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Professor San-Akca's research focuses on non-state armed groups, their relations with states and implications for international security and conflict. Specifically, she studies the role of ethnic, religious, and political identity in the emergence of conflict and cooperation networks between states and non-state armed groups, terrorism, the empirical applications of International Relations Theories, and the Middle East Conflict. She teaches introductory level courses on research methods and international relations, a graduate level course on quantitative methods and an advance level course on terrorism, insurgency and world politics. Before coming to Koç University, she worked on various projects as a research assistant and consultant and taught various courses at the University of California, Davis and Berkeley. She was a visiting scholar at the Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University from July 1 to August 30, 2011. Her articles appeared at Journal of Strategic Studies, Journal of Conflict Resolution and International Studies Quarterly. Her book titled "States in Disguise: *Causes of State Support for Rebel Groups*" is forthcoming with Oxford University Press.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2009
B.A. International Relations, Bogazici University, 2000
B.A. History, Bogazici University, 2000

ACADEMIC and PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, **Koç University**, Fall 2009- present.

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 Erik-Lars Cederman), February 2013-present.

Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle East Studies, **Harvard University**, July-August 2011.

Associate-In, Department of Political Science, **University of California, Davis**, Summer 2009.

Instructor, Department of Political Science, **University of California, Davis**, Summer 2008, Winter & Spring 2009.

Research Assistant, 'What is Wrong with the Middle East?', research project by Zeev Maoz, Fall 2008.

Consultant, 'Selectors Project' conducted by R.M. Siverson, Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, James Morrow, and Alastair Smith, Spring 2007.

Instructor, Fall Program for Freshmen, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2006.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, Winter 2001- Spring 2008.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Workshop on “Teaching Statistical Concepts with Activities, Data, and Technology”, September 1, 2010, Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., USA, September 2-5, 2010.

Working Group on “Politics of Punishment”, Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., USA, September 2-5, 2010.

Working Group on Methodology: New Perspectives on Qualitative and Quantitative Tools, Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 31 – September 2, 2007.

Course on ‘Formal Models in Political Science’, Intercampus Exchange Program, UC Berkeley, Instructor: Robert Powell. 2002 September-December.

Summer Program of Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, June-July 2002.

PUBLICATIONS

“Causes and Consequences of Transitivity and Balance in the International Politics of the Middle East, 1946-2004”. 2015. (with Zeev Maoz, University of California, Davis). In *The Israeli Conflict System: Analytic Approaches* (Harvey Starr and Stanley Dubinsky, eds.) Routledge/Taylor Francis. August 2015. (ISBN: 978-1-13-891243-4)

“States in Disguise: Material and Ideational Sources of External Support for Rebel Groups”. Forthcoming. New York: Oxford University Press.

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

“Rivalry and State Support for Non-state Armed Groups (NAGs)” (with Zeev Maoz, UC Davis), *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 56, No.4 (December 2012), pp. 1-15.

“Supporting Non-State Armed Groups: A Resort to Illegality?” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol.32, No.4 (August 2009), pp.589-613.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"International Support for Non-State Armed Groups", *Entry Contribution*, the Oxford Bibliographies, Patrick James, Editor of International Relations. Forthcoming.

“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>.

“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.

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

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

Regional Cooperation and Internal Conflict: Does Cooperation Reduce External Support for Rebel Groups?”

“Abandoning Non-State Allies: Not a Matter of Strategy”

PROJECTS and WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

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

“Support Termination for Non-state Armed Groups”, TUBITAK Project Proposal to join the COST Action IS1107 (invited by Lars-Erik Cederman, COST Action on European Network for Conflict Research) in progress.

“A New Data Set on Non-State Violence, Targets, and Supporters, 1945-2001”, funded by the Marie Curie International Reintegration Grant, 2011-2015, Major Variables: Countries that are targets of non-state violence, Name, Type, and Objectives of Non-state Armed Groups (NAG), countries that provide assistance to NAG (Supporters), type of support, duration of support, reasons behind ceasing support, funded by International Reintegration Grant, Marie Curie.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Award, TUBITAK (Turkish Scientific & Technological Research Society Encouragement Award), Uluslararası Bilimsel Yayınları Teşvik Programı (Award for Supporting International Publications), October 2014, 5000 TL.

Grant, Seed Fund. Experimental Analysis of Public Opinion for Violent Foreign Policy. July 2014 - July 2016. 34000 TL (\$17000).

Grant, Travel Grant for attending the Workshop on International Institutions and Public Opinion in Interstate Conflict, funded by the ECPR, 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).

Grant, Travel Grant for Attending the Workshop on Middle East Conflict, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, granted by EU COST Action IS1107, May 12-14, 2014. € 445.

Grant, Travel Grant for Attending the Management Committee Meeting of the European Network of Conflict Research, University of Essex, September 16-20, 2013, granted by EU COST Action IS1107. € 809.

Award, TUBITAK (Turkish Scientific & Technological Research Society Encouragement Award), Uluslararası Bilimsel Yayınları Teşvik Programı (Award for Supporting International Publications), December 2012, 1300 TL.

Grant, Koç Üniversitesi 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 Turkey and Şuhnaz Yılmaz-Özbağcı, Koç University), January 2012, 30.000 TL.

Grant, 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.

Travel Grant, International Studies Association for participating in the annual meeting in San Diego, CA, April 1-4, 2012, \$500.

