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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 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

UNDERREVIEW

"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'etat 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	"Erdogan's Stance on Israel Reflects Desire to Mix Politics with Realpolitik" <i>Conversation</i> , 2023
	"Turkey Faces Pressure to End its 'Middleman Strategy' in Ukraine" <i>Conversation</i> , 2023
	"Why Was Turkey's Military MIA After the Earthquake?" <i>Foreign Policy</i> , 2023
	"Don't Turn The Turkish Army into a Political Tool," <i>Foreign Policy</i> , 2018
	"How the City of Peace Remembers its Sephardic Veterans," <i>Stroum Center E-Journal</i> , 2018
	"Re-Imagining Sephardic Çanakkale and Its Ties to Seattle," <i>Stroum Center E-Journal</i> , 2017
DATASETS	"Military in Emergency Response Dataset (1999-2023)," In Progress
	"Historical Officer Career Advancement (HOCA) Dataset (1848-2015)," 2021
	"Military High School Alumni (MIHSA) Dataset (1900-2002)," 2020
	"Turkish Armed Forces Senior Officer Corps (TAFSOC) Dataset (1848-2015)," 2019
FELLOWSHIPS	Henry M. Jackson Foundation Fellowship, University of Washington, 2021-2022
	Maurice and Louis Schwartz Endowment Fellowship, U. of Washington, 2020, 2018, 2016
	Samuel and Altea Stroum Graduate Fellowship, University of Washington, 2017-2018
	I. Mervin and Georgiana Gorasht Fellowship, University of Washington, 2016-2017
	Graduate School Fellowship, University of Washington, 2014-2015
	Graduate Fellowship for Master's Degree, Turkish Ministry of National Defense, 2011-2012
GRANTS & AWARDS	Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa, Research Grant, 2018-2019
	American Political Science Association, Small Research Grant, 2017
	Harvard & Koç Universities, Language School Scholarship, Summer 2016
	UW Center for Jewish Studies, Graduate Research Grant, 2017, 2018
	UW Jackson School of International Studies, Conference Travel Grants, 2015-2019
	UW Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation, Travel Grants, 2017
	Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Scholarship, Certificate Program on European Security and Terrorism, (Richard English, Andreas Gofas, Stathis Kalyvas), Summer 2018
	Education and Instruction Award, Turkish Army Chief, 2006, 2008, 2010
	Graduation with Distinction, US Army Field Artillery School, 2008
	Graduation with Distinction, Turkish Army Basic Officer Leadership Course, 2005
	Graduation with Distinction, Turkish Army Ranger School, 2004
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS	"Army and Modern Autocrats: Civilianization Paradox in Turkey's Civil-Military Relations"
	APSA (American Political Science Association), Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 2023
	MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2023
	"When the Revolution Devours its Own Children: Coups, Purges, and Military Effectiveness in Turkey (1960-2007)"
	MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, Denver, 2022
	MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association), Annual Conference, 2022
	ISA (International Studies Association), Annual Convention, Remote, 2022
	"Ethnic Exclusion and Ethnic Conflict: Co-opting and Integrating Local Kurds (1984-2015)"
	MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2021
	APSA (American Political Science Association), Annual Meeting, Seattle, 2021
	ISA (International Studies Association), Annual Convention, Remote, 2021
	"Explaining Minority Underrepresentation in the Armed Forces: Kurds in the Turkish Army"
	APSA (American Political Science Association), Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2020 I
	University of Washington International Security Colloquium, Talk, 2020
	MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2019

“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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