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Education

- 2004- 2015 **Ph.D**, Thesis Subject: “The King’s European Morocco: A postcolonial approach to Morocco’s quest to become a European Community member”
Department of Political Science, Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey)
- 1999- 2004: **B.A on International Relations (GPA: 3, 31/ 4,00)**
Department of International Relations, Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey)
- 1992-1999: **High School (GPA: 4, 25/ 5,00)**
Lycée Tevfik Fikret

Career Focus

- An academic and business development focused career on African political economy

Professional Interests

- Economics
- Business Development
- International Political Economy
- International Relations
- North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Postcolonial Theory
- African Development

Teaching Experience

- *Turkish foreign policy on Sub-Saharan Africa*, Ankara University Department of International Relations Undergraduate class, March 16th 2015, Ankara, Turkey
- *Identity and Politics in postcolonial Morocco*, Yaşar University Department of International Relations Undergraduate class, April 3rd 2015, İzmir, Turkey

Academic Experience

January 2017-....: Assistant Professor
Yeditepe University, Department of Political Science and International
Relations (İstanbul, Turkey)

February 2016- September 2016: Lecturer
Hacettepe University, Department of International Relations (Ankara, Turkey)

Responsibilities:

- To lecture the *International Political Economy II* course
- To lecture the *International Propaganda* course

January 2016-January 2017: Global Affairs Editorial Assistant
European International Studies Association (Brussels, Belgium)

Responsibilities:

- To communicate with the authors who contribute to the *Global Affairs* academic journal
- To edit articles written by authors for the *Global Affairs* academic journal

September 2009-May 2010: Visiting Researcher
Al Akhawayn University (Ifrane, Morocco)

Responsibilities:

- To conduct research on relations between Morocco and Turkey,
- To conduct research on Moroccan foreign policy on Sub-Saharan Africa,

September 2004- May 2008: Research & Teaching Assistant
Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey)

Responsibilities:

- To assist certain professors of the Department of Political Science about their research
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List of Publications

Indexed Journal articles:

- *Supporting Fenerbahçe, Galatasaray, Beşiktaş: Polarization among the three greatest*, Gazi Üniversitesi İletişim Kuram ve Araştırma Dergisi, Kış-Bahar 2008, Sayı:26, s.441-450 (Ulakbim Index), in Turkish
- *Turkey's Cyprus Issue in the context of Europeanization*, with Dr. Petek Karatekelioğlu, Journal of Cyprus Studies, Spring 2009 (CSI, ASSIA Indexes)
- *The Turkish-Armenian Rapprochement Processes: A Case Study Approach*, with Dr. Jack Kalpakian, Digest of Middle East Studies (DOMES), Vol.20, Issue 2, Spring 2012 (Index Islamicus)
- *Kenya's modeling of Turkey: How Turkey impacts Sub-Saharan Africa?*, with Dr. Asena Ozer Boztas, *Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol.22, Spring 2012 (Ulakbim Index)

- *Turkey's foreign policy implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Post International Approach*, with Dr. Gonca Bilekin, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Boğaziçi University, Volume 49, Fall 2013 (SSCI)
- *The 2011 Landing of Turkey in Somalia: A State to People Aspect of Turkish Foreign Policy towards Sub-Saharan Africa*. (First Draft of "The 2011 Landing of Turkey in Somalia: A successful attempt of a successful plan"), *European Scientific Journal*, Special Edition, May 2014 Special Edition (EBSCO Index)

Book Chapters:

