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Education

2013-2019 : **Ph.D.**, International Relations
Galatasaray University, Institute of Social Sciences

2009-2012 : **MA**, National and International Security Strategies
Turkish War Colleges, Institute of Strategic Researches

2005-2009 : **BA**, International Relations
Istanbul University, Faculty of Political Sciences

2003-2005 : Business Informatics (German)
Marmara University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

1998-2003 : İstanbul (Erkek) Lisesi

Languages

Turkish (Mother Tongue), **English** (Advanced), **German** (Intermediate), **Chinese** (Beginner)

Theses

- **Ph.D:** *The Hybridization of Armed Conflicts, Power Pendulums: A Cost Based Analysis (1945-2015)*, Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Menent Savas Cazala.
- **MA:** *The Effects of Globalization on Security Understanding Between 1991-2011*, Advisor: Prof. Suha Atature.

Books & Book Chapters

- **“Turkey-US Relations: From the Catalyst of the Model Country Image to the Reference Point of Defensive Discourses”**, in *Turkey's Challenges and Transformation: Politics and Society on the Centennial of the Republic*, (ed.) Zeynep Alemdar and Harun Arıkan, London, Palgrave MacMillan (Reform and Transition in the Mediterranean Series).
- **“Güç Sarkaçları (Power Pendulums)”**, İstanbul, Doruk Yayınları, 2020. *(derived from dissertation)*
- **“David Held”**, in *Barış Çalışmaları (Peace Studies)*, (ed.) Erhan Büyükakıncı, İstanbul, Adres Yayınları, 2018.

- “Liddell B.H. Hart”, in *Savaş Kuramları (War Theories)*, (ed.) Erhan Büyükakıncı, İstanbul, Adres Yayınları, 2015.
- “Edward Luttwak”, in *Savaş Kuramları (War Theories)*, (ed.) Erhan Büyükakıncı, İstanbul, Adres Yayınları, 2015.

Scientific Articles and Research Papers

- “How Did The Industrial Revolution Transformed War? An Analysis Through The Interaction of Four Components of Warfare” (Endüstri Devrimi Savaşı Nasıl Dönüştürdü? Savaşın Dört Bileşenin Etkileşimi Üzerinden Bir İnceleme), *Diplomacy and Strategy Journal (Diplomasi ve Strateji Dergisi)*, No 12, ss. 72-99, 2025.
- “Understanding Trump’s Second Term: Can Huntington’s Securitization Efforts Guide?” (Trump’ın İkinci Dönemini Anlamak: Huntington’un Güvenikleştirme Çabaları Yol Gösterebilir mi?), *Gazi Academic View Journal (Gazi Akademik Bakış Dergisi)*, Vol 19, No 37, pp.111-134, December 2025.
- “New Conflicts, New Orientalists: How Military Theorists Reproduce Orientalism in Twenty First Century”, *Alternatif Politika*, Vol 16, No 2, pp. 205-227, June 2024.
- “The Use of Media in Asymmetrical Strategies: Common Logic, Diversifying Methods” (Asimetrik Stratejilerin Dönüşümünde Medya Kullanımı: Ortak Mantık, Farklı Yöntemler), *Güvenlik Bilimleri Dergisi (Journal of Security Sciences)*, Vol 10 No 1, 2021, pp. 239-258.
- “Energy and Security in Turkey-Iraq Relations” (Türkiye-İrak İlişkilerinde Enerji ve Güvenlik), *Türkiye Ortadoğu Çalışmaları Dergisi (Turkish Journal on Middle Eastern Studies)*, Vol 5 No 2, 2018, pp. 127-157. (co-author: Assoc.Prof. Tolga Demiryol)
- “The Limits of NATO’s Transformation: Energy Security As A Case Study” (NATO’nun Dönüşümünün Sınırları: Bir Vaka Çalışması Olarak Enerji Güvenliği), *Güvenlik Stratejileri Dergisi (Journal of Security Strategies)*, Vol. 12, No 3, 2016, pp. 35-69.
- *Küreselleşme ve Orta Doğu’daki Halk Hareketlerinin Arka Planı, (Globalization and the background of Arab Uprisings)*
<http://www.bilgesam.org/incele/1173/-ortadogu%C2%92daki-halk-hareketlerinin-arkaplani/#.VZU4NvntlHw>
- *Türkiye-Almanya İlişkileri: Sorunlar, Çözüm Önerileri ve İlişkilerin Geleceği*
Bilgesam Analiz Yazıları arasında yayınlanmıştır.
<http://www.bilgesam.org/incele/756/-turkiye-almanya-iliskileri--sorunlar--cozum-onerileri-ve-iliskilerin-gelecegi/#.VZU4NvntlHw>

