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APPOINTMENT

Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA.
Assistant Professor (2023-)
International Studies and Political Science Department

Indiana University at Northwest, Gary, IN.
Future Faculty Fellow (2022-2023).

EDUCATION

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Ph.D. Thesis Defended, June 2023, Political Science.

Subfields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology.
Dissertation Title: Structuring Inclusive Local Governance in Post-Authoritarian Tunisia.

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
M.S., Applied Statistics, December 2019

Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
M.A., Political Science, 2016

Cleveland State University Honors College, Cleveland, OH
B.A., Economics and International Relations, 2014.

WORKING PAPERS

State Building Through Educational Competition: Evidence from the Late Ottoman Empire. *Comparitive Political Studies*. Under Review.

PUBLICATIONS

Cartelization before Democratization? The Case Study of Opposition Coalition in Turkey. *Markets and Society*. Forthcoming (co authored with B. Ozpek)

Weak party system institutionalization and autocratization: evidence from Tunisia. *Democratization*, 32.2 (2025): 420-440. (co authored with B. Mutlu)

Democracy with Adjectives? Economic Development and Democracy in the Middle East *Frontiers in Political Science*. 2024. (p. 1-9). Online First.

The municipal finances and challenges of municipal taxation in post-revolutionary Tunisia.In Avellaneda, C. and Bello-Gómez, R (Eds). *Handbook on Subnational Governments and Governance*. 2024. (pp. 266-284). Edward Elgar Publishing.

"Co-Partisanship with Mayors, Institutional Performance and Citizen Trust in Local Governance Institutions: Evidence from Tunisia" *Party Politics*, 29.5 (2023): 952-968.

"Bureaucrat-Local Politician Linkages and Hierarchical Local Governance in Emerging Democracies: A Case Study of Tunisia" *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa*,

13.1 (2022): 67-92.
The Recipient of Outstanding Student Paper Award (2022) at IU-Bloomington Department of Political Science

"Attitudes on Family Law as an Electoral Cleavage: Survey Evidence from Tunisia" *Middle East Law and Governance*, 12, no. 2 (2020): 131-166.

"Does Education Enable Underprivileged Women to Achieve Real Equality in Property Rights? A Case Study of Inheritance Rights of Women in Turkey" *Women's Studies International Forum*, 69 (2018): 100-114.

POLICY REPORTS and OPINION

Tunisia: Failure of the Political Class, Rise of Kais Saied, and the Future of Democracy (co-authored with Bedirhan Mutlu). American Political Science Association MENA Section Newsletter, 4, no 2. Fall 2021.

"The Educational Opportunities and Challenges of Syrian Refugee Students in Turkey: Temporary Education Centers and Beyond" (co-authored with Bulent Aras, *Istanbul Policy Center*), 2016

"Are Islamists in the MENA more Pro-Democracy than Seculars?" *Arab Barometer Arab Pulse Series*, August 21, 2020.

"What factors explain the prevalence of municipality resignations in Tunisia?" *Dustour Talk-Journal of the Constitutional Law in the Middle East and North Africa*, June 02, 2021.

PUBLIC APPEARENCES

"Could Tunisia fall under a new dictatorship? *Al Jazeera English*, July 27th, 2021.

Various Appearances in Medyascope TV channel in Turkish and Arabic.

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), Modern Standard Arabic (Advanced), Ottoman (Talik and Rika), Modern Greek (Beginner)

TEACHING

Quantitative Methods for Political Science, Politics of Middle East, Democratization (Fall 2023-Current, VMI)

Introduction to Quantitative Methods, Current Foreign Policy Problems (Fall 2022, Instructor at Large, Indiana University-Northwest)

Associate Instructor for a variety of courses in IU-Bloomington between 2016 and 2020 (full list available upon request).

REFEREE

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Politics and Religion, Democratization, Political Research Quarterly, Review of Policy Research, British Journal of Middle East Studies, Middle East Law and Governance, Nonprofit Policy Forum, Women's Studies International Forum, Turkish Studies, South European Society and Politics, Mediterranean Politics, Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, Ethnopolitics, Cogent Social Sciences, SN Social Sciences.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficiency in R,LaTeX, STATA.

BOOK REVIEWS

Anne Wolf, *Political Islam in Tunisia: The History of Ennahda* (*ASMEA*, 2018)

Ahmet Kuru, *Islam, Authoritarianism and Underdevelopment: A Global and Historical Comparison* Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses, [2021]: 1-3.

SELECTED AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

Jackson-Hope Grant Recipient, Virginia Military Institute (2025)

Future Faculty Teaching Fellowship at Indiana University (2022-2023).

Ostrom Workshop at Indiana University Graduate Student Fellowship (2021-2022).

Outstanding Student Paper Award, IU Bloomington (2021-2022).

The Program on Governance and Local Development (GLD) University of Gothenburg Research Award (2020).

Ph.D. Scholarship, Indiana University (2016-2021).

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center (2019-2020, 2021-2022).

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute of Humane Studies (2019-2021).

Ostrom Workshop at Indiana University Research Grant (2019, 2020).

Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research Grant, ASMEA (2019, 2020, 2022).

College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship, Indiana University (Fall 2016).

Graduate Student Scholarship, Sabanci University (2014-2016).

Summer School to Study Democracy in Tunisia and Turkey Scholarship, Columbia University (2015).

Tubitak (Scientific and Research Community of Turkey) Scholarship (2014).

Honors Scholarship, Cleveland State University. Tuition cover (2013-2014).

Undergraduate Research Grant, Cleveland State University. $4500 (2013).