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EDUCATION

Sabancı University September 2023 – Ongoing ● Istanbul, Turkey
PhD in Political Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
CGPA: 3:57/4:00

Sabancı University September 2021 – June 2023 ● Istanbul, Turkey
Master of Arts in Political Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
CGPA: 3:48/4:00

Boğaziçi University September 2016 – June 2021 ● Istanbul, Turkey
BA (Hons) in Political Science and International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
CGPA: 3:51/4:00

Cağaloğlu Anadolu High School September 2011 – June 2016 ● Istanbul, Turkey
High School Degree
CGPA: 90.68/100

PUBLICATIONS

Working Paper: Evren Balta and Hatice Betül Bal, “How Do Middle Powers Act? Turkey’s Foreign Policy and Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine”, submitted to International Politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Master Thesis

Access Denied: Control And Restriction Strategies of The Internet in Hybrid Regimes, Sabancı University, July 2023

This thesis aims to explain authoritarian regimes' control and restriction strategies, with a specific focus on hybrid regimes. The different techniques authoritarian regimes use to cope with the Internet are analyzed into two groups: restrictive and proactive strategies. The repertoire of these two categories is explained with a case study of Turkey, and it is seen that regimes use both of these strategies when a due occasion occurs. In times of national crises and critical political junctures like elections are the period where restrictive strategies are used mainly. In contrast, proactive strategies constitute the de facto stance of the regime.

Furthermore, the relationship between the elections and restrictive strategies is tested with both a cross-country and a single-country analysis. As a result, it is found that regimes are more likely to use restrictive strategies during the pre-election period.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Social Data Science Book Project led by Akın Ünver, Özyeğin University**
November 2024 – Ongoing
Editing the book chapters, proofreading, working as part of a team
- **Research Assistant in the International Relations Department, Özyeğin University**
September 2023 – Ongoing
Attending faculty meetings, helping with departmental events, proctoring exams
- **Teaching Assistant for IR 201 Course lectured by Ezgi Elçi in the International Relations Department, Özyeğin University**
September 2024 – Ongoing
Conducting weekly recitation sessions, going through examples and exercises, grading quizzes, social science research methods course
- **Teaching Assistant for PSIR 311 Course lectured by Fatih Serkant Adıgüzel in the Political Science Department, Sabancı University**
September 2024 – Ongoing
Conducting weekly discussion sessions, making R tutorials, grading quizzes, social science research methods course
- **Teaching Assistant for IR 202 Course lectured by Akın Ünver in the International Relations Department, Özyeğin University**
February 2024 – June 2024
Assisting students with Excel statistics, supporting the professor with course logistics, social science research methods course
- **Teaching Assistant in SPS 101 Course, Sabancı University**
September 2021 – September 2023
Conducting weekly discussion sessions, interpreting primary and secondary sources, proctoring exams, grading exams, assignments and quizzes
- **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in POLS 101 Course lectured by Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu, the Political Science and International Relations Department, Boğaziçi University**
March 2021 – June 2021
Conducting weekly discussion hours, taking attendance, grading homeworks
- **Undergraduate Research Assistant at the *Populist Leaders and the Challenge of Covid 19* Project led by Berk Esen and Başak Taraktaş, Boğaziçi University**
June 2020 – September 2020
Researching the literature

- **Summer Intern at Koç University Migration Research Center, worked with Birce Altıok and Souad Osseiran**
June 2020 – August 2020
Preparing a newsletter, contributing to the annual database, and contributing to the Forced Migration Research Center (FMRC) database
- **Undergraduate Research Assistant at *Rising Autocrats* Project led by Murat Akan, Boğaziçi University**
June 2019 – August 2019

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native Speaker) • English (Proficient), TOEFL IBT: 104 • German (B1)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Excel • Latex • Stata • R

RERERENCES

Berk Esen • *Political Science in Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University*
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