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Academic Appointments

KOÇ UNIVERSITY
Associate Professor of Political Science
Assistant Professor of Political Science

July 2020 – Present
January 2015 – June 2020

Education

YALE UNIVERSITY
Ph.D., Political Science

December 2014

Awards

2018, Sakıp Sabancı International Research Award
2018, Koç University Outstanding Faculty Award
2016, Young Scientist Award (BAGEP), Science Academy, Turkey

Publications

Book

2019 *Why Bother? Rethinking Participation in Elections and Protests*. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Susan Stokes).

2020 David O. Sears Book Award of the International Society of Political Psychology

Journal Articles

Forthcoming Do Voters Respond to Relative Economic Performance? Evidence from Survey Experiments. *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

Forthcoming Partisanship, Elite Messages, and Support for Populism in Power. *European Political Science Review* (with Ali Çarkoğlu and Ezgi Elçi).

2019 Terror Attacks, Issue Salience, and Party Competence: Diagnosing Shifting Vote Preferences in a Panel Study. *Party Politics*. Published online November 27 (with Ali Çarkoğlu).

2019 Ethnicity- and Religiosity-based Prejudice in Turkey: Evidence from a Survey Experiment. *International Political Science Review* 40(1): 58–72 (with Ali Çarkoğlu).

2018 Beyond Opportunity Costs: Campaign Messages, Anger, and Turnout among the Unemployed. *British Journal of Political Science*. Published online August 29 (with Eli Rau and Susan Stokes).

2018 Relative Economic Performance and the Incumbent Vote: A Reference Point Theory. *Journal of Politics* 80(1): 16–29.

2018 Presidents Shaping Public Opinion in Parliamentary Democracies: A Survey Experiment in Turkey. *Political Behavior* 40(2): 371–393 (with Ali Çarkoğlu).

- 2018 Why Do People Join Backlash Protests? Lessons from Turkey. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(6): 1205–1228 (with Luis Schiumerini and Susan Stokes).
- 2017 Protests and Repression in New Democracies. *Perspectives on Politics* 15(1): 62–82 (with Luis Schiumerini and Susan Stokes).
- 2017 Taking Sides: Determinants of Support for a Presidential System in Turkey. *South European Society and Politics* 22(1): 1–20 (with Ali Çarkoğlu and Kerem Yıldırım).
- 2016 Why Some Countries Are Immune from the Resource Curse: The Role of Economic Norms. *Democratization* 23(1): 71–92 (with Michael Mousseau and Ömer F. Örsün).
- 2015 Who Gets Targeted for Vote Buying? Evidence from an Augmented List Experiment in Turkey. *European Political Science Review* 7(4): 547–566 (with Ali Çarkoğlu).
- 2014 Varieties of Populism in a Changing Global Context: The Divergent Paths of Erdoğan and Kirchnerismo. *Comparative Politics* 47(1): 41–59 (with Ziya Öniş).
- 2014 Distributive Politics in a Multiparty System: The Conditional Cash Transfer Program in Turkey. *Comparative Political Studies* 47(9): 1211–37.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming Religiosity and Political Attitudes in Turkey during the AKP Era. In *The Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*, edited by M. Cammett and P. Jones.
- 2020 Economic Voting during the AKP Era in Turkey. In *The Oxford Handbook of Turkish Politics*, edited by G. M. Tezcür. Published online July 6.
- 2019 Populism in Turkey. In *Populism around the World: A Comparative Perspective*, edited by D. Stockemer. Cham: Springer, pp. 89–108 (with Ezgi Elçi).
- 2018 Political Parties and Public Policy in Turkey. In *Policy Analysis in Turkey*, edited by C. Bakır and G. Ertan. Bristol, UK: Policy Press, pp. 183–197.

Other Writings

- 2020 Why Protest? Lead Essay for *The Wilson Quarterly* Winter 2020 Issue (with Susan Stokes).
- 2020 Individual Giving and Philanthropy in Turkey 2019. Istanbul: TUSEV Publishing (with Ali Çarkoğlu).
- 2018 Americans just set a turnout record for the midterms, voting at the highest rate since 1914. This explains why. *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*. November 20 (with Susan Stokes).
- 2017 Germany's strong economy didn't help Angela Merkel at the polls. This is why. *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*. November 2.
- 2017 People who protest almost certainly vote. *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*. February 6 (with Susan Stokes and Eli Rau).
- 2016 Trump supporters vastly overestimate unemployment – and they blame politicians for it. *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*. November 2 (with Susan Stokes and Eli Rau).
- 2016 Donald Trump's message of fear may mobilize Americans to vote (but not necessarily for him) *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*. July 25 (with Susan Stokes).
- 2016 Individual Giving and Philanthropy in Turkey. Istanbul: TUSEV Publishing (with Ali Çarkoğlu).

