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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS and EXPERIENCE

- Associate Professor, *Koç University*, Department of International Relations, 2018- present.
- Associate Professor, YOK (Turkish Higher Education Council), Spring 2017- present.
- Assistant Professor, *Koç University*, Department of International Relations, Fall 2009-2017.
- Visiting Scholar, *Harvard University*, Centre for Middle East Studies, Summer 2011.
- Associate-In, *University of California, Davis*, Department of Political Science, Summer 2008-Summer 2009.
- Research Assistant, *UC Davis*, ‘What is Wrong with the Middle East?’, Fall 2008.
- Consultant, ‘Selectors Project’ (Principle Investigators: R.M. Siverson, Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, James Morrow, and Alastair Smith), Spring 2007.
- Instructor, *University of California, Berkeley*, Fall Program for Freshmen, Fall 2006.
- Teaching Assistant, *UC Davis*, Department of Political Science, Winter 2001- Spring 2008.
- Summer School, ICPSR (Inter- university Consortium for Political and Social Research), Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 2002.

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, *University of California, Davis*, 2009
  - Fields of Study: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Methodology
  - Dissertation: Non-State Violence, Supporters, and Targets: State Support of Non-State Armed Groups as a Selection Process
- B.A. International Relations, *Bogazici University, Istanbul*. 2000.
- B.A. History, *Bogazici University, Istanbul*. 2000.

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- Advisory Board Member, *Correlates of War (COW) Project*, March 2016 – present.
- At-Large Representative, Governing Council, *International Studies Association*, 2017-2018.
- Associate Editor, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Sage Publications, January 2015-present.
- Management Committee Member, *COST Action IS1107*, (COST Action on European Network for Conflict Research, chaired by Lars-Erik Cederman), February 2013-February 2016.

## AWARDS

- Science Academy Young Scientist Award (BAGEP), 2017-2019.
- Outstanding Young Scientist Award, the Turkish Academy of Sciences, 2015-2018.
- Publication Encouragement Award, TUBITAK (Turkish Scientific & Technological Research Society), 2010, 2012, 2014.
- Award, TUBITAK (Turkish Scientific & Technological Research Society), Encouragement Award for Receiving a 7th Framework Research Fund from the European Union, 2011.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOK

“States in Disguise: Causes of State Support for Rebel Groups”. 2016. New York: **Oxford University Press**. (Hardback: 9780190250881; Paperback: 9780190250904).

- Reviewed at *Journal of Politics* 80 (3): e67-e68. 2018.  
<https://doi.org/10.1086/698700>
- Reviewed at *Perspectives on Politics* 15 (4): 1209-1210. 2017  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592717002778>
- “States in Disguise: Causes of State Support for Rebel Groups”. *Forthcoming in Turkish*. 2019. Under Contract. Koç University Press.

### ARTICLES

“Rebel Governance through External Support”. Invited for Special Feature. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 2019 (pending).

“States and Non-state Armed Groups (NAGs) in International Relations Theory.” 2017. (DOI online: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.303). *Oxford Encyclopaedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*. Ed. William Thompson. (reprint as book chapter in 2018).

"International Support for Non-State Armed Groups." *Oxford Bibliographies* in “International Relations”. 2016. Ed. Patrick James. New York: Oxford University Press. (Invited Annotated Bibliography DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780199743292-0185).

“Democracy and Vulnerability: An Exploitation Theory of Democracies by Terrorists”. 2014. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(7): 1285-1310 (published online August 19, 2013).

“Rivalry and State Support for Non-state Armed Groups (NAGs)” 2012. *International Studies Quarterly* 56 (4): 1-15. (with Zeev Maoz, UC Davis).

“Supporting Non-State Armed Groups: A Resort to Illegality?” 2009. *Journal of Strategic Studies* 32(4):589-613.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

“States and Non-state Armed Groups (NAGs) in International Relations Theory.” 2018. Forthcoming. in *Oxford Encyclopaedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*. Ed. William Thompson.

“Causes and Consequences of Transitivity and Balance in the International Politics of the Middle East, 1946-2004”. 2015. In *The Israeli Conflict System: Analytic Approaches* (Harvey Starr and Stanley Dubinsky, eds.). New York: Routledge/Taylor Francis. (with Zeev Maoz, UC, Davis).

## DATASET

“State-NAG Cooperation Dataset: Non-State Violence, Targets, and Supporters, 1945-2010, Ver. April 2015, funded by the Marie Curie International Reintegration Grant, 2011-2015, available at <http://nonstatearmedgroups.ku.edu.tr>.

