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POSITIONS

Professor, Dept of Political Science, SDSU, 2016-present
Associate Professor, Dept of Political Science, SDSU, 2011-2016
Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, SDSU, 2006-2011
Director, Center for Islamic and Arabic Studies, SDSU, 2015-2018, 2022-present
Postdoc Scholar & Assistant Director, Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration & 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 (fluent), Arabic (MSA) (proficient)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2025. Prix Louis Marin, France's Académie des sciences d'outre-mer
2021. Honorable Mention, Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2020. Jervis-Schroeder Book Award, American Political Science Association, International
History and Politics Section (co-winner)
2019. Excellence in Research Award for the Humanities and Social Sciences,
College of Arts and Letters, SDSU
2011. 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") (Advisor: Joel Migdal)

2023 (June). Visiting Researcher, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
2020-2022. Bruce E. Porteous Chair, Dept of Political Science, SDSU
2019-2022. Senior Fellow, Religious Freedom Institute, Washington, D.C.
2012-2013. Visiting Fellow, Brookings Doha Center

2023. Critical Thinking Grant, SDSU
2018. Hostler Summer Grant, SDSU
2018. Curriculum Development Grant, Notre Dame University
2017, 2015. University Grants Program, SDSU
2011. Critical Thinking Grant, SDSU
2010. University Grants Program, SDSU

BOOKS

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

- 2025. Prix Louis Marin, Académie des sciences d’outre-mer, Paris, France
- 2024. One of Five Books on the Mediterranean, Nouvelles Rencontres d’Averroès, Marseille, France
- 2022. One of Books of the Year, *Times Literary Supplement*
- 2021. One of Ten Books on Islam, Mizan Publishing, Indonesia
- 2021. Honorable Mention, Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2020. Book Award, American Political Science Assoc, Intl History and Politics Section

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

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

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

Bosnian: *Islam, autoritarizam i nerazvijenost: Globalna i historijska usporedba* (Tuzla: Dialogos.ba, 2022).

Dutch: *Islam: Bloeiperiode en hedendaagse crisis in de moslimwereld* (Antwerp: Ertsberg, 2023)

French: *Islam, autoritarisme et sous-développement : une comparaison mondiale et historique* (Paris: Éditions Fenêtres, 2024).

German: *Islam, Autoritarismus und Unterentwicklung: Ein globaler und historischer Vergleich* (Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2024).

Malay: *Islam, Autoritarianisme, Dan Kemunduran Bangsa: Suatu Perbandingan Global dan Pensejarahan* (Kuala Lumpur: Islamic Renaissance Front, 2024).

Urdu: (Lahore: Mashal Books, 2024).

Bangla: (Dhaka: Samhati Publications, 2024).

Hindi & Urdu: (New Delhi: Khusro Foundation, 2025).

“Author Meets Critics” Panels:

APSA 2020; MESA 2020; ISA 2021; SSHA 2021; University of Muenster 2022

Book Launch Events:

Harvard University 2019; PRI Oslo 2019; Indonesia’s Intl. Islamic University (UIII) 2021; University of Antwerp 2023; University of Nottingham, Kuala Lumpur 2024; École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris 2024; Kreisky Forum, Vienna 2025; Delhi Book Fair 2025

Book Talks (selected): Stanford, Princeton, Boston College, UN Omaha, Niagara Univ; Oxford, UCL; IISMM Paris, Univ of Strasbourg; Univ of Amsterdam, Univ of Utrecht, Leiden Univ; WZB Berlin, Univ of Leipzig, GIGA Hamburg; Univ of Graz; Univ of Sarajevo; State Islamic Univ Yogyakarta

Interviews (selected):

TV: PTV News [Pakistan, Urdu subtitles], Belqees TV [Yemen, Arabic review]

Video: Euronews [Turkish], Tirta [Indonesian subtitles], Free Malaysia Today, RFE/RL Azatlyk [Kyrgyz], Moeed Pirzada, Medyascope [Turkish], Hoshimov Economics [Uzbek subtitles], Tahlil Bazaar [Persian subtitles], Indonesia's Ubud Festival, Islam and Liberty Network, Pakistan Experience, Pakistonomy, James Dorsey, Ahval (Turkey), Awaz-The Voice (India), DNN24 (India), New Lines Magazine, Policy Punchline (Princeton), Kıtalar Arası [Turkish], Artı Gerçek [Turkish], Münferit Fikir [Turkish]

