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EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – present** **Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc)**
Coordinator
- 2018 – present** **Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul Turkey**
Instructor
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, International Relations
Fall 2018 - IR 480/527 Issues in Migration Studies
- 2015 – 2018** **Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc)**
Research Fellow
- 2011 – present** **Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey**
Ph.D. Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science and International Relations
Graduate School of Social Sciences & Humanities
Research and Teaching Assistant
Research Interests: Human Rights, Forced Migration, Refugee Studies,
Mediterranean Politics, Turkish Foreign Policy, Social Movements
Dissertation Title: Refugee Activism and State Policies in Comparative
Perspective: Contentious Voices from Greece and Turkey
Dissertation Advisor: Prof. Ahmet İçduygu
Dissertation Committee: Assoc. Prof. Özlem Altan-Olcay & Assist. Prof. Erdem
Yörük
- 2010-2011** **Columbia University in the City of New York, US**
M.A. M.A. in Human Rights Studies
Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Graduated in 19 October 2011
GPA: 3.41/4.00
Thesis Title: The EU-AKP-New Business Class Triangle: A Liberal Perspective On
Democratization and Human Rights Improvements During the 2000s
Thesis Advisors: Prof. Jack L. Snyder & Dr. David C. Cuthell
- 2005-2010** **Boğaziçi University, Faculty of Economics & Administrative Sciences, Istanbul**
B.A. **Binghamton University, State University of New York, US**
B.S. B.S. in Global & International Affairs,
Minors in **Sociology & History**,
Concentration in **Middle East and North African Studies**,
Dean's List for Fall 2007, Spring 2008 and Spring 2010 (SUNY Binghamton)
Honors Certificate from Bogazici University (24 June 2010)
GPA: 3.61/4.00 Graduated in 16 May 2010
Graduation with Honour, Valedictorian / *Dux Litterarum*
- 2001-2005** **Izmir Private Tevfik Fikret High School, Izmir, Turkey**
Francophone, 4.88/5.00 Rank: Valedictorian / *Major de promotion*

PUBLICATIONS

2018. Altıok, Birce and Salih Tosun. “How to co-exist? Urban refugees in Turkey: Prospects and Challenges”. *Policy Brief*, 1 (4), Yasar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration (ISSN: 2619-9440).
2017. “Rethinking Refugee Activism within and beyond the State: The Trajectory of Refugee Activism” in *The Migration Conference 2017 Proceedings (Conference Series)*, Fethiye Tilbe, Elif Iskender and Ibrahim Sirkeci (comp.), London: Transnational Press. pp: 531-541.
2017. “Recalibrating Turkish Foreign Policy After the Arab Uprisings: From Pro-activism to Uncertainty by Easing Off Ideational and Liberal Goals” co-authored with Sinan Karşıyaka in *Contemporary Turkey at a Glance II: Turkey Transformed? Power, History and Culture*. Meltem Ersoy and Esra Ozyurek (eds.), Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden. pp. 145-161.
2015. "Characteristics of Prolonged Social Movements: The Case of Gezi Park Protests" co-authored with Kerem Yıldırım, in *Contentious Politics in the Middle East: Popular Resistance and Marginalized Activism beyond the Arab Uprisings*. Fawaz A. Gerges (ed.) Palgrave-Macmillan. pp. 415-435.
2015. [Book Review] “Sınır ve Sınırdışı: Türkiye’de Yabancılar, Göç ve Devlete Disiplinlerarası Bakışlar” [Border and Deportation: Interdisciplinary Observations on the Foreigners, Migration and State in Turkey] Didem Danış ve İbrahim Soysüren (eds/der.), *İdealkent: Journal of Urban Studies*, January, Issue 15: 242–248.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- IR 480/527 Issues in Migration Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University, Fall 2018.
- SOSC 102 Culture and Society, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Sociology, Koc University, Summer 2017.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

2018. “Unpacking legitimization strategies in foreign policy: Comparative analysis of Iraqi and Syrian mass refugee flows to Turkey” co-authored with Salih Tosun. Presented at the conference of the third “International Migration in the 21st Century,” Yeditepe University Global Education and Culture Research and Application Center (KEKAM), Yeditepe University, Istanbul, October 10-11, 2018.
2018. “‘They are our brothers, but’ The Miscellaneous Xenophobic Attitudes: The Case of Turkey and Syrians” co-authored with Salih Tosun. Presented at the conference “Migration, Social Transformation and Differential Inclusion in Turkey,” Young Scholars and Early Career Academics Conference, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) Sabancı University, Istanbul, 5-6 October 2018.
2018. “Syrian and Afghani Refugees in Fatih and Exarcheia Neighbourhoods – Activism Practices from Turkey and Greece” Presented at the conference on *Wellbeing and Migration: Inter-Asian Perspectives*, KUASIA (Koç University Centre for Asian Studies) in association with the Sussex Asia Centre (University of Sussex), Koc University, Istanbul, May 7-8, 2018.

