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Academic Experience

2023 – Continuing: Assistant Professor – Ibn Haldun University – Department of Political Science and International Relations

Courses:

- 1- Ethnic Conflicts and Civil Wars (B.A. Course)
- 2- Terrorism and Political Violence (B.A. Course)
- 3- Comparative Politics of the Middle East (M.A. Course)
- 4- Political Ideologies (B.A. Course)
- 5- The Politics of Occupation and Resistance in Palestine (B.A. Course)

Professional Experience

2013 – 2019: İstanbul Commerce University - Neighbouring and Surrounding Countries Research and Development Centre – Specialist

- Workshop Organization
- Report Drafting

2019 – 2023: İstanbul Commerce University – International Students Office – Specialist

- Student Registration (500+ Students from 50+ countries)
- Student Recruitment
- Residence Permit Consultancy
- Drafting Memorandum of Understanding For Universities And Institutes
- Student Orientation
- Attending International Education Fairs (Tanzania, Tunisia, Sudan)

Education

2014 - 2023 Yıldız Technical University, PhD. Political Science and International Relations Department

Thesis Title; *Transnational Volunteering Movement in Modern Wars*

Thesis Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Fuat Aksu

2011 – 2013 Middle East Technical University, M.Sc. Middle East Studies

Thesis Title; *From Hasan al-Banna to Mohammad Morsi; The Political Experience of Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt*

GPA: 3.86/4.00

July – December 2012 International Language Institute, Arabic Language Certificate, Cairo, Egypt

Summer Term 2010 Arab Community College, Arabic Language Course, Amman, Jordan

Summer Term 2008 Bosphorus University Summer School, Politics and Society in the Middle East

Summer 2009 Bosphorus University Summer School, Diplomacy and Foreign Policy Analysis

2006 – 2011 Bilkent University, Department of International Relations

GPA: 2.98/4.00

Forthcoming Works:

- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Border Disputes and Terrorism in Africa,” In the Shadow of Conflicts: Emerging African Geopolitics, eds. Ferdi Güçyetmez and Huriye Yıldırım Çınar, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2024.
<https://www.cambridgescholars.com/product/978-1-0364-1877-9>

Books:

- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir and Ramazan Aras, *Palestine and The Future of Global Affairs: Power, Language and Colonialism*, Ibn Haldun University Press, 2024.

Peer-Review Journal Articles:

- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Migration, Mobility, and War: A Transnational Analysis of Diaspora Volunteering in Civil Conflicts”, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/19448953.2025.2461974?src=>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, Fuat Aksu, “Sovyetler Birliği’nin Afganistan Müdahalesi: Türkiye’de Ulusaşırı Dayanışma ve Savaş Gönüllülüğü”, *Ortadoğu Etütleri*, 2021, Vol. 13 Issue 1, p363-394. Doi: <http://doi.org/10.47932/ortetut.947734> (in Turkish)

Book Reviews:

- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Architectures of Violence: The Command Structures of Modern Mass Atrocities by Kate Ferguson”, Book Review, *Insight Turkey*, Spring 2022 / Volume 24, Number 2, <https://www.insightturkey.com/author/assalakhettache-35/architectures-of-violence-the-command-structures-of-modern-mass-atrocities-from-yugoslavia-to-syria>

Journal Articles:

- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “1952 Free Officers Coup in Egypt”, *Ortadoğu Analiz*, Eylül, Vol. 8, Number 76, 33-35. (in Turkish)

Opinion Articles:

- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Should Israel’s reservists have the right to return?”, TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/should-israels-reservists-have-the-right-to-return-18090771>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Unity of Palestinian resistance against Israel's 'war on terror'”, TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/content/article/unity-of-palestinian-resistance-against-israels-war-on-terror-18169546>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Srebrenica to Gaza: Things that changed, things that stayed the same”, TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/srebrenica-to-gaza-things-that-changed-things-that-stayed-the-same-18181904>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “How Israel turned assassination into its political weapon of choice”, TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/how-israel-turned-assassination-into-its-political-weapon-of-choice-18184470>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Haniyeh assassination: A move to destabilise the political future of Hamas?”, TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/haniyeh-assassination-a-move-to-destabilise-the-political-future-of-hamas-18192891>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “How Did the Exile Experience Impact Hamas’ Transformation?”, al-Sharq Strategic Research, <https://research.sharqforum.org/2024/06/28/how-did-the-exile-experience-impact-hamas-transformation/>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “War on all fronts: Why Israel expanded its atrocities to occupied West Bank”, TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/war-on-all-fronts-why-israel-expanded-its-atrocities-to-occupied-west-bank-18201993> ,
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “From Rachel Corrie to Aysenur Ezgi: Israel's unanswered crimes,” TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/from-rachel-corrie-to-aysenur-ezgi-israels-unanswered-crimes-18209495>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Syria's revolution began long before the Arab Spring?”, TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/syrias-revolution-began-long-before-the-arab-spring-18251330>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “The Ankara Declaration is a new model for conflict resolution in Africa,” TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/the-ankara-declaration-is-a-new-model-for-conflict-resolution-in-africa-18253719>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Trump’s 'Riviera of the Middle East' proposal is an erasure of Palestine,” TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/trumps-riviera-of-the-middle-east-proposal-is-an-erasure-of-palestine-18261854>
- Ahmet Yusuf Özdemir, “Hostages and resistance: The long history of Palestinian prisoner swaps,” TRT World, <https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/hostages-and-resistance-the-long-history-of-palestinian-prisoner-swaps-18264656>

Conferences and presentations

1. “Yesterday's Ghosts, Today's Terrorists: Question of Foreign Fighters in Somalia and Libya”, Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies, 9th Istanbul Security Conference, 24 November 2023
2. “Salafism in Turkey: Contesting Conceptions of Un/Belonging” in Lancaster University, SEPAD Annual Conference "What does it mean to belong?", 15-16 December 2023
3. “Historical Waves of Foreign Fighting in Turkey”, Başkent University, “Terrorism And The Fight Against Terrorism In Turkey In The 100th Anniversary Of The Republic” Congress on Terrorism And Against Radicalization, 03-05 March, 2023
4. “Frozen Conflicts Fresh Memories; The Volunteer Mobilization from North Caucasus In Russo-Ukrainian War” in Ibn Haldun University, International Security Congress, 20-21 October, 2023
5. “The “Others” of Modern Wars: Foreign Fighters”, in Ankara University, Mulkiye International Relations Congress, 15-16 October 2018
6. “A Critical Analysis of “Foreign Terrorist Fighters” Concept”, in Uludağ University, International Relations Congress, 8-10 October 2018
7. “Afghan Turks”; Volunteers from Turkey in the Soviet-Afghan War”, in Leeds University, “Transnational War Volunteering: From Garibaldi To The Cold War” Workshop, 10 – 11 July 2018
8. “Syrian Refugees; Economic, Social and Culture Aspects”, Coordinator, İstanbul Commerce University, 19 December, 2013
9. “Entropy in the Arab World” Turkish International Relations Studies, Near East Workshop, Yalova University, 2-3 May, 2013
10. “Applicability of Turkish Model in Arab world”, in Erciyes University 26-28 April, 2012
11. “The Role of Islamism in Arab Spring” in Bilkent University “ I. International Politics and Diplomacy Congress; The Arab Spring: Reasons and Effects” in 8-11 March, 2012
12. “Turkish Model in Arab Spring” in Okan University Graduate students Congress in 2012, 3 December, 2011
13. “International Relations and The Concept of Justice” in Bilkent University Diplomacy Congress in 29 April, 2011
14. “New world order and the Dream of World Peace” in Aegean University 8th International Relations Students Congress in 14-16 June, 2010
15. “Increasing Islamophobia in Europe and Turkey’s accession process with EU” in Hacettepe University International Relations Students Congress, 6-7 May, 2010

Languages

Turkish (Native), English (Advanced), Arabic (Intermediate)