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Employment

Marmara University, Istanbul

Department of Political Science and International Relations

Associate Professor

2024-

Assistant Professor

2019-2020

Harvard University, MA

Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Resident Fellow

2023-2024

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2019-2020

Education

University of Notre Dame, IN

Ph.D., Political Science

2019

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Advisor: Michael Coppedge

M.A., Political Science

2015

Koç University, Istanbul

M.A., International Relations

2014

Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul

B.A., International Relations

2011

Research Interests

Authoritarian Regimes, Regime Transition and Democratization, Political Behavior, Middle Eastern and North African Politics (Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt), Religion and Politics, Experimental Design, Survey Analysis, Computational Social Sciences

Publications and Works in Progress

Peer Reviewed Publications

in English

10. [When Islamism Meets Incumbency: The Limits of Islamist Electoral Advantage](#) (with Yusuf Mağiya, Honorable Mention in Kenneth D. Wald Best Graduate Student Paper Award of APSA Religion & Politics Section), Party Politics, *Forthcoming*.
9. ["Regime Support and Gender Quotas in Autocracies"](#) (with Yuree Noh and Sharan Grewal), *American Political Science Review*, 2023, pp. 1-18.

8. "Education and Voter Response to Principled Trade-Offs in Muslim Democracies" (with Nathanael G. Sumaktoyo) *Political Studies*, 2023, pp. 1-21.
7. "Ghosts of the Black Decade: How Legacies of Violence Shaped Algeria's Hirak Protests" (with Sharan Grewal and Robert Kubinec), *Journal of Peace Research*, 60(1), 2023, pp. 9-25.
6. **Language-Agnostic Bias Detection in Language Models** (with Abdullatif Köksal, Omer F. Yalcin, Ahmet Akbiyik, Anna Korhonen & Hinrich Schütze), *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EMNLP 2023*, 2023, pp. 12735-12747, Singapore.
5. "Hopes and Disappointments: Regime Change and Support for Democracy after the Arab Uprisings" (with Nathanael G. Sumaktoyo), *Democratization*, 27(5), 2020, pp. 854-873.
4. "Determinants of Participation in Protests in the Arab Uprisings: Grievances and Opportunities in Egypt and Tunisia", *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi*, 17(67), 2020, pp. 81-96.
3. "When do Civil Wars Breed Ethnic Cleansing? The Cases of Lebanon and Yugoslavia", *ADAM Akademi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 10(2), 2020, pp.265-290.
in Turkish
2. "Otoriter Rejimi Yeniden Yapılandırmak: 1990'larda Cezayir'de Kriz Sonrası Rejim Konsolidasyonu" [Reconfiguring Authoritarianism: Post-Crisis Regime Consolidation in Algeria during the 1990s], *Marmara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi*, 10(2), 2022, pp. 266-291.
1. "Tunus'ta Demokratikleşme ve Elit Teorisi" [Democratization in Tunisia and Elite Theory] (with M. Hüseyin Mercan), *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi*, 14(55), 2017, pp.75-92.

Book Chapters

in English

10. "Algeria versus the Uprisings: The Algerian Regime and Opposition Dynamics during the 2010s" *The Arab Spring: Past, Present, and Future*, ed. Sener Akturk and Tarek Cherkaoui, TRT World Research Centre, 2023, pp. 260-284.
9. "Liberal Thought and Politics in Egypt", *Routledge International Handbook of Socio-Political Thought in the Muslim World*, ed. Lütfi Sunar, Routledge, 2021, pp. 316-328.
8. "The Establishment and Success of Islamist Parties", *Routledge Handbook of Political Parties in the Middle East and North Africa*, eds. Francesco Cavatorta, Lise Storm, and Valeria Resta, Routledge, 2021, pp. 33-43.

