

SEDA ÜNSAR



Education and Academic Positions:

Degree	College/Department/Program	University	Year	Degree
Bachelor of Arts	College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, Department of International Relations	Koç University	Fall 1995-Spring 1999	Bachelor of Arts
Master of Arts	School of Politics & Economics, International Studies	Claremont Graduate University	Fall 2000-Spring 2002	Master of Arts
Master of Arts	Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science	University of Southern California	Fall 2002-Spring 2004	Master of Arts
Doctor of Philosophy	Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science	University of Southern California	Fall 2004-Summer 2008	Doctor of Philosophy
Visiting Fellow	Center for International Studies	London School of Economics	Fall 2008-Spring 2009	Visiting Fellow
Postdoctoral Fellow	Max Weber Postdoctoral Program	European University Institute	Fall 2009-Spring 2010	Postdoctoral Fellow
Visiting Fellow	Department of Political and Social Sciences	European University Institute	Spring 2010-Fall 2010	Visiting Fellow
Lecturer	The Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Department of Political Science and International Relations	Boğaziçi University	Summer 2011	Lecturer
Lecturer	Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science	University of Southern California	Fall 2011-Spring 2012	Lecturer
Assistant Professor	The Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Department of International Relations	İstanbul Arel University	Spring 2012	Assistant Professor
Associate Professor	The Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Department of International Relations	İstanbul Arel University	Summer 2013-Spring 2016	Associate Professor
Associate Professor	The Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Department of Political Science and International Relations	Yeditepe University	Spring 2016-Current	Associate Professor

Research and Teaching Areas: Middle East politics; (the political economy of) Ottoman institutional modernization; history of political thought (Western and Islamic); (the political economy of) religion, politics and secularism, and neoliberalism.

Dissertation Title, Thesis Committee and Advisor:

The Endurance of Redistributive Institutional Structure: The Role of Institutional Rigidities in the Ottoman Case

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Eliz Sanasarian

Committee Members: Prof. Dr. Jefferey Sellers, Prof. Dr. Alexander Moore

Passed with 'Distinction' the Master and Doctoral Qualifying Examinations

Scholarships and Awards:

1. 1994-1995: Turkish Cultural Foundation, AFS (American Field Service) Scholarship (In written examinations, Regional 1st): Deferring enrolment at Koç University for one year, went, as an International Cultural Exchange Student, to Thailand
2. 1995-1999: Koç University Vehbi Koç (Full) Scholarship (1994 ÖYS nationwide ranking: 49th)
3. Spring 1999: Koç University Vehbi Koç Fellow Award
4. July 1998: Model United Nations Scholarship from FIAT (The Hague, Netherlands)
5. January-February 1998: "Università Bocconi, EU and the Fontainebleau Foundation" Scholarship for the "Young Leaders Forum" organized by Università Bocconi (Milan, Italy)
6. July 1999: "The Fund for American Studies" Scholarship for the "International Institute for Political and Economic Studies" organized by Harvard University and Georgetown University (Athens, Greece)
7. July-August 1999: "The Christian Academy for European Dialogue" Scholarship for the "European Union Workshop" organized by Catholic University of Leuven and Charles University of Praha (Prague, Czech Republic)
8. Fall 2000-Spring 2002: Claremont Graduate University, Master Scholarship (Claremont, California, USA)
9. Fall 2002-Summer 2008: University of Southern California, PhD Scholarship (Los Angeles, California, USA)
10. Fall 2006: "Phi Beta Kappa Alumni" Award for International Students (Los Angeles, California, USA)
11. Fall 2005-Spring 2006: USC College "Strategic Theme" Award (Los Angeles, California, USA)
12. Summer-Fall 2007: USC College "Graduate Student Initiative" Award (Los Angeles, California, USA)
13. Spring 2012-Spring 2013: Arel University Use of Library Award, and Academic Encouragement Award

Research Assistantship at USC:

1. Spring 2004: Research Assistant to Professor Eliz Sanasarian
2. Spring 2005-Spring 2007: The Institute for Economic Research on Civilizations, USC
3. Fall 2007: Research Assistant to Professor Vamik D. Volkan (supported by the Graduate Student Initiative award)

Teaching Assistantship at USC:

