

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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## **Employment**

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Associate Prof., Dept. of Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 2022- .  
Visiting Fellow, CIDE, Mexico City, 12/2021-3/2022.  
Visiting Prof., Dept. of Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 2015-22.  
Visiting Prof., Instituto de Empresa, Madrid, 2015.  
Associate Prof., Political Science, Sabancı University, Istanbul, 2014-2018.  
Visiting Prof., Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, 2013-2014.  
Visiting Fellow, Freie Universität Berlin, 10/2012-1/2013.  
Visiting Fellow, El Colegio de México, Mexico City, 7-9/2012.  
Assistant Prof., Political Science, Sabancı University, Istanbul, 2007-2014.  
Post-doctoral Fellow, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), 2006-2007.  
Instructor, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, 2000-2006.  
Research Assistant, Atatürk Institute, Bosphorus University, Istanbul, 1996-1998.

## **Education**

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Ph.D., Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, USA.  
M.A., Economic History, Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey.  
B.Sc., Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.

## **Grants and Fellowships**

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Research Grant, Becas Iberoamérica. Santander Investigación, 2021.  
Research Grant, Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain, 2020-2023.  
Jean Monnet Module, the European Commission, 2014-2017.  
Research Grant, the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, 2015.  
Research Fellowship, Freie Universität Berlin, 2012-2013.  
Internal Research Grant, Sabancı University, 2012.  
Research Grant, Turkish Scientific and Technical Research Council, 2009-2010.  
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2006.  
Dissertation Writing Grant, University of Washington, 2005  
Lindenberg Mobility Grant, University of Washington, 2003.  
Graduate School Chester Fritz Grant, University of Washington, 2002.  
Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies Grant, University of Washington, 2000.  
Fulbright Ph.D. Scholarship, 1998.

## Curriculum Vitae

### Research Interests

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Fields : Comparative political economy  
Interests : Politics of institutional change; education and skills; regulatory politics; authoritarian politics, Latin America, Southern Europe and Turkey.

### Ongoing Projects

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- 'Demand for education: Determinants of Preferences and Choice,' funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (PID2019-111511GB-I00, Principle investigator)
- Politics of Skills and Vocational Education and Training in Spain and selected Latin American countries, funded by Santander Investigación, Becas Iberoamérica.

### Publications

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'Politics of Delegated Governance: Reforming Vocational Education and Training,' *Socio-Economic Review*, published online 15/11/2021 (<https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwab053>).

'Market Integration and Transformation of Business Politics: Diverging Trajectories of Corporatism in Mexico and Turkey,' *Socio-Economic Review*, vol.19, no.1, pp. 219-245, 2021.

'Decoupling Trends: Drivers of Agency Independence in Telecommunications, An Analysis of High and Middle-Income Countries,' *Regulation & Governance*, vol.15, no.1, pp.32-62 (with Asli Unan), 2021.

'Varieties of Regulatory Welfare Regimes in Middle-Income Countries: A Comparative Analysis of Brazil, Mexico and Turkey,' *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, vol.691, no.1, pp.223-242 (with Salvador Parrado), 2020.

'Political Consequences of Welfare Regimes: Social Assistance and Support for Presidentialism in Turkey,' *South European Society and Politics*, vol.24, no.4, pp. 485-511 (with Kerem Yildirim), 2019.

'When Politics Gets in the Way: Domestic Coalitions and the Making of Skill Systems,' *Review of International Political Economy*, vol.5, no.3, pp.340-363 (with Merve Sancak), 2018.

'From a Rising Star to a Fragile Market Trapped in Middle-Income: An Overview of the Turkish Economy,' *CESifo Forum*, Ifo Institute, Center for Economic Studies, vol.17, no.2, pp.5-11, 2016.

*State-Business Alliances and Economic Development: Turkey, Mexico and North Africa*, London and New York: Routledge, 2015.

