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AHMET T. KURU

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POSITIONS

Professor, Department of Political Science, San Diego State University, 2016-present
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, San Diego State University, 2011-2016
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, San Diego State University, 2006-2011

Director, Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies, San Diego State University, 2015-2018
Visiting Fellow, Brookings Doha Center, Qatar, September 2012-April 2013
Postdoctoral Scholar and Assistant Director, Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion (Director: Alfred Stepan), SIPA, Columbia University, January 2008-June 2009

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, 2006

M.A., Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, 2002

M.A., Political Science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, 2001

M.A., International Relations, Fatih University, Istanbul, 1999

B.S., Business Administration, Bilkent University, Ankara, 1997

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), French (proficient), Arabic (MSA) (advanced)

AWARDS AND GRANTS (Post-PhD)

2021. Honorable Mention, Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2020. Jervis-Schroeder Book Award (co-winner), American Political Science Association, International History and Politics Section

2019. Excellence in Research Award for the Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Arts and Letters, San Diego State University

2011. Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2007. Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association, Religion and Politics Section (“Dynamics of Secularism: State-Religion Relations in the United States, France, and Turkey”) (Dissertation advisor: Joel Migdal)

2020-2022. Bruce E. Porteous Chair, San Diego State University

2019-2021. FORIS Scholar, Religious Freedom Institute

2018. Hostler Summer Grant, San Diego State University

2018. Curriculum Development Grant, Notre Dame University

2017, 2016. University Grants Program, San Diego State University

2012. Visiting Fellowship, Brookings Doha Center

2011. Critical Thinking Grant, San Diego State University

2010. University Grants Program, San Diego State University

2008. Postdoctoral Fellowship, SIPA, Columbia University

BOOKS

2019. [*Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment: A Global and Historical Comparison*](#)
(New York: Cambridge University Press).

Co-winner: 2020 Jervis-Schroeder Book Award, American Political Science Association,
International History and Politics Section

Honorable Mention: 2021 Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Indonesian translation: *Islam, Otoritarianisme, dan Ketertinggalan: Perbandingan Lintas
Zaman dan Kawasan di Dunia Muslim* (Jakarta: Kepustakaan Populer Gramedia, 2020).

Persian translation: *Islam, Eghtedargeraei va Tose'enayaftegi: Moghayese-ye Jahani va Tarikhi*
(London: Mehri Publication, 2021).

Arabic translation: *Al-Islam wa al-Sultawiyya wa al-Taahhuri: Muqaranat Alamiyya wa
Tarihiyya* (Beirut: Arab Network for Research and Publication, 2021).

Bosnian translation: Sarajevo: Association Multi, forthcoming, 2021.

French translation: Les Editions Bachari (contract negotiation)

“Author Meets Critics” panels:

American Political Science Association, September 2020

Middle East Studies Association, October 2020

International Studies Association, April 2021

Social Science History Association, November 2021

Indonesia’s International Islamic University, January 2021

Indonesia’s Caknurian Urban Sufism, February 2021

Germany’s University of Muenster, May 2021

Book Talks (selected): Stanford, Princeton, Harvard, PRI Oslo, Oxford, University College
London, Boston College, UN Omaha, U of Graz (Austria), U Western Australia

Interviews (selected):

Written: Al Jazeera [Arabic], Euronews [Turkish], Tirtto [Indonesian], Al Jazeera [Bosnian],
Tehran Times, *Global Village Space* (Pakistan), *Jadaliyya*, *Awaser* [Arabic], *Ahval* [Arabic],
Tejarate Farda [Persian], *Tahlil Bazaar* [Persian], *Medyascope* [Turkish], *The Circle* [Turkish]

Video: Euronews [Turkish], Tirtto [Indonesian subtitles], Belqees TV [Arabic review], *Tahlil
Bazaar* [Persian subtitles], *Hoshimov Economics* [Uzbek subtitles], *Islam and Liberty Network*,
Ubud Festival, *DelVento*, *Pakistanomy*, *Ahval’s H. Wisdom*, *Policy Punchline*, *H. Mehdi*,
Kıtalar Arası [Turkish], *Artı Gerçek* [Turkish], *Gazete Davul* [Turkish], *Münferit Fikir* [Turkish]

Podcast: New Books Network, *Ahval*, *SEPAD*, *Turkey Book Talk*, *Browncast*

Reviews (selected):

Newspapers and Magazines: *Foreign Affairs*, *Qantara* [German, Arabic, English], *Dawn*
(Pakistan), *Al-Ahram Weekly* (Egypt), *Jakarta Post*, *Republika* [Indonesian], *Media Indonesia*

[Indonesian], *Klassekampen* [Norwegian], *Tejarate Farda* [Persian], *Nawaiwaqt* [Urdu], *Oasis* [Italian, English], *Ahval* [English, Arabic, Turkish], *Lestari Hikmah* [Malay], *Korea Times*, *Global Policy*, *Maydan*, *WRMEA*, *Al Hakam*, *Omaha World-Herald*, *Eurasia Review*

Journals: *Politics and Religion*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Governance*, *Peace Review*, *International Sociology*, *Global Intellectual History*, *Review of Faith & Int Affairs*, *Journal of Church & State*, *British J of Middle Eastern S*, *Turkish Studies*, *Hespéris-Tamuda*, *Arab Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Religion in Europe*, *Islam & Christian-Muslim*, *Critical Research on Religion*, *Middle Eastern Studies*, *Digest of Middle East Studies*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *KULT_online*, *European Political Science*, *Economic History EH.net*, *Terrorism & Political Violence*, *Democratization*, *Muslim World B Review*, *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*, *Choice*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Middle East Journal*, *Strategic Analysis*, *Journal of Religious History*, *India Quarterly*

Indonesian Translation's Reviews: *Jawa Pos*, *Republika*, *detikcom*, *Tirto*, *Islam Santun*, *IBTimes*, *Kumparan*, *Alif*; *Jalankaji*, *Denny JA*, *Beritalima*, *Dunia Santri*, *Neswa*, *Nuralwala*;
Book Panels: *Esoterika*, *Muhammadiyah Student Association*, *Pelajar Islam Indonesia*, *Budiman-Assyaukanie*

**2012. [Democracy, Islam, and Secularism in Turkey](#) (New York: Columbia University Press),
edited by Ahmet T. Kuru and Alfred Stepan.**

Chinese translation (complex characters): (New Taipei: Muses Publishing, 2017).

