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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Postdoctoral Fellow
Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Aug 2022 – Aug 2024

EDUCATION

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., Political Science July 2022

Fields: International Relations, Political Theory

Dissertation: “The Politics of Security: Syrian Refugees in the Middle East and Western Europe”

Chair: Mehrzad Boroujerdi

Committee: Yuksel Sezgin, Osamah F. Khalil, Lamis Abdelaaty, and Seth Jolly

Certificate of Advanced Studies in European Union May 2019

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Middle East May 2019

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

M.A., Political Science Dec 2013

GAZI UNIVERSITY

M.A., International Relations May 2011

B.A., International Relations and History May 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Security Studies

Refugees

Middle East Politics

European Politics

Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

Political Behavior

BOOKS

Refugees, Immigrants, and Sociopolitical Change in Modern Turkey, (with Serhun Al) under contract with Cambridge University Press, submitted

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2024. “Electoral Dynamics, New Nationalisms, and Party Positions on Syrian Refugees in Turkey” (with Serhun Al and Bekir Arslan), *Turkish Studies*
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2024.2310850>

2023. “Protecting Sensitive Data Early in the Research Data Lifecycle” (with Sebastian Karcher and Nicholas Weber), *The Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality*,
<https://doi.org/10.29012/jpc.846>

2022. “Electoral Competition Dynamics and Syrian Refugee Discourses and Policies in Germany and France,” *European Politics and Society*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23745118.2022.2142399>

2022. “Living with Absence, Missing Migrants and the Red Cross and Red Crescent’s Restoring Family Links Program” (with Mostafa Shalaby), *Muslim World Journal of Human Rights*, <https://doi.org/10.1515/mwjhr-2022-0008>

2021. “Explaining the Politics of Security: Syrian Refugees in Turkey and Lebanon,” *Journal of Global Security Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogaa039>

2012. “Education in Mother Tongue and Turkey’s Practice,” (in Turkish), *EKEV Academic Review* 16 (52) 205-219

UNDER REVIEW “Navigating State Borders: Legal and Moral Dimension,” under contract with *the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*

“Between Worlds: Ontological Security among Syrian Refugees in Germany and Turkey”

“How Refugees Respond to Anti-Refugee Elite Discourse: No Exit, But Less Voice” (with Aykut Öztürk), revised and resubmitted

WORKING PAPERS “Dilemmas of Humanitarian Work and Psychosocial Needs of Refugees” (with Dani Wollerman)

“Deciding on Return: Syrian Refugees and Competing Authorities in Turkey” Ellen Lust and Mark Tessler (eds.), *Competing Authorities in the Middle East and North Africa*

“Global Attitudes toward Authoritarian Leaders in the Aftermath of the Ukraine Invasion” (with Marc Jacob)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS 2023. “Political Polarization and Football in Turkey,” *POMEPS Studies* 48, available at <https://pomeps.org/political-polarization-and-football-in-turkey>

2023. “The Political Roots of Turkey’s Earthquake Devastation,” Washington Post, Made by History, available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/made-by-history/2023/02/14/turkey-earthquake/>

2022. “Self-representations of Syrian refugees in the Media in Turkey and Germany,” *Forced Migration Review*, Issue 70, available at <https://www.fmreview.org/issue70/secen>

2022. “Islamic Law and Family Court Simulation” (with Ahmet Celik), *Middle Eastern Studies Program Newsletter*, Syracuse University, Volume 12

2021. “Between Hospitality and Hostility: Public Attitudes and State Policies toward Syrian Refugees in Turkey” (with Mustafa Gurbuz) in Goldstone, A. J., Alimi, E., Ozeren, S., & Cubukcu, S. (eds.). *From Territorial Defeat to Global ISIS: Lessons Learned*, IOS Press Publication, Amsterdam

2019. Competing Logics of Security toward Syrian Refugees in Turkey and Lebanon, *E-International Relations*, available at <https://www.e-ir.info>

**BOOK
REVIEWS**

2024 (Forthcoming). Civil-Military Relations in the Modern Middle East
by David S. Sorenson, *H-War*

2024. The Persistence of Orientalism: Anglo-American Historians and Modern
Egypt by Peter Gran, *The MISR Review No.6*

2023. Immigrants and Refugees: Trauma, Perennial Mourning,
Prejudice, and Border Psychology by Vamik Volkan, *Journal of Refugee
Studies*, available at <https://doi.org/10.1093/jrs/fead046>

2020. Review of Field Notes: The Making of Middle East Studies in the
United States by Zachary Lockman, *Journal of Education in Muslim
Societies*, II.