2017. “Rethinking Refugee Activism within and beyond the State: The Trajectory of Refugee Activism” Presented at Harokopio University, *The Migration Conference*, Athens, August 23-26, 2017.
2014. “Re-calibrating Turkish Foreign Policy after the Arab Uprisings: From pro-activism to uncertainty by easing off ideational and liberal goals” with Sinan Karşıyaka, Presented at Istanbul Bilgi University, International Conference on *Contemporary Turkey at a Glance II: Turkey Transformed? Power, History, Culture*, in partnership with Network Turkey, London School of Economics (LSE) Contemporary Turkish Studies, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC), Istanbul, October 18-19, 2014.
2013. “Characteristics of Prolonged Social Movements: the Case of Gezi Park Protests” with Kerem Yıldırım. Presented at London School of Economics, Middle East Center PhD Conference on *Contentious Politics in the Middle East*, London, September 30, 2013.
2012. “EU’s problems in the Neighborhood Policy: Arab Spring squeezed between economy and security” Presented at CEE – IRSEM Joint Doctoral Student Workshop and Doctoral Seminar on *The EU as a Global Actor*, Paris, June 18-19, 2012 [The Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l’Ecole Militaire (IRSEM - French Institute of Strategic Research), in partnership with the Centre d’études Européennes - Sciences Po (CEE)]

PANEL INVITATIONS

2018. “18 December International Migrants Day” KuGlobalAid, Koç University, December 18.
2018. “Göçmeyi Anlamak” Konuşu Platform. Boğaziçi Mezunlar Derneği (BÜMED), December 5.
2015. “Syrian Refugees in Turkey”, *4th International Students Symposium on Law and Global Issues*, in collaboration with Koç University Law School, ANAMED, Istanbul, May 13-15.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- WORLD BANK GROUP (May-June 2018) “Mapping of Centers that Provide Information/Counselling/Referral and/or Basic Services for Syrians Under Temporary Protection (SuTPs), Refugees and Other Migrants in Turkey” in collaboration with Ministry of Interior Directorate General of Migration Management. Internal report. (**Principal Investigator**)
- TÜBİTAK (April 2017-June 2018) Project no: 116K448 “Turkey’s State Policies during the Mass Refugee Inflows: The Cases of Inflows from Bulgaria (1989), Iraq (1991), and Syria (2011-2015)” (Türkiye’de Kitleli Sığınma Hareketleri Üzerine Devlet Politikaları: Bulgaristan (1989), Irak (1991) ve Suriye (2011–2015) Örnekleri), Project Coordinator Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu, Koc University. (In progress) (**Project PhD Researcher**)
- NGOWG “Mapping Women, Peace and Security in the UN Security Council: Report of the NGOWG 2009-2010” Researcher for the annual report published by the *NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security* by Sarah Taylor and Kristina Mader. October 2010, New York. (**Researcher**)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human Rights, Civil Society Actors/Organizations, Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, Mediterranean Politics, Turkish Foreign Policy, Activism, Social Movements, Comparative Politics

HONORS, AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

- TÜBİTAK Scholar (April 2017-April 2018) 116K448 “Turkey’s State Policies during the Mass Refugee Inflows: The Cases of Inflows from Bulgaria (1989), Northern Iraq (1991), and Syria (2011-2015)” (Türkiye’de Kitlemel Sığınma Hareketleri Üzerine Devlet Politikaları: Bulgaristan (1989), Kuzey Irak (1991) ve Suriye (2011–2015) Örnekleri), Koc University.
- Koç University PhD Scholarship, 2011-2015
- Binghamton and Boğaziçi Universities, DUAL Diploma Programs Merit Base Tuition Scholarship
 - 2007-2008 Academic Year
 - 2009-2010 Academic Year
- Honors List, Boğaziçi University, 2010

INTERNSHIPS

- **NGO WORKING GROUP ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY, New York**, Intern, September – December 2010
- **THE PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, New York**, Sep-Nov 2010
- **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, Istanbul, Turkey**, Intern – Media & Lobbying, December 2008 – July 2009
- **THE PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS, New York**, Intern, September – October 2008

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish	Native Speaker
English	Fluent writer, reader and speaker
French	Intermediate level writer, reader and speaker - DELF Diploma: A1, A2, A3, A4, A6
Arabic	Beginner level writer, reader and speaker