- *The Postcolonial Theory*, with Dr. Çağlar Ayman, *International Relations Theories*, İletişim Yayınları, October 2014, İstanbul, Turkey (in Turkish)
- *Tuareg Crisis in Mali*, *Africa in World Politics Vol:1*, Nobel Yayınevi, October 2014, İstanbul, Turkey (in Turkish)
- *A statist miracle in Sub-Saharan Africa: The post 1994 Rwandan Economy*, *Africa in World Politics Vol:2*, Nobel Yayınevi, December 2015, İstanbul, Turkey (in Turkish)
- *Political culture and the Democratic Party in the regional rise of Botswana*, *Africa in World Politics Vol.3*, Nobel Yayınevi, January 2017, İstanbul, Turkey (in Turkish)
- *Turkish Foreign Policy on Sub-Saharan Africa*, *Turkish Foreign Policy: International Relations, Legality and Global Reach*, edited by Pinar Gözen Ercan, Pallgrave& Macmillan, April 2017
- *Turkey-Morocco Relations*, with Dr.İsmail Ermağan, *Handbook of Research on Sociopolitical Factors Impacting Economic Growth in Islamic Nations*, edited by Prof. Süleyman Özdemir, Prof. Seyfettin Erdogan, Ass.Prof. Ayfer Gedikli, IGI Publications, July 2017

Special reports :

- *Half time at four, full time at five? The Algerian Presidential Elections of April 2014*, Ortadoğu Analiz, Vol: 6, No:62, May-June 2014
- *The Changing Geopolitics in Western Sahara after the Arab Spring and Morocco*, Ortadoğu Analiz, No:72, January-February 2016
- *The impact of the Arab Spring on Turkish-Libyan Economic Relations*, Ortadoğu Analiz, Vol.8, No:74, May-June 2016
- *The 2016 Sub-Saharan Africa visits of Turkish President Erdogan*, Ortadoğu Analiz, Vol.8, No:75, July-August 2016
- *The October 2016 Elections and thereafter in Morocco*, Ortadoğu Analiz, Vol:9, No: 78, March-April 2017
- *The 2017 Sub-Saharan Africa Visits of Turkish President Erdogan*, Ortadoğu Analiz, Vol:9, No:79, May-June 2017 (in Turkish)
- *The May 2017 Elections in Algeria*, Ortadoğu Analiz, Vol.9, No:80, July-August 2017 (in Turkish)

Presentations in local/international academic events

- The United Nations 43rd Graduate Study Program, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2nd-24th 2005
- *Importance of Sub-Saharan Africa in Turkish Foreign policy*, Okan University Turkish Association of Political Science, 8th Graduate Studies Conferences, December 4th 2010, İstanbul, Turkey
- *Morocco's relations with the European Union: How a non-European state felt European?*, Middle East Technical University, Institute of Social and Economic Sciences, 1st Post Graduate Conference, April 24th 2012, Ankara, Turkey
- *The Impacts of 2013 Mali crisis to West Africa and to the world politics*, Ankara University Africa Conferences, February 26th 2013, Ankara, Turkey
- *Turkish business performance in Sub-Saharan Africa*, TASAM 9th International Turkish-Africa Congress, April 24th-25th 2014, İstanbul, Turkey
- *Turkish State's Africa Opening*, University of Santiago GAM 2014 Meetings, March 27th-30th 2014, Praia, Cabo Verde

- *The European Morocco: How the Treaty of Rome was interpreted by King Hassan the Second*, WOCMES 2014, August 22nd 2014, Ankara, Turkey
- *Characteristics of the Sub-Saharan African Economy*, Akdeniz University Africa Conferences, March 20th 2015, Antalya, Turkey
- *Morocco's path to the European Union*, Üsküdar University International Conference on Postcolonialism, May 7th-8th 2015, İstanbul, Turkey
- *The Moroccan-EU relations in the context of Western Sahara After the Arab Spring*, The New Middle East Conference, Işık University, March 24th-25th 2016, İstanbul, Turkey
- *Comparative Perspective of Turkish and Moroccan Foreign Policies on Sub-Saharan Africa*, International Middle East Symposium, Kırıkkale University, May 4th -7th 2016, Kırıkkale, Turkey
- *The 2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa: A Health Security Issue*, Istanbul Security Conference, TASAM, November 3rd-5th 2016, İstanbul, Turkey
- *Turkey's Engagement in Africa*, Human Power in Japan and Turkey, ORSAM-TOBB ETU University- Turkish-Japanese Association, November 24th 2016, Ankara, Turkey
- *Morocco's position vis a vis MINURSO: Moroccanity in town*: 26th IPRA General Conference on Agenda for Peace and Development, November 27th-December 1st 2016, Freetown, Sierra Leone
- *2015 Burundi Kalkışması*, Giresun Üniversitesi 1.Uluslararası Demokrasi Sempozyumu, 15-16 Aralık 2016, Giresun, Turkey
- *Turkey and South Africa relations after the failed coup d'état attempt*, Turkey and South Africa: Regional Powers with Greater Responsibilities, Al Sharq Foundation and Afro-Middle East Center (AMEC), January 26th 2017, Pretoria, South Africa
- *The role of the Western Sahara issue on Europeanity and Africanity components of postcolonial Morocco*, IRAM Center & Yıldırım Beyazıt University, April 20th-22nd 2017, Ankara, Turkey
- *The Maghrebi sustainization of the West African peace: Where the Arab Spring stands in Moroccan, Algerian and Tunisian foreign policies on Sub-Saharan Africa*, University of Al Akhawayn, May 20th 2017, Ifrane, Morocco

- *The impacts of Arab Spring on Sub-Saharan Africa*, Yıldız Technical University, May 23rd 2017, İstanbul, Turkey

Professional Experience

September 2014- January 2015: Economic Specialist
Djibouti Embassy to Ankara (Djibouti-Djibouti & Ankara-Turkey)

Responsibilities:

- To represent Djibouti's economy to Turkish business sectors
 - To encourage investments from Turkey to Djibouti
 - To represent Djibouti's economy in domestic and international fairs in Turkey
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May 2012- February 2014 Economic Officer/Administrative Associate
Taipei Economic and Cultural Mission (Taipei-Taiwan & Ankara, Turkey)

Responsibilities:

- To orient economic initiatives of the Taiwanese government in Turkey,
 - To orient investments of the Taiwanese businessmen in Turkey,
 - To consult the Taiwanese Ministry of Economy on an opening plan to Africa
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September 2011-May 2012: Business Development Officer
African Innovation and Development (Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Ankara, Turkey)

Responsibilities:

- To organize and head business tours to West Africa,
 - To guide Turkish businessmen for their investments in Cote d'Ivoire,
 - To organize cultural events on Turkey in Cote d'Ivoire and on Cote d'Ivoire in Turkey,
 - To edit the daily e-newspaper Afroturkeco
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September 2008-May 2009: Marketing Development Officer
Atlas SPA Génie Civile (Algiers, Algeria)

Responsibilities:

- To present Turkish economy and foreign trade figures on Africa to Algerian and Tunisian business circles
 - To prepare weekly reports on economic and political developments in North Africa to the company board,
 - To develop business links of the company in Algeria and in Tunisia
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Informatics Competences

Windows 7, 8, 8.1,10 – Bureaucratic: MS Office 2013 – Logical: Photoshop CS 5 –
Language: Java

Linguistic Competences

English, French, Russian: Writing, reading, speaking (Advanced level)

Spanish: Writing, reading, speaking (Intermediate level)

Turkish: Main

Center of Interests

Organization: FIFA World Cup Organization Committee (FIFA 2010 South Africa World Cup, FIFA 2014 Brazil World Cup), UEFA Euro Cup Organization Committee (EURO 2008 Austria –Switzerland Cup)

Sports: Bicycling, Basketball (Türkiye Elektrik Kurumu 1996-99 Licensed Player), Jogging, Soccer, Fencing, Swimming, Chess, Vertical Marathon

Others: Traveling, Photography, Panorama Photographer at Emlakgezen), Soccer History, Russian literature, Roman Empire, Sailing (Amateur Navy boat Driving License, Amateur Sea Communication License), Tintinology, Egyptology, Music (Rolling Stones), Sherlock Holmes, Antique Cities, Soviet architecture

Awards

- Embassy of France in Turkey Postdoctorate Studies Scholarship, University of Bordeaux, September-November 2015

References

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