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## Academic Positions

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| GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies                               | as of 2018 |
| Research Fellow, Institute for Middle East Studies                             |            |
| University of Freiburg                                                         | 2023-2024  |
| Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Political Science                       |            |
| University of Bremen                                                           | 2017-2018  |
| Humboldt Fellow, Institute for Intercultural and International Studies         |            |
| Swedish Defence University                                                     | 2016-2017  |
| The Swedish Institute Fellow, Department of Strategy, Security, and Leadership |            |
| Ipek University                                                                | 2013-2016  |
| Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science                           |            |
| American University in Cairo                                                   | 2012-2013  |
| Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science                           |            |
| Yale University                                                                | 2007-2008  |
| Visiting Assistant in Research (VAR), Department of Political Science          |            |
| Bilkent University                                                             | 2003-2007  |
| Research Assistant, Department of Political Science                            |            |

## Education

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| PhD, Political Science, Bilkent University                                                                                                                   | 2005-2011 |
| Dissertation: Politics of Re-building the Secular Hegemony and the Subject in post-1997 Turkey<br>[Supervisors: Prof. Ümit Cizre, Asst. Prof. Berrak Burçak] |           |
| MA, Political Science and Public Administration, Bilkent University                                                                                          | 2003-2005 |
| Thesis: The Impact of Strong State Tradition on the Early Republican Reforms of Secularization in Turkey [Supervisor: Prof. Ergun Özbudun]                   |           |
| BA, Political Science and Public Administration, Bilkent University                                                                                          | 1998-2003 |
| Graduation with High Honor Degree                                                                                                                            |           |

## List of Publications

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- Destradi, Sandra; Plagemann, Johannes; and Taş, Hakkı. 2022. 'Populism and the Politicisation of Foreign Policy,' *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 24(3): 475–492. [SSCI]
- Taş, Hakkı. 2022. 'The Chronopolitics of National Populism,' *Identities*, 29(2): 127–145. [SSCI]
- Taş, Hakkı. 2022. 'The Formulation and Implementation of Populist Foreign Policy: Turkey in the Eastern Mediterranean,' *Mediterranean Politics* 27(5): 563–587. [SSCI]
- Öztürk, Ahmet Erdi, and Taş, Hakkı. 2020. 'The Repertoire of Extraterritorial Repression: Diasporas and Home States,' *Migration Letters* 17(1): 59–69. [Scopus]
- Taş, Hakkı. 2018. 'The 15 July Abortive Coup and Post-Truth Politics in Turkey,' *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 18(1): 1–19. [SSCI]
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- Taş, Hakkı. 2017. 'Street Arts of Resistance in Tahrir and Gezi,' *Middle Eastern Studies* 53(5): 802–819. [SSCI]
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## Invited Talks

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| The role of Turkey in the Eastern Mediterranean<br>MECAM Expert Exchange, GIGA Berlin                                     | 25 June 2026 |
| Populism and Territoriality<br>IdeoPop Training Module, University of Freiburg                                            | 11 Nov 2025  |
| The Electoral Politics of Erdoğanism<br>MECAM, Tunis                                                                      | 23 May 2023  |
| After Istanbul: Women’s Rights and Human Rights in Turkey<br>GIGA Talk, GIGA Berlin                                       | 11 May 2022  |
| The New Turkey in Arms: Discerning Patterns in Civil-Military Relations<br>TürkeiEuropaZentrum, The University of Hamburg | 26 Jan 2021  |

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| Populism and Dislocation in Turkish Foreign Policy<br>InIIS Colloquium, The University of Bremen                               | 2 June 2021 |
| Turkey's Political Futures: Domestic and Regional Dynamics<br>GIGA Talk, GIGA Berlin                                           | 21 Feb 2019 |
| Turkey in Turmoil: A Country's Populist Authoritarian Turn<br>GIGA Forum, GIGA Hamburg                                         | 20 Feb 2019 |
| Dislocation as the Constitutive Element of AKP Populism<br>Kolloquium Türkeistudien, University of Duisburg Essen              | 22 Jan 2019 |
| Coup Narratives in Turkey<br>The Middle East and Muslim World Seminars, Oslo University                                        | 24 Mar 2017 |
| Street Arts of Resistance: Reflections on Tahrir and Gezi<br>Department of Politics and IR Seminar Series, Aberdeen University | 2 Nov 2016  |
| From Revival to Rivalry: Islam, Politics, and the Military in Turkey<br>Swedish Defence University, Stockholm                  | 4 Oct 2016  |
| Seminar on Academic Writing<br>Bilkent University, Ankara                                                                      | 20 Oct 2015 |

## Academic Presentations

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| Populism and Re-territorialization of Politics<br>ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Innsbruck                                                     | 7-10 April 2026 |
| Retired Military in Politics: Informal Civil-Military Relations<br>Fifth European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies, Mainz        | 20 Sept 2025    |
| Turkey's Political System: Between Democracy and Authoritarianism<br>Vortragsreihe - 100 Jahre Republik Türkei: Eine aktuelle Bilanz, Uni Hamburg | 14 June 2023    |
| Same Path, Different Routes: Legitimation of Repression in Turkey&Egypt<br>100. Orientalistentag, Berlin                                          | 13 Sept 2022    |
| Collective Identity Change Under Exogeneous Shocks<br>Workshop on Turkey's Diaspora Governance Policies, London Metropolitan University           | 21 May 2021     |
| The Militarization and Para-militarization in Turkey<br>GIGA Forum, A New Wave of Militarization?, Hamburg                                        | 18 Nov 2020     |
| Transnational Solidarity as Survival: The Re-making of Gülenist Diaspora<br>CrossArea Jahrestagung, Hamburg                                       | 7-11 Nov 2019   |
| The First Friday Turkish Sermons: A Genealogy of Official Islam in Turkey<br>26th DAVO/DMG Congress, Hamburg                                      | 3-5 Oct 2019    |
| Discourse and Practice in Erdogan's Foreign Policy<br>DVPW Conference, 27th National Convention, Frankfurt                                        | 25-28 Sept 2018 |



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| The Chronopolitics of Turkish Populism                                                  | 19-21 Sept 2018     |
| Third European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies, Bamberg               |                     |
| The Temporal Construction of the Nation in New Populisms                                | 22-25 Aug 2018      |
| ECPR General Conference, Hamburg                                                        |                     |
| The Egyptian Street Art as a Weapon of the Weak                                         | 27 Feb-2 March 2014 |
| 20th New Faces Conference, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, Istanbul       |                     |
| Once a General Always a General: Retired Military Brass in Politics                     | 1-3 Nov 2013        |
| International Turgut Özal Congress on Business, Economics and Political Science, Ankara |                     |
| Banal Inequalities: States of Religiosity in Turkey                                     | 28 Nov-2 Dec 2007   |
| American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Conference, Washington DC             |                     |
| 'Crazy Turks' on Stage: The Secular Nationalist Trend in Turkey                         | 17-19 April 2007    |
| Association for Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) Annual Conference, London   |                     |
| What do Losers do? Three States of Religiosity in Turkey                                | 14-16 Sept 2006     |
| European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 1. Graduate Conference, Essex         |                     |

## Grants & Honors

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| Federal Ministry of Education, Technology and Space                                                                     | 2024-2027 |
| Postdoctoral Researcher, Project – Populist World Order Narratives (36 months)                                          |           |
| Gerda Henkel Foundation                                                                                                 | 2018-2019 |
| Principal Investigator, Project – The First Turkish Friday Sermons: A Genealogy of Official Islam in Turkey (12 months) |           |
| Alexander von Humboldt Foundation                                                                                       | 2017-2018 |
| Research Fellowship, Philipp Schwartz Initiative (24 months)                                                            |           |
| The Swedish Institute                                                                                                   | 2016-2017 |
| Postdoctoral Scholarship, The Swedish-Turkish Scholarship Programme (9 months)                                          |           |
| Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights                                                                              | 2014      |
| Researcher, Project – Female Mukhtars: Women Representation in Local Politics (6 months)                                |           |
| Royal Holloway University                                                                                               | 2012      |
| Winner, The 2nd Big Idea Competition on Border Monuments and Connectivity                                               |           |
| The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey                                                             | 2006-2011 |
| TUBITAK Doctoral Fellowship                                                                                             |           |
| Bilkent University                                                                                                      | 1998-2011 |
| Merit Scholarship (fees and maintenance) in both undergraduate and graduate studies                                     |           |
| University Entrance Exam (OYS)                                                                                          | 1998      |
| 92nd place among 1,5 million students in Turkey                                                                         |           |
| Turkish History Foundation                                                                                              | 1997      |
| Grand Jury Prize, National Competition on Local History Writing                                                         |           |

## Seminars Attended

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| Large Language Models; Advanced Topics in Survey Experiments<br>GIGA Winter Term Seminars, Hamburg                                             | 28-29 Oct, 27 Nov 2025   |
| Natural Language Processing: Concepts & Applications<br>GIGA Winter Term Seminars, Hamburg                                                     | 5 November 2024          |
| Introduction to Programming with Python for Computational Science<br>IMPRS UFAST Focus Course, Hamburg                                         | 15-26 June 2024          |
| Introduction to R<br>GIGA Summer Term Seminars, Hamburg                                                                                        | 6-7 June 2023            |
| Qualitative Interviews & Analysis; Introduction to Grounded Theory<br>GIGA Summer Term Seminars, Hamburg                                       | 17-18 May, June 6-7 2018 |
| NATO/PfP Senior Course on Security Policy in Europe<br>National Defence and Security Policy Studies, Swedish Defence University, Stockholm     | 14-24 Nov 2016           |
| Seminar on Civil-Military Relations<br>Advanced Command and Staff Program, Swedish Defence University, Stockholm                               | August 22-26, 2016       |
| 14th Beirut Exchange Program<br>Mideast Wire, Beirut                                                                                           | 4-14 Jan 2015            |
| Survey Design&Sampling; Case Study Research; Content&Textual Analysis<br>The Graduate Summer School AREMSIS, Koç University, Istanbul          | 9 July-3 Aug 2012        |
| Introduction to Statistics & Regression Analysis; Advanced Regression Analysis<br>The Graduate Summer School AREMSIS, Koç University, Istanbul | 2-13 July 2012           |

## Research Interests

Field: Comparative Politics, Area Studies  
Themes: Populism, Democratization, Diasporas, Civil-Military Relations

## Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics, Global Populism, Populism and Foreign Policy, Migration and Diaspora Studies, Politics and Religion, Politics and Society in the Middle East, Contemporary Turkish Politics.

## Courses Taught

Comparative Politics of the Middle East (MA, University of Heidelberg, Summer 2025-2026; Winter 2024-2025); Comparative Politics of the Middle East (MA, Uni Hamburg, Winter 2023-2024); History of Modern Turkey II (BA, Ipek University, Spring 2016); History of Modern Turkey

I (BA, Ipek University, Fall 2015); Introduction to Political Science II ( BA, Ipek University, Spring 2015); Introduction to Political Science I ( BA, Ipek University, Fall 2014)

## **Professional Service**

### **Organization**

Co-coordinator, Vortragsreihe "100 Jahre Republik Türkei: Eine aktuelle Bilanz", Uni Hamburg, Summer 2023

Coordinator, GIGA Institute of Middle East Studies Colloquium Series, May 2018-present.

Member of the Organizing Committee, Annual Conference of Turkish Studies – (Re)production of Self and Space in Turkey, Ankara, 3 May 2016.

Head of the Organizing Committee, Annual Conference of Turkish Studies – Turks, Kurds, Arabs: 100 Years After WWI, Ankara, 30 March 2015.

### **Refereeing for Academic Journals**

British Journal of Politics and International Relations; Political Geography; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Comparative Politics; Comparative Studies in Society and History; European Security; International Political Science Review; Mediterranean Politics; Middle Eastern Studies; Nationalities Papers; Politics, Religion & Ideology; Polish Political Science Review; Social Compass; Sociology of Islam; The International Spectator; Third World Quarterly; Turkish Studies.

### **Refereeing for Institutions**

Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS); National Science Center, Poland

### **Membership**

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR); Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW); Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient (DAVO); Society for Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies (GTOT)

### **Community Outreach**

Youtube Channel 'Scotopia,' covering basic political concepts and contemporary Turkish politics from an academic perspective, with ca. 20.000 subscribers

## **Languages**

Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (upper-intermediate), Arabic (intermediate), Ottoman Turkish (print)

## Softwares

MaxQDA, NVivo (Content Analysis)

R (Statistics, Regression Analysis)

Python (Statistics, Text Mining)