Travel Grant, Harvard-Koç University Visiting Scholar Program, July-August 2011, Koç University, \$4,500.

Award, TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), Encouragement Award for Receiving a 7th Framework Research Fund from the European Union (7.ÇP Katılımı Özendirme Ödül Desteği), March 2011, €3,000.

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association for participating in the annual meeting in Washington, D.C., September 2- 5, 2010, \$500.

Award, TUBITAK (Turkish Scientific & Technological Research Society Encouragement Award), Uluslararası Bilimsel Yayınları Teşvik Programı (Award for Supporting International Publications), 2010, 800TL.

Dissertation Improvement Grant, Institute of Governmental Affairs, Fall 2008, \$1,000.

Political Science Department Travel Award for travel to the annual meeting of American Political Science Association in Chicago, August 31-September 2007.

American Political Science Association Travel Grant for annual meeting in Chicago, August 31-September 2, 2007

Political Science Department Travel Award for the annual meeting of American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, September 2006.

Political Science Department Travel Grant for the Social Science and History Association’s Conference in St.Louis, Missouri, October 2002.

Political Science Department Grant for participation in the Summer School of Inter- university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Summer 2002.

INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

Invited Lecture, “Regional dimensions and implications of terrorism, insurgency, and civil war”, for a group of MBA students from the **German Graduate School of Management and Law**, April 10, 2014, Koc University.

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

Invited Lecture, “Turkey at the Crossroads: Emulating to be a Regional Power?” Department of Government, University of Essex, February 12, 2014.

Invited Talk, “Terrorism and Intelligence in Democracies”, “From Intelligence to Policy-Making: Intelligence Analysis for Policy Executives”, organized by the Center for Intelligence Studies (ISAMER), the inaugural International Conference on Intelligence Analysis (ICINTA), the intelligence research center for the National Intelligence Organization (MIT) of Turkey. June 4-6, 2012. Ankara, Turkey.

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.

Invited Lecture, “Terrorism and Turkish Foreign Policy”, October 20, 2011, Course on “INTL 390: Turkish Foreign Policy”, Koç University.

Invited Talk, “Abandoning Non-State Allies: Not a Matter of Strategy”. Presented at the International Relations Reading Group Series, University of California, Davis. January 28, 2011.

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

“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.

“Regional Cooperation and Terrorism: *Does Cooperation Reduce Terrorism*”, the Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2012, New Orleans, LA, USA. (Meeting cancelled, but papers submitted to the conference website are considered presented at the conference).

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

“Causes and Consequences of Intransitive and Imbalanced Relations in International Politics, 1816-2004” (with Zeev Maoz, University of California, Davis), the Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, San Diego, California, April 1-4, 2012.

“Terrorism, Democratization and Turkish Foreign Policy”, New Turkish Foreign Policy in Turbulent Times, GLODEM Foreign Policy Panel, December 1, 2011, Koç University.

“External Intervention in Internal Conflict: Are Religious Ties More Binding than Ethnic Ties?”, the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Los Angeles, USA, October 14-15, 2011.

“Democracy and Vulnerability: An Exploitation Theory of Democracies by Terrorists”, the Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, September 1-4, 2011.

“Internal Conflict and Intervention: Positive and Negative Effects” (with Resat Bayer, Koç University), the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 16-19, 2011, Montreal, Canada.

“Minor Powers and Non-State Actor Violence: Breaching Sovereignty or Fulfilling Responsibility?” (with Jennifer M. Ramos, University of Loyola, Marymount), the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 16-19, 2011, Montreal, Canada.

“Settlement in Enduring Conflicts with Insurgents: When is it Time to Stop?”, Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., USA, September 2-5, 2010.

“The Role of Geography in State Support for NAGs: *Beyond Random Effect*” (with Alex Braithwaite, University College London), International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 17-20, 2010, New Orleans, LA, USA.

“The Ideational Causes of Violence: Are Religious Ties More Binding Than Ethnic Ties?”, Eurasia Peace Science Society Meeting, January 8-9, 2010, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey.

“Minor Powers and Non-State Actor Violence: Breaching Sovereignty or Fulfilling Responsibility?” (with Jennifer M. Ramos, University of Loyola, Marymount), International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 15-18, 2009, New York, NY.

“Abandoning Non-State Allies: Not a Matter of Strategy”, North American Meeting of Peace Science Society, October 24-26, 2008, Claremont, CA.

“Minor Powers and Non-State Actor Violence: Breaching Sovereignty or Fulfilling Responsibility?” (with Jennifer M. Ramos, University of Loyola, Marymount), ISA-West Annual Meeting, September 26-28, 2008, San Francisco, CA.

“Supporting Non-state Armed Groups: A Resort to Illegality”, presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, March 26-29, 2008, San Francisco, CA.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIP

Organizer and Host, The Spring Meeting of COST Action IS1107 European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe), Koc University, Istanbul (attended by around 50 scholars from all over Europe as part of the annual activity of the ENCoRe, which is a network of researchers funded with a COST Action to coordinate and network on the study of conflict processes)

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” held annually in January, 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

REVIEWER

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

UNIVERSITY and DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Member, Faculty Academic and Administrative Council, College of Administrative Sciences and Economics, September 2013-present.

Member, Recruitment Committee, International Relations, Koc University, Fall 2013.

Coordinator, International Relations Graduate Program, September 2010 - September 2013.

Coordinator, International Relations, Seminar Series, Koç University, September 2009-June 2010.

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