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### **Education**

Ph.D., 2006	Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY)
<i>Sub-fields:</i>	Comparative Politics, International Politics
M.A., 2003	Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY)
B.A., 1998	Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Turkey
ICPSR Summer Program, 2003	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

### **Ph.D. Dissertation**

The Effect of Extreme Right-wing Parties on the Politics of Established Democracies  
(Advisor: Michael D. McDonald)

### **Academic Positions**

Işık University, Department of International Relations

Professor of Political Science, December 2019-present

Associate Professor of Political Science, February 2015-December 2019

Assistant Professor of Political Science, July 2009-February 2015

Instructor (Dr.), October 2006-July 2009

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science

Visiting Professor, August 2005-May 2006

Binghamton University (SUNY), Department of Political Science

Instructor, September 2004-May 2005

Teaching Assistant, September 2002-May 2004

Research Assistant, September 2000-May 2002

Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Research Assistant, September 1998-August 2000

### **Research Interests**

Political Parties, Party Systems, Political Culture, Political Ideology, Voting Behavior, Radical Right-wing Parties, Turkish Politics, Intra-party Democracy, European Politics, Protest Politics, Splinter Parties, Political Cinema, Politics of Horror Films

## Teaching Interests

Social Science Research Methods, Turkish Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Parties, Party Systems, Interest Groups, Political Behavior, Political Institutions, Political Ideologies, West European Politics, American Government, American Foreign Policy, Great Directors of World Political Cinema

## Publications

Ödül Celep. 2024. 'The Politics of David Cronenberg's Cinema of Body Horror' *Eklektik Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 216-241.

Ödül Celep. 2024. '2001 vs. Solaris: A Futuristic and Filmographic Tit-for-Tat during the Cold War Space Race' *Social Review of Technology and Change*, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 68-87.

Ödül Celep. 2024. 'The Turkey-ification of Turkey's Kurdish Left' in Kumru F. Toktamis and Isabel David (eds.), *Fragments of Repression and Resistance: A.K.P. Rule in Turkey*. New York: Peter Lang, pp. 251-274.

Ödül Celep. 2023. 'Türkiye Kürt Solunun Türkiyelileşmesi: Halkların Demokratik Partisi (HDP)', Ali Çarkoğlu, Emre Erdoğan ve Mert Moral (der.), *Türkiye Siyasetinin Sınırları: Siyasal Davranış, Kurumlar ve Kültür (Ersin Kalaycıoğlu'na Armağan)*, İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları, ss. 417-438.

Ödül Celep. 2022. 'Doğru Yol Partisi ve 28 Şubat Süreci: Bakışlar ve Yaklaşımlar' Onur Alp Yılmaz (der.), *Çeyrek Asır Sonra 28 Şubat*, Ankara: Nika, ss. 61-91.

Ödül Celep. 2021. 'A Contemporary Analysis of Intra-Party Democracy in Turkey's Political Parties' *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, Vol. 23, No. 5, pp. 768-794.

Ödül Celep. 2021. 'The Repeat Municipal Elections of Istanbul, 2019: A New Beginning for Istanbul and Democracy in Turkey' *Ulusaldan Küresele: Popülizm, Demokrasi, Güvenlik Konferansı (10-11 Aralık 2020) Bildiri Kitabı*, pp. 15-24.

Ödül Celep. 2019. 'The 2019 Municipal Elections in Turkey: A Democratic Earthquake' *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 18, No. 2, pp. 137-147.

Ödül Celep. 2018. 'The Moderation of Turkey's Kurdish Left: the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP)' *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 19, No. 5, pp. 723-747.

Ödül Celep. 2018. 'How Can Akşener's İyi Parti Contribute to Turkey's Democracy?' *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 16, No. 4, pp. 109-118.

Yüksel Alper Ecevit and Ödül Celep. 2018. 'Political Perceptions of Party Voters and Members in Turkey', in Sabri Sayarı, Pelin Ayan and Özhan Demirkol (eds.), *Party Politics in Turkey: A Comparative Perspective*, New York: Routledge, pp. 196-215.

Ödül Celep. 2017. 'Perspectives on Turkey's 2017 Presidential Referendum' *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 21, No. 1, pp. 67-75.

Ödül Celep. 2014. 'Can the Kurdish Left Contribute to Turkey's Democratization?' *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 16, No. 3, pp. 165-180.

Ödül Celep. 2014. 'The Political Causes of Party Closures in Turkey' *Parliamentary Affairs*, Vol. 67, No. 2, pp. 371-390.

Ödül Celep. 2013. 'The Republican People's Party and Turkey's EU Membership' in Gamze Avcı and Ali Çarkoğlu (eds.), *Turkey and the EU: Accession and Reform*, London and New York: Routledge, pp. 215-226.