in Turkish

7. "Arap Baharı'nda Seküler Hareketler ve Rejim Değişimi" [Secular Movements during the Arab Spring and Regime Change], *Arap Devrimleri: On Yılın Muhasebesi*, ed. Mesut Özcan and M. Hüseyin Mercan, Küre Yayınları, 2022, pp. 169-192.
6. "Otoriter Rejimler" [Authoritarian Regimes], *Çağdaş Siyasal Sistemler*, eds. Meral Balcı, Nobel Yayınları, 2022, pp. 59-76.
5. "Arap Orta Doğusunda Siyasal Rejimler", [Political Regimes in the Arab Middle East], *Ortadoğu Ekonomi Politigi*, eds. Taha Eğri and M. Hüseyin Mercan, İktisat Yayınları, 2022, pp. 49-80.
4. "Cezayir'de İslami Hareket: Yükseliş ve Düşüş", [Islamist Movement in Algeria: Rise and Fall], *Müslüman Dünya'da Çağdaş Düşünce, Cilt 5: Kuzey Afrika'da Çağdaş Düşünce*, ed. Lütfi Sunar, Yurtdışı Türkler ve Akraba Topluluklar Başkanlığı Yayınları, 2021.

3. "Kuzey Afrika'da Siyasal Sistem, Din-Devlet İlişkisi ve İslami Hareketler" [Political System, Religion & Politics, and Islamist Movements in North Africa], *Ortadoğu'da Siyaset ve Din: Yansımalar ve Temel Tartışmalar*, eds. Oğuzhan İrgüren and Süleyman Güder, İLEM Yayınları, 2021.
2. "Mısır'da Liberal Düşünce", [Liberal Thought in Egypt], *Müslüman Dünya'da Çağdaş Düşünce, Cilt 2: Mısır Düşüncesi*, ed. Lütfi Sunar, Yurtdışı Türkler ve Akraba Topluluklar Başkanlığı Yayınları, 2020.
1. "Merkezde ve Sömürgelerde Kilise-Devlet İlişkisi: Britanya Hindistanı ve Fransız Afrikası'nda Sömürge Devleti ve Misyonerler", [Domestic and Colonial Church-State Relations: Colonial State and Missionaries in British India and French Africa], *II. Türkiye Lisansüstü Çalışmalar Kongresi Bildiriler Kitabı*, İstanbul, 2013.

Works in Progress

Book Manuscript

6. *Autocrats and Opposition: Authoritarian Persistence and Regime Change in the Middle East and North Africa*

Article Manuscripts

5. Blame Thy Neighbor: Terrorist Attacks and Anti-Refugee Sentiment (with Ahmet Akbiyik, Omer F. Yalcin & Abdullatif Koksall) (Under Review)
4. Superficial or Thoughtful Support? Measuring Citizens' Comprehensions of Various Discourses on Democracy (with Michael Hoffman & Nathanael G. Sumaktoyo) (Under Review)
3. Once Allies, Always Allies: How Coalition Building under Authoritarianism Determine Democratic Transitions in the MENA?
2. Perceptions on Religion and Peacemaking in Muslim Democracies (with Nathanael G. Sumaktoyo)
1. The Limits of Gender Equality in the MENA: Competing Considerations and Experimental Evidence on Inheritance Law Reform (with Youssef Chouhoud)

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

Book Reviews

16. Book Review: "The Lure of Authoritarianism: The Maghreb after the Arab Spring" by Stephen J. King and Abdeslam M. Maghraoui, *The Journal of North African Studies*, 28:2, 2023, pp. 458-461.
15. Book Review: "The Idea of the Muslim World: A Global Intellectual History" by Cemil Aydın, *İslam Araştırmaları Dergisi*, 47, 2022, pp. 181-184.
14. Book Review: "Why Alliances Fail: Islamist and Leftist Coalitions in North Africa" by Matt Buehler, *The Journal of North African Studies*, 25:3, 2020, pp. 505-507.

Reports

13. *The Road to July 25: The Problems of Democratic Consolidation in Tunisia*. Al-Sharq Forum, Expert Brief, March 2022.
12. *Algeria's Uprising: A Survey of Protesters and the Military* (with Sharan Grewal & Robert Kubinec). The Brookings Institution, July 2019.
11. *Reconfiguring the Algerian Regime: On the Stability and Robustness of Authoritarianism in Algeria*. Al-Sharq Forum, Expert Brief, May 2017.