Turkish translation: *Türkiye'de Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik* (Istanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi, 2013).

Reviews (selected): *Review of Politics*, *J for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *J of Church and State*, *Choice*, *E-IR*, *European Legacy*, *Middle East Policy*, *British J of Middle East Studies*, *Bustan*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Critical Muslim*, *Contemporary Islam*, *Sociology of Islam*, *International J of Turkish Studies*

**2009. [Secularism and State Policies toward Religion: The United States, France, and Turkey](#)
(New York: Cambridge University Press).**

Winner: 2011 Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Arabic translation: *Al-'Almaniyah wa-Siyasat al-Dawlah tijah al-Din: Al-Wilayat al-Muttahidah, Faransa, Turkiya* (Beirut: Arab Network for Research and Publication, 2012).

Turkish translation: *Pasif ve Dışlayıcı Laiklik: A.B.D., Fransa ve Türkiye* (Istanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi, 2011).

Interviews (selected):

TV: BBC World News, France24, TRT 1 [Turkish], Haber Türk [Turkish]

Radio: Boston's NPR, Voice of America Turkish

Written: *Ahval*, *Politikyoil* [Turkish], *Nama Center* [Arabic], *Jawa Pos* [Indonesian]

Reviews (selected): *Journal of Politics* (Erik Bleich), *Contemporary Sociology* (Roger Finke), *Politics and Religion* (Christopher Soper), *J for the Scientific Study of Religion* (Jonathan Fox), *J of Church & State* (Clyde Wilcox), *International J of Middle East Studies* (Berna Turam), *Middle East J* (William Hale), *Middle East Policy* (Ramazan Kılınç), *Contemporary Islam* (Hasan Kösebalaban), *Insight Turkey* (Ergun Özbudun), *French Politics, Culture & Society* (Jonathan Laurence), *Revue d'Histoire et de Philosophie Religieuses* (Jean-Pierre Bastian)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Authoritarian State in the Muslim World: Comparative Insights from Ibn Khaldun and Stein Rokkan,” revised and resubmitted to *Comparative Social Research*

“Rethinking Secularism and State Policies toward Religion: The United States, France, and Turkey,” to be published in Jonathan Laurence, ed., “Religion and Secular States”

“Religions and Secular States: Diverse Models from the West to the Muslim World” invited to an edited volume: “Religion, State, and Law” (Brill).

“Secularism in Turkey: A Source of Contention and Confusion” invited to Ahmet Erdi Ozturk, ed., “A Companion to Modern Turkey's Centennial.”

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND REPORTS

2021. “[The Ulema-State Alliance: A Barrier to Democracy and Development in the Muslim World](#),” Report, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, September, pp. 1-44.

2020. “[Islam, Catholicism, and Religion-State Separation: An Essential or Historical Difference?](#)” *International Journal of Religion*, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 91-104.

- Arabic translation in *Zat Masr*, March 16, 2021.

2015. “Turkey’s Failed Policy toward the Arab Spring: Three Levels of Analysis,” *Mediterranean Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 3, pp. 94-116.

2014. “Authoritarianism and Democracy in Muslim Countries: Rentier States and Regional Diffusion,” *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 129, No. 3, pp. 399-427.

2013. “Muslim Politics Without an ‘Islamic’ State: Can Turkey’s Justice and Development Party Be a model for Arab Islamists?” Policy Briefing, Brookings Doha Center, February (in both English and Arabic).

2012. “The Rise and Fall of Military Tutelage in Turkey: Fears of Islamism, Kurdism, and Communism,” *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 14, No. 2, pp. 37-57.

- Turkish translation in Kuru ve Stepan, ed., *Türkiye’de Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik*.
- Arabic translation in *Rouya Turkiyyah*, Vol. 2, No. 2 (2013).

2009. Guest editor of the special issue on Muslim Democracies, *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 11, No. 4; “A Research Note on Islam, Democracy, and Secularism,” pp. iii-iv, 29-40.

2008. "Secularism, State Policies, and Muslims in Europe: Analyzing French Exceptionalism," *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 41, No. 1, pp. 1-19 (summarized in *Wilson Quarterly*, Vol. 33, No. 1, 2009, p. 88).
- Arabic translation in *Alukah*, April, 18, 2012.
2008. (with Zeynep Akbulut Kuru) "Apolitical Interpretation of Islam: Said Nursi's Faith-Based Activism in Comparison with Political Islamism and Sufism," *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, Vol. 19, No. 1, pp. 99-111.
2007. "Passive and Assertive Secularism: Historical Conditions, Ideological Struggles, and State Policies toward Religion," *World Politics*, Vol. 59, No. 4, pp. 568-94.
2005. "Globalization and Diversification of Islamic Movements: Three Turkish Cases," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 120, No. 2, pp. 253-74.
- Reprinted in Frederic Volpi, ed., *Political Islam: A Critical Reader* (Routledge, 2010).
2002. "Between the State and Cultural Zones: Nation-Building in Turkmenistan," *Central Asian Survey*, Vol. 21, No. 1, pp. 71-90.
- French translation in *Outre-Terre: Revue française de géopolitique*, No. 16, 2006.
 - Turkish translation: Efegil ve Akçalı, ed. *Orta Asya'nın Sosyo-Kültürel Sorunları* (2003).
2002. "The Rentier State Model and Central Asian Studies: The Turkmen Case," *Alternatives: Turkish Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 51-71.

