

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- **Ph.D. in Political Science**, University of Connecticut, USA. (2008-2012)
- **M.A. in Political Science**, University of Connecticut, USA. (2006-2008)
- **B.A. in International Relations**, Galatasaray University, Turkey. (2000-2006)

Professional appointments

- **Associate Professor**, Department of Politics and Governance, HSE University. (2018 – 2025)
- **Assistant Professor**, Department of Politics and Governance, HSE University. (2012-2018)

Research areas

Non-Western politics, political polarization, democratic backsliding and authoritarianism, determinants of coups, international political economy of natural resources.

Publications

- “Proliferation of religious associations and local incumbency advantage: Evidence from municipal elections in Turkey” (2025), *Democratization*, Vol. 32:4, pp. 963-992. (with Cemal Eren Arbatli).
- “Divide and conquer: Presidents, parliaments, and political polarization during electoral campaigns” (2022), *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, Vol. 3:3-4, pp. 295-315 (with Kemal Kivanc Akoç and Dina Rosenberg).
- “United we stand, divided we rule: How political polarization erodes democracy” (2021), *Democratization*, Vol. 28:2, pp. 285-307 (with Dina Rosenberg).
- “Armies in politics: The domestic determinants of military coup behavior” (2020), in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Oxford University Press, pp. 1-20.
- “Shoulder to shoulder against fascism: Publics in Gezi protests” (2019), in N. Y. Belyaeva, D. G. Zaytsev, V. A. Albert. (eds.), *Protest Publics: Toward a New Concept of Mass Civic Action*, Switzerland: Springer, pp. 33-47.
- “Elite survival strategies and authoritarian reversal in Turkey” (2018), *Polity*, Vol. 50:3, pp. 333-365 (with Oksan Bayulgen and Sercan Canbolat).
 - Recipient of the *Polity Prize for Best Research Article in 2018*
- “Resource nationalism revisited: A new conceptualization in light of changing actors and strategies in the oil industry” (2018), *Energy Research & Social Science*, 40, pp. 101-108.

- “The international determinants of military coup behavior” (2018), in William R. Thompson (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*, Oxford University Press, Vol. 2, pp. 297-321 (with Cemal Eren Arbatli).
- *Non-Western Social Movements and Participatory Democracy: Protest in the Age of Transnationalism* (2017), Switzerland: Springer (with Dina Rosenberg).
- “Introduction: Non-western social movements and participatory democracy in the age of transnationalism” (2017), in Arbatli and Rosenberg (eds.), *Non-Western Social Movements and Participatory Democracy*, Switzerland: Springer, pp. 1-10.
- “Conclusion: The changing face of social movements and emerging patterns across the non-Western world” (2017). In Arbatli and Rosenberg (eds.), *Non-Western Social Movements and Participatory Democracy*, Switzerland: Springer, pp. 189-197 (with Dina Rosenberg).
- “External threats and political survival: Can dispute involvement deter coup attempts? (2016). *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Vol. 33:2, pp. 115-152 (with Cemal Eren Arbatli).
- “Turkey’s new path: The rise of electoral authoritarianism”, *Research and Policy on Turkey* (2014). Vol. III, Issue 12, pp. 76-92.
- “Cold War redux in US–Russia relations? The effects of US media framing and public opinion of the 2008 Russia–Georgia war” (2013). *Communist and Postcommunist Studies*, Vol. 46:4, pp. 513-527 (with Oksan Bayulgen).
- “Persistence of military regimes and democratic consolidation: The case of Turkey” (2011). In Daniel Stockemer (ed.), *Democratization Around the World: New Insights from South East Asia, Turkey, Kosovo, Taiwan, and Ghana*, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, p. 13-37.
- “Conclusion” (2011). In Daniel Stockemer (ed), *Democratization Around the World: New Insights from South East Asia, Turkey, Kosovo, Taiwan, and Ghana*, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, p. 185-192 (with Piro Rexhepi).

Work in progress

- “Why nations divide: Determinants of political polarization in hybrid regimes” (*special issue in progress, accepted by Third World Quarterly*)
 - “Antagonizing Turkey: An actor-based account of societal polarization and autocratization” (*article for special issue, in progress*)
- “Road hazards: Does political polarization increase coup likelihood?” (*revise and resubmit, International Political Science Review*)
- “The perfect storm: Aspiring autocrats and democratic breakdown in Turkey, Hungary and Venezuela” (*book manuscript, in progress*)
- “Political polarization and mental health outcomes among migrant minorities” with Dina Rosenberg. (*paper, in progress*)
- “Facets of polarization in Turkey” with Onur Tuncay Bal, Hasan Berkcan Simsek, Mark Wittek and Petra Kralj Novak. (*paper, in progress*)
- “Watching the vote in polarized contexts: Voluntary observers in Turkish elections” (*paper, in progress*)

Teaching experience

- Comparative Politics (HSE & New Economic School) - Undergraduate
- Democracy and Democratisation (HSE & University of London) - Undergraduate
- Introduction to Political Science (HSE & University of London) - Undergraduate
- Modern Political Science (HSE) - Undergraduate
- Politics of Oil (University of Connecticut) – Undergraduate
- Current Trends in Political Science (HSE) – Graduate
- Research Seminar (HSE) – Graduate and undergraduate
- Dissertation Writing for Political Scientists (HSE) – Graduate