Academic Talks

Recent Invited Talks

- 2019 Economic Downturns, Blame Attribution and Issue Salience: Evidence from Turkey. EUI Political Behavior Colloquium, Florence, Italy, December 17.
- 2019 Provided expert opinion on the results of the project “Between Fair and Rigged: Elections as a Key Determinant of a ‘Borderline Political Regime’ – Turkey in Comparative Perspective” of Prof. Adam Szymanski, University of Warsaw, Poland, December 3.
- 2019 Why Bother? Rethinking Participation in Elections and Protests. Bilkent University Department of Political Science Seminar, Ankara, November 7.
- 2019 Why Bother? Rethinking Participation in Elections and Protests. Koç University Sociology Talks Workshop, Istanbul, May 22.
- 2019 Religiosity and Political Attitudes during the AKP Era in Turkey. *Understanding Political and Social Change in Muslim States and Societies* Conference at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, May 9-11.
- 2019 Satisfied and Populist? The Role of Elite Rhetoric and Partisanship in Mass Support for Populism in Power. Comparative Politics Workshop at the University of Chicago, IL, April 3.

Recent Conference Presentations

- 2020 Economic Downturns, Blame Attribution, and Issue Salience: Evidence from Turkey. Empirical Studies in Political Analysis (ESPA) 2020 Conference, Adana, Turkey, January 23.
- 2019 Satisfied and Populist? Mass Support for Populism in Power. APSA 2019 Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., August 30.
- 2019 The Mobilizing Effect of Populist Messages: A Survey Experiment in Turkey. ISPP 2019 Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, July 14.
- 2019 Satisfied and Populist? The Role of Elite Rhetoric and Partisanship in Mass Support for Populism in Power. Fifth Prague Populism Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, May 28.
- 2019 Satisfied and Populist? The Role of Elite Rhetoric and Partisanship in Mass Support for Populism in Power. MPSA 2019 Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6.
- 2019 The Economic Vote in the 2018 Turkish General Election. MPSA 2019 Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6.
- 2019 Party Organizations’ Voter Mobilization Strategies in the 2018 Turkish General Election. Empirical Studies in Political Analysis (ESPA) 2019 Conference, Adana, Turkey, January 16.

Teaching

Research Methods (Graduate; Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

Comparative Political Behavior (Undergraduate; Spring 2015, 2016; Fall 2017, 2018, 2020)

Introduction to Political Science (Undergraduate; Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

Challenges Facing Young Democracies (Undergraduate; Fall 2015, 2016; Spring 2017)

Service

To the Department and University

Doctoral Dissertation Chair [graduation year]: Dilale Dönmez [ongoing]

M.A. Thesis Chair [graduation year, first position]: Şimal Binici [2020, PhD student at the Department of Political Science, University of Iowa], Fırat Kimya [2017, PhD student at the Department of Politics, University of Virginia]

Doctoral Committee Memberships [graduation year]: Kemal Büyükküstün [ongoing], Fatih Erol [2020], Simge Andı [2019], Ezgi Elçi [2019], Tim Dorlach [2019], Kadir Aydın Gündüz [2017], Kerem Yıldırım [2016]

M.A. Committee Memberships [graduation year]: Ayşenur Değer Yanık [2020], Ezgi Özçelik [2019], Oben Mumcuoğlu [2018]

Graduate program coordinator (2016–2018)

To the Profession

Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Party Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Democratization*, *European Political Science Review*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Political Science and Research Methods*, *South European Society and Politics*, *International Political Science Review*, *Government and Opposition*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Politics and Religion*, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, *Turkish Studies*, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, *Uluslararası İlişkiler*, *Economics and Politics*, *Political Research Exchange*, *International Migration*

External Grant Reviewer for the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

Doctoral/M.A. Committee External Memberships [university, degree, graduation year]: Ayşegül Ataş [Sabancı University, M.A., 2020], Buse Dingiltepe [Sabancı University, M.A., 2019], Melek Hilal Eroğlu [Sabancı University, M.A., 2019], Faruk Aksoy [Sabancı University, M.A., 2015]

Workshop organizer, *Approaches to Contemporary Voting Behavior in Turkey*, as part of a TÜBİTAK-funded project, 6 March 2020, Koç University

Other

Languages: Turkish (native), Spanish (basic), German (basic)

Memberships: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology

References

Available upon request.

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