Responsibilities: Weekly discussion sessions (two groups of usually 25 students); preparation of midterm and final examination questions (in some classes, the questions were prepared by the professor); preparation sessions for midterms and finals for students; grading (of all exams, papers and calculating final course grades); occasional auditorium lectures

1. Fall 2002: *Comparative Politics*
2. Spring 2003: *Politics of Human Differences*
3. Fall 2003: *Comparative Politics*
4. Fall 2004: *Geopolitics*
5. Spring 2005: *Political Theory*
6. Fall 2006: *Comparative Politics*
7. Spring 2007: *Middle East Politics*
8. Fall 2007: *Comparative Politics*
9. Spring 2008: *Sex, Power and Politics*

Evaluations are available upon request.

Other Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching:

1. May 2010: Lectures titled '*Islam, Turkey and the EU: Another Perspective*' for undergraduate and graduate students at the *Dublin Summer School* organized by (and on the campus of) the European University Institute (Florence, Italy)
2. February 21-28 2010: Lectures titled '*Islam, Secularism and American Foreign Policy in the Middle East, Africa and Asia in Perspective*' for the undergraduate students at *Universtat Pompeu Fabra* as part of the European University Institute, Max Weber Postdoctoral Program (Barcelona, Spain)
3. September 10-15 2012: Lectures titled '*On Political Transformations: The Case of the Middle East*' for the undergraduate students at *Budapest College of Communication, Business and Arts*, as part of the Erasmus Teaching Exchange Program by *İstanbul Arel University* (Budapest, Hungary)
4. September 8-13 2014: Lectures titled '*OccupyGezi: An Exceptional Resistance*' for the undergraduate students at the University of Sassari, as part of the Erasmus Teaching Exchange Program by *İstanbul Arel University* (Sassari, Italy)

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

Academic Year	University	Name of the Course	Weekly hour	Number of Student
Summer 2011	Boğaziçi University	Politics and Society of the Middle East	9	19
Fall 2011- Spring 2012	University of Southern California	Political Development	3	12
Spring 2012	İstanbul Arel University	International Political Economy	3	43
Spring 2013		Political Development	3	6
Spring 2014		Uluslararası Siyasi İktisat	3	71
Spring 2015		Siyasi Gelişme	3	50
		Politics and Government in the Middle East	3	45
		Comparative Political Ideologies	3	45
Fall 2012	İstanbul Arel University	History of Political Thought	3	45
Fall 2013		International Current Issues	3	45
Fall 2014		Ottoman State and Society	3	45
Fall 2015		Globalization and Its Discontents	3	28
		Politics in the Caucasus and Central Asia	3	20
		American Studies	3	45
Spring 2016	Yeditepe University	Introduction to International Relations	3	135
Fall 2016		International Political Economy	3	60
Spring 2017		Politics and Society of the Middle East	3	70
		Classical Ottoman Age	3	70
		Ottoman Political Modernization	3	70
		History of Political Thought	3	55

Graduate Courses Taught:

Academic Year	University	Name of the Course	Weekly Hour	Number of Student
Fall 2013 Fall 2014	İstanbul Arel University	Uluslararası Güncel Sorunlar	3	14
Spring 2014	İstanbul Arel University	Bölgesel Çalışmalar	3	14
Fall 2014	İstanbul Arel University	İslam, Toplum ve Siyaset	3	12
Spring 2016	Yeditepe University	Politics and Society of the Middle East	3	15

Supervised Dissertations and Master Theses:

Outside Committee Member in Aral Gökçen Noyan's dissertation titled "Yabancı Çalışanların Yerel Kültüre Uyumunda Kültürel Zekanın Rolü ve Bu Sürecin Kültürel Deneyimlerle Olan İlişkisi" (Committee Chair: Prof. Nevin Deniz)

Committee Chair in Ömer Sarı's master thesis titled "Değişen Ortadoğu'da Türkiye-Suriye İlişkileri"

Committee Chair in Mehmet Çetinkaya's master thesis titled "Avrupa Birliği Gençlik Programlarının Avrupa Vatandaşlık Bilincine ve Avrupa Birliği'nin Sürdürülebilirliği'ne Katkısı"

Committee Chair in Öykü Oğulbalı's master thesis, "Küreselleşme ve Uluslararası Nükleer Silahlanma"