Ödül Celep and Volkan Aytar. 2012. 'Is Spring Receding and Winter Lurking in?' [*Dopo la Primavera Arriva L'inverno?*] *Equilibri*, No. 1, pp. 117-125.

Ödül Celep. 2011. 'The Republican People's Party and Turkey's EU Membership' *South European Society and Politics*, Vol. 16, No. 3, pp. 423-434.

Volkan Aytar and Ödül Celep. 2011. 'Turkey: An Exporter of Soap Operas and Democracy?' [*Turchia: Esportatrice di Soap Opera e Democrazia?*] *Equilibri*, No. 2, pp. 317-323.

Ödül Celep. 2011. 'Turkey-EU Relations: Processes and Prospects' *Revolve (Turkey)*, No. 2, pp. 12-15.

Ödül Celep. 2011. 'Social Alignments and Political Parties in Turkey' [*Alineament Social i Partits Politics a Turquia*] *Nous Horizons*, No. 201, pp. 48-53.

Ödül Celep and Volkan Aytar. 2010. 'Understanding Turkey beyond Biases' [*Capire la Turchia al di là dei Pregiudizi*] *Equilibri*, No. 3, pp. 520-530.

Ödül Celep. 2010. 'Kılıçdaroğlu's CHP: What Lies Ahead?' *SETA Policy Brief*, No: 44.

Ödül Celep. 2010. 'Turkey's Radical Right and the Kurdish Issue: The MHP's Reaction to the Democratic Opening' *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp. 125-142.

Ödül Celep. 2009. *Extreme Right-wing Parties and Democracy: The Effects of Extreme Right-wing Parties on the Politics of Consolidated Democracies*. Saarbrücken: Lambert Academic Publishing.

Ödül Celep. 2009. *Aşırı Sağ ve Demokrasi [The Extreme Right and Democracy]*. İstanbul: TASAM Yayınları.

‘Communist Party of the United States.’ ‘Duverger’s Law.’ ‘Green Party.’ ‘Ku Klux Klan.’ 2007. *The Encyclopedia of American Parties and Elections*. Larry J. Sabato and Howard R. Ernst, editors. New York: Checkmark Books.

## Work in Progress

‘A History of Splinter Parties in Turkey’

‘The Center Right in Turkey (1997-2007)’

‘The Politics of Contemporary Horror Cinema in Turkey’

## Teaching Experience

### Instructor of Record

CORE 0108: Major Works (Course Coordinator), Işık University, 2021-2026.

ORDE 0108: Büyük Eserler (Course Coordinator), Işık University, 2021-2026.

POLS 1201: *Introduction to Political Science*, Işık University, 2008-2019.

SBİL 1201: *Siyaset Bilimine Giriş*, Işık University, 2018-2019.

POLS 2204: *Comparative Politics*, Işık University, 2013-2019.

POLS 2207: *Political Ideologies*, Işık University, 2019.

POLS 2222: *Social Science Research Methods*, Işık University, 2007-2026.

POLS 2633: *American Government*, Işık University, 2016-2020.

POLS 3237: *Political Parties and Interest Groups*, Işık University, 2008-2021.

IREL 3438: *American Foreign Policy*, Işık University, 2006-2016.

POLS 4601: *Turkish Politics*, Işık University, 2007-2026.

IREL 4438: *Turkish-American Relations*, Işık University, 2007-2010.

MAN 502T: *İşletme Araştırma Yöntemleri*, Işık University, 2017.

MES 509/510: *Seminars in the Middle East Studies*, Işık University, 2006-2007.

POLS 211: *American Government*, East Stroudsburg University, 2005-2006.

PLSC 389F: *Social, Political, and Economic Issues in Western Europe*, Binghamton Univ, 2005.

PLSC 389M: *Institutional Politics*, Binghamton University, 2004.

PLSC 350: *Comparative Political Parties*, Binghamton University, 2004.

PLSC 437: *Voting Behavior and Political Parties*, Binghamton University, 2003.

### Guest lecturer

Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility Program, University of Warsaw, Poland (May 25-29, 2026).  
*Courses taught*: History of Contemporary Turkish Politics; Politics of Horror Cinema.

Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility Program, SNSPA (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration), Romania (May 27-31, 2024). *Course taught*: Populist Politics and the Case of Turkey.

Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility Program, SNSPA (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration), Romania (April 24-28, 2017). *Courses taught:* The AKP and Erdogan Phenomena in Turkey; Turkey's Kurdish Question.

Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility Program, Gál Ferenc College (Gál Ferenc Főiskola), Hungary (April 20-24, 2015). *Courses taught:* Turkey's Kurdish Question and the Peace Process; Islam, Secularism and Politics in Turkey.

Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility Program, University of Warsaw, Poland (May 16-20, 2011). *Courses taught:* Islam and Democracy in Turkey; Turkish-American Relations; Turkey-EU Relations.

Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility Program, Palacky University, Czech Republic (April 5-9, 2010). *Courses taught:* Current Issues in Turkish Politics; Turkish-American Relations; Turkey-EU Relations.

#### Volunteer teaching

English language teaching and study-time supervision at Tarlabaşı Community Center (Tarlabaşı Toplum Merkezi, TTM), Tarlabaşı, Istanbul (2012-2014)

English language teaching at Education Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı, TEGV), Gültepe, Istanbul (2011-2013).

#### **Graduate Theses and Projects Supervised**

Sagal Mahamed. 2026. "Assessing the Effectiveness of the International Criminal Court and Its Contribution to Global Justice". International Relations Graduate Program. Işık University (Graduate Project).

Gülşah İldem. 2026. "How do the EU's Syrian Refugee Policies Affect the Rise of Populist Parties in the EU? The Case of AfD, Germany". International Relations Graduate Program. Işık University (Graduate Project).

Yahya Sayed Omar. 2025. "Challenges of Integrating Syrian Refugees into Turkish Society." International Relations Graduate Program. Işık University (MA Thesis).

Oluwaseyi Mike Bamigboye. 2023. "Investigating the Engagement of Private Security Services as a Means of Countering Boko Haram in Nigeria". International Relations Graduate Program. Işık University (MA Thesis).

Abubakar Mahe Aliyu. 2022. "Foreign Policy of the Ak Party: From the EU to the National Vision?" International Relations Graduate Program. Işık University (Graduate Project).

Ali Kaş. 2020. “The Impact of Turkey’s Changing Political Identity and Domestic Politics on Its Drift from the US During the Justice and Development Party Years (2002-2020)”. International Relations Graduate Program. Işık University (Graduate Project).

Ataman H. Seferoğlu. 2009. “The Rationale of the American Support for Israel”. Middle East Studies Graduate Program. Işık University (Graduate Project).

## **Research Experience**

Primary Researcher, ‘The Comparative Analysis of Intra-party Democracy in the Political Parties of Turkey’ – finished project funded by Işık University Research Fund, 2013-2016.

Short-term Observer, Presidential Elections in Republic of Belarus, OSCE/ODIHR, December 13-22, 2010.

Primary Researcher, ‘Ideological Positioning of Political Parties in Turkey: A Closer Look at the 2007 Elections’ (with Rabia Karakaya Polat) – finished project funded by Işık University Research Fund, 2007-2009.

Research Assistant, *Negotiations in Militarized Disputes* project, Binghamton University (SUNY), Department of Political Science, Summer 2002.

Editor, *Causes and Policies against Corruption in Turkey from the Perspective of Households*, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation, Summer 2001.

Research Assistant, *Correlates of War* project, Binghamton University (SUNY), Department of Political Science, September 2000-May 2002.

Supervisor, *Religion, Society and Politics in Turkey*, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation, February-March 1999.

Interviewer, *Attitudes toward Businessmen in Turkey*, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation, June 1998.

Interviewer, *Political Orientation of the Turkish Electorate* (survey study), conducted for the course *Field Research Workshop II*, Boğaziçi University, January-June 1998.

## **Conference Presentations**

‘How does Moderation and Radicalization Work for Turkey’s Kurdish Left?’, CEEISA (Central and East European International Studies Association) 2022 Convention, University of Economics, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2022.

‘The Repeat Municipal Elections of Istanbul, 2019: A New Beginning for Istanbul and Democracy in Turkey’, From National to Global: Populism, Democracy, Security [*Ulusaldan Küresele: Popülizm, Demokrasi, Güvenlik*], Işık University, Istanbul, 2020.

‘Right-Wing Authoritarianism in Turkey: A Comparison with Western Europe’, Political Studies Association, Annual International Conference 2019: (Un)sustainable Politics in A Changing World, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK, 2019.

‘Right-Wing Authoritarianism in Turkey: A Comparison with Western Europe’, Turkish Politics Workshop, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK, 2019.

‘A Contemporary Analysis of Intra-Party Democracy in Turkey’s Political Parties’, 5th Annual Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop, Çukurova University-ATOSEV, Adana, 2019.

‘The New Alignments of Turkish Politics with the Upcoming 2018 General/Presidential Elections’, Euro-Asia Forum in Politics, Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2018.

