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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Behavior, Conspiracy Theories, Foreign Policy Analysis, Turkish Foreign Policy.

EDUCATION

Yeditepe University Istanbul, Turkey
PHD in Political Science and International Relations 2020 – 2025
Advisor: Professor Cengiz Erişen. GPA: 4.00.
Title: Politics, Faith and Social Media: A Multi-Method Study on Conspiracy Theory Beliefs

Marmara University Istanbul, Turkey
MA in International Relations 2017 – 2020
Advisor: Assistant Professor Şükrü Yazğan. GPA: 3.83.
Title: The impact of domestic factors in United States foreign policy towards Turkey during AKP era

Yeditepe University Istanbul, Turkey
BA in Political Science and International Relations 2012 – 2016
GPA: 3.46.

BOOKS (EDITED)

İpek, V., Akarçay, E. İ., and Şar, H. B. (Eds.). (2026). **Turkish Foreign Policy in Its Centenary: The 102 Years of Experience**. Leiden: Brill. ISBN: 978-90-04-76051-6.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Şar, H. B., Duran, E., and Durmaz, F. (2026). **Turkish Leaders and Foreign Policy Preferences: An Operational Code Analysis** (Chapter 15). In V. İpek, E. İ. Akarçay, and H. B. Şar (Eds.), *Turkish Foreign Policy in Its Centenary: The 102 Years of Experience* (pp. 231-239). Leiden: Brill.

Abe Doktrini: Devamlılık Mı Ayrılma Mı?
(The Abe Doctrine: Continuation or Deviation?)
(Ed.), *Asya Pasifik Çalışmalarında Yeni Ufuklar (New Horizons in Asia Pacific Studies)*, 2020. (pp. 87-113). İstanbul: Küre Publications.

MANUSCRIPTS

Erişen, E., Yildirim, F., Duran, E., Şar, H. B. and Kalkan, I. (2024). **Exploring the effectiveness of virtual reality in combating misinformation on climate change**. *Political Psychology*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.13057>.

Erisen,C. and Sar,B. **Conspiracy Mindset and Anti-Americanism: The Turkish Case.** *Journal of Elections,Public Opinion and Parties.* DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2025.2483685>.

MANUSCRIPTS
UNDER REVIEW

Sar,B. and Durmaz,F. The Role of Leaders in Turkish Foreign Policy During the Cyprus Crises of 1964 and 1974: An Operational Code Analysis. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies.* (Minor revision)

Sar,B., Dönmez,D. Trust, Conspiracy Theory Beliefs, and Attitudes Toward Immigrants: A Comparative Study Across the United States, Germany, and Australia. *International Political Science Review.* (Minor revision)

Erisen,C., Sar,B. and Alper,S.. Social Media Use, Doomscrolling, and Conspiracy Theories Beliefs across Distinct Platforms: Effects on Social Media Engagement *Journal of Politics*

MANUSCRIPTS IN
PROGRESS

Öksüz,N., Sar,B..Shifting Trust in a Populist Era: Exploring the Nexus Between Institutional, Social Confidence and Conspiracy Theories.

Sar,B., Duran,E. Emotions of Leaders in Social Debate - Mexca Analysis: "Mevzular Açık Mikrofon".

Sar,B. and Erisen,C. Belief, Beyond, and Between: Paranoid Ideation, Spirituality, and Religiosity's Role in Global and Domestic Conspiracy Theories in Turkey.

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant at Yeditepe University

Advisor: Professor Cengiz Erişen (Yeditepe University) 2019 – Ongoing
Assisting academic and administrative works of faculty members including support for their research workflows.

Research Assistant to the project for ClimateVR Unmasking Misinformation

Project Coordinator: Professor Elif Erişen (Yeditepe University) 2023-Ongoing

Researcher to the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Project:The Rising Tide of Conspiracy Theories in a Social Media Environment

Project Coordinator: Professor Cengiz Erişen (Yeditepe University) 2024-Ongoing

Researcher to the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Project: Leaders and Foreign Policy in Türkiye: The Operational Code Analysis Approach

Project Coordinator: Associate Professor Gizem Çakmak (Yeditepe University)
2024- Ongoing

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Yeditepe University

Fall 2025- Spring 2026

Course: RSCH 411 – Quantitative Research Methods (Undergraduate)
Covered survey and experimental research designs, introduced statistical analysis with SPSS, and taught core concepts of research methodology.