Publications:

A. Journal Articles (SSCI)

A.1. "From the Myth of European Union Accession to Disillusion: Implications for Religious and Ethnic Politicization in Turkey", *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 62, No. 1 (Winter, 2008), pp. 93-116 (co-author: Deniz Gökalp)

A.2. "Communications", *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 62, No. 2 (Spring 2008), pp. 370-372 (correspondence: Michael M. Gunter, Seda Ünsar, Deniz Gökalp)

B. Journal Articles (Journals scanned by International Indexes)

B.1. "A Path-dependent Analysis of the Ottoman Empire and its Influence on the Foundation of the Turkish Republic", *Turkish Yearbook of International Relations*, Vol. XXXIII, 2002, pp. 77-121.

B.2. "On Jamal Ad-din Al-Afghani and the 19th Century Islamic Political Thought", *Gazi University İktisadi ve İdari Bilimler Fakültesi Dergisi* 13/3, (2011), pp. 79-96.

B.3. "Ortadoğu'da Dönüşüm: Demokrasinin Çıkmazı", *Finans Politik ve Ekonomik Yorumlar*, April 2012, pp. 63-71.

B.4. "Unthinking the Turkish Case", *International Journal of Turcologia*, Volume VII, No.13, (Printemps/Spring 2012), pp. 39-55.

B.5. "On Ali Shari'ati: A 'Revolutionary' Sociologist?", *Akademik Ortadoğu*, Volume 7, No. 1, 2012, pp. 133-145.

B.6. "A Study on Institutional Change: Ottoman Social Structure and the Provision of Public Goods", *Gazi Akademik Bakış*, No. 11, Winter 2012, pp. 177-200.

B.7. "Patrimonyal Yeniden-Dağıtımçı (Redistributive) Yapıdan Rasyonel-Yasal (Rational-Legal) Yapıya Geçiş", *Political Science (Leges- International Peer-Reviewed Academic Journal)*, 2015, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 137-153.

B.8. "Sekülerizmin Çoklu Epistemolojileri Üzerine", *Karadeniz Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi (The Black Sea Journal of Social Sciences)*, Autumn 2016, No: 15, pp. 165-191.

C. Book Chapters

C.1. "On the Political Economy of Resistance", in *Another Brick in the Barricade: The Gezi Resistance and its Aftermath* by Wiener Verlag für Sozialforschung, November 2015, p. 266-288.

C.2. "On the Political Economy of Ottoman Institutional Change: A Macro-Historical Perspective", forthcoming in *Political Economy of Muslim Countries* by Cambridge Scholars, 2017.

Academic Activities:

A. Reviewer at: *Religion, History Research, History Studies: International Journal of History, International Sociology*

B. International Academic Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops

B.1. *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 73rd Annual National Conference*, Chicago, ABD (April 16-19 2015): Presentation of the article titled "On Political Transformations of the Middle East"

B.2. *Athens Institute for Education and Research, 13th Annual International Conference on Politics & International Affairs*, Athens, Greece (June 15-18 2015): Presentation of the article titled *OccupyGezi: Prospects for a Progressive Countermovement*

B.3. *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 72nd Annual National Conference*, Chicago, ABD (April 3-6 2014): Acceptance of the article titled "On Political Transformations of the Middle East: The Impasse of Democracy"

B.4. *Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), 16th Annual Convention*, Columbia University, New York, USA (April 14-16, 2011): Presentation of the article titled "A New Face for Political Islam: Muslim Democrats and Neo-liberal Businessmen" (co-author: Deniz Gökalp)

