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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Bates College, Lewiston, ME
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, 2024-Present
Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA
Faculty Affiliate, Middle East Initiative, 2024-Present
Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative, 2022-24
Tufts University, Medford, MA
Visiting Scholar, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 2023-2024

EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Ph.D., International Studies, August 2022, *Distinction*
Dissertation: "Representation and Merit in the Military: Explaining the Origins and Persistence of Recruitment and Promotion Patterns in the Turkish Officer Corps (1848-2015)"
Committee: Resat Kasaba (Chair), Elizabeth Kier, Nathalie Williams, Steven Pfaff
US Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA
M.A., Regional Security Studies, Europe-Eurasia, 2012
Turkish Military Academy, Ankara, Turkey
B.S., Systems and Electrical Engineering, 2004, *Summa cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS & METHODS

Civil-Military Relations, Political Violence, Armed Conflict, Governance, Turkey, Middle East, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods

BOOK PROJECT

Determinants of Inequality in the Military: Explaining Persistent Kurdish Underrepresentation in Turkey's Officer Corps (1848-2015)

PUBLISHED WORK

"Minorities and Representation: Jewish Soldiers in the Late Ottoman Army." *Sephardic Trajectories*, Eds. Kerem Tınaz & Oscar A. Mandujano, Koç University Press, 2021
"Azınlıklar ve Temsiliyet: Son Dönem Osmanlı Ordusunda Sefarad Askerler." *Sefarad Güzergahlar*, Ed. Kerem Tınaz ve Oscar A. Mandujano, Koç Üniversitesi Yayınevi, 2021

UNDER REVIEW

"General Staff Officers and Coups: Organizational Sources of the Turkish Military's Political Autonomy and Interventionism" (R&R, *Journal of the Middle East and Africa*)
"When Coups d'etat Devour Their Own Children: Coups, Purges, and Military Effectiveness in Turkey (1960-2015)" (Under Review)

WORKING PAPERS

"Threats and Institutions: Explaining Persistent Kurdish Representation in the Turkish Officer Corps (1908-2015)"
"Determinants of Turkey's Attitude toward U.S. Foreign Military Aid, 1950-2024"
"Officers and Modern Autocrats: The Army's Response to Regime Personalization and Autocratic Co-optation in Turkey and Russia"

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Soldiers in Rubbles: The Politics of the Military's Use in Disaster Response in Turkey"
"Paradox of Norm Diffusion via Foreign Military Training: The Impact of US Military Training on Turkey's Civil-Military Relations (1946-2015)"
"Ethnic Exclusion and Ethnic Conflict: The Turkish State's Perilous Dilemma between Co-opting and Integrating Local Kurds"