Grants, fellowships, awards

- Medal of Recognition for 10 Years of Successful Work, HSE University. (2022)
- Letter of Commendation from the Faculty of Social Sciences, HSE. (2021)
- Best Teachers of HSE University Awards, Best Lecturer. (2020, 2018)
- Best Teachers of HSE University Awards, Best Academic Advisor. (2019)
- Polity Prize for Best Article, Northeastern Political Science Association, USA. (2018)
- Letter of Commendation from the Department of Political Science, HSE. (2017)
- Erasmus+ Mobility Program International Grant, University of Iceland. (June 2017)
- CAS Individual Research Grant, Center for Advanced Studies, HSE. (2013-2014)
- Summer research fellowship, Political Science Department, UConn. (2009, 2011)
- Annual pre-doctoral fellowship, Political Science Department, UConn. (2006-2011)

Professional activities

- **Manuscript reviewer:** American Political Science Review, Contemporary Politics, Democratization, European Political Science, European Political Science Review, International Interactions, Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics, Party Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Exchange, Politics, Politics Religion & Ideology, Social Science Quarterly, Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, Third World Quarterly.
- **Guest editor:** “Why nations divide: Determinants of political polarization in hybrid regimes” (special issue for Third World Quarterly)
- **Editorial board member:** Managing editor for the book series “Societies and Political Orders in Transition”, Springer International Publishing.

Language proficiency

- Turkish (native)
- English (near-native)
- French (advanced)
- Russian (intermediate)
- German (reading level)
- Spanish (reading level)

Conferences, invited talks, lectures

- “Road hazards: Does political polarization increase coup likelihood?”, MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago/IL, April 4-7, 2024.
- “Divide and conquer: Presidents, parliaments, and political polarization during electoral campaigns” (with Kivanc Akoz and Dina Rosenberg), XXIII. Yasin International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, April 5-8, 2022.
- “Divide and conquer: Presidents, parliaments, and political polarization during electoral campaigns” (with Kemal Kivanc Akoz and Dina Rosenberg), Political Polarization Symposium, Bedrosian Center on Governance, University of Southern California, November 23rd, 2021.
- Varieties of Populism in East and West Workshop, Freie Universität Berlin and Higher School of Economics, May 27th, 2021.
- “United we stand, divided we rule: How polarization erodes democracy” (with Dina Rosenberg), APSA Annual Meeting, September 10-13, 2020.
- "How to raise a pious generation: Local government control and the rise of religious associations in Turkey" (with Cemal Eren Arbatli), NPSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia/PA, November 7-9, 2019.
- Invited participant in The Geopolitics of Energy Markets Workshop, KAPSARC-Payne Institute, Golden/Colorado, April 9th, 2019.
- "How to raise a pious generation: Local government control and the rise of religious associations in Turkey" (with Cemal Eren Arbatli), MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago/IL, April 4-7, 2019.
- “Against all odds: Elite strategies of survival, autocratic reversal and resilience in Turkey” (with Oksan Bayulgen and Sercan Canbolat), HSE Political Science Seminar Series, Moscow, November 23, 2017.
- “Turkish democracy in crisis: Incumbent takeover, autocratic resilience and the future of the regime”, HSE Open Lectures, Moscow, September 14, 2017. (invited talk)
- “Democratic developments: A regional perspective”, Institute of International Affairs at the University of Iceland, Reykjavik, June 30, 2017. (invited talk)
- “Endurance of competitive authoritarian regimes: Elite strategies and neo-authoritarian stabilization in Turkey” (with Oksan Bayulgen and Sercan Canbolat), SSSA Annual Meeting, Austin/TX, April 12-15, 2017.
- “Turkish economic development 2002-2015: Successes and failures of a resource-poor upper-middle income country” (with Cemal Eren Arbatli), Carnegie Moscow Center Russian Economic Challenge Conference, Moscow, March 23, 2017. (invited talk)
- “Understanding military coups after the Cold War: Emerging trends and Turkey as a case study”, HSE Open Talks Series, Moscow, March 14, 2017. (invited talk)
- "Occupation of public space as an experiment in participatory democracy: Gezi protests in Turkey", Nordic Exploratory Workshop on Epistemic Democracy, Turku, October 29, 2016. (invited talk)
- "Electing the voters: Strategies of clientelism in Russia and Turkey" (with Dina Rosenberg), MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago/IL, April 7-10, 2016.
- “Hybrid breakdowns and populist autocrats: The rise of Putinism and Erdoganism” (with Oksan Bayulgen and Sercan Canbolat), MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago/IL, April 16-19, 2015.

- “Hybrid breakdowns and electoral authoritarianism: The Russian and Turkish political regimes in comparative perspective” (with Oksan Bayulgen and Sercan Canbolat), XVI. April International Academic Conference, Moscow, April 7-10, 2015.
- “Young democracies”, Interdisciplinary Net 1st Global Conference: Revolt and Revolution, Athens, November 4-6, 2013. (panel chair)
- “Oil and (non)democratic politics: Explaining resource nationalism in hybrid regimes”, MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago/IL, April 11-14, 2013.
- “Political regimes, investment risk and resource nationalism: An empirical analysis”, XIV. April International Academic Conference, Moscow, April 2-5, 2013.
- “The Baltic quest for security: Threat perception and identity construction in the national security debate”, 8th Convention of CEEISA, June 15-17, 2011.
- “Poking the bear: The Russia – Georgia conflict in the US media and public opinion” (with Oksan Bayulgen), ISA Annual Meeting, Montreal, March 16-19, 2011.
- “Security threats and regime persistence: An empirical analysis” (with Cemal Eren Arbatli), APSA Annual Meeting, Washington/DC, September 2-5, 2010.
- “Persistence of military regimes: Do external and internal security threats facilitate democratic transition?” (with Cemal Eren Arbatli), MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago/IL, April 22-25, 2010.
- “Poking the bear: The Russia – Georgia conflict in the US media and public opinion” (with Oksan Bayulgen), MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago/IL, April 2-5, 2009.

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