- B.5.** *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 69th Annual National Conference, Chicago, ABD (March 31 –April 3 2011): Acceptance of the article titled "A Neo-liberal transformation: The Case of Turkey"*
- B.6.** *European University Institute, "Max Weber Fellows" Conference, Florence, Italy (June 15-16 2010): Presentation of the article titled "Ottoman Social Structure and the Provision of Public Goods"*
- B.7.** *Salzburg Global Seminar on Turkey, Salzburg, Austria (May 9-13 2010): Presentation of the "Dissent"; Session 469: "What Turkey? What Europe?" Salzburg Seminar Certificate*
- B.8.** *European University Institute, Max Weber Postdoctoral Program, "the European Report on Development at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies" Seminar, Florence, Italy (May 5-6 2010): Presentation of the article titled "On the Question of Inequality" at the Panel titled "Contemporary Approaches to Inequality in the Social Sciences"; Organization of and attendance as a commentator and discussant at the interdisciplinary "Urban Studies" Panel titled "Of Life in the City- the Provision of Basic Needs"*
- B.9.** *European University Institute, Max Weber Postdoctoral Program, the Seminar titled "Judges and Historians", Florence, Italy (February 3 2010): Organization of and attendance at the Seminar as the representative of the 'Political Science' discipline as a discussant and commentator*
- B.10.** *The International Studies Association, Annual Convention 2009, New York, USA (February 15-18 2009): Acceptance of the article titled "Secularization and Development in the Age of Globalization: Turkey, Algeria, Egypt" (co-author: Deniz Çakırer)*
- B.11.** *International Sociological Association, First ISA Forum of Sociology 2008, Barcelona, Spain (September 5-8 2008): Acceptance of the article titled "The Turkish Paradox: Contentious Impact of Class and Religion in Party Politics in the Last Decade" (co-author: Deniz Gökalp)*
- B.12.** *University of Utah, Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics and Society Conference, Utah, USA (September 7-9 2006): Presentation of the article titled "EU-Turkey Relations: Implications with Respect to Political Islam and Kurdish Quandary" (co-author: Deniz Gökalp)*
- B.13.** *Universitat de Barcelona, Mediterranean Studies Association Conference, Barcelona, Spain (May 26-29 2004): Presentation of the article titled "An Analysis of Sayyid Jamal ad-Din al-Afghani (1838/9-1897) within the 19th Century Islamic Political Thought"*
- B.14.** *American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, USA (September 2-5 2004): Acceptance of the article titled "The Mystery of the Pattern of non-Western Thought"*
- B.15.** *The Second International Conference on New Directions In the Humanities, Monash University Center in Prato, Tuscany, Italy (July 20-23 2004): Acceptance of the article titled "The Dialectical Path of Secularism and Laicité: The loathsome combination of Church and State or the fatal theory of their separation?"*
- B.16.** *European University Institute, "Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies", Third Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Florence, Italy (March 20-24 2002): Presentation of the article titled "The Role of Ottoman Empire and the Republican Legacy on Turkey's Historical Development as a 'European State'"*

C. Other International Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Activities

C.1. "Christian Academy for European Dialogue" Seminar by Catholic University of Leuven (B) and the Charles University of Praha (Cz), Prague, Czech Republic (July 29–August 12 1999): Certificates of CAFED, Catholic University of Leuven and Charles University

C.2. International Institute for Political and Economic Studies in Athens, by Georgetown University and Harvard University, Athens, Greece (July 10-29 1999): Certificates of IIPES, Georgetown University and Harvard University

C.3. Young Leaders Forum on Euro-Mediterranean Relations, by Università Bocconi, Milan, Italy (January 30-February 6 1998): Preparation and Presentation of the White Paper and Resolution of the Committee on Media; Certificates of YLF and Università Bocconi

C.4. Model United Nations, The Hague, Netherlands (July 1998): Delegate of Thailand; MUN Certificate

C.5. Université de Sorbonne (Fall 1998): Certificate of Intermediate French

D. Membership at: MPSA

Professional Career and Other Activities:

May 2003-2004: VITAC Corporation, Independent Contractor (for close-captioning and subtitling services)

Fall 2003-Fall 2004: USC Graduate and Professional Student Senate Representative

January-June 2000: Türkbank (Management trainee), İstanbul

April-May 1999: Translator for the Idaho University and Southern Colorado University as representative of 'Global Vision' at the İstanbul Education Fair

July 1998: Member of the Organizing Committee for the Grand Princess

June 1998: Translator for the American Business School in Paris at the İstanbul HIT Education Fair

Fall 1997-Fall 1999: Koç University Founding Member of the Model United Nations Club

Fall 1997-Fall 1999: Koç University Founding Member of the Political Science Club

Fall 1996-Fall 1997: Koç University Student Advisor

November 1996: Member of the Organizing Committee of the AFS World Congress

Fall 1996-Spring 1999: Koç University Theater Club Member

References:

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