Podcast: New Books Network, BFM Radio Malaysia, SEPAD, Turkey Book Talk, Browncast, Univ. of Louisville Inside Asia, Ahval [Turkish]

Written: Al Jazeera [Arabic], Tirta [Indonesian], Euronews [Turkish], Free Malaysia Today, Trouw [Dutch], *Financieele Dagblad* [Dutch], *Tehran Times*, Al Jazeera [Bosnian], RFE/RL [Kyrgyz], *Global Village Space* (Pakistan), George Washington Univ. CAAN [Russian, English, Uzbek, Kyrgyz], *Le Soleil* (Senegal, French), CAREP (France, French), K24 [Turkish], Medyascope [Turkish], Five Books, Jadaliyya, Islamic Renaissance Front (Malaysia), NU Online, UGM CRCS [Indonesian], Nohoud (Kuwait, Arabic), Awaser (Qatar, Arabic), Ahval [Arabic], *Tejarate Farda* [Persian], Tahlil Bazaar [Persian], *Dnevni Avaz* [Bosnian], *Oslobodjenje* [Bosnian], N1 TV [Bosnian, English], *De Kattekening* [Dutch]

Reviews (selected):

Newspapers and Magazines: *Foreign Affairs*, Qantara [German, Arabic, English], *Jakarta Post*, *The Hindu* (India), *Dawn* (Pakistan), *Al-Ahram Weekly* (Egypt), *Republika* [Indonesian], *Media Indonesia* [Indonesian], *Knack* [Dutch], *Die Furche* [German (Austria)], *Expressen* [Swedish], *Klassekampen* [Norwegian], *Document* [Norwegian], *Tejarate Farda* [Persian], *Nawaiwaqt* [Urdu], Ahval [English, Arabic, Turkish], *Oasis* [Italian, French, English], Trouw [Dutch], Lestari Hikmah [Malay], *Tribune Zamanah* [Persian], Awaz, Global Policy, Maydan, *WRMEA*, *Al Hakam*, Middle East Forum, Omaha World-Herald, Eurasia Review, The Commoner

Journals: *Politics and Religion*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Survival*, *Governance*, *Peace Review*, *Review of Faith & Int Affairs*, *International Sociology*, *Politics and Religion Journal*, *Global Intellectual History*, *J of Church & State*, *British J of Middle Eastern S*, *Turkish Studies*, *Secular Studies*, *Hesp ris-Tamuda*, *Journal of Law and Religion*, *Arab Studies Quarterly*, *Bustan*, *Democracy & Security*, *Middle East Policy*, *Islam & Christian-Muslim*, *J of Religion in Europe*, *Critical Research on Religion*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Digest of Middle East Studies*, *J of Asian Studies*, *Reading Religion*, *Malaysian Journal of IR*, *Middle Eastern Studies*, *KULT_online*, *European Political Science*, *Melbourne Asia Review*, *Tajseer*, *Economic History EH.net*, *Terrorism & Political Violence*, *Democratization*, *Muslim World B Review*, *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*, *Choice*, *J of Peace Research*, *Middle East Journal*, *Strategic Analysis*, *J of Religious History*, *India Quarterly*, *International J of Middle East Studies*; *Kajian Malaysia*; *Ajia Keizai* (Japanese); *Zbornik Radova* (Bosnian).

Indonesian Translation's Reviews: *Kompas*, *Jawa Pos*, CNBC Indonesia, *Republika*, *detikcom*, Tirta, Islam Santun, Kumparan, IBTimes, *Generasi Peneliti*, LPM Arena, Alif, Geotimes, Islami.co, Neswa, Beritajatim, Jalankaji, Denny JA, Beritalima, Dunia Santri, Nuralwala

Indonesian Book Panels & Video Reviews: Caknurian Sufism, Muhammadiyah Student Association, Esoterika, Pelajar Islam Indonesia, Budiman-Assyaukanie, Total Politik, Cokro TV

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, France 24, TRT 1 [Turkish], Haber Türk [Turkish]

Radio: Boston’s NPR, Voice of America Turkish

Written: Jawa Pos [Indonesian], Awaser [Arabic], Ahval [English, Arabic], Politikyol [Turkish], Nama Center [Arabic], Islamic Renaissance Front [Malay], Falter [German]

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), *IJMES* (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* [French], *Republika* [Indonesian]

REPORT

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

Arabic translation: TBI, July 2022.

