TALKS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

119. “Polarization and New Authoritarianism in Turkey and Beyond,” the University of Osnabrück, January 11, 2018 (Forthcoming)

118. “Polarization and New Authoritarianism in Turkey and Beyond,” Uppsala Religion and Society Research Centre (CRS), Uppsala University, November 30, 2017

117. “The Independence Referendum in the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq and Its Consequences,” Boğaziçi University and the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD) Foreign Policy Forum meeting, Istanbul October 13, 2017

116. “The EU, Turkey and the Kurdish Question,” Conference on Turkey-EU Relations, Bilgi University, Istanbul, September 22, 2017

115. “The State of Turkey's Democracy and Western Alliances,” Political Science Department, Boston College, September 14, 2017

114. “Toward a More Democratic and Workable Secularism: Insights from Secularities beyond the West”’ Department of Government, Harvard University, September 11, 2017

113. “Political Elite Conflicts, the Future of Turkish Secularism and Secularities beyond the West,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 31-September 4, 2017


111. “Turkey’s Protean Formative Rift, Religious and Secular Politics and Benign versus Pernicious Polarization,” Workshop on Polarized Polities, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, March 12-14, 2017


108. “What’s Happening in Turkey?” Georgia State University, November 7, 2016

107. “Return to Point Zero: Turkey’s Democratic Breakdown, Remaking and the Turkish and Kurdish Question,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, September 14, 2016


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<td>“Milada Dönüş: Ulus-Devletten Devlet-Ulusa Türk ve Kürt meselesinin Üç İkilemi” (Return to Point Zero: From Nation-State to Sate-Nation, the Three Dilemmas of the Turkish and Kurdish Question), Lecture in Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul, December 21, 2015</td>
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<td>“Explaining Turkey's Old and New Authoritarianism: Secularism and Democracy, and Domestic and External Dimensions,” Symposium on Populism, Majoritarianism and Crises of liberal democracy: Modes of illiberal governance in Comparative Perspective, the Centre for Southeast European Studies and the Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey, University of Graz, October 1-3, 2015</td>
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<td>“The Dynamics of New Authoritarianism: Comparative Mechanisms of Turkey’s Authoritarian Turn,” Session on Political Systems in Central and Eastern Europe and Southern Europe: Comparative Politics,” European Consortium for Political Research Conference, University of Warsaw, Poland, March 29-April 2, 2015</td>
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<td>“Theory-Informed or Theory-Producing: How to Study Turkey as a Theory-Relevant Crucial Case,” Symposium on Turkish Studies from an Interdisciplinary Perspective, Joint Symposium by Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies and Institute for Turkish Studies, Stockholm, May 14, 2014</td>
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89. Discussant, Islam in Europe through the Balkan Prism Conference organized by European University Institute and University of Sarajevo, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, October 24-26, 2013
87. “Islam, Secularism and Democracy in Albania and Turkey,” (with Arolda Elbasani), 20th International Conference of Europeanists, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 25-27, 2013
87. “Kürt sorununun çözüm süreci ve PKK’nın silah bırakması bağlamında TDP,” (Turkish Foreign Policy in the Context of the Peace Process and the Kurdish Question), Symposium on ‘Güncel Gelişmeler Işığında Türk Dış Politikası: Zorluklar ve Fırsatlar’ (Turkish Foreign Policy in Light of Current Developments: Challenges and Opportunities), Antalya International University, Antalya, Turkey, May 10, 2013
86. “Does Democratization Take Strong Leaders, Identities Or Institutions? The Turkish Experience, Moderation & The Middle East,” Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITs) Open Lecture Series, Stockholm, Sweden, April 30, 2013
85. “Is Islam the Solution?: Comparing Turkish pro-Islamic and pro-Secular Thinking and Policies toward Ethnic Minorities,” 18th Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention Columbia University, New York, NY, 18-20 April 2013
84. "The Three Dilemmas of the Kurdish Question toward a Possible Solution: Identity versus Institutions,” Bilkent University Political Science Department, POLS TALKS, March 29, 2013
83. “Is Islam the Solution?: Comparing Turkish pro-Islamic and pro-Secular Thinking and Policies toward Ethnic Minorities” (with Beyza Büyüker), The Fourteenth Mediterranean Research Meeting organized by the European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and Mersin University, Mersin, Turkey, March 20-23 2013
81. “Turkey’s Middle East Policy, Democratization and the Kurdish Question,” Georgetown University Institute of Turkish Studies and Okan University Center for Eurasian Studies Joint Workshop, “Turkey’s Changing Foreign Policy Paradigm Following the Arab Spring” Okan University, Tuzla, Istanbul, December 14, 2012


77. “Religious and Secular Elite Cooperation and Democratization in the Muslim World,” Lecture in Georgetown University, Washington, DC, forthcoming, November 9, 2012

76. Speaker in roundtable on “Turkey: A Long-term Solution to the Kurdish Question,” Foreign Service Institute, Washington, DC, forthcoming, November 8, 2012

75. “Muslim and Secular Actor Cooperation and Democratization in Muslim Countries,” Middle Eastern Congress on Politics and Society, October 11, 2012, Sakarya University, Sakarya


72. “Democratization in Turkey in an Age of Arab Uprisings,” Lecture in Chicago Loyola University, Chicago (IL), April 17, 2012


69. “Constitutionalism in Turkey and the United States: Comparative Perspective On Building Democracy,” St. Johns University, Staten Island (NY), September 15, 2011