10. [Algeria: A Country Report Based on V-Dem Data 1962-2012](#). V-Dem Country Report Series, No. 8, Gothenburg: V-Dem Institute, 2015.
 9. *Orta Doğu'da İslamcı Siyaset: Değişim Sürecinde Müslüman Kardeşler ve Nahda*, [Islamist Politics in the Middle East: Muslim Brotherhood and Ennahda in the Transition Process], (co-author M. Huseyin Mercan, Suleyman Guder), Istanbul: ILKE Policy Report, no. 2, December 2012.
 8. "Restoring Brotherly Bonds: Turkish-Azerbaijani Energy Relations" (co-author Şuhnaz Yılmaz), *PONARS Eurasia Policy Papers*, Policy Memo No. 240, Washington D.C., September 2012.
- Opinion and Commentary*
7. ["Does genderwashing taint the struggle for gender equality?"](#) (with Sharan Grewal & Yuree Noh), *The Brookings Institution*, August 9, 2023
 6. ["Algerians have been protesting for a year. Here's what you need to know"](#) (with Sharan Grewal), *The Monkey Cage*, February 22, 2020
 5. ["Here's why Algerians are protesting"](#), *The Monkey Cage*, February 25, 2019
 4. ["Roundtable: Future of Political Islam in the MENA under the Changing Regional Order"](#) (with Stacey Philbrick Yadav, Peter Mandaville, Courtney Freer, Francesco Cavatorta & Samer Shehata), *The Maydan & Jadaliyya*, August 16, 2018
 3. ["Low turnout in last week's Algerian elections is a major blow to the government"](#) *The Monkey Cage*, May 12, 2017
 2. ["A Quick Guide to Fieldwork"](#), *The Maydan*, January 28, 2017
 1. ["Fas'taki protestolar neden yeni bir Arap Baharı başlatamadı?"](#) [Why couldn't Protests in Morocco Start a New Arab Spring?], *Al Jazeera Turk*, November 15, 2016

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

External

Science Academy Young Scientists Award (BAGEP), Turkish Science Academy	2024
International Research Fellowship Program (BİDEB 2219), TÜBİTAK (\$31,200)	2023
Kellogg Institute, Notre Dame, Research Grant (with Hoffman & Sumaktoyo) (\$9,700)	2020
Research in Islamic Studies Award, Ali Vural Ak Center, George Mason University	2018
Global Religion Research Initiative (GRRI), Project Launch Grant (\$12,000)	2017
American Institute of Maghrib Studies (AIMS), Mrad Graduate Student Travel Award	2017
The Tunis Exchange, Participant	2017
Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines à Tunis (CEMAT), Research Affiliate	2017
Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines en Algérie (CEMA), Research Affiliate	2016-2017
BİDEB Graduate Studies Grant, TÜBİTAK (National Science Foundation of Turkey)	2011-2013
Research Travel Grant, Field Trip to Egypt and Tunisia, ILKE Foundation (\$1,500)	2012
Foreign Language (Arabic) Training Grant in Damascus, Syria, ISAR	2010

Internal

Kellogg Institute, Distinguished Dissertation Award	2019
University of Notre Dame, Instructor Award Honorable Mention	2019
Kellogg Institute, Uni of Notre Dame, Research Grant (with Goertz et. al.) (\$8,700)	2018-2019
Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, Dissertation Year Fellowship	2018-2019
University of Notre Dame, Excellence in Teaching Award	2018
University of Notre Dame, Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate	2018
Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, Graduate Student Affiliate	2015-2018
Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, Conference Travel Grant	2017
ISLA, University of Notre Dame, Notabaert Professional Development Grant (\$3,000)	2016
Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, Graduate Research Grant (\$7,000)	2016
University of Notre Dame, Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant	2015, 2016, 2017
Koç University, Full Scholarship (tuition & fellowship)	2011-2013
Istanbul Bilgi University, Valedictorian	2011
European Union Erasmus Exchange Programme Grant	2010-2011
Istanbul Bilgi University, Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship	2008-2011

