Hekimci and Onur Erpul. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.
- (2018) “The Erdoğanization of Turkish Politics and the Role of the Opposition” with Dilara Hekimci and Onur Erpul. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa in Washington DC.
- (2018) “Populism, Leader Polarization, and Democratic Backsliding.” E-poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, Massachusetts.
- (2018) “Populism and Polarization in Ecuador: Correistas vs. Anti-Correistas.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- (2017) “The Role of Self-Coups in Enhancing Presidential Powers and Weakening Democracy” with Astrid Arrarás. E-poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco, California.
- (2017) “Left-Right Ideology and Presidential Trust: Who is Polarized in Correa's Ecuador and Chavez's Venezuela?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association in Lima, Peru.
- (2017) “Polarizing Leaders in the Andes: The Cases of Hugo Chavez and Rafael Correa.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.
- (2017) “The Role of Self-Coups in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes: Peru under Fujimori and Turkey under Erdogan” with Astrid Arrarás. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.

- (2016) “Ideology vs. Affection: Leader Polarization in Turkey.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa in Washington DC.
- (2016) “Public Opinion Polarization in Ecuador, Venezuela, and Turkey.” E-poster presented at the annual meeting of American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- (2016) “Trouble in Turkey: Erdoğan and the Consequences of a Failed Coup.” Participated at a teach-in with FIU faculty and community experts in Miami, Florida.
- (2016) “Presidentialism Debate in Turkey: Understanding the Veto Players.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.
- (2015) “Erdoğan’s Quest for Presidentialism: A Veto Players Framework.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa in Washington DC.
- (2015) “Plebiscitary Democracy under Populism: Erdoğan’s Turkey, Chavez’s Venezuela, Morales’ Bolivia and Correa’s Ecuador” Paper presented at the First European Symposium on Turkey in Graz, Austria.
- (2015) “Turkey’s Plebiscitary Democracy and Lessons from Latin America.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.
- (2015) “Reducing Democracy to Numbers: Plebiscitary Democracy under Populism in Turkey, Venezuela, Bolivia, and Ecuador.” Paper presented at the Annual South Florida Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference in Miami, Florida.
- (2015) “Politics of Populism in Erdoğan’s Turkey and Correa’s Ecuador.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Florida Political Science Association in Orlando, Florida.
- (2014) “Measuring Political Polarization in Turkey.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa in Washington DC.
- (2014) “Turkish Airlines as a Soft Power Tool in the Context of Turkish Foreign Policy.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Florida Political Science Association Conference in St. Augustine, Florida.

Professional Service

- (2019) Chair of the panel, “Social Movements in Latin America” at the annual meeting of Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL.
- (2018) Reviewer for *Alternatives*.
- (2018) Reviewer for *Democratization*.
- (2018) Chair and discussant of the panel, “Issues of Policy and Policy Reform in the Latin America and the Caribbean” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA.
- (2017) Reviewer for *Religion, State & Society*.
- (2017) Chair of the panel, “Political Participation at the Margins of Democracy” at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association in Lima, Peru.

- (2017) Chair of the panel, “Political Economy of Authoritarian Rule” at the annual meeting of Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL.
- (2017) Discussant of the paper “Desconfianza: The consequences of political (dis)trust for policy preferences in Latin America” at the Florida International University Department of Politics and International Relations Faculty-Student Research Colloquium in Miami, FL.
- (2016) Discussant in the poster session, “Politics in Brazil” at the annual meeting of Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL.
- (2015) Discussant in the panel, “Populism, Self-determination, Secession” at the annual meeting of Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

- Comparative Politics
- Comparative Democratization

Midwest Political Science Association

Latin American Studies Association

References

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