GRANTS

ISA Annual Convention Travel Grant \$400	2023
APSA First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant \$295	2023
Office of International Affairs, (OIA), The Ohio State University \$2,000	2023
W.K. Kellogg Foundation Postdoctoral Onboarding Grant \$5,000	2022
Andrew Berlin Family National Security Research Fund \$ 2,947	2019
ISA Travel Grant, The International Studies Association \$500	2019
Travel Grant, Political Science Department, Syracuse University \$1,000	2019
European Studies Center Summer Grant, Syracuse University \$1,000	2016
Middle Eastern Studies Center, Summer Grant, Syracuse University \$1,000	2015
Summer Grant, The International Institute of Islamic Thought \$2,500	2015

**AWARDS &
HONORS**

Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF)	2024
Cohn Award, Syracuse University \$4,215	2022
Koff Award, Syracuse University \$1,100	2021
Meiklejohn Award, Syracuse University \$5,550	2020
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award	2020
Martin and Roscoe Award, Syracuse University \$3,200	2016

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

Muslim Family Law Index Project, Research Fellowship	2022
Dr. Lisel Hintz, John Hopkins University, Research Assistantship	2022
NSF, Geotechnical Women Faculty Project, Data Analysis Specialist	2021
Privacy Encodings for Sensitive Data Project, Graduate Assistantship	2021
HFG Project on Ethnicization of Conflict, Research Assistantship	2021
Dr. Daniel McDowell, Syracuse University, Research Assistantship	2019

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Syracuse University	
Instructor of Record	
PSC125 Political Theory	Summer 2021 & 2022
IRP400 Refugees in Contemporary IR	Spring 2021 & 2022

SEM100 First Year Seminar	Fall 2020
PSC344 Middle East Politics	Summer 2020
PSC124 International Relations	Summer 2017, 2021, & 2022
MAX132 Global Community	team-taught, Fall 2018 & Spring 2019

Teaching Assistantship

PSC/MES 381/ REL 361 Islamic Law & Society	Spring 2022
HST353 History of Ancient Rome	Spring 2022
HST352 History of Ancient Greece	Fall 2021
PSC343 Politics of Europe	Spring 2020
PSC356 Political Conflict	Spring 2018
PSC124 International Relations	Fall 2014, 2017, 2020 & Spring 2015-2016
PSC321 Populism and Conspiracy Culture	Spring 2017

PROFESSIONAL Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

ACTIVITIES

The Migration and Refugees POMEPS Virtual Research Workshop, March 2024

Center for Ethics and Human Values at Ohio State, COMPAS Colloquium: (When) do states have the right to seal their borders? December 2023

The 119th APSA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, September, 2023

Research in International Politics (RIP) Workshop, Political Science Department, Ohio State, April and November 2023

MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2023

Middle Eastern Studies Center Forum, Making Sense of Relief Efforts in Syria and Turkey, Ohio State, March 2023

POMEPS - CIRS Politics of Sports in the Middle East Workshop, Qatar, January 2023

The Western US Graduate Research Workshop on the EU, Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, the University of Washington in Seattle, May 2022

Management of Forced Migration in the Global South, Middle Eastern Studies Program, Syracuse University, February 2022

Virtual Academic and Policy Symposium: Migration Research, Scholarship and Policy at a Time of Multiple Crises, Center for Migration Studies, 2020

IPSA World Congress, Lisbon, Refuge and Migration in non-Western IR Contexts, 2020

ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, Refugees in the Global North and Global South, 2019

Central New York Model United Nations Conference, Improving the Rights of the Children of Immigrants and Refugees in Developed Countries, 2019

Challenging Authoritarianism: Stories and Strategies of Resistance, Syracuse University Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, 2019

Brown Bag Presentation Series, Securitization of Syrian Refugees in Turkey and Lebanon, Political Science Department, Syracuse University, 2019

MESA Conference, Middle East Studies Association, 2016

The International Studies Association, South Region Conference, 2014

Turkish Studies Workshop, The Ottoman Millet System and Kymlicka's Theory of Liberal Multiculturalism, Niagara University, NY, 2014

Philosophers Bridging the Bosphorus 6th Istanbul Seminars, Sources of Political Legitimacy: From the Erosion of the Nation-State to the Rise of Political Islam, 2013

Workshops and Training Programs

Comparative Analyses Using Multi-Source Databases: Insights from the Survey Data Recycling (SDR) Project (OSU Department of Sociology), Columbus, Ohio, May, 2023

Quantum Social Science Bootcamp, Ohio State, July 2022

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), Summer Institute, University of California, Berkeley, July 2022

Pedagogy Workshop, ISA Northeast Region, 2020

Access for Success: A Workshop on Inclusion and Accessibility, Syracuse University, 2019

Certificate in University Teaching (CUT), Syracuse University, 2018

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Summer School, 2016

Future Professoriate Program, Syracuse University, 2016

International Summer School in Forced Migration, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, 2016

International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) Summer Student Program, 2015

Teaching Assistant Training Program, Syracuse University, 2014

Service to the Department, University, and Discipline

APSA's Summer Centennial Research Grants Reviewer, 2023

Graduate Grant Committee Member, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State, 2023

Graduate Student Representative on International Relations Search Committee Syracuse University, 2017

Turkish Student Association, Treasurer, Syracuse University, 2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

Zafer Development Agency, Ministry of Development, Turkey

Head of Administrative and Financial Affairs Department, 2011

Regional Development Expert, 2010

Department of Financial Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Turkey

Officer, 2005-2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Middle East Studies Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Phi Beta Delta, International Honor Society

REFEREE Global Studies Quarterly, Third World Quarterly, Turkish Studies, International Journal of Communication, E-International Relations (Commissioning Editor)

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE English (fluent), Turkish (native), Arabic (intermediate), German (Beginner)
Stata, Atlas.ti, NVivo, Python, Qualtrics, Overleaf

REFERENCES Mehrzad Boroujerdi (Dissertation Advisor)
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