Guest Lecturer, Yeditepe University

Fall 2024

Course: POLS 630 – Seminar on Political Psychology (Doctoral)
Lecture on predictors and consequences of conspiracy theory beliefs.

Teaching Assistant, Yeditepe University Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025

Course: Applied Research in Political Sciences (Undergraduate)
Assisted the course instructor by mentoring students in thesis development, providing feedback on research design, and supporting data analysis.

PRESENTATIONS

Social Media Use, Doomscrolling, and Conspiracy Theories Beliefs across Distinct Platforms: Effects on Social Media Engagement April 2026

Paper presented with Cengiz Erişen and Sinan Alper at the 83rd Annual Midwest Political Science Association.

Social Media Use, Doomscrolling, and Conspiracy Theories Beliefs across Distinct Platforms: Effects on Social Media Engagement October 2025

Paper presented with Cengiz Erişen and Sinan Alper at Radical Right Narratives, Conspiracy Theories, and Vigilantism in an Age of Democratic Decline conference in Bilbao.

Emotions of Leaders in Social Debate – Mexca Analysis: "Mevzular Açık Mikrofon" June 2025 Paper presented with Emirhan Duran at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP).

Emotions of Leaders in Social Debate - Mexca Analysis: "Mevzular Açık Mikrofon" April 2025

Paper presented with Emirhan Duran in the Turkey Computational Social Science Conference.

Shifting Trust in a Populist Era: Exploring the Nexus Between Institutional, Social Confidence and Conspiracy Theories.

March

2025

Paper presented with Nuran Oksuz in the 82nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association.

Social Media, Conspiracy Theories, and Political Engagement in Turkey

March 2025

Paper presented with Cengiz Erisen and Sinan Alper in the 82nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association.

Emotions of Leaders in Social Debate - Mexca Analysis: "Mevzular Açık Mikrofon"

March 2025

Paper presented with Emirhan Duran in the 82nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association.

Conspiracy Mindset and Anti-Americanism:the Turkish Case

June

2024

Research Poster presented with Cengiz Erisen in Conspiracy FX's Small Group Meeting On Consequences of Conspiracy Theory Beliefs.

Belief, Beyond, and Between: Paranoid Ideation, Spirituality, and Religiosity's Role in Global and Domestic Conspiracy Theories in Turkey

April 2024

Paper presented with Cengiz Erisen in the 81th Annual Midwest Political Science Association.

The Role of Leaders in Turkish Foreign Policy During the Cyprus Crises of 1964 and 1974: An Operational Code Analysis

April 2024

Paper presented with Mustafa Furkan Durmaz in the 81th Annual Midwest Political Science Association.

Conspiracy Theories in Turkey: Role of Ideology

October 2023

Paper presented with Cengiz Erisen in the Annual Meeting of Turkish Political Science Association at Bilkent University.

Role of Leaders in Turkish Foreign Policy During Cyprus Crisis of 1964 and 1974: An Operational Code Analysis

June 2023

Paper presented with Mustafa Furkan Durmaz in the 19th Annual Graduate Conference of Turkish Political Science Association at TED University.

Conspiracy Mindset and Anti-Americanism: The Case of Turkey

April 2023

Paper presented with Cengiz Erişen in the 80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association.

Turkish Leaders and Foreign Policy Preferences: An Operational Code Analysis October 2022

Paper presented with Emirhan Duran and Mustafa Furkan Durmaz in the 18th Annual Graduate Conference of Turkish Political Science Association at Izmir Katip Celebi University.

Role of Leaders in Turkish Foreign Policy During Cyprus Crisis of 1964 and 1974: An Operational Code Analysis September 2022

Paper presented with Mustafa Furkan Durmaz in the Annual Meeting of Turkish Political Science Association at Istanbul Bilgi University.

