

# 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

- **Visiting Fellow**, Centre for Institutions and Political Behaviour, Durham University. (2026 – present)
- **Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science, HSE University. (2018 – 2025)
- **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, HSE University. (2012 -2018)

### Research areas

Comparative politics, authoritarianism and regime breakdown, political economy of natural resources, determinants of coups.

### Publications

- “Why nations divide: Determinants of political polarization in hybrid regimes” (forthcoming 2026, *Third World Quarterly*)
- “Antagonizing Turkey: Elite manipulation and societal polarization under the AKP rule” (forthcoming 2026, *Third World Quarterly*)
- “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 Akoz 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 2019*

- “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

- “Political polarization, coup attempts and coup success” (*under review*)
- “The perfect storm: Aspiring autocrats and democratic breakdown in Turkey, Hungary and Venezuela” (*book manuscript in progress*)
- “Watching the vote in polarized contexts: Voluntary observers in Turkish elections” (*paper in progress*)
- “Political polarization and mental health outcomes among migrant minorities” with Dina Rosenberg. (*paper in progress*)
- “Oil, gas, and interdependence: The differing role of hydrocarbon revenues on conflict and cooperation” with Mikhail Strokan. (*paper in progress*)

## Teaching experience

- Comparative Politics (HSE & New Economic School) - Undergraduate
- Authoritarianism and Authoritarian Politics (HSE) - Undergraduate
- Democracy and Democratisation (HSE & University of London) - Undergraduate
- Introduction to Political Science (HSE & University of London) - Undergraduate
- Politics of Oil (University of Connecticut) – Undergraduate
- Current Trends in Political Science (HSE) – Graduate
- Research Methods (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; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Contemporary Politics; Democratization; Electoral Studies; European Political Science; European Political Science Review; Government and Opposition; 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; Turkish Studies.
- **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.