‘A Contemporary Analysis of Intra-Party Democracy in Turkey’s Political Parties’, SCOPE 2017: 4th International Interdisciplinary Conference of Political Research, University of Bucharest, Romania, 2017.

‘June/November 2015 Elections and Peoples’ Democratic Party: An Opportunity Loss for Moderation and Democratization’, Turkey at Critical Crossroads Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 2017.

‘The Political Perceptions of Party Voters and Members’, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2016 (with Yüksel Alper Ecevit).

‘Turkey’s Left-wing Problem’, International Conference on Economic and Social Studies (ICESoS’14): Regional Economic Development, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2014.

‘Intra-party Autocracy of Turkey’s Party System’, 4th International Conference on European Studies (ICES’13): Social, Economic and Political Transition of the Balkans, Tirana, Albania, 2013.

‘Kurdish Radical Left’s Opposition to Turkey’s ‘Conservative Democratic’ Government’s Politics, the 2000s’, International Studies Association, San Francisco, 2013.

‘The Republican People’s Party and Turkey’s EU Membership’, Turkey in International Relations Conference, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, Poland, 2011.

‘The Republican People’s Party and Turkey’s EU Membership’, Political Studies Association, London, UK, 2011.

‘The Political Consequences of Political Party Closures in Turkey’, World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Barcelona, Spain, 2010.

‘Electoral Support for Radical and Pro-Islamist Right in Turkey: A Micro Analysis’, European Consortium for Political Research, Pisa, Italy, 2007.

‘Why do People Vote for the Extreme Right-wing Parties?’, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2006 (with Maria Elena Sandovici).

‘What Does Party Discourse Show about Party Ideology? A Close Examination of the Established Party Programs in Western Europe’, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2005.

‘Exploring the Vote-Share Potential of the Extreme Right-wing Parties in Western Europe’, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2005.

‘Preemptive versus Accommodative Adjustment: Ideological Resemblance between Established Parties and Extreme Right-wing Parties in Five Advanced Industrialized Democracies, 1945-1998’, American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2004 (with Aida Paskeviciute).

‘The Macro-Level Determinants of the Electoral Performance of the Pro-Islamist and Ultra-Nationalist Parties in Turkey, 1999’, American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2004.

‘Who Votes for the Extreme Right Parties and Why? An Examination of the World Values Survey, 1990’, New York State Political Science Association, Binghamton, New York, 2004.

‘Preemption versus Accommodation: Diminishing Ideological Differences between Established Parties and Extreme Right Parties in Established Democracies’, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2004.

‘Extremist Terrorists or Peaceful Pluralists? Two Dimension of Social Capital/Three Case Studies of Ethnic Groups’, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2003 (with Maria Elena Sandovici).

‘When Does Sociotropic Beat Egocentric Economic Voting: An Analysis of the National Election Studies, 1980-2000’, Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia, 2002.

‘Explaining Individuals’ Involvement in Protest Activities across Advanced Industrialized Democracies and Central/Eastern Countries’, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2002 (with M. Elena Sandovici and Zulema T. Blair).

## Honors and Awards

*The Most-liked Department Professor Award*, Department of International Relations at Işık University, University Student Council, May 2011, May 2010.

*Leadership Recognition Award*, Binghamton University Turkish Student Association (BU/TSA), April 2005.

*Certificate of Appreciation*, Graduate Student Organization, Binghamton University (SUNY), May 2003.

*Honors in Bachelor of Arts*, Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, 1998.

## Language Skills

Turkish (Native), English (Excellent)

## University and Off-Campus Service

*Academic, Social and Cultural Development Coordinator*, Işık University, 2023-present.

*Department Chair*, Department of International Relations, Işık University, 2020-2023.

*Deputy Chair*, Department of International Relations, Işık University, 2017-2018.

*Vice President, Member*, Tarlabası Community Center, 2015-2016.

*Coordinator of Student Council Elections*, Işık University, 2010-2016.

*Member*, Commission of Students' Clubs, Işık University, 2016-2017.

*Member*, Commission of Procedures and Principles, Işık University, 2010-2017.

*President*, Binghamton University Turkish Student Association (BU/TSA), 2004-2005.

*Senator*, Political Science Graduate Student Organization, Binghamton University, 2001-2003.

*Graduate Representative*, Binghamton University, Auxiliary Services, Dining Advisory Committee, 2002-2003.

*Member*, Cinema Club, Boğaziçi University, Turkey, 1994-1996.

## References

Professor Michael D. McDonald  
Binghamton University, SUNY

Professor Patrick M. Regan  
University of Notre Dame

Professor F. David Rueda  
Oxford University

Professor Patricia M. Crotty  
East Stroudsburg University

Professor Ali Çarkoğlu  
Koç University

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