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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, August 2008
Dissertation Title: *A Right to Have Rights: Perplexities of Citizenship and Humanity in Global Politics*
Dissertation Committee: Mary G. Dietz and Raymond D. Duvall (Co-advisors), William E. Scheuerman, Kathryn Sikkink, Bruce Braun
Major Fields: Political Theory, International Relations
Minor Field: Development Studies and Social Change
- B.A., Department of Translation and Interpreting, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey, 1999

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

- Sawyer Dissertation Fellowship on Humanitarianisms and World Orders
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation 2007-2008
- Graduate Research Partnership Award
College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota Summer 2007
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 2006-2007
- MacArthur Research Stipend
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Spring 2006
- MacArthur Predissertation Grant
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Summer 2005
- Thomas F. Wallace Fellowship
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 2004-2005
- ICGC-MacArthur Scholars Fellowship
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 2001-2002
- ICGC-MacArthur Scholar
MacArthur Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 2001-Present

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching

- Barnard College, New York: Assistant Professor
 - *Political Theory*, July 2008 – present
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 - *International Relations*, Summer 2006
 - Designed and taught intermediate level undergraduate course exploring major theoretical approaches in International Relations (liberalism, realism, historical materialism, constructivism, and feminism) by focusing on a set of global issues such as terrorism, nuclear proliferation, migration, climate change, and women’s rights.
 - *Democracy and Citizenship*, Fall 2005
 - Designed and taught writing-intensive, intermediate level undergraduate course addressing themes of democracy and citizenship by exploring their current transformations in the context of globalization through readings of relevant canonical texts and contemporary scholarship.

Teaching Assistantships

- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 - *Human Rights and Democracy* (Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate), Spring 2004
 - *International Relations* (Intermediate Undergraduate), Fall 2003
 - *Political Ideas and Ideologies* (Introductory Undergraduate), Fall 2002, Spring 2003
- Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey
 - *Diplomatic History* (Introductory Undergraduate), Fall 2000, Spring 2001
 - *Philosophy of Social Sciences* (Advanced Undergraduate), Spring 2000
 - *International Conflict Analysis* (Advanced Undergraduate), Spring 2000
 - *Introduction to Political Science* (Introductory Undergraduate), Fall 1999
 - *European Integration* (Advanced Undergraduate), Fall 1999

Professional Development

- *Preparing Future Faculty: Teaching in Higher Education*, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Fall 2004

TEACHING INTERESTS

- History of political theory
- Late modern, contemporary, and continental political thought
- Democratic theory and citizenship
- Human rights, humanitarianism, and international ethics

- Cosmopolitanism and global citizenship
- Political theory of Hannah Arendt

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Current reconfigurations of citizenship, rights, and sovereignty (with particular emphasis on the impact of global migration on these reconfigurations)
- Theoretical debates on human rights (What are their underlying assumptions? What are their political effects? Are these rights universal? If so, how do we theorize their universality?)
- Critical inquiry of cosmopolitanism as a political and normative framework (from Kant to Habermas and Derrida)
- Hannah Arendt as a theorist of global politics

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- “Agamben on Human Rights and Sovereignty as Second Nature.” Invited to be reviewed for publication in *Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural Through Politics*, ed. Lida Maxwell, Laura Ephraim, and Crina Archer (Currently under review).
- Book review of Chantal Mouffe’s *On the Political* (London: Routledge, 2005), *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, vol. 25, no. 3 (2007): 583-586.
- [“Identities in Question: Greek-Turkish Relations in a Period of Transformation?”](#) *Middle East Review of International Relations (MERIA)*, vol. 5, no. 1 (March 2001).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Acting *As If* Citizens: A ‘Right to Have Rights’ and Its Paradoxical Subjects.” Western Political Science Association (San Diego, CA, March 20-22, 2008).
- “Human Rights in the Grip of Sovereignty? Democratic Paradoxes and Potentials of Modern Rights Declarations.” American Political Science Association (Chicago, IL, August 30 - September 2, 2007).
- “Beyond Human Rights? Agamben on Modern Biopolitics and the Rights of Man,” Western Political Science Association (Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8-10, 2007).
- “Bare Life at the Threshold of Natural and Political: Agamben on Human Rights and Biopolitical Logic of Sovereignty,” *Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural Through Politics* (Graduate Student Conference in Political Theory, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, February 9-10, 2007).

- “‘Right to Have Rights’: Humanity and Citizenship in the Making,” Western Political Science Association (Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 16-18, 2006).
- “‘Right to Have Rights’: Arendt and Agamben on Politics of Human Rights,” Minnesota Political Theory Colloquium (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, March 3, 2006)
- “Citizenship and Humanity in the Making: Human Rights, Non-Citizens, and the Reconstitution of Politics,” International Studies Association Convention (March 1-5, 2005).
- Chair of the panel titled “Contemporary War, Intervention, and the Purview of International Law,” International Studies Association Convention (Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1-5, 2005).
- “Contesting the Communitarian Borders with Global Norms: Asylum and Refugee Policies in the European Union,” International Studies Association Convention (February 26-March 1, 2003).
- Chair and Discussant of the panel titled “Refugee Protection and International Organizations,” International Studies Association Convention (Portland, OR, February 26-March 1, 2003).
- “Identity as a Site of Contestation: Complexity of Discursive Maps in Greek-Turkish Relations,” International Studies Association Convention (New Orleans, Louisiana, March 24-27, 2002).
- “Identities in Question: Greek-Turkish Relations in a Period of Transformation?” International Studies Association Convention (Chicago, IL, February 20-24, 2001).
- “Critical Rethinking in Foreign Policy: Greek-Turkish Relations in the Post-Cold War Era.” Halki International Seminars 2000, Session 00.2 on the “Mediterranean and the Middle East: Looking Ahead,” Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) (Halki, Greece, September 13-18, 2000).

GUEST LECTURES

“Secularism in Turkey,” Hamline College, History, Invited by Assoc. Prof. John Mazis, Spring 2005.

“Paradoxes of Turkish Modernity,” Hamline College, Anthropology, Invited by Prof. Verne A. Dusenbery, Spring 2004.

“Modernity and Islam in Turkey,” Hamline College, History, Invited by Assoc. Prof. John Mazis, Spring 2003.

INSTITUTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Organizer of Minnesota International Relations Colloquium (MIRC), Fall 2004-Spring 2005
MIRC is a series of seminars and presentations organized by University of Minnesota graduate students. Tasks of the organizer includes drafting of an annual schedule; invitation of a set of prominent speakers whose works speak to issues and problems of global politics and organization of events around their work; arrangement of roundtable discussions and social events to foster a sense of community among graduate students and faculty working on topics related to global politics.
- Ad-hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Common Market Studies*
- Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Political Science, Fall 2004-Spring 2005
Mentor for first year graduate students
- Graduate Student Mentor, MacArthur Program, Fall 2002-Spring 2004
Mentor for first year MacArthur scholars

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate – reading)

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