Conspiracy Mentality and Anti-Americanism: Case of Turkey September 2022

Paper presented with Cengiz Erişen in the First Annual Meeting of Turkish Political Science Association at Istanbul Bilgi University.

Role of Leaders in Turkish Foreign Policy During Cyprus Crisis of 1964 and 1974: An Operational Code Analysis July 2022

Paper presented with Mustafa Furkan Durmaz at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting 2022.

Anti-Westernism, Conspiracy Theory Beliefs, and Vaccine Hesitancy: The Case of Covid-19 in Turkey July 2022

Paper presented with Cengiz Erişen at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting 2022.

Role of Leaders in Turkish Foreign Policy During Cyprus Crisis of 1964 and 1974: An Operational Code Analysis June 2022

Paper presented with Mustafa Furkan Durmaz in Symposium on Emotions and Foreign Policy in Global International Relations: the West and the Rest at Navarra University.

Abe Doktrini: Devamlılık mı Ayrılma mı? May 2018

Paper presented at the New Horizons Workshop in Asia Pacific Studies at Marmara University.

EVENTS

Research Visit - Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware March

2026

Research visit conducted within the scope of the TUBITAK-funded project “The Rising Tide of Conspiracy Theories in a Social Media Environment.” Held project meetings with the international research team and contributed to collaborative research design.

Erasmus+ Staff Mobility - Leipzig University December 2024
Short-term academic visit as part of the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility program. Attended seminars and engaged in academic networking at the Department of Political Science, Leipzig University.

Maxqda Training for Social Science October 2023
Training organized by Bodrum Institute.

Social Comquant Workshop 15 March 2023
Workshop titled “Conflict and Forced Migration: Social Media as Event Data,” held by Dr. H. Akin Ünver.

Social Comquant Workshop 14 February 2023
Workshop titled “Using NLP for IO Decision Making Analysis” held by Dr. Merih Angın.

Social Comquant Workshop 13 April 2023
Workshop titled “Human Linguistic Annotation For Natural Language Processing for Social Scientists” held by Firat Duruşan.

Social Comquant Workshop 12 January 2023
Workshop titled “An overview of State-of-the-art Natural Processing” held by Dr. Ali Hürriyetoğlu.

Social Comquant Workshop 11 January 2023
Workshop titled “What is Computational Social Science: An Introduction” held by Dr. Erdem Yörük in Koç University.

International Society for Political Psychology (ISPP) 2021 Summer Academy July 2021
Attendee

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ISPP Early Career Travel Grant for ISPP Annual Meeting 2025, (20.000 TL – 500 USD) (ISPP) 2025
Travel Grant for ISPP Annual Meeting 2022, (7500 TL – 400 USD) (Yeditepe University) 2022
Travel Grant for ISPP Annual Meeting 2022 , (2800 TL- 150 USD) 2224-A - Support for Participating Scientific Events Program (The Scientific and Technological Research Council in Turkey) 2022

Graduate Scholarship, Political Science and International Relations PHD
(Yeditepe University) 2020
High Honor Student (Marmara University) 2020
Honor student, (Yeditepe University) 2016

SKILLS

Programming

Microsoft Office (Advanced) Stata (Advanced), R (Advanced), ProfilerPlus (Advanced), Qualtrics Survey Design (Advanced), Latex(Advanced), Maxqda (Medium)

Languages

Turkish: Native, English: Fluent, Japanese: Beginner, French: Beginner

PROFESSIONAL Memberships

International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)

Columbus, North Carolina, USA

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Bloomington, Indiana, USA

European International Studies Association (EISA)

Zurich, Switzerland

Turkish Political Science Association (TPSA)

Istanbul, Turkey

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Early Career Committee Board Member for International Society of Political Psychology (2024-2026)

Panel Chair For:TPSA 2022 (Nationalism and Politics)

Referee for :Political Psychology, PLOS One

RESIDENCE

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REFERENCES

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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gizem Çakmak

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