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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA, 2022-Present
Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative, 2023-Present
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative, 2022-23

Tufts Fletcher School, Medford, MA, 2023-Present
Visiting Scholar, Russia and Eurasia Program

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, Armed Conflict, Political Violence, Governance, Turkey, the Middle East, Russia, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods

BOOK PROJECT

The Determinants of Inequality in the Military: Explaining Persistent Kurdish Underrepresentation in Turkey's Officer Corps (1876-2015)

PUBLISHED WORK

"Minorities and Representation: Jewish Soldiers in the Late Ottoman Army." *Sephardic Trajectories*, Eds. Kerem Tinaz & Oscar A. Mandujano, Koç University Press, 2021

"Azınlıklar ve Temsiliyet: Son Dönem Osmanlı Ordusunda Sefarad Askerler." *Sefarad Güzergahları*, Ed. Kerem Tinaz 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*)

"Threats and Institutions: Explaining Persistent Kurdish Representation in the Turkish Officer Corps (1908-2015)" (Under Review)

"When Coups d'état Devour Their Own Children: Coups, Purges, and Military Effectiveness in Turkey (1960-2015)" (Under Review)

WORKING PAPERS

"Officers and Modern Autocrats: The Army's Response to Regime Personalization and Autocratic Cooptation in Turkey and Russia"

"Soldiers in Rubbles: The Politics of the Military's Use in Disaster Response in Turkey"

WORK IN PROGRESS

"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>"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</p> <p>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>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS	<p>"Army and Modern Autocrats: Civilianization Paradox in Turkey's Civil-Military Relations"</p> <p>APSA (American Political Science Association), Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 2023</p> <p>MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2023</p> <p>"When the Revolution Devours its Own Children: Coups, Purges, and Military Effectiveness in Turkey (1960-2007)"</p> <p>MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, Denver, 2022</p> <p>MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association), Annual Conference, 2022</p> <p>ISA (International Studies Association), Annual Convention, Remote, 2022</p> <p>"Ethnic Exclusion and Ethnic Conflict: Co-opting and Integrating Local Kurds (1984-2015)"</p> <p>MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2021</p> <p>APSA (American Political Science Association), Annual Meeting, Seattle, 2021</p> <p>ISA (International Studies Association), Annual Convention, Remote, 2021</p> <p>"Explaining Minority Underrepresentation in the Armed Forces: Kurds in the Turkish Army"</p> <p>APSA (American Political Science Association), Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2020 I</p> <p>University of Washington International Security Colloquium, Talk, 2020</p> <p>MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2019</p>

"Organizational Cultural and Social Sources of the Turkish Military's Interventionism"

- APSA (American Political Science Association), Annual Meeting, Boston, 2018
- MPSA (Mid-West Political Science Association), Annual Conference, Chicago, 2018
- MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2018
- ISA (International Studies Association), Annual Convention, Toronto, 2017
- Inter-University Seminar of Armed Forces & Society, Biennial Conference, Reston, 2017

"Minorities and Conscription: Jewish Soldiers in the Late Ottoman Army"

- UW Stroum Center, Campus Talk, Seattle, WA, 2018
- Simon Fraser University Graduate Student Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2017
- MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2016
- Western Ottomanists' Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2016
- American Association of Teachers of Turkic Language Workshop, Denver, CO, 2015

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Instructor of Record, University of Washington

- The Making of the Twenty-First Century, Summer 2021
- United States National Security Policies, Summer 2020 & Summer 2019

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington

- Politics of International Law, Spring 2022
- The Making of the Twenty-First Century, Spring 2018, 2019, 2020
- States & Capitalism: The Origins of the Modern Global System, Fall 2015 & 2016
- Cultural Interactions in an Interdependent World, Spring 2016
- Comparative Law and Legal Cultures, Winter 2018 & 2020

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, the Turkish Army Hq., Ankara, 2013

Operations & Training Officer (S-2 & S-3), The Aegean Army, Izmir, Turkey, 2010-2011

Infantry Company Commander, Mountain & Ranger Brigade, Hakkari, Turkey, 2014

Artillery Battery Commander and Executive Officer, The 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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