Scientific Meetings :

08.05.2025 : **Speaker**, “Armed Non-State Actors in Syria and Turkish Foreign Policy: How The Interaction Affected The Civil War”, *Non-State Armed Actors in the Middle East: Their Transnational Networks and Impacts on Conflict Dynamics* Project Event, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan.

- 17.03.2025** : **Panelist**, “Integrating the SDF to New Syria: Challenges and Risks”, *OSAC Türkiye Meeting on Syria, Istanbul & Online Meeting*.
- 16.11.2024** : **Panelist**, “A Deceptive Summary on Türkiye-EU Relations: Challenges and Prospects”, *The First Thirty Years of the EU Conference*, Budapest Business School, Budapest, Hungary.
- 24.05.2024** : **Panelist**, “Soğuk Savaş Sonrası ABD’de Güvenikleştirme Çabalarını Anlamak: Huntington Yol Gösterebilir mi?” (Understanding Trump’s Second Term: Can Huntington’s Securitization Efforts Guide?), *X. Uluslararası İlişkiler Çalışmaları ve Eğitimi Kongresi*, Ordu.
- 27.05.2022** : **Panelist**, “Son Yirmi Yılında Türkiye-ABD İlişkileri: Model Ülke İmajının Katalizöründen Savunmacı Söylemlerin Referans Noktasına (Turkey-US Relations: From the Catalyst of the Model Country Image to the Reference Point of Defensive Discourses)”, *IX. Uluslararası İlişkiler Çalışmaları ve Eğitimi Kongresi*, Mersin.
- 04.11.2021** : **Panelist**, “Post-Güvenlik Jeopolitiğin Dört Bileşeni: Savunma, Bilgi, Üretim ve Finans”, (Four Components of Post-Security Geopolitics: Defense, Knowledge, Production and Finance) *İstanbul Security Congress 2021*, Istanbul.
- 04.11.2020** : **Panelist**, “Amerikan Dış Politikasında Bölgesel Ekosistemlerin Nasıl Ele Alındığına Dair Bir Vaka Çalışması: Eksen Ülkeler Tezi” (Pivotal States Theory: A Case Study on How Regional Ecosystems Are Assessed in American Foreign Policy), *İstanbul Security Congress 2020*, Istanbul.
- 09.2019-05.2021** : **Seminars on PhD Dissertation**
- *Istanbul Okan University*
- *İstanbul Tartışma Kulübü*
- *Bilim ve Sanat Vakfı*
- *Fındıklı Rotary Kulübü*
- 19.09.2019** : **Panelist**, “Kazanan Gerçekten Zayıflar mı, Yoksa Dolaylı Stratejileri Daha İyi Uygulayan Güçlüler mi?: Toft’un Asimetrik Çatışma Kuramına Bir Katkı”, (Is It The Weak Win the Wars Or Is It The Strong, Which Uses Asymmetric Strategies? A Contribution on Toft’s Asymmetrical Conflict Theory), *Gendermarine and Coastguard Academy International Security Congress*, Ankara.
- 05.06.2018** : **Panelist**, “Yeni Savaşlardan Melez Savaşlara: Rakip mi, Tamamlayıcı mı?” (From New Wars to Hybrid Wars: Rivals or Complementary?), *VIII. Uluslararası İlişkiler Çalışmaları ve Eğitimi Kongresi*, Antalya.
- 08.07.2017** : **Panelist**, “Peace Education: A Comparison Between Turkish and Global Institutions”, *ISA-GSCIS Conference 2017*, Havana University, Havana/Cuba
- 02.11.2016** : **Panelist**, “Melez Savaş: Vietnam’dan Beri Süren Arayışa Yeni Bir Cevap mı?” (Hybrid Warfare: A New Answer for the Quest Since Vietnam?), *İstanbul Security Conference 2016*, Istanbul/Turkey.
- 14.06.2016** : **Panelist**, “Re-reading Huntington: A Quest for a New American Identity Formation in Globalizing World”, *ISA-CISS Conference 2016*, American College of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki/Greece.