PUBLISHED NON-ACADEMIC WORK	<p>"Erdogan's Stance on Israel Reflects Desire to Mix Politics with Realpolitik" <i>Conversation</i>, 2023</p> <p>"Turkey Faces Pressure to End its 'Middleman Strategy' in Ukraine" <i>Conversation</i>, 2023</p> <p>"Why Was Turkey's Military MIA After the Earthquake?" <i>Foreign Policy</i>, 2023</p> <p>"Don't Turn The Turkish Army into a Political Tool," <i>Foreign Policy</i>, 2018</p> <p>"How the City of Peace Remembers its Sephardic Veterans," <i>Stroum Center E-Journal</i>, 2018</p> <p>"Re-Imagining Sephardic Çanakkale and Its Ties to Seattle," <i>Stroum Center E-Journal</i>, 2017</p>
DATASETS	<p>"Middle Eastern Officers in US Military Training Dataset, (1950-2024), In Progress</p> <p>"Military in Emergency Response Dataset (1999-2023)," In Progress</p> <p>"Historical Officer Career Advancement (HOCA) Dataset (1848-2015)," 2021</p> <p>"Military High School Alumni (MIHSA) Dataset (1900-2002)," 2020</p> <p>"Turkish Armed Forces Senior Officer Corps (TAFSOC) Dataset (1848-2015)," 2019</p>
FELLOWSHIPS	<p>Henry M. Jackson Foundation Fellowship, University of Washington, 2021-2022</p> <p>Maurice and Louis Schwartz Endowment Fellowship, U. of Washington, 2020, 2018, 2016 Samuel and Altea Stroum Graduate Fellowship, University of Washington, 2017-2018</p> <p>I. Mervin and Georgiana Gorasht Fellowship, University of Washington, 2016-2017</p> <p>Graduate School Fellowship, University of Washington, 2014-2015</p> <p>Graduate Fellowship for Master's Degree, Turkish Ministry of National Defense, 2011-2012</p>
GRANTS & AWARDS	<p>Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa, Research Grant, 2018-2019</p> <p>American Political Science Association, Small Research Grant, 2017</p> <p>Harvard & Koç Universities, Language School Scholarship, Summer 2016</p> <p>UW Center for Jewish Studies, Graduate Research Grant, 2017, 2018</p> <p>UW Jackson School of International Studies, Conference Travel Grants, 2015-2019</p> <p>UW Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation, Travel Grants, 2017</p> <p>Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Scholarship, Certificate Program on European Security and Terrorism, (Richard English, Andreas Gofas, Stathis Kalyvas), Summer 2018</p> <p>Education and Instruction Award, Turkish Army Chief, 2006, 2008, 2010</p> <p>Graduation with Distinction, US Army Field Artillery School, 2008</p> <p>Graduation with Distinction, Turkish Army Basic Officer Leadership Course, 2005</p> <p>Graduation with Distinction, Turkish Army Ranger School, 2004</p>
INVITED TALKS	<p>Defense Security Cooperation University, Washington DC, October 2024</p> <p>Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, March 2024</p> <p>Fletcher School of Int. Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, January 2024 (Moderator)</p> <p>Fletcher School of Int. Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, October 2023</p> <p>Middle East Institute (MEIS) Switzerland, June 2023</p> <p>Belfer Center (Middle East Initiative), Harvard Kennedy School, September 2023</p> <p>International Security Colloquium, University of Washington, Seattle, 2020</p> <p>Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, 2018 , 2019</p> <p>Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, 2016</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>APSA (American Political Science Association): 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024</p> <p>ISA (International Studies Association): 2017, 2021, 2022, 2024</p> <p>MPSA (Mid-West Political Science Association): 2018, 2022</p> <p>MESA (Middle East Studies Association): 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023</p>

ASMEA (Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa): 2018
 Inter-University Seminar of Armed Forces & Society: 2017
 Simon Fraser University Graduate Student Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2017
 Western Ottomanists' Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2016

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Instructor of Record

Civil-Military Relations in the Middle East, Bates College, Fall 2024
 Politics of Modern Middle East, Bates College, Fall 2024
 Comparative Politics of the Middle East, Arizona State University, Spring 2024
 Making of the Twenty-First Century, University of Washington, Summer 2021
 US National Security Policies, University of Washington, Summer 2019, 2020

Teaching Assistant

Politics of International Law, University of Washington, Spring 2022
 Making of the Twenty-First Century, University of Washington, Spring 2020
 States & Capitalism: The Origins of the Modern Global System, U. of Washington, 2017
 Comparative Law and Legal Cultures, University of Washington, Winter 2018
 Cultural Interactions in an Interdependent World, U. of Washington, Spring 2016

SERVICE

Program Assistant, Jackson School Graduate Admissions Office, 2018
 Graduate Student Representative, Jackson School of International Studies, 2019-2020
 Panel Chair & Discussant, Inter-University Seminar of Armed Forces & Society, 2019
 Panel Chair, Middle East Studies Association, 2022

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

Liaison & Monitoring Team Leader, NATO K-FOR, Kosovo, 2010
 Regional Analyst, Strategy & I.R. Department, Turkish Army Hq., Ankara, 2013
 Operations & Training Officer (S-2 & S-3), Aegean Army, Izmir, Turkey, 2010-2011
 Infantry Company Commander, Mountain & Ranger Brigade, Hakkari, Turkey, 2014
 Artillery Battery Commander and Executive Officer, Aegean Army, Izmir, 2005-2009

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association
 International Studies Association
 Middle East Studies Association

SKILLS

Languages: English (Fluent), Turkish (Native), Greek (Reading), Persian (Intermediate),
 Ottoman Turkish, 1850-1928 (Advanced proficiency), Karamanlidika (Advanced proficiency)
Programming Languages & Software: R, STATA, ArcGIS

REFERENCES

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