BOOK CHAPTERS (Selected)

2014. "Secularism(s), Islam, and Education in Turkey: Is *E Pluribus Unum* Possible?" in Adam Seligman, ed., *Religious Education and the Challenge of Pluralism* (Oxford UP).
2013. "Assertive Secularism, Islam, and Democracy in Turkey" in Jeffrey T. Kenney and Ebrahim Moosa, eds., *Islam in the Modern World* (Routledge).
2013. "Ideologies, Institutions, and Laws: Religious Freedom in Secular States," in Ackerman, Bhargava, Laliberté, eds., *Secular States and Religious Diversity* (UBCP).
2013. "State-Society Relations and Religious Freedom: The U.S., France, and Turkey" in Adam White, ed., *The Everyday Life of the State: A State-in-Society Approach* (UW Press).
2012. "Assertive and Passive Secularism: State Neutrality, Religious Demography, and the Muslim Minority in the United States," in Allen Hertzke, ed., *The Future of Religious Freedom: Global Challenges* (Oxford UP).
2012. (with Alfred Stepan), "Introduction" and "Laïcité as an 'Ideal Type' and a Continuum: Comparing Turkey, France, and Senegal," in Kuru and Stepan, eds. *Democracy, Islam, and Secularism in Turkey*.
- Turkish translation in Kuru ve Stepan, ed., *Türkiye'de Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik*.

2007. “Changing Perspectives on Islamism and Secularism in Turkey: The Gülen Movement and the AK Party,” in Ihsan Yilmaz, ed., *Muslim World in Transition: Contributions of the Gülen Movement* (Leeds Metropolitan UP).
2006. “Reinterpretation of Secularism in Turkey: The Case of the Justice and Development Party,” in M. Hakan Yavuz, ed., *The Emergence of a New Turkey: Democracy and the AK Parti* (Univ. of Utah Press).
- Turkish translation in *AK Parti: Toplumsal Değişimin Yeni Aktörleri* (Kitap, 2010).
2003. “Fethullah Gülen’s Search for a Middle Way between Modernity and Muslim Tradition,” in M. Hakan Yavuz and John L. Esposito, eds., *Turkish Islam and the Secular State: The Gülen Movement* (Syracuse Univ. Press).
- Turkish translation in *Laik Devlet ve Fethullah Gülen Hareketi* (Gelenek, 2004).

OTHER ESSAYS (Selected)

2021. “Dismantling the ‘Ulema-State’ is Crucial for the Future of Muslim-majority Countries,” *The New Arab*, October 11, 2021 (translated into Arabic, Malay, Spanish, and Turkish).
2021. “How the World’s Biggest Islamic Organization Drives Religious Reform in Indonesia – and Seeks to Influence the Muslim World,” *The Conversation*, September 23, 2021 (translated into Bosnian, French, German, Indonesian, Spanish, and Turkish).
2020. “Beheading in France Could Bolster President’s Claim That Islam Is in ‘Crisis’ – but so Is French Secularism.” *The Conversation*, October 20, 2020 (translated into Arabic, Bosnian, French, German, and Turkish).
2020. “Execution for a Facebook Post? Why Blasphemy is a Capital Offense in Some Muslim Countries.” *The Conversation*, February 20 (translated into Arabic, Bosnian, French, German, Indonesian, Persian, Spanish, and Turkish).
2020. “Why Muslim-majority Countries Need Secular Citizenship and Law-Making,” *openDemocracy*, February 3 (translated into Turkish).
2019. “Islam and Institutional Religious Freedom,” *Religious Freedom Institute, Cornerstone*, September 27 (translated into Bosnian, Indonesian, Malay, Persian, and Turkish).
2019. “How Two Islamic Groups Fell from Power to Persecution: Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood and Turkey’s Gulenists,” *The Conversation*, August 20, 2019 (translated into Arabic, Chinese, Indonesian, Malay, and Turkish).
2017. “Islam and Democracy in Turkey: Analyzing the Failure,” *Montreal Review*, December.
2015. “The False Promise [of the ‘Turkish Model’],” *Critical Muslim*, No. 16, pp. 15-23.
2013. “Constitution, Presidentialism, and Checks and Balances: Turkey and the US,” *Turkish Review*, Vol. 3, No. 6, pp. 572-9.

2008. "Secularism in Turkey: Myths and Realities," *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp. 101-10.
2006. (co-authored) *Islam, Democracy, and Secularism in Europe: France, Germany, and the Netherlands* (Istanbul: TESEV) (in Turkish).
1999. "The Analysis of a Turkic Union through the Lens of Regional Integration Theories and International Conditions," in Mim Kemal Öke, ed., *Central Asian Republics in Transition* (Istanbul: Alfa), pp. 152-210 (in Turkish).

BOOK REVIEWS (Selected)

2021. *Islam, Causality, and Freedom: From the Medieval to the Modern Era* by Özgür Koca, *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, Vol. 32, No. 1, pp. 121–2.
- Arabic translation in *Awaser*, April 21, 2021.
2020. *Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods before Me: Why Governments Discriminate against Religious Minorities* by Jonathan Fox, *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 18, No. 4, 1254-5.
2020. *Islam and Muslim Resistance to Modernity in Turkey* by Gokhan Bacik, *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 74, No. 1, pp. 155-7.
2020. *The Rise of Islamic Political Movements and Parties: Morocco, Turkey and Jordan* by Esen Kirdiş, *Journal of Church and State*, Vol. 62, No. 2, pp. 371–2.
2019. *Religious Politics in Turkey: From the Birth of the Republic to the AKP* by Ceren Lord, *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 73, No. 3, pp. 335-6.
2015. *The House of Service: The Gülen Movement and Islam's Third Way* by David Tittensor, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 2, pp. 402-3.
2014. *Gülen: The Ambiguous Politics of Market Islam in Turkey and the World* by Joshua D. Hendrick, *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 68, No. 1, pp. 178-9.
2013. *When Victory Is Not an Option: Islamist Movements in Arab Politics* by Nathan J. Brown, *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 128, No. 2, pp. 354-5.
2013. *Regimes of Ethnicity and Nationhood in Germany, Russia, and Turkey* by Şener Aktürk, *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 15, No. 3, pp. 191-2.
2012. *The Oil Curse: How Petroleum Wealth Shapes the Development of Nations* by Michael L. Ross. *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 14, No. 4, pp. 210-3.
2012. *The Cartoons that Shook the World* by Jytte Klausen. *Review of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 2, pp. 254-6.
2011. *Are Muslims Distinctive? A Look at the Evidence* by M. Steven Fish. *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 13, No. 4, pp. 214-7.
2011. *The Price of Freedom Denied* by Brian J. Grim and Roger Finke. *Middle East Policy*, Vol. 18, No. 2, pp. 172-5.
2011. *Islam and Secularism in Turkey: Kemalism, Religion, and the Nation State* by Umut Azak. *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 65, No. 1, pp. 161-2.
2011. *Democratic Values in the Muslim World* by Moataz A. Fattah. *Contemporary Islam*, Vol. 5, No. 1, pp. 93-4.
2010. *Radical Reform: Islamic Ethics and Liberation* by Tariq Ramadan. *Politics and Religion*, Vol. 3, No. 2, pp. 659-61.
2010. *Laïcité en débat: Principes et représentations en France et en Turquie* edited by Samim Akgönül. *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe*, Vol. 2, pp. n.a.

2010. *Islamism, Democracy, and Liberalism in Turkey: The Case of the AKP* by William Hale and Ergun Özbudun. *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 125, No. 2, pp. 349-51.
2010. *Redeploying the State: Corporatism, Neoliberalism, and Coalition Politics* by Hishaam D. Aidi. *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 12, No. 3, p. 266.
2009. "Laiklik," in John Esposito, ed., *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World* (Oxford University Press), pp. 375-6.
2009. *Party Building in the Modern Middle East* by Michele Penner Angrist. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 4, pp. 706-8.
2008. *Contemporary Islamic Conversations: M. Fethullah Gülen on Islam, Turkey, and the West* ed. by Nevval Sevindi. *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 62, No. 3, pp. 529-30.
2008. *Integrating Islam: Political and Religious Challenges in Contemporary France* by Jonathan Lawrence and Justin Vaisse. *Contemporary Islam*, Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 91-2.
2007. *Between Islam and the State: Politics of Engagement* by Berna Turam. *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 40, No. 2, pp. 1560-2.
2005. *Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide* by Pippa Norris and Ronald Inglehart. *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 38, No. 10, pp. 1300-4.
2001. *La Nouvelle Asie centrale ou la fabrication des nations* by Oliver Roy. *Cahiers d'études sur la Méditerranée orientale et le monde turco-iranien*, No. 32, pp. 347-51 (in French).
2001. *Islam and Modernity: Muslim Intellectuals Respond* by John Cooper, et. al., eds. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Vol. 22, No. 1, pp. 174-7.
2001. *Türk Dininin Sosyolojik İmkani* by Yasin Aktay. *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 154-6.

Concise Reviews for Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries (Selected)

- July 2020. *The Universal Enemy: Jihad, Empire, and the Challenge of Solidarity* by Darryl Li.
- April 2020. *Islam beyond Borders: The Umma in World Politics* by J. Piscatori and A. Saikal
- May 2016. *From Religious Empires to Secular States* by Birol Başkan.
- February 2016. *Islam and Politics in the Middle East* by Mark Tessler.
- July 2012. *The Emancipation of Europe's Muslims* by Jonathan Lawrence.
- March 2012. *Shari'a Politics: Islamic Law and Society* by Robert W. Hefner.
- February 2012. *Turkish Foreign Policy* by Hasan Kösebalaban.
- July 2011. *Muslims and Global Justice* by Abdullahi An-Na'im.
- February 2011. *Faith and Power: Religion and Politics in the Middle East* by Bernard Lewis.
- March 2010. *Muslims in Global Politics* by Mahmood Monshipouri.
- January 2010. *Islam, Secularism, and Liberal Democracy* by Nader Hashemi.
- August 2009. *Muslims in Western Politics* by Abdulkader H. Sinno, ed.
- March 2009. *Political Participation in the Middle East* by E. Lust-Okar and S. Zerhouni, eds.
- August 2008. *Race and Arab Americans before and after 9/11* by A. Jamal and N. Naber, eds.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2006. Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University, January 3-13.
2004. IHS Workshop, "Rationality and Institutions," University of Virginia, June 19-25.
- 2012 (September) to 2013 (March). Arabic language study, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, and field research (Cairo: January 2013; Tunis: March 2013).
- 2010 (June), 2008 (July). Arabic language study, University of Damascus.
- 2004 (October-Dec.). PhD field research, L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.

1999 (February-June). MA field research, International Turkmen-Turk University, Ashgabat.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (Pre-PhD)

2005. Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)

2004. Fritz Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Washington, Seattle

2001. Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Political Science, University of Utah

1990. Ranked 18th in Turkey's University Entrance Exam, among around one million students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

San Diego State University (2006-present)

“MA Seminar in Comparative Politics” and “Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective”

“Islam and Politics” and “Governments and Politics in the Middle East”

Columbia University (2008-2009)

(co-taught with Alfred Stepan): “Issues on Comparative Secularisms and Democracy”

University of Washington, Seattle (2003-2006)

“Theories of the State” and “Introduction to Comparative Politics”

“State-Society Relations in the Third World”

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Political Science Quarterly (f. 1886): Editorial Board: 2020-present

Ethnicities: Editorial Board: 2021-present

Digest of Middle East Studies: Editorial Board: 2019-present

Politics and Religion: Editorial Board: 2012-2015

American Political Science Association, Int History and Politics Section:

Book award committee: 2021

American Political Science Association, Religion and Politics Section:

Chair: 2010-2012; Executive committee: 2008-2010

Book award committee: 2013; Dissertation award committee: 2008, 2009

Middle East Studies Association: Conference program committee: 2010

Central Eurasian Studies Society: Book award committee: 2009

PROJECT REVIEWS

National Science Foundation

Netherlands Org. for Scientific Research

Swiss National Science Foundation

Henry Luce Foundation

PROMOTION & TENURE REVIEWS

Colorado State, Florida Atlantic,

Georgetown, Pepperdine, Syracuse, U

Denver, U Nebraska, U Mass, U San

Francisco, U Washington

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS (Selected)

Cambridge University Press

Oxford University Press

Columbia University Press

Stanford University Press

Syracuse University Press

Edinburgh University Press

Indiana University Press

University of California Press

SUNY, University of Michigan Press

Georgetown University Press

Yale University Press, NYU Press

University of Toronto Press

University of Utah Press

University of North Carolina Press

W. W. Norton, Brill, Routledge

Palgrave Macmillan, Lynne Rienner

Ashgate, CQ Press, I.B. Tauris,

Springer, Bloomsbury

American Political Science Review
World Politics
Comparative Politics
Political Science Quarterly
Comparative Political Studies
Perspectives on Politics
American Journal of Political Science
Political Research Quarterly
Politics & Religion
Review of International Studies
Millennium; Democratization

Government and Opposition
Nationalism & Ethnic Politics
American Journal of Sociology
British Journal of Sociology
Current Sociology
Theory & Society, Mobilization
American Ethnologist
Comp. Studies on Society & History
Law & Society Review
Contemporary Islam
JSSR, Turkish Studies

MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND OP-EDS (Selected)

English: BBC World News, France 24; The Conversation, Yahoo News, National Interest, Daily Beast, Salon, The New Arab, openDemocracy, AlterNet, Ahval, Georgetown Berkley Forum, Int Policy Digest, Al-Ahram Weekly (Egypt), Tehran Times (Iran), Scroll (India), Quint (India), The Wire (India), Global Village Space (Pakistan)

Turkish: Euronews, TRT 1, Haber Türk TV, STV, Bugün TV; Aksiyon, Zaman, Bugün, Yeni Şafak, Radikal, Sabah, Star; Ahval, Artı Gerçek, Kıtalar Arası, Mavi Yorum

Other languages: Al Jazeera, Al Arabiya Al Jadeed, Awaser (Arabic), Qantara, Zenith (German), Al Jazeera Balkans, Dialogos (Bosnian), Tirta (Indonesian), Lestari Hikmah (Malay), Tejarate Farda (Persian), BBC News (Hindi), Pressenza (Spanish)

LECTURES (Selected)

2021. Webinar: Lancaster University, Politics, Philosophy and Religion Dept, November 3.
2021. Webinar: Indonesia's MIKO Lecture Series, October 15.
2021. Webinar: Islamic Renaissance Front (co-org. Islam & Liberty Network), September 21.
2021. Webinar: Global Institute of Law, London, July 26.
2021. Webinar: University of Wisconsin-Madison, July 10.
2021. Webinar: Acton Institute, May 19.
2021. Webinar: University of Graz, Inst. of Law (Australia) & Eurac (Bolzano, Italy), May 18.
2021. Webinar: University of Western Australia, Centre for Muslim States & Societies, April 23.
2021. Webinar: LSE, European Institute, March 10.
2021. Webinar: University College London, Global Governance Institute, March 9.
2021. Webinar: D.Rad: De-Radicalization in Europe and Beyond (an EU 2020 Project), March 2.
2021. Webinar: San Diego World Affairs Council, January 7.
2020. Webinar: Oxford Center for Islamic Studies, December 2.
2020. Webinar: Stanford University, CDDRL, Institute for International Studies, October 29.
2020. Webinar: Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs, September 16.
2020. Webinar: Islamic Forum for the Promotion of Moderate Thought, India, August 9.
2020. Webinar: Osher Institute, UCSD, June 2.
2020. University of Nebraska, Omaha, February 13.

2019. Peace Research Institute Oslo, November 28.
2019. Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, November 12.
2019. Boston College, November 11.
2019. San Diego State University, CIAS, September 26.
2019. Fulbright Program for Graduate Students, San Diego, July 27.
2016. Osher Institute, UCSD, April 20.
2015. Pacifica Institute, San Diego, March 12.
2013. University of Sydney (video conference), August 14.
2013. Journalists and Writers' Foundation (Ambassadors in Turkey), Ankara, June 6.
2013. Bilkent University, Department of Political Science, Ankara, May 7.
2013. World Bank, Ankara-Washington, DC, Panel, April 24.
2013. University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute, April 18.
2013. Gediz University, Izmir, April 15.
2013. Journalists and Writers' Foundation (Academics and Bureaucrats), Ankara, April 5.
2013. Turkey's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara, March 14.
2013. Brookings Doha Center, February 28.
2013. Senate of Canada, Foreign Affairs and Int. Trade Committee, Feb. 7 (video conference).
2012. Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, November 7.
2012. Georgetown University, SFS in Qatar, October 1.
2012. San Diego State University, CIAS, April 25.
2012. San Diego World Affairs Council, March 29.
2012. New Hampshire Institute of Politics, February 20.
2011. Rollins College, October 6.
2011. Boston University, CURA, September 27.
2011. TOBB University, Ankara, July 28.
2011. Seattle University, June 3.
2011. University of Texas, Austin, March 28.
2011. University of California, San Diego, January 13.
2010. John Carroll University, September 1.
2010. SETA Foundation, Ankara, June 3.
2010. Bilim ve Sanat Foundation, Istanbul, May 27.
2010. University of California, Los Angeles, April 28.
2010. Columbia University, SIPA, April 1.
2010. Michigan State University, James Madison College, February 24.
2010. University of Tokyo, January 19.
2010. Japan External Trade Organization, Institute for Developing Economies, January 18, 20.
2009. Georgetown University, SFS, December 8.
2009. Harvard University, Center for European Studies, November 24.
2009. Northeastern University, November 24.
2009. Princeton University, Institute for International and Regional Studies, October 26.
2009. Marywood University, March 16.
2009. New York University, Tisch School, March 10
2009. Florida International University, March 3.
2009. University of Mississippi, Croft Institute, February 23.
2008. New School for Social Research, December 1.
2008. Yale University, Council on Middle East Studies, September 10.

2008. Gordon College, August 28.
2008. San Diego State University, Hansen–Hostler Series, April 26.
2005. Cornell University, Department of Political Science, November 21.
2005. University of Arizona, Department of Political Science, November 4.
2005. San Diego State University, Department of Political Science, December 14.
2005. Villanova University, Department of Political Science, November 28.
2005. Dickinson College, Department of Political Science, November 29.
2005. Iowa State University, Department of Political Science, December 5.
2005. University of Texas at Dallas, February 4.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2021. Webinar: “Ideological Struggles and Religious Diversity: Western and Muslim Countries,” in “Religion, State, and Law” Conference, University of Graz & Eurac, December 2.
2021. Webinar: “Literalism and Hierarchy in Islamic Epistemology: How Can We Make It Empirical and Participatory?” in “8th International Islam & Liberty Conference.”
2021. “Neutralizing the Harm of Blasphemy Laws: A Religious Freedom Problem,” in International Religious Freedom Summit, Washington, DC, July 15, 2021.
2021. Webinar: A panel discussion on *Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment*, Germany’s University of Muenster, May 26, 2021.
2021. Webinar: A panel discussion on *Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment*, Indonesia’s Caknurian Urban Sufism, February 12, 2021.
2021. Webinar: A panel discussion on *Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment*, Indonesian International Islamic University (IIU), January 21, 2021.
2020. Webinar: “Panel: *International Journal of Religion* Launch,” IJOR, London, Nov. 27.
2020. Webinar: “Panel: Islam, Blasphemy and Free Speech,” Islamic Forum for the Promotion of Moderate Thought, India, November 2.
2019. Keynote speaker in “The Transformation of the State System in the Greater Middle East,” Peace Research Institute Oslo, November 28-29
2019. Panelist in “Conference on Joel S. Migdal’s Work and Retirement,” JSIS, University of Washington, Seattle, October 3.
2019. Panelist in “Freedom of Religious Institutions in Society,” Religious Freedom Institute, Washington, DC, May 29.
2017. Panelist in “8th Annual Conference on Turkey,” Middle East Institute and FES, Washington, DC, December 4.
2017. “Daniel Philpott’s Book Workshop,” University of Notre Dame, May 5.
2016. “Regional Diffusion and the Crisis of Democracy in Turkey,” Transnational Diffusion, Cooperation and Learning in the Middle East and North Africa: A Post-Arab Uprisings Perspective,” GIGA-POMEPS Workshop, Hamburg, June 8-9.
2015. Panelist in “Future of Islam Conference: Muslim Perspectives on Islamic Extremism,” Rethink Institute, Washington, DC, December 5, 2015.
2015. “Keynote Conversation: Overcoming Differences Between Western Democracies in Developing a Common Religious Freedom Policy,” in “International Religious Freedom: Toward a Model of Transatlantic Cooperation, Georgetown University, October 8-9.
2015. “Passive Secularism, Islamic Ethics, and Democracy: Why Did the Turkish Model Fail?” in “The Governance of Religious Diversity More or Less Secularism?” European University Institute, Florence, June 10-12.

2015. "Violence and Peace in Muslim Countries: A Political Science Perspective," in "Sectarian Peace/Conflict in Religions: The Middle East and the Globe," Bayan Claremont, Claremont School of Theology, April 17-18.
2015. "Underdevelopment in the Middle East," in "Turks, Kurds and Arabs: Hundred Years After the War," Ipek University, Ankara, March 30.
2014. "Kristin Fabbe's Book Workshop," Massachusetts Technology Institute, September 12.
2013. "Can AK Party's Conservative Democracy Be A Model for Arab Islamists?" in "10 Years of the AK Party Government," Istanbul Şehir University, May 31-June 1.
2013. "Passive and Assertive Secularism," in "Religion in the Modern World," Institute for Philosophy, Political Science, and Religious Studies, Kazakhstan Ministry of Education, Almaty, May 29.
2013. "Between Sharia and Assertive Secularism," in ATCOSS III, Istanbul, May 2-4.
2013. "Can Turkey's Justice and Development Party Be a Model for Arab Islamists?" in "Democratic Transformations in the Arab World: Tunisia as a Model," Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Tunis, March 29-30.
2013. "Sharia and Secularism: The Turkish Model," in "Shari'a and Islamic Ethics in Transitions," CURA, Boston University, March 8-9.
2012. "Domestic Policy and Future Polity," in "Turkey 2022: Internal Dynamics," Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC, June 14.
2012. "Workshop on the Character of Military Obedience to Civilian Control," UCSD, May 4.
2012. "Democratization in Muslim-majority Countries," in "Islam and Democracy," University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 13-14.
2012. "Islam and Politics," in "Islam and Democracy in Turkey," Boston College, March 16.
2011. "The Secular State and Islamic Instruction in Turkey: E Pluribus Unum?" in "Bridging, Bonding, or Dividing: The Role of Religious and Ethical Education in Mediating Deeply Divided Societies," Boston University, April 29-30.
2010. "Secularism in Turkey: From History to Present," in "Secularism and Islam in Contemporary Islam," Stanford University, November 15-16.
2010. Panelist in "Faith and Politics: Religion and the Secular State," University of Toronto, November 4.
2010. "Secularism and State Policies toward Religion: The US in Comparison to France and Turkey," in "Gündelik Hayatta Laiklik. Başka Coğrafyalardan Deneyimler," Helsinki Citizenship Assembly, Istanbul, May 21-22.
2010. "Secularism, State Policies, and Muslims: Comparing France and the United States," in "The Challenge of Integration in the 21st Century: Muslim Immigrants in the United States and France" Columbia University, April 2-3.
2010. "Assertive Secularism, Islamophobia, and State Policies toward Muslims: The French Exceptionalism in Europe," in "Jews and Muslims in France: The Challenge of Multiculturalism in Contemporary Europe," Georgetown University, March 17-18.
2010. "Muslims in the French Public Sphere," in "Islam, Muslims, and the Media," Michigan State University, February 25-26.
2010. "The Roles of Islamic Actors in Turkish Democratization," in "Religious Actors in Democratization Processes," Princeton University, February 5.
2009. Organizer of the "Religion, Ethnicity, and Politics Lecture Series," CDTR, SIPA, Columbia University, Fall 2008 and Spring.
2009. Panelist in "Migration Policy, Response and Reaction," in "Islam in Europe," New York

- Public Library, June 9-11.
2009. "The Secular State and Islam: The Turkish Experience," in "State Management of Islam," Northwestern University, April 30-May 2.
2009. "Passive and Assertive Secularisms: Comparing the United States, France, and Turkey," "Symposium on Religious Liberty," Templeton Foundation, Istanbul, April 20-22.
2009. "The Myth of Turkish Exceptionalism in the Political Science Literature," in "Turkish Modernity and the Social Sciences," Princeton University, March 20-21.
2009. "Politicized Military and Democratic Consolidation in Turkey," in "Democracy, Islam, and Secularism: Turkey in Comparative Perspective," Columbia University, March 6-7, 2009 (co-organizer of the conference).
2009. "Religious Education and the Secular State: The Turkish Experience," in "Alliance of Civilizations: Turkey at the Crossroads of Cultures," Kennesaw State Univ., Jan. 29-31.
2008. "Comparing Secularisms: The U.S., France, and Turkey," in "Secularism, the Secular State, and Religious Diversity," University of Ottawa, November 1-2.
2008. Panelist in "The Threat to Turkish Democracy: Islam or Secularism?," Columbia University, SIPA, April 17.
2008. Organizer of the Lecture Series, "Transforming Secularism, Democracy, and Nationalism in Turkey," Spring and co-organizer of the Conference, "The New Draft Constitution of Turkey," CDTR, SIPA, Columbia University, March 2-3.
2008. "Secularism and Modernization in the United States, France, and Turkey," in "Turkey in Motion," Princeton University, February 29-March 1.
2008. "Islam and Secularism: Turkey between the French and American Models," in "Islam, Secularism and Democracy in Turkey Today," University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, February 28.
2007. "Islam and Secularism: The Turkish Experience," in "Islam in Turkey Today," Columbia University, November 2-3.
2007. "Changing Perspectives on Islamism and Secularism in Turkey: The Gülen Movement and the AK Party," in "Muslim World in Transition: Contributions of the Gülen Movement," SOAS and University of London, October 25-27.
2007. "A Comparative Perspective: Religion and Politics in the U.S., France, and Turkey," in "The American Experience: Religious Freedom," University of Portland, April 12-14.
2007. "State-Society Relations in Turkey through the Lens of Kemalist vs. Conservative Debate," in "Policy from the Grassroots," Univ of Washington, Seattle, February 25-26.
2006. (with Zeynep Akbulut Kuru) "Apolitical Interpretation of Islam: Said Nursi's Faith-Based Activism in Comparison to Political Islamism and Sufism," in "Islam in Contemporary Turkey: Perspectives of B. Said Nursi," John Carroll University, Nov. 6.
2006. "Islamic Movements and Globalization: Dialogue vs. Conflict in Turkey," "International Conference on Islam II," University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 24-25.
2006. "Muslims and the Secular State in France," in "Islam in the European Public Sphere," Brigham Young University, January 27-28.
2005. "Muslim Society and the Secular State: Turkey between the French and American Models," Institute for Humane Studies Workshop, Arlington, VA, September 17.
2005. "Between Two Types of Secularism: State-Religion Relations in the United States, France, and Turkey," Humane Studies Research Colloquium, Arlington, VA, May 20-22.
2005. "Muslim Societies and Secularisms: The Case of Turkey," "International Conference on Islam," University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 29-30.

2004. « Deux types de laïcité : Turquie, France, Etats-Unis, » « Recherches et travaux sur le monde turco-iranien, » AFEMOTI / Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris, November 19.
2004. “Two Types of Secularism: State-Religion Relations in the US, France, and Turkey,” Graduate Student Retreat, Society of Comparative Research, UCSD, May 14-15.
2001. “Searching for a Middle Way between Modernity and Tradition: The Case of Fethullah Gülen,” in “Islamic Modernities: Fethullah Gülen and Contemporary Islam,” Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 26-27.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

2021. Webinar: “Book Panel: Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment by Ahmet Kuru,” Social Science History, Nov 12 (Efe Peker, Gulay Turkmen, Ann Wainscott).
2021. Webinar: “Author Meets Critics: Ahmet Kuru’s ‘Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment’,” International Studies Association, April 6 (critics: Manal Jamal, Jonathan Laurence, Efe Peker, Renat Shaykhutdinov).
- Other panels: a) “Religion & IR Distinguished Scholar Award Panel Honoring Daniel Philpott,” b) “Author Meets Critics: Manal Jamal’s *Promoting Democracy*,” c) “Islam, Islamism & the Arab Spring” (paper: “Does Islam Essentially Reject Religion-State Separation?”).
2020. Webinar: “Is Religion-State Separation Possible in Islam?” ISA Midwest, November 22.
2020. Webinar: “Ahmet Kuru’s Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment,” Middle East Studies Association, October 16 (critics: Asma Afsaruddin, Melani Cammett, Jeremy Menchik, A.Kadir Yildirim)
2020. Webinar: “Author Meets Critics: Ahmet Kuru’s ‘Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment’,” American Political Science Association, September 11 (critics: Manal Jamal, Tarek Masoud, Daniel Philpott, Sean Yom).
2017. “Islam and Authoritarianism: Historical Construction of Orthodoxy-State Alliance,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 29-September 1.
2015. “Panel: Religion, Law, and Democracy,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 3-6 (discussant).
2014. “Panel: Patterns of Muslim Democratization,” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 30-31 (discussant).
2013. “A Turkish Model for the Arab Spring? Between Assertive Secularism and Sharia,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29-September 1.
2012. “Authoritarianism and Democratization in Muslim-Majority Countries: Regional Effects,” International Studies Association, San Diego, April 1-4 (also a roundtable discussant).
2011. “Rentier States and Regional Effects: Authoritarianism in Muslim-majority Countries,” American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1-4.
2010. “Neighborhood Effect, Oil Revenue, and Authoritarianism in the Muslim World,” Middle East Studies Association, San Diego, November 18-21.
2010. “State-Society Relations and the Military Politics in Turkey,” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2-5.
2009. “Panel: Power of Neighborhood in Turkey: Piety in A Secular State,” Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 21-24 (discussant).
2009. “Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Muslim World,” American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2-6 (also organizer and discussant of a panel)
2009. “Panel: Religion, Ethnicity, and Identity Politics in Turkey,” Association for the

- Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, April 23-25 (organizer and discussant).
2009. "Panel: Islam and Politics in Turkey," International Studies Association, New York, February 15-18 (discussant).
2008. "Panel: Islam and Politics in Turkey," Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 22-25 (organizer and discussant).
2008. "State Policies toward Muslims in Europe: the French Exceptionalism," American Political Science Association, Boston, August 30-Sept 2 (also organizer of the panel).
2008. "Secularism and State-Religion Relations in the United States, France, and Turkey," International Stud. Assoc., San Francisco, March 26-9 (also discussant of two panels).
2007. "Muslim Society and the Secular State: Turkey between the French and American Models," Middle East and Central Asia Conference, University of Utah, September 6-8 (also discussant of a panel).
2007. "State-Religion Relations in the United States: Christian Right, Accommodationists, Separationists, and Secularists," American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 30-September 2 (also discussant of a panel).
2006. "From Islamism to Conservative Democracy: The Justice and Development Party in Turkey," American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 31-September 3
2006. "Dynamics of Secularism: State Policies towards Religion in the United States, France, and Turkey," Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State U., Jan. 3-13.
2005. "Between the French and American Models: Turkish Secularism in Comparative Perspective," Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 19-22.
2005. "Secularism in Comparative Perspective: State Policies toward Religion in the United States, France, and Turkey," Social Science History Assoc., Portland, November 3-6.
2005. "The Justice and Development Party and Reinterpretation of Secularism in Turkey," Middle East and Central Asia Conference, University of Utah, Sept. 8-10 (also discussant of a panel).
2005. "Secularism in the United States, France, and Turkey: An Historical Perspective," Poster Presentation, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 1-4.
2005. "Politics and Religion in Secular States: The United States, France, and Turkey," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 7-10.
2001. "The Impact of Globalization on Islamic Movements in Turkey," Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 17-20.
2001. "Nation-Building and its Impact on Foreign Policy in Turkmenistan," Association for the Study of Nationalism, Columbia University, April 5-7.