68. “Turkish Domestic Politics After the Elections: What’s Next?” Annual Conference on Turkey, Middle East Institute, Washington, D.C., June 23, 2011

67. “Moderation and Democracy: Comparing Religious and Secular Values in Turkey,” Middle East Social Science Study Group, Yale University, New Haven (CT), May 5, 2011


65. “Explaining Moderation, Political Islamism, and Democratization: Theorizing from the Turkish Case” Northeast Middle East Politics Workshop Fifth Annual Meeting - Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, Providence (RI), March 11-13, 2011

63. “Religious and Secular Values and Democratization: the Kurdish Question, Nationalism and Beyond,” Symposium on Turkey, Middle East Studies Center, Florida State University, Tallahassee (FL), February 11, 2011
62. “Changing Values, Interests or Both? Turkish Politics, Foreign Policy and Western Relations in A Changing World,” Public Lecture, Florida State University, Tallahassee (FL), February 10, 2011
61. “Turks and Kurds in Post-US Iraq,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, San Diego (CA), November 18-20, 2010
60. “Islamic-Conservative and Pro-Secular Values and the Management of Ethnic Diversity and Conflict,” Workshop on Islam and Secularism in Contemporary Turkey, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, Palo Alto (CA), November 15-16, 2010
59. Speaker in the Seminar on “Turkey as a Rising Power,” Norwegian Institute Of International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo, June 9, 2010
56. “Secular and Religious-Conservative Values and Democracy,” Symposium on New Conservatism and the Right along the ‘Turkish-EU Axis,’ Bosphorus University, Istanbul, December 18, 2009
55. “Explicit and Banal, Secular and Religious Nationalisms and Turkey’s Kurdish Question,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Boston (MA), November 22, 2009
53. “What Does the Kurdish Opening in Turkey Entail? Political and Comparative Perspectives,” Middle East Institute, Washington, D.C., October 1, 2009
52. “Religious and Secular Elite Values and Liberal Democracies: Lessons from Turkey,” Seminar on Turkey in the Modern World, co-sponsored by the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge (MA), September 23, 2009
47. “The Search for ‘Twin Tolerations’ Between Islamic and Secularist Actors and Institutions In Turkey,” Lecture, Ghent University, Belgium, November 6, 2008
43. “Political Islam, Social and Political Diversity, and Turkey’s EU Membership,” Conference on Diversity and European Integration, Florida International University, Miami (FL), April 1-2, 2008
36. “Constituency Values and Sustainable Democratization of Political Islam: Insights from Turkey,” Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 16-17, 2007
PUBLIC & PROFESSIONAL TALKS, INVITED LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

Murat Somer

34. “When is Democratization Sustainable? Lessons from Political Islam in Turkey,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (IL), August 30 - September 2, 2007
30. “Turkey's Internal Faultlines and EU Relations” Lecture at the University of Helsinki, November 13, 2006
29. “Turkey and the New Iraq,” 1st Annual Conference on the Middle East, İşık University, Istanbul, November 2, 2006
27. Speaker in session on “Political Party Evolution” at the Workshop on “Democratic Transitions in Europe and Latin America: What Relevance for The Arab World?,” Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE) and Club de Madrid, Madrid, March 24-25, 2006
25. Speaker in the panel on “Development and Its Impact on Southeastern Anatolia,” Conference on Turkey: Culture, Change, and Development, Cornell University, Ithaca (NY), October 1, 2005
24. “Defensive vs. Liberal Nationalism, Democratization, and Turkey’s Kurdish Question,” Center for Government and International Affairs (CGIS), Harvard University, Cambridge (MA), September 28, 2005
22. Moderator in the Working Group “Youth and Multiculturalism: the Case and Lessons of the EU & Turkey” in the Open World Initiative (Evian Group)’s three day conference at Koç University, Istanbul, April 1-2, 2005
21. “Turkish Identities in the Process of Approaching the EU,” Lecture for visiting graduate students from the German National Academic Foundation, Koç University, Istanbul, March 17, 2005
20. “Effective Mixing, Civil Discourse, and Violent Disintegration: Theory And Comparative Evidence toward an Explanation,” (with Ebru Erdem) Midwest Political Science Association
National Conference, Chicago (IL), (presented in absentia due to conflict in travel arrangements), April 15-18, 2004
19. “Resurgence And Remaking: Civil Beliefs, Domestic And External Security, And The Turkish Mainstream Discourse On Kurds,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, March 17-20, 2004
10. “Ethnic Conflict in Low-Trust Societies: The Role of Long-Term Institutions,” Western Political Science Association annual meeting, Long Beach (CA), March 22, 2002
8. “Ethnic Conflict in Low-Trust Societies: How Can Economic Institutions Help during Transition?” Middle Eastern Economic Association Panel, Allied Social Sciences Association annual meeting, Atlanta (GA), January 4-6, 2002
7. “Oil, Economic Freedom, and Human Rights: Is There A Link?” Discussant, Middle Eastern Economic Association Panel, Allied Social Sciences Association annual meeting, Atlanta (GA), January 4-6, 2002
5. “Ethnic Kurds, Private and Public Beliefs, and Democratic Transition in Turkey,” Middle Eastern Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco (CA), November 18-20, 2001
3. Chair and Discussant, Current Topics in International Political Economy Panel, Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas (NV), March 15-17, 2001
   “The Limits of Diversity: Lessons from Turkey and the Former Yugoslavia,” The Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics conference, San Diego State University, San Diego (CA), June 14, 1999