- 29.04.2016** : **Panelist**, “Barış Eğitimi: Hedefler, Kurumlar, Olgular”, (Peace Education: Aims, Institutions, Concepts) *VII.ÜİK Uluslararası İlişkiler Çalışmaları ve Eğitimi Kongresi*, İzmir/Turkey.
- 19.06.2015** : **Panelist**, “The Limits of NATO’s Transformation: Energy Security As A Case Study” *Security Conference 2015*, Jagellonian University, Krakow/Poland.
- 24.02.2014** : **Panelist**, “The Role and Function of Energy Security During The AKP Era Turkish Foreign Policy”, *International Energy, Finance and Economy Congress*”, Ahmet Yesevi University, Almaty/Kazakhstan.
- 24.02.2011** : **Panelist**, “XXI. Yüzyılın Paradigması Küreselleşme” (Globalization: The Paradigm of XXI. Century), *XXI. Yüzyılda Güvenlik Paneli (Security in XXI. Century)*, Turkish War Colleges, Istanbul/Turkey.

Awards:

- 2020** : **Best IR Thesis Award-2019**, given by KTU International Relations Department.
- 2015-2017** : **Research Scholarship**, given by TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye).

Projects :

- 2020-2021** : **Project Advisor**, Ministry of Interior of Turkish Republic, Department of Security Strategies, Project Title: “Terörizm-Mülteci Kampları Etkileşimi & Tasarlanmış Göç Kapsamında Mahmur Kampı” (Terrorism-Refugee Camps Interaction & Makhmour Refugee Camp In Context of Designed Migration)
- 2019-2020** : **Project Advisor**, Ministry of Interior of Turkish Republic, Department of Security Strategies, Project Title: “Fırat Kalkanı ve Zeytin Dalı Hârekat Bölgelerinde İnsani Güvenlik” (Human Security in Operation Euphrates Shield and Operation Olive Branch Regions)
- 2015-2017** : **Research Assistant**, TUBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council Of Turkey) Project: “Karşılıklı Bağımlılık, İşbirliği ve Çatışma: Enerjinin Türk Dış Politikasındaki Rolünün Karşılaştırmalı Bir Analizi” (Interdependency, Cooperation and Conflict: A Comparative Analysis on the Role of Energy by Turkish Foreign Policy), Project Manager: Asst. Prof. Tolga Demiryol.
- 2022-...** : **Youtube Project**, aims to explain critical topics of the discipline with ‘story telling’. Since the Janurary of 2022, I published more than 50 videos and I am planing to publish 40-60 videos annually.

Teaching Experience (2016-2026)

International Security / *Uluslararası Güvenlik*

Dynamics of World Politics / Dünya Politikasının Dinamikleri
World Political History I / Dünya Siyasi Tarihi I
World Political History II / Dünya Siyasi Tarihi II
International Organizations / Uluslararası Örgütler
Contemporary Issues in World Politics
Selected Topics in International Relations
International Conflict and Conflict Resolution
Introduction to Political Science /Siyaset Bilimine Giriş
Research Methods in IR / Uluslararası İlişkilerde Araştırma Yöntemleri

Memberships in MA and Ph.D Thesis Committees

- 10/2025** : ***Juri Member in PhD Dissertation Defence***, Carlos Ortega Sanchez, “*Engaging diasporas: Transnational identity protection mechanisms. The examples of DITIB, IGMG and the AABF in Germany*”, Istanbul University.
- 09/2025** : ***Juri Member in MA Thesis Defence***, Mariem Njeh, “*Türkiye’nin Deniz Ticaret Merkezleri ve Bölgesel Bağlantılarının Yeniden Yapılandırılması*” (*Restructuring of Türkiye’s maritime trade hubs and their regional interconnectivity*), Istanbul University.
- 05/2025**
(06.2020 – 05.2025) : ***Member of PhD Thesis Monitoring Committee***, Makpal Devletyarova, “*State Policies and Religious Radicalization in Kazakhstan: A Political Perspective*”, Istanbul University.
- 04/2024** : ***Juri Member in MA Thesis Defence***, Dana Karimbayeva, “*Identity and Informal Social Networks Among Russian-Speaking Migrants in Türkiye*”, Istanbul University.
- 12/2022** : ***Juri Member in MA Thesis Defence***, Serap Kaya, “*Suudi Arabistan’ın Afrika Boynuzu Politikaları*” (Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Policy Towards Horn of Africa), Istanbul University.
- 06/2020 - ...** : ***Member in Ph.D Thesis Monitoring Committee***, Makpal Devletyarova, “*(...)*”, Istanbul University.
- 12/2020 - ...** : ***Member in Ph.D Thesis Monitoring Committee***, Mustafa Oğuzhan Özkan, “*Doğu Akdeniz Enerji Jeopolitiğinin Türkiye-AB İlişkilerine Etkisi*”, Yeditepe University.
- 08/2020** : ***Juri Member in Ph.D Thesis Defence***, Fatemeh Dehghan Khangahi, “*Ekolojik Sorunlar ve Sosyal Mobilizasyon: Urumiye Gölü Örneği*”, (Ecologic Issues and Social Mobilization: Urumia Lake Case), Istanbul Üniversitesi.
- 06/2020** : ***Juri Member in MA Thesis Defence*** Ramazan Emre Midilli, “*An Insulator in the Bermuda Triangle? Evaluating Turkey’s Regional Stance Between 2002 and 2011*”, Marmara University.

Referee Activity:

- 09/2025* : *Journal of Security Strategies (Güvenlik Stratejileri Dergisi)*
- 12/2024* : *Diplomasi ve Strateji Dergisi (Diplomacy and Strategy Journal)*
- 08/2024* : *Journal of Security Strategies (Güvenlik Stratejileri Dergisi)*
- 05/2023* : *Fenerbahçe Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi (Fenerbahçe University Journal of Social Sciences)*
- 01/2023* : *Gazi Akademik Bakış (Gazi Academic View)*
- 10/2021* : *Poligrafi Journal*
- 12/2020* : *Türkiye Ortadoğu Çalışmaları Dergisi (Turkish Journal on Middle East Studies)*
- 10/2020* : *Türkiye Ortadoğu Çalışmaları Dergisi (Turkish Journal on Middle East Studies)*
- 05/2020* : *Diplomasi ve Strateji Dergisi (Diplomacy and Strategy Journal)*
- 11/2016* : *Insight Turkey*

Workshops, Courses, Certificates, Meetings:

- "Participated in the '**Using MAXQDA in the Data Analysis Process**' workshop organized by the authorized Buracademy and obtained a **MAXQDA competency certificate.**"
- **Marie Curie Projects Workshop**, organized by Research Project Development Directorate of Okan University.
- **TUBİTAK Projects Workshop**, organized by Research Project Development Directorate of Okan University.
- **Security Academy 2015**, organised by Council of International Relations, in Kartepe/Turkey.
- **Courses** taken for **NVivo** Qualitative Analysis Program (including Certificate of Compliance)
- Workshop titled "**Seeds of Confidence in Southern Caucasus**", organized by European Movement by support of EU in Batumi/Georgia.

Work Experiences

- 09/2019 - ...* : **Asst. Prof.**, Okan University, Department of International Relations.
- 09/2016 – 09/2019* : **Instructor**, Okan University, Department of International Relations.
- 11/2013-09.2016* : **Research Assistant**, Okan University, Department of International Relations.

02/2011-04/2011 : **Research Intern** Research Assistant, BİLGESAM
06/2007-08/2007 : **Intern** Reporter, Cumhuriyet Newspaper

Professional Affiliations

- International Studies Association
- Uluslararası İlişkiler Konseyi (Council of International Relations)
- Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneđi (Turkish Political Science Association)