Malay translation: *Perikatan Ulama-Negara: Punca Autoritarianisme Dan Kemunduran Dunia Muslim* (Perak, Malaysia: Lestari Hikmah, 2022).

Reviews: *Washington Times*, *Korea Times*, *Al Arab* [Arabic]
Launch event: Malaysia's Lestari Hikmah (opening speech by Malaysia's Foreign Minister)
Talks: Humboldt University of Berlin, Lancaster University

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2025. "Secularism, Islamism, and the Future of Turkey," *Journal of Democracy* 36, 3: 92-105.
2025. "Religious Diversity and Passive Secularism," *Ethnicities*, online first on June 19.
2024. "Islamism and Nationalism: How Did Old Enemies Become New Allies?" *Journal for Religion, Society and Politics (ZRGP)*, online first on November 8.
- Malay translation in *IRE*, January-February 2025.
2024. "The Authoritarian State in the Muslim World: Comparative Insights From Ibn Khaldun and Stein Rokkan," *Comparative Social Research* 36: 221-42. Also a symposium on my Islam book in that issue, including my "Rejoinder": 271-75.
2022. "Muslim Politics Between Sharia and Democracy," *Muslim Politics Review* 1, 1: 23-39.
2021. "Bringing Ideas and Religions Back in Political Science: Contributions of Daniel Philpott," *Review of Faith & International Affairs* 19, 4: 5-9.
2020. "Islam, Catholicism, and Religion-State Separation: An Essential or Historical Difference?" *International Journal of Religion* 1: 1: 91-104.
- *Arabic* translation in *Zat Masr*, March 16, 2021.
 - Malay translation in *Perikatan Ulama-Negara: Punca Autoritarianisme Dan Kemunduran Dunia Muslim*.
 - Spanish translation in *Pressenza (Chile)*, November 11-18, 2022.
 - Italian translation in *Pressenza*, January 10, 2023.
2015. "Turkey's Failed Policy toward the Arab Spring: Three Levels of Analysis," *Mediterranean Quarterly* 26, 3: 94-116.
2014. "Authoritarianism and Democracy in Muslim Countries: Rentier States and Regional Diffusion," *Political Science Quarterly* 129, 3: 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* 14, 2: 37-57.
- Turkish translation in Kuru ve Stepan, ed., *Türkiye'de Demokrasi, İslam ve Laiklik*.
 - Arabic translation in *Rouya Turkiyyah* 2, 2 (2013).
2009. Guest editor of the special issue on Muslim Democracies, *Insight Turkey* 11, 4: 29-40;

- “A Research Note on Islam, Democracy, and Secularism,”: iii-iv.
2008. “Secularism, State Policies, and Muslims in Europe: Analyzing French Exceptionalism,” *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 41, No. 1, pp. 1-19 (summarized in *Wilson Quarterly* 33, 1).
- 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* 19, 1: 99-111.
2008. “Secularism in Turkey: Myths and Realities,” *Insight Turkey* 10, 3: 101-10.
2007. “Passive and Assertive Secularism: Historical Conditions, Ideological Struggles, and State Policies toward Religion,” *World Politics* 59, 4: 568-94.
2005. “Globalization and Diversification of Islamic Movements: Three Turkish Cases,” *Political Science Quarterly* 120, 2: 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* 21, 1: 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* 1, 1: 51-71.
1998. “Turkey’s Orientation towards Central Asia: Policy Change After Nine Centuries,” *Türkiye Günlüğü* 51: 78-88 (in Turkish).

BOOK CHAPTERS (Selected)

2024. “Interview with Ahmet T. Kuru on Islamic Political Thought,” in Ahmad Karimi, ed., *Falsafa: Yearbook for Islamic Philosophy of Religion*. Muenster: Karl Alber.
2023. “Secularism and Islam in Turkey: A Century of Contention,” in Alpaslan Özerdem and Ahmet Erdi Öztürk, eds., *A Companion to Modern Turkey’s Centennial: Political, Sociological, Economic and Institutional Transformations since 1923* (Edinburgh UP).
2023. “Rethinking Secularism and State Policies toward Religion: The United States, France, and Turkey,” in Jonathan Laurence, ed., *Secularism in Comparative Perspective: Religions across Political Contexts* (Springer).
2022. “Religious Diversity, Secularisms, and Ideologies: Comparing Western and Muslim Countries” in Joseph Marko, et. al., eds., *Religion, State, and Law: National, Transnational and International Challenges* (Brill).