## **Curriculum Vitae**

- 'Reverting Structural Reforms in Turkey: Towards an Illiberal Economic Governance?' *Global Turkey in Europe*, Instituto Affari Internazionali, 2015.
- '*Yeni Anayasa'ya Doğru: Kurumsal Reform ve Demokrasi Kültürünün Gelişimi [Towards a New Constitution: Institutional Reform and the Development of Democratic Culture]*, Istanbul: TÜRKONFED, 2015 (co-authored with F. Keyman, B. Ağırdir, S. Aydın-Düzgit and Ö. Kemahlıoğlu).
- 'Accountability of the IRAs in Turkey, A Cross-Sectoral Comparison', in Bianculli, Andrea C., Xavier Fernández-i-Marín and Jacint Jordana (eds.), *Accountability and Regulatory Governance, Audiences, Controls and Responsibilities in the Politics of Regulation*, London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, pp.166-188.
- 'Emerging, Hybrid and Illiberal: the Turkish Variety of Capitalism', in Becker, Uwe (ed.), *The BRICs and Emerging Economies in Comparative Perspective*, Political Economy, Liberalisation and Institutional Change, London and New York: Routledge, 2014, pp.167-187.
- 'Differential Europe within a Nation: Europeanization of Regulation across Policy Areas,' *Journal of European Public Policy*, 2013, vol. 20, no. 5, pp.741-759.
- 'Is It None of Their Business? Business and Democratization, the Case of Turkey,' *Democratization*, 2013, vol. 20, no.6, pp.1081-1116.
- 'Regional Blocs, Transnational Actors and Interest Mediation, the Cases of Mexico and Turkey', Working Paper, KFG Transformative Power of Europe, 2013, No.53.
- 'Karşılaştırmalı Ekonomi Politik' [Comparative Political Economy], in Sayarı, S. and H. Dikici-Bilgin (eds.) *Karşılaştırmalı Siyaset: Temel Konular ve Yaklaşımlar, [Comparative Politics: Major Themes and Approaches]*, Bilgi University, 2013, pp.209-235.
- 'Krizle krizlerle hazırlanmak: Meksika ekonomisinde süreklilik ve dönüşüm,' [Warming-up for the Crisis by the Crises: Continuity and Transformation in the Mexican Economy], Şenses, F., Öniş, Z. and Bakır, C. (eds.), *Küresel Kriz ve Yeni Ekonomik Düzen [The Global Economic Crisis and the New World Order]*, Istanbul: İletişim, 2013, pp.335-360.
- 'The Politics of De-delegation: Regulatory (in)dependence in Turkey,' *Regulation & Governance*, 2012, vol. 6, no.1, pp.119-129.
- 'Emerging and Hybrid: the Cases of Turkish and Brazilian Market Economies,' *Desenvolvimento em Debate*, 2011, Vol. 1, No. 3, pp.65-95.
- 'Regulatory Diffusion in Turkey: A Cross-Sectoral Assessment' (with İzak Atiyas) in T. Çetin and F. Oğuz, eds., *The Political Economy of Regulation in Turkey*, Springer, 2011, pp.51-74.

## **Curriculum Vitae**

- 'Meeting at the Market: Turkey and the Central and Eastern Europe,' in K. Zukorwska, ed., *Transformation in Poland and Southeastern Mediterranean Countries*, University of Lodz: Ibidem, 2010, pp.220-243.
- 'Economic Development,' in G.T. Kurian (ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, Washington D.C.: CQ Press, 2011, Vol. 2, pp. 416-420.
- 'United We Restrain, Divided We Rule: Neoliberal Reforms and Labor Unions in Turkey and Mexico' (with Başak Kuş), *European Journal of Turkish Studies*, Vol 11, Fall 2010.
- 'Islamic Capital and Political Islam in Turkey,' Haynes, Jeffrey ed. *Religion and Politics in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa*, London and New York: Routledge, 2010, pp.139-161.
- 'Women Journalists in Turkey,' *Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures*, Vol. 9, pp.180-181, Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2007.
- 'Beyond the Orthodox Paradox: The Break-up of State-Business Coalitions in Turkey in the 1980s,' *Journal of International Affairs*, vol.57, no.1, Fall 2003, pp.97-112.
- 'An Evaluation of the Economic Performance of Turkey in the 1930s based on Late-Ottoman Economy,' *New Perspectives on Turkey*, vol.23, Fall 2000, pp.125-146.
- 'Turkish Economy, from the Empire to the Republic,' (with Şevket Pamuk) in M. Sönmez, ed., *75 Yilda Paranin Seruveni [The Venture of Money during 75 Years of the Turkish Republic]*, Istanbul: Turkish Economic and Social History Foundation, 1998, pp. 83-90.
- 'The Women's Movement in the Ottoman Empire during the Young Turk Revolution,' *Toplumsal Tarih*, vol. 7, no. 39, pp-46-52, Istanbul: March 1997.
- 'Women in the 1930s Istanbul Media: The Implications of State's Discourse on Women,' *Toplumsal Tarih*, vol. 6, no. 31, pp-30-38, Istanbul: July 1996.

## **Seminars/ Talks/ Conference Participation**

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- 'Economic Governance in the Age of Democratic Backsliding: A comparative analysis,' to be presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association (PSA), hosted by University of York, April 10-13, 2022.
- 'Reforming Vocational Education: Varieties of adoption across regions, the case of Spain,' to be presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association (PSA), hosted by University of York, April 10-13, 2022 (with Salvador Parrado).
- 'Germanic spirit in Southern Europe? Reforming Vocational Education in Spain,' Education Politics and Policy Spring Conference, American Political Science

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- Association (APSA)-Education Group, March 31-April 1, 2022 (with Salvador Parrado).
- 'Differential adoption across one nation: Vocational Education Reforms in Spain,' presented at the 117th American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, 30/09-03/10/2021 (with Salvador Parrado).
- 'Regulatory agencies in the age of democratic backsliding: An analysis of the Turkish case,' presented at the ECPR General Conference, 30/08-03-09/2021.
- 'Democratic backsliding, de-Europeanization and transforming regulatory governance: the case of Turkey' presented at the 8th Biennial Conference, ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance, University of Exeter, 24/06/2021.
- 'State capacity and health outcomes,' presented at International Studies Association 62nd Annual Convention, 6- 9/4/2021 (with Ali Fisunoglu and Kerem Yildirim).
- 'Determinants and trade-offs of preferences and choice in education, the case of Spain,' presented at the Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management, 20-23/4/2021 (with Jose Rama and Salvador Parrado).
- 'De-globalization or the transformation of globalization? What is after COVID?,' talk at Beykoz University, Istanbul, 14/12/2020.
- 'The (re)rise of authoritarian social welfare: A Comparative Analysis,' presented at the workshop 'Changing Political Regime, Implications for Social Policy: Putting Turkey in Comparative Perspective,' Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin, 13/12/2019.
- 'Formation and deformation of institutions: Economic governance in Turkey' presented at the workshop 'Different Paths to Development: The Politics of New Developmentalism in Emerging Powers,' City University of London, 30/5/2019.
- 'Democratic backsliding, de-Europeanization and the transformation of economic governance' presented at the Council for European Studies' 26th International Conference of Europeanists, 20-22/6/2019.
- 'The Evolution of the Civil Service in Turkey: A Case for de-Europeanisation or de-bureaucratisation?' presented at the Council for European Studies' 26th International Conference of Europeanists, 20-22/6/2019 (with Salvador Parrado).
- 'Varieties of Regulatory Regimes in Social Assistance: A Comparative Glance at Brazil, Mexico and Turkey' presented at the Workshop 'Regulating for Welfare: Exploring the Regulatory Dynamics & Implications of Welfare State Governance,' the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 14-17/5/2019 (with Salvador Parrado).

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- 'Veiled Political Economy of an apparent 'Culture War': Recent Education Policy Reforms in Turkey,' Annual Conference of American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018.
- 'Regulating the social welfare regimes in the Global South,' Paper presented at the Seventh Biennial Conference of the ECPR Regulatory Governance Standing Group, July 2018, Lausanne (with Salvador Parrado)
- 'Do Political Institutions Matter? Foundations of agency independence in telecommunications across different income levels,' Paper presented at the Seventh Biennial Conference of the ECPR Regulatory Governance Standing Group, July 2018, Lausanne (with Asli Unan).
- 'The rise of a downgrading coalition: recent education reforms in Turkey,' Paper presented at the MIT-CIDE Workshop 'Political Economy of Education Reforms,' February 2017, Mexico City.
- 'The making of skill systems, A Comparative look at Mexico and Turkey,' Paper presented at the Annual Conference of REPAL (Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina), June 2016, Boston (with Merve Sancak).
- 'External actors and domestic factors at work: the politics of skill systems,' Paper presented at the 8th European Council for Social Research on Latin America Conference, organized by the Instituto de Iberoamérica, University of Salamanca, June 2016, Salamanca (with Merve Sancak).
- 'From a rising star to a fragile market: An overview of the Turkish Economy,' Ifo Institute for Economic Research, April 2016, Munich.
- 'State-Business Alliances and Market Reforms: A comparative analysis of Mexico, Turkey and MENA countries,' Annual Conference of REPAL (Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina), July 2015, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 'Independent regulatory agencies in Turkey: A short-lived euphoria?' Paper presented at the Conference on Regulatory Agencies Under Challenge, Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation, London School of Economics and Political Science,' June 2015, London.
- 'Still a Rising Star or Trapped in Middle-Income? A comparative look at Turkish economy,' June 2015, Bruegel Institute, Brussels, Belgium.
- 'Transnational regimes and varying influences in the emerging markets: A cross-sectoral analysis, the case of Turkey', Paper presented at the Fifth Biennial Conference of the ECPR Regulatory Governance Standing Group, June 2014, Barcelona.
- 'Transnational regulatory networks and emerging markets, a cross-sectoral analysis', Paper presented at the Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance, January 2014, Barcelona.

## ***Curriculum Vitae***

- 'New developmental states and changing state capacity, the cases of Brazil, Mexico and Turkey,' Paper presented at the Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, June 2013, Milan.
- 'Whose voices are heard? Consultation across sectors in emerging regulatory states,' Paper presented at the Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, June 2013, Milan.
- 'Accountability across policy areas, the case of Turkey,' Paper presented at the IBEI Workshop on Accountability and Regulatory Governance, June 2013, Barcelona.
- 'Institutional capacity and governance, an analysis of independent regulatory agencies,' Paper presented at the IBEI Workshop on Transparency and Accountability of the Regulatory Agencies, July 2012, Barcelona.
- 'Varying manifestations of illiberal regulatory states,' Paper presented at the Fourth Biennial Conference of the ECPR Regulatory Governance Standing Group, June 2012, Exeter.
- 'Illiberal variety of capitalism, the case of Turkey, Paper presented at the International Workshop on 'Varieties of Capitalism in Emerging Countries,' June 2012, Istanbul.
- 'Emerging and Hybrid: the Case of Turkish Capitalism' Paper presented at the International Seminar on 'Rethinking Capitalist Development in Emerging Countries,' October 2011, Rio de Janeiro.
- 'Regulatory Enforcement Filtered: The Case of Turkey,' Paper presented at the Annual Conference of ECPR, August 2011, Reykjavik.
- 'Varieties of Regulatory States: the Case of Turkey,' Paper presented at the Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, June 2011, Madrid.
- 'Europeanization Filtered: Economic Governance in Turkey,' Paper presented at the Workshop 'Faraway, So Closed, EU-Turkey,' February 2011, Berlin.
- 'Regulatory Quality, A Cross-Sectoral Analysis,' Paper presented at the Third Biennial Conference of the ECPR Regulatory Governance Standing Group, June 2010, Dublin.
- 'The Implications of the Economic Crisis for Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy: The Case of Turkey,' European Union Institute for Security Studies, Warsaw, June 2009.
- 'Is It None of Their Business? Business and Democratization in Turkey,' The Council on Middle Eastern Studies, MacMillan Center, Yale University, February 2009.
- 'Globalization, Liberalization and Domestic Politics: A Comparative Look at the Rise of PAN and AKP in Mexico and Turkey,' Paper presented at the Annual Conference of International Studies Association, New York, February 2009.

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'Islamic Capital and Political Islam,' Paper presented at the Workshop on Religion and Politics, European Consortium of Political Science Meeting, Helsinki, May 2007.

'Business, Europeanization and Democratization,' Paper presented at the Workshop on Policy from the Grassroots, University of Washington, February 2007.

'Comparative Competitiveness and Accession to the EU,' Policy paper presented at the EU Observatory Meeting, Sabancı University, Istanbul, May 2006.

'Institutions and Credible Commitments in Market Transitions,' Paper presented at the Seventh Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Workshop on State-Business Relations in the Middle East, Florence, March 2006.

'Trade Liberalization and Domestic Alliances, the Cases of Customs Union and NAFTA,' Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference, Istanbul, August 2005.

'Reform Coalitions in Mexico and Turkey,' Paper presented at Society for Comparative Research Graduate Retreat, Budapest, July 2005.

'State-Business Alliances in Mexico and Turkey within the context of Market Reforms, 1980-2000,' Paper presented at the Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2005.

'Credibility and Market Reforms, Mexico and Turkey, 1980-2000,' Paper presented at the Annual Conference of Western Political Science Association, March 2005.

'The Journalistic Discourse on Woman in 1930s' Turkey,' Paper presented at the Annual Conference of Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2002.

'Questioning the Republican Discourse on Economy: Did Turkey Really Inherit Ruins from the Ottoman Empire?,' Paper presented at the Annual Conference of Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 1999.

## **Teaching Experience**

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### ***Graduate courses***

- Topics in Political Economy, Geoeconomics (UC3M)
- Political Economy, Latin American Politics, Political Economy of Turkey, EU-Turkey Relations (Sabancı University).
- Political Economy of Emerging Markets (Hertie School of Governance).
- Comparative Political Economy of Market Transitions (IBEI).

### ***Undergraduate courses***

- International Political Economy, Comparative Politics, World Politics (UC3M).
- Political Economy of International Trade (Instituto de Empresa, Madrid).



## ***Curriculum Vitae***

- Latin American Politics, International Political Economy, Methods in Social Sciences (Sabanci University).
- International Political Economy (University of Washington, Seattle).

### **Administrative Experience**

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- 2021- Director of the Master in Sustainable Development and Global Governance, UC3M
- 2021- Deputy-Director of the Department of Social Sciences, UC3M

### **Other Work Experience**

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- 2002-2004 Consultant, Trend Marketing Research, Inc., Turkey.
- 1994-1996 Project Manager, AC-Nielsen Research Inc.-Turkey. Consumer and Ad-hoc Research Departments.
- 1993-1994 Project Coordinator, Gallup Research Inc.-Turkey. Central Asia Division.

### **Languages**

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Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (reading proficiency).

### **Memberships in Professional Associations**

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- American Political Science Association
- European Consortium for Political Research
- ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance
- International Studies Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina
- Society of the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- Turkish Political Science Association
- Turkish Political Economy Society