Teaching and Research Experience

Instructor of Record

Democracy and Democratization Marmara University	Spring 2021, 2022
Political Sociology Marmara University	Spring 2021, 2022
Comparative Politics (Graduate) Marmara University	Fall 2020, 2021, 2022
Research Workshop Marmara University	Fall 2020, 2021, 2022
Islam and Politics: Sources, Ideas and Movements University of Notre Dame	Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant

Middle Eastern Politics , Prof. Michael Hoffman University of Notre Dame	Fall 2017
Introduction to International Relations , Prof. Tanisha Fazal University of Notre Dame	Spring 2015, 2016
Introduction to Comparative Politics , Prof. Sean McGraw, Guillermo Trejo University of Notre Dame	Fall 2014, 2015

Additional Teaching

Mixed-Methods Research and Fieldwork Data Science Camp for Social Scientists, Turkey	Summer 2019
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Research Design and Academic Writing (One-week Intensive Course)
 Université Emir Abdelkader, Algeria

Fall 2016

Fieldwork

Turkey	2017, 2018
Algeria	2016, 2017
Tunisia	2012, 2017
Egypt	2012

Datasets

Turkish General Social Survey (TGSS) (n=2400) M. Tahir Kilavuz, Z. Nişancı (PI), M. F. Aysan, M. Alboğa, Y. Akbulut et. al.	2024
Religion and Democracy Survey (Algeria, Indonesia, Turkey, n=12000) M. Tahir Kilavuz, Michael Hoffman, Nathanael G. Sumaktoyo	2023
Algeria Mass Killings Dataset (1992-1999) M. Tahir Kilavuz	2020
Tunisian Elite Survey (n=250) M. Tahir Kilavuz, Youssef Chouhoud, Matt Gordner	2019
Algeria Transition Survey (n=18000) M. Tahir Kilavuz, Sharan Grewal, Robert Kubinec	2019
Arab Regime Preferences Survey (Tunisia, Egypt, Morocco, n=3000) M. Tahir Kilavuz, Nathanael G. Sumaktoyo, Michael Hoffman	2018
Tunisia Political Attitudes Survey (n=900) M. Tahir Kilavuz, Youssef Chouhoud, Mujtaba Isani, Nathanael Sumaktoyo	2017

Selected Conference Participation

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2017, 23
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2015, 16, 18, 19, 23
POMEPS Junior Scholars Book Workshop	2022
Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği (SİTD)	2022
Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (WESSI), NYU Abu Dhabi	2020
Eurasian Peace Science Conference	2020
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)	2017, 2018
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)	2018
American Institute of Maghreb Studies (AIMS) Dissertation Workshop	2017
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	2015

Additional Training

Methods Training

ISAR , Summer Program on Archival Methodology Istanbul Foundation for Education and Research	2018
IQMR , Summer Program in the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Syracuse University, NY	2016

ICPSR, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for Social Research 2015
University of Michigan, MI

Non-Degree Programs and Language Training

Sciences Po Paris, Erasmus Exchange Programme 2011
Paris, France

Institut de Langue Française, French Intensive Program 2010
Paris, France

Al-Fath Institute, Arabic Summer Intensive Program 2010
Damascus, Syria

Professional Affiliations and Service

Member, APSA, MPSA, MESA, AIMS, SSSR, SİTD

Reviewer, American Political Science Review, Political Behavior, Democratization, Mediterranean Politics, Middle East Law and Governance, Journal of North African Studies, Nationalities Papers, The British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Contemporary Politics, Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi

Country Coordinator, Tunisia (Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project - DALP); Algeria (Varieties of Democracy Project - V-Dem)

Vice Coordinator, Center for Population and Social Policies, Marmara University

Skills and Languages

Skills

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Beamer, Qualtrics, Python

Methods

Experimental Methods, Survey Methodology, Multilevel Methods, Survival Analysis, Categorical Data Analysis, Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), Field Research, Archival Methods

Languages

English (Fluent), **Turkish** (Native), **Arabic** (Fluent - Classical; Modern Standard; some Syrian and Algerian Dialects), **French** (Advanced), **Ottoman Turkish** (Reading)

References

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