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).
2006. (with Ahmet Yükleyen) *Islam, Democracy, and Secularism in Europe: France, Germany, and the Netherlands* (Istanbul: TESEV) (in Turkish).
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).
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).

OTHER ESSAYS (Selected)

2025. "Trump and the New World Disorder," *Dawn* (Pakistan), March 23 (Arabic [Al Jazeera], Indonesian [*Kompas*], Turkish [*Yeni Arayış*], French [*Carep*], Spanish [*Pressenza*], Italian [*Pressenza*], Bosnian [*Dialogos*]).

2024. “Hajj in Extraordinary Heat: What a Scholar of Islam Saw in Mecca,” *The Conversation*, July 9 (translated into Arabic, French, Indonesian, Italian, Spanish, Turkish, and Urdu).
2024. “Why Were My Malaysia and Indonesia Visits Different?” *Kompas*, April 29 (in Indonesian) (translated into Malay & English [by Malaysiakini], Somali, and Spanish).
2024. “My Malaysia Ordeal Shows How Religion Can Fuse with Populist Nationalism to Silence Dissent,” *The Conversation*, March 1 (translated into Arabic, French, German, Indonesian, Portuguese, and Spanish).
2022. “The Best Books on Islam and the State: Interview with Ahmet Kuru,” *Five Books*, January 24, (translated into Turkish [T24], Indonesian [UGPM], Arabic [Al Jazeera], Malay [Lestari Hikmah]).
2022. “Protests in Iran: Rethinking Sharia and Democracy,” *Qantara*, December 20 (translated into Arabic, German, Persian, and Turkish).
2022. “Why Muslim Countries Are Quick at Condemning Defamation – But Often Ignore Rights Violations Against Muslim Minorities,” *The Conversation*, June 12 (translated into Arabic, French, Indonesian, Persian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Turkish).
2021. “Dismantling the “Ulema-State” is Crucial for the Future of Muslim-majority Countries,” *The New Arab*, October 11 (translated into Arabic (*Al Arab Al Jadid*), Bengali (*Daily Samakal*), Dutch (deKanttekening), French (*Esprit*), German (Austria’s *Der Standard*), Indonesian (SindoNews), Malay (Lestari Hihmah), Japanese (*Journal of World History Research*), Portuguese (CEPRIR, Brazil), Somali (*Geeska Afrika*), Spanish (*Pressenza*), Turkish (Kıtalar Arası), and Urdu (*Daily Jang*)).
2021. “How the World’s Biggest Islamic Organization Drives Religious Reform in Indonesia – and Seeks to Influence the Muslim World,” *The Conversation*, September 23 (translated into Arabic, Bosnian, French, German, Indonesian, Spanish, and Turkish).
- Reprinted in Rüdiger Lohlker and Katharina Ivanyi, eds., *Humanitarian Islam: Reflecting on an Islamic Concept* (Brill, 2023).
2020. “Beheading in France Could Bolster President’s Claim That Islam Is in ‘Crisis’ – but so Is French Secularism.” *The Conversation*, October 20 (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, Somali, Spanish, and Turkish).
- Reprinted by *Los Angeles Times*.
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 (translated into Arabic, Chinese, Indonesian, Malay, and Turkish).
2017. "Islam and Democracy in Turkey: Analyzing the Failure," *Montreal Review*, December.
2013. "Constitution, Presidentialism, and Checks and Balances: Turkey and the US," *Turkish Review*, Vol. 3, No. 6, pp. 572-9.

BOOK REVIEWS (Selected)

