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EDUCATION

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

FIELDS OF INTERESTS

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 Theory, and the Middle East Conflict.

HONORS & AWARDS

Award, TUBA-GEBIP, the Turkish Academy of the Sciences Programme to Reward Successful Young Scientists, 2015-2018.

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 – Present	Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations-Koç University
2016 – Present	Member, Correlates of War (COW) Project Advisory Board
2017- 2018	International Studies Association, Governing Council at-Large Representative
2015 – Present	Associate Editor, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Sage Publications
2013- 2016	Management Committee Member, COST Action IS1107, (COST Action on European Network for Conflict Research, chaired by Erik-LarsCederman)
2011	Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle East Studies - Harvard University
2009	Associate-In, Department of Political Science-University of California, Davis
2008- 2009	Instructor, Department of Political Science - University of California, Davis
2008	Research Assistant, 'What is Wrong with the Middle East?', research project by Zeev Maoz

2007	Consultant, ‘Selectors Project’ conducted by R.M. Siverson, Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, James Morrow, and Alastair Smith
2006	Instructor, Fall Program for Freshmen, University of California, Berkeley
2001-2008	Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science-University of California, Davis

PUBLICATIONS

1. “International Relations Theory and Implications for Alliance between States and Non-state Armed Groups (NAGs).” Forthcoming in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*. Ed. William Thompson.
2. “Democracy and Terrorism: Converting Vulnerability into Strength.” Forthcoming. *Ethics and Armed Forces*. (www.ethicsandarmedforces.com)
3. "International Support for Non-State Armed Groups.” Oxford Bibliographies in “International Relations”.Ed. Patrick James. New York: Oxford University Press, Sept 28, 2016. (DOI:10.1093/OBO/9780199743292-0185).
<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199743292/obo-9780199743292-0185.xml?rsk=NvQvMO&result=82>
4. “States in Disguise: Causes of State Support for Rebel Groups”. 2016. New York: Oxford University Press. (Hardback: 9780190250881; Paperback: 9780190250904).
5. “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.
6. “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).
7. “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.
8. “Supporting Non-State Armed Groups: A Resort to Illegality?” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol.32, No.4 (August 2009), pp.589-613.
9. “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. Interview.
10. “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.

11. “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.
12. “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)
13. “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. (Textbook chapter)

GRANTS AND PROJECTS

Grant, Seed Fund. Experimental Analysis of Public Opinion for Violent Foreign Policy. July 2014 – July 2016.

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.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Advisor, İlayda Bilge Onder and Efe Can Coban (MA), 2016-present

Advisor, Sumeyye Kaya and Mehmet Yavuz Yagis (PhD), 2016-present

Advisor, Melissa Meek (MA), 2012-2015