- NAGs dataset has information on 454 rebel groups, which emerged in the post-WWII period. It includes descriptive information about ideational features and objectives of nonstate armed groups, their state supporters, type and duration of support, and all sources used for coding date. Sources and descriptive characteristics of NAGs are available on project website.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Binary Logit Analysis in the Study of International Politics”. Forthcoming. *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*.

“PKK Terörüne Uluslar-Ötesi Bir Bakış (A Transnational Approach to Turkey’s Terrorism Problem)”. Türkiye’nin Terör Sorunu. SETA. 2017. (with İlayda Bilge Önder, Koç University). (Book chapter)

“Nedensel İlişkiler, Araştırma Kurguları, Deneysel Yaklaşımlar ve Uluslararası İlişkiler” (Causality, Research Design, Experimental Method and International Relations), *Uluslararası İlişkilerde Araştırma Yöntemleri (Research Methods for International Relations)*, Ünite 2, Anadolu Üniversitesi Yayınları, January 2013. (Textbook chapter)

“Çoklu Yöntem Yaklaşımları” (Multi-Method Use) (with Şener Aktürk, Koç University), *Uluslararası İlişkilerde Araştırma Yöntemleri (Research Methods for International Relations)*, Ünite 8, Anadolu Üniversitesi Yayınları, January 2013. (Textbook chapter)

## WORK UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

### BOOK

*Energy Resources and International Cooperation: Quest for Energy Security in an Insecure World* (with Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Koç University). **Proposal in progress.**

### ARTICLES

“International Support Networks and the Calculus of Uprising”. (with Jaime Jackson and Zeev Maoz, UC Davis).

“Cooperation between States and Rebel Groups: Leaders, Survival, and Identity”.

“When Do Energy Resources Fuel Support of Rebels? The Case of Natural Gas” (with Duygu Sever and Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Koç University).

“Imbalanced Relations in International Politics, 1816-2004: Monadic and Systemic Patterns”. (with Zeev Maoz, UC Davis).

“Oil and Intervention: Security Dynamics and Economic Incentives” (with Duygu Sever and Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Koç University).

“State of the Research on Natural Resources and Inter-State Relations: Theorizing the Energy-Conflict Nexus” (with Duygu Sever and Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Koç University).

“Public Attitudes towards Use of Force Abroad: An Experimental Analysis of the Micro-foundational roots of external intervention” (with Ali Carkoglu, Koç University).

“Domestic Audience Cost and Foreign Policy Commitments: An Experimental Analysis” (with Ali Carkoglu, Koç University).

### PROJECT PROPOSALS

#### Pending Proposals

Network Analysis of External Support for Resistance Groups and Governments: Dynamics of Uprisings, Rebellions, Insurgencies, and Terrorism, 1945-2020. *Department of Defense Minerva Research Initiative.* (with Zeev Maoz, Viladimir Filkov, and Jaime Jackson, UC Davis).

### GRANTS

- *Science Academy*, 2017-2019, 30000TL.
- *Turkish Academy of Sciences*, 2015-2018, 60000 TL.
- *Seed Fund*, Koç University. Experimental Analysis of Public Opinion for Violent Foreign Policy, July 2014 - July 2016, 34000 TL.
- *Marie Curie International Re-integration Grant*, for the project titled “State-NAG Cooperation- Cooperation between States and Non-state Armed Groups: Systematic or Random Partnerships?” 2011-2015, €100,000.

- *ECPR Travel Grant*, Workshop on International Institutions and Public Opinion in Interstate Conflict, July 8-11, 2014 (with Erik Gartzke; University of Essex and University of California, San Diego; Scott W. Desposato; University of Zurich and University of California, San Diego; Jason Reifler; University of Exeter; Clara H. Suong, University of California, San Diego and Ali Carkoglu, Koc University).
- *EU COST Action Travel Grant*, Workshop on Middle East Conflict, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, COST Action IS1107, May 12-14, 2014. € 445.
- *EU COST Action Travel Grant*, the Management Committee Meeting of the European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRE), University of Essex, September 16-20, 2013, € 809.
- *Seed Fund*, Koç University, TÜPRAŞ Enerji Merkezi Seed Fund for the project titled “Turkey’s Energy Efficiency Map and Objectives (Türkiye’nin Enerji Verimliliği Haritası ve Hedefler)”, (with Metin Türkay and Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Koç University), January 2012, 30.000 TL.
- *Koç University Travel Grant*, Harvard-Koç University Visiting Scholar Program, July-August 2011, Koç University, \$4,500.
- *Dissertation Improvement Grant*, Institute of Governmental Affairs, University of California, Fall 2008, \$1,000.

## INVITED TALKS, LECTURES and WORKSHOPS

Workshop on Rebel Governance. *University of Maryland*, 2-4 March, 2018.

Seminar on “Signaling Rebellion: External State Support and Internal Conflict”. International Politics Seminar Series. *Columbia University*, October 26, 2017.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> All Azimuth Workshop on Methodology in Turkish IR. *Bilkent University*, Ankara. September 18-19, 2017.

Lethal Aid and Human Security Conference, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*, June 22-24, 2017.

Workshop on Armed Conflict in Africa, *London School of Economics*, May 18-19, 2017.

The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations Colloquium Series. *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*. May 10, 2017.

Seminar Series of Center for International Development and Conflict Management/International Relations, Department of Government, *University of Maryland*, February 20, 2017. (with Ali Çarkoğlu, Koç University).

Debating Development: Which future for democracy?” Institute of Development Policy and Management. *University of Antwerp, Belgium*. November 22, 2016.

Workshop on the Impact of Intra-war Processes on Post-conflict Outcomes. Peace Science Society Annual Meeting. *University of Indiana*. October 20, 2016.

Workshop on Terrorism Problem of Turkey. Foundation for Political, Economic, and Social Research (SETA), Istanbul, Turkey. May 23, 2016.

Lecture on “Causes and Consequences of Unbalanced Relations in the International Politics of the Middle East, 1946-2010.” PRIMO Workshop. Middle East Technical University, Ankara. June 15, 2015.

Seminar on “Regional Cooperation and Civil War: Does Cooperation Reduce External Support for Rebel Groups?” Department of Government. *University of Essex*. February 13, 2014.

Invited Talk, “External Sources of Terrorism in the World and Turkey (Dünya’da ve Türkiye’de Terörizmin Dış Kaynakları)”, Koç University Board of Trustees Meeting, April 26, 2012.

Seminar on “State and Non-state Actor Cooperation in the Middle East”. *Hattie Weber Museum*. Davis, California, hosted by Jewish Peace Alternatives. February 15, 2010.

### **INTERVIEWS, BLOGS, ONLINE OP-EDS, and MEDIA APPEARANCES**

“Türkiye-Avupa İlişkileri düzeliyor mu? (Are Turkey’s relations with Europe getting better?).” May 27, 2017. “Eğrisi Doğrusu”. *CNN Türk*.

“Aleppo: the key to conflict resolution in the Syrian civil war?” March 11, 2017. OUP Blog: Oxford Academic Insights for the Thinking World. Available <https://blog.oup.com/2017/03/aleppo-conflict-resolution-syrian-civil-war/>

“Suriye’deki iç savaş ve terörle mücadele (Civil War in Syria and Counterterrorism)”. December 23, 2016. “Eğrisi Doğrusu”. *CNN Türk*.

“Stay away from non-state armed groups.” July 8, 2016. EUROPA: Research Information Center. [http://ec.europa.eu/research/infocentre/article\\_en.cfm?artid=40276](http://ec.europa.eu/research/infocentre/article_en.cfm?artid=40276). Interview.

“Türkiye Dış Politikasında Yeni Adımlar (New Steps in Turkish Foreign Policy). June 3, 2016. “Eğrisi Doğrusu”. *CNN Türk*.

“Terrorism is Still the Most Effective Tool to Fight Terrorism”, Blog Contribution, *Political Violence @ a Glance*, January 8, 2016, <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/01/08/democracy-is-still-the-most-effective-tool-to-fight-terrorism/>. Online blog.

“Democracy and Peace: Greed or Grievance?” May 13, 2014. *International Relations and Security Network (ISN)*. ETH Zurich. Published Online at <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Articles/Detail/?id=179655>. Online op-ed.

“Türkiye’nin Enerji Verimliliği Haritası ve Hedefler (Mapping Energy Efficiency of Turkey and Targets)”. Koç University Energy Center Report (KÜTEM) (with Metin Türkay and Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Koç University). May 2012.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected last five years)

- “Energy Resources and External Intervention: Security Dynamics and Economic Incentives”, The annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, Apr 4-7, 2018. (with S. Duygu Sever and Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Koç University).
- “Cooperation between States and Rebel Groups: Leaders, Survival and Identity”, The Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA. Aug 31-Sep3, 2017.
- “External Intervention and Energy Resources: When does energy fuel state support of rebels?” The annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 21-25, 2017. (with S. Duygu Sever and Şuhnaz Yılmaz, Koç University).
- “International Support Networks and the Calculus of Uprising”. The annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 21-25, 2017. (with Jaime Jackson and Zeev Maoz, UC Davis).
- “Moving into a Triadic Analysis of Ideational Ties in Civil Wars: *Identity over Strategy?*” Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 16-19, 2016.
- “Public Attitudes towards Militarism Abroad: An Experimental Analysis for the Micro-foundational roots of external intervention” with (Ali Çarkoğlu). Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 16-19, 2016.
- “Domestic Audience Cost and Foreign Policy Commitments: An Experimental Analysis.” (with Ali Çarkoğlu, Koç University). Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA. Sep 2-6, 2015.
- “Domestic Audience Cost and Foreign Policy Commitments: An Experimental Analysis.” (with Ali Çarkoğlu, Koç University). Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, USA. April 16-19, 2015.
- “Non-state Armed Groups (NAGs) Dataset.” European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe) Meeting, Bonn, Germany, March 5-7, 2015.
- “How does inter-state rivalry influence the internal conflict dynamics?” European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe) Meeting, Bonn, Germany, March 5-7, 2015.
- “Regional Cooperation and Internal Conflict: Does Cooperation Reduce External Support for Rebel Groups?”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2014. Washington DC.
- “States in Disguise: Material and Ideational Sources of External Support for Rebel Groups”, Annual Meeting of the Conflict Research Society, September 17-20, 2013, University of Essex, UK.

“Regional Cooperation and Internal Conflict: Does Cooperation Reduce External Support for Rebel Groups?”, the Annual Convention of International Studies Association, April 3-6, 2013, San Francisco, CA, USA.

“External Support for Ethnic Terrorism”, the Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, San Diego, California, April 1-4, 2012.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIP**

- Committee Member, Palmer Prize for the CMPS Article of the Year, 2015 (with Cliff Morgan, Rice University and Charles Anderton, College of the Holy Cross).
- Organizer and Host, the Spring Meeting of COST Action IS1107 European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe), Koç University, Istanbul (attended by around 50 scholars from all over Europe as part of the annual activity of the ENCoRe, which was a network of researchers funded with a COST Action (IS1107).
- Organizer, Workshop on Network Analysis, supported by Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities and Center for Conflict Studies at Koç University and Sabancı University. May 3, 2011.
- Co-Organizer, “Eurasian Peace Science Network Annual Meetings” (with Reşat Bayer, Koç University).
- Member, Steering Committee, Eurasian Peace Science Society Network, 2010-present.
- Member, Executive Committee, Center for Conflict Studies at Koç University, 2010-present.
- Member,
  - American Political Science Association, 2003 – present
  - International Studies Association, 2005 – present
  - Peace and Science Society, 2007-present

### **UNIVERSITY and DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

- Member, IR Recruitment Committee, International Relations, Koç University, Fall 2017.
- Member, *Faculty Academic Council*, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, September 2013-August 2016.
- Member, *Faculty Administrative Council*, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, September 2013-August 2016.
- Member, IR Recruitment Committee, International Relations, Koç University, Fall 2013.
- Graduate Program Coordinator, September 2010 - September 2013.
- Seminar Series Coordinator, September 2009-June 2010.

### **REVIEWED FOR**

British Journal of Political Science  
 Conflict Management and Peace Science  
 International Studies Quarterly  
 Terrorism and Political Violence  
 International Relations  
 Journal of Peace Research



Studies in Conflict and Terrorism  
 Journal of Conflict Resolution  
 International Studies Review  
 Cooperation and Conflict  
 World Politics

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### Undergraduate:

INTL 101: Introduction to Political Science  
 INTL 201: Research Methods in Social Sciences  
 INTL 203: Introduction to International Relations  
 INTL 335: Terrorism, Insurgency, and World Politics  
 Conflict Resolution: Koç University-Queens University Summer Exchange Program, July 8-19, 2013.

### Graduate:

INTL 550 (Jointly taught with INTL 450): Terrorism, Insurgency, and World Politics  
 INTL 601: Quantitative Research Methods

## **GRADUATE STUDENTS**

### Supervising:

Sümeyye Kaya, PhD (Advisor)  
 Mehmet Yavuz Yağış, PhD (Advisor)  
 Yaşar Şaşıoğlu, PhD (Dissertation Committee Member)

Merve Keskin, MA (Advisor)  
 Şükrü Alper Genç, MA (Co-Advisor)

### Supervised:

İlayda Bilge Önder, MA Thesis: Civil-Military Relations and Conflict Termination (2018).  
 - Enrolled in PhD Program in Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2018-present.

Efe Can Çoban, MA Thesis: Democracy and Terrorism (2018).  
 - Enrolled in PhD Program in Political Science, Georgia State University, 2018-present.

Melissa Meek, MA Thesis: Peaceful Protest or Violent Rebellion: Explaining the factors that influence ethnic groups to pursue nonviolence (2015).

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.