2022. "Review Essay: The Ulema and the State in Qatar, the UAE, and Egypt" (Review of *Rivals in the Gulf* by David Warren and *Islam and the Arab Revolutions* by Usaama al-Azami), *The Maydan*, October 6 (online: themaydan.com).
2022. *Creating the Desired Citizen: Ideology, State and Islam in Turkey* by Ihsan Yilmaz, *Political Science Quarterly*, 37 (2): 437-8.
- Arabic translation in *Almahatta*, August 21, 2022.
2021. *Islam, Causality, and Freedom: From the Medieval to the Modern Era* by Özgür Koca, *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, 32 (1): 121-2.
- Arabic translation in *Awaser*, April 21, 2021.
2020. *Islam and Muslim Resistance to Modernity in Turkey* by Gokhan Bacik, *Middle East Journal*, 74 (1): 155-7.
2020. *The Rise of Islamic Political Movements and Parties: Morocco, Turkey and Jordan* by Esen Kirdiş, *Journal of Church and State*, 62 (2): 371-2.
2020. *Promoting Democracy: The Force of Political Settlements in Uncertain Times* by Manal Jamal, *Mediterranean Politics*, 1 (1): 688-9.
2020. *Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods before Me: Why Governments Discriminate against Religious Minorities* by Jonathan Fox, *Perspectives on Politics*, 18 (4): 1254-5.
2019. *Religious Politics in Turkey: From the Birth of the Republic to the AKP* by Ceren Lord, *Middle East Journal*, 73 (3): 335-6.
2015. *The House of Service: The Gülen Movement and Islam's Third Way* by David Tittensor, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 47 (2): 402-3.
2013. *When Victory Is Not an Option: Islamist Movements in Arab Politics* by Nathan J. Brown, *Political Science Quarterly*, 128 (2): 354-5.
2013. *Regimes of Ethnicity and Nationhood in Germany, Russia, and Turkey* by Şener Aktürk, *Insight Turkey*, 15 (3): 191-2.
2012. *The Oil Curse: How Petroleum Wealth Shapes the Development of Nations* by Michael L. Ross. *Insight Turkey*, 14 (4): 210-3.
2012. *The Cartoons that Shook the World* by Jytte Klausen. *Review of Middle East Studies*, 45 (2): 254-6.
2011. *Are Muslims Distinctive? A Look at the Evidence* by M. Steven Fish. *Insight Turkey*, 13 (4): 214-7.
2011. *The Price of Freedom Denied* by Brian J. Grim and Roger Finke. *Middle East Policy*, 18

- (2): 172-5.
2011. *Islam and Secularism in Turkey: Kemalism, Religion, and the Nation State* by Umut Azak. *Middle East Journal*, 65 (1): 161-2.
2011. *Democratic Values in the Muslim World* by Moataz A. Fattah. *Contemporary Islam*, 5 (1): 93-4.
2010. *Radical Reform: Islamic Ethics and Liberation* by Tariq Ramadan. *Politics and Religion*, 3 (2): 659-61.
2010. *Laïcité en débat: Principes et représentations en France et en Turquie* edited by Samim Akgönül. *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe*, 2: n.a.
2010. *Islamism, Democracy, and Liberalism in Turkey: The Case of the AKP* by William Hale and Ergun Özbudun. *Political Science Quarterly*, 125 (2): 349-51.
2009. "Laiklik," in John Esposito, ed., *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World* (Oxford University Press): 375-6.
2009. *Party Building in the Modern Middle East* by Michele Penner Angrist. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 41 (4): 706-8.
2008. *Integrating Islam: Political and Religious Challenges in Contemporary France* by Jonathan Lawrence and Justin Vaisse. *Contemporary Islam*, 2 (1): 91-2.
2007. *Between Islam and the State: Politics of Engagement* by Berna Turam. *Comparative Political Studies*, 40 (2): 1560-2.
2005. *Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide* by Pippa Norris and Ronald Inglehart. *Comparative Political Studies*, 38 (10): 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*, (32): 347-51 (in French).
2001. *Islam and Modernity: Muslim Intellectuals Respond* by John Cooper, et. al., eds. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, 22 (1): 174-7.

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

- January 2022. *Religion, Identity and Power: Turkey and the Balkans* by Ahmet Erdi Öztürk.
- 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 Laurence.
- 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.
- 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”

Indonesia's International Islamic University (UII) (Fall 2021)

“Religion, Democracy, and Development” (online)

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

Editorial Boards

Political Science Quarterly (f. 1886) (2020-); Muslim Politics Review (2022-);

Ethnicities (2021-); *DOMES* (2019-2023); *Politics & Religion* (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

Templeton Foundation, ESF, NSF

Netherlands Org. for Scientific Research

Swiss National Science Foundation

Henry Luce Foundation

PROMOTION & TENURE REVIEWS

Colorado State, CUNY, 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
Contemporary Islam

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
JSSR, Turkish Studies

MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND OP-EDS (Selected)

English: BBC World News, France 24, Australia's ABC News, New Zealand's TVNZ; Los Angeles Times, The Conversation, The New Arab, US News & World Report, National Interest, Daily Beast, Salon, Qantara, openDemocracy, AlterNet, Georgetown Berkley Forum, Jakarta Post, Japan Today, Dhaka Tribune, Dawn (Pakistan), Scroll (India), Quint (India), The Wire (India), Global Village Space (Pakistan), Leiden Islam Blog (NL)

Turkish: Euronews, TRT 1, Haber Türk TV, STV, Bugün TV; Aksiyon, Zaman, Bugün, Yeni Şafak, Radikal, Sabah, Star; K24, Ahval, Artı Gerçek, Kıtalar Arası, Daktilo1984, Mavi Yorum

Other languages: Al Jazeera Net, Al Arabiya Al Jadeed, Awaser (Arabic); Kompas (Indonesian); Der Standard, Qantara, Zenith (German); BBC News India (Hindi); Volkskrant (Dutch); Al Jazeera Balkans, Dialogos (Bosnian); Tirta, Jawa Pos (Indonesian); Tejarate Farda (Persian); Pressenza (Spanish, Portuguese)

BOOK LAUNCHES

(Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment)

2025. Hindi Edition, Delhi Book Fair, India, February 2 (Ajit Doval, M J Akbar, Hafeezur Rahman).

2025. German Edition, Bruno Kreisky Forum, Vienna, January 27 (Cengiz Gunay, Sabine Kroissenbrunner).

2024. French Edition, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris (co-org. by IISMM, GSRL, IREL), October 9 (Dominique Avon, Philippe Petriat).

2024. Malay Edition, University of Nottingham, Kuala Lumpur, January 8 (Farouk Musa, Zaharom Nain, Fadzilah Din, Pawan Ahmad).
2023. Dutch Edition, University of Antwerp (16th Gillis Lecture), May 8 (Patrick Loobuyck, Dyab Abou JahJah, Meyrem Almaci).
2021. Online: Indonesian Edition, Indonesia's International Islamic University (UIII), January 21 (Komaruddin Hidayat, Noorhaidi Hasan, Burhanuddin Muhtadi, Jamhari Makruf).
2019. Peace Research Institute Oslo, November 28 (Knut Vikor, Kristian Harpviken).
2019. Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Nov 12 (Ousmane Kane).
2022. Online: Malay Edition of *The Ulema-State Alliance: A Barrier to Democracy and Development in the Muslim World*, Lestari Hikmah, April 8 (Foreign Minister Saifuddin Abdullah, Mohamed Taif, Sara Salimi, Ali Munhanif, Modh Rashidi).

ONLINE AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANELS

(Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment)

2021. Social Science History Association, November 12 (Efe Peker, Gülay Türkmen, Ann Wainscott).
2021. University of Muenster, Germany, May 26 (Gülay Türkmen, Abdelaziz El-Amrani, Otmane Amagour).
2021. Indonesian Edition, Indonesia's CakNurian Urban Sufism, February 12 (Komaruddin Hidayat, Ali Munhanif) (bilingual).
2021. International Studies Association, April 6 (Manal Jamal, Jonathan Laurence, Efe Peker, Renat Shaykhutdinov).
2020. Middle East Studies Association, October 16 (Asma Afsaruddin, Melani Cammett, Jeremy Menchik, A.Kadir Yildirim)
2020. American Political Science Association, September 11 (Manal Jamal, Tarek Masoud, Daniel Philpott, Sean Yom).

LECTURES (Selected)

2025. Webinar: San Diego World Affairs Council, April 10 (dis. David Edick).
2025. Boston University, Pardee School of Global Studies, April 1 (dis. Robert Hefner).
2025. Webinar: Organized & moderated a talk by Olivier Roy at SDSU, February 26.
2025. Webinar: Zahra Institute, Chicago, February 5 (dis. Mucahit Bilici).
2025. Muslim Students Organization, New Delhi, February 2 (dis. Shujaat Quadri).
2025. KPH, Catholic University, Vienna, January 28 (dis. Sabine Kroissenbrunner).
2024. École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, October 11 (dis. Cedric Baylocq).
2024. L'Institut Français de Civilisation Musulmane, Lyon, October 10 (dis. Bruno Guiderdoni & Anais Massot).
2024. University of Strasbourg, October 8 (dis. Samim Akgonul).
2024. