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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Student, **Georgia State University**
Political Science Ongoing, Atlanta
- M.S., **Middle East Technical University (METU)**
Middle East Studies February 2017, Ankara
Thesis title: "Israel's Policy Responses to Egypt in the Post-Mubarak Era"
- B.A., **Bogazici University**
Political Science and International Relations (with honors) June 2013, Istanbul
- Exchange Student, **Binghamton University**
Political Science, August-December 2011, New York

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Georgia State University – Political Science** Atlanta, GA
- Graduate Research Assistant Fall 2018 - present
Supervisor: Louis-Alexandre Berg
- International Strategic Research Organization (USAK),** Ankara, Turkey
- Research Assistant 2013-2016
 - Coordinator of Internship and Training Program, 2015-2016
 - Editor of Official Websites in Turkish and English, 2014-2015
 - Co-editor of Official Websites in Turkish and English, 2013-2014
 - Intern in the Centre for Middle Eastern and African Studies, January-February 2013
- Analist** (Turkish monthly magazine) Ankara, Turkey
- Co-editor - Middle East and North Africa section 2014-2016
- The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace,** Jerusalem, Israel
- Research Intern, September 2014
- The Journal of Turkish Weekly (JTW),** Ankara, Turkey
- Member of Digital News Team, 2013-2016
- contributing with writing news, news analysis, and OP-EDs, and conducting interviews
- International Relations Studies Association (TUIC),** Istanbul, Turkey
- Intern, March-June 2012

PUBLICATION

Book Reviews

- Women and Media in the Middle East: From Veiling to Blogging by Nahed Eltantawy, *Review of International Law and Politics*. 12:1, 2016.

- The Arabs of the Ottoman Empire, 1516-1918: A Social and Cultural History by Bruce Masters, *Uluslararası Hukuk ve Politika*. 10:37, 2014.

Policy Briefs and Reports

- Dincer, O. Bahadır, Mehmet Hecan and Busra N. Ozguler, “Tunisia’s ‘Muslim Democrats’: A New Stage for Political Islam?”, *USAK Policy Briefs*, No.4, July 2016.
- Ozguler, Busra N. and O. Bahadır Dincer, “Krizden Normalleşmeye Türkiye-İsrail İlişkileri: Neden Şimdi?” [Turkey-Israel Relations from Crisis to Normalization: Why Now?], *USAK Policy Briefs*, No.3, June 2016.
- Dinçer, Osman Bahadır and Omer Faruk Topal, “Increasing Violence and Deepening Divisions: Rise of Radical Groups and Iraq’s Uncertain Future,” *USAK Reports*, No.42, June 2014, (Contributor).
- Osman Bahadır Dinçer, Vittoria Federici, Elizabeth Ferris, Sema Karaca, Kemal Kirişçi, and Elif Özmenek Çarmıklı, “Turkey and Syrian Refugees: The Limits of Hospitality” [Suriyeli Mülteciler Krizi ve Türkiye: Sonu Gelmeyen Misafirlik], *Brookings Institution & USAK*, November 2013, (Interpreter from English to Turkish).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Projects

- “Defeating Daesh: Alternative Policy Options”, prepared for the *NATO Center of Excellence-Defense against Terrorism (COE-DAT)*, Amount: \$26,000, Time Frame: December 2014-May 2015. Task: Contribution to collecting data, writing report, and organizing the workshops of the project.
- “Ensuring Global Security and International Dialogue amidst Rising Security Concerns and Regional Sensitivities”, prepared for *the Hollings Center for International Dialogue*, May 2016 (submitted).

Fieldwork

Cairo, Egypt, 2016 June

- Concentrated on how to improve Turkish-Egyptian relations; on political Islamist parties and democratization
- Interviews were conducted with former government officials, scholars, and intellectuals, including Nebil Fahmi, Amr Musa, Abdel Monim Said Aly, Tareq el-Bishri and so on for our book project, which I co-authored, on Turkish-Egyptian relations.

Israel and Palestine, 2015 June-September

- Concentrated on how to improve Turkish-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian relation through second-track diplomacy
- Interviews were conducted with the community of think-tanks and the research institutes, such as The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Mitvim-the Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies, and Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA).

SKILLS

Languages: Turkish (*Native*); English (*Fluent*); Ottoman Turkish (*Advanced Writing & Reading*); Arabic (*Intermediate*); Hebrew (*ongoing education*)

Software: Microsoft Office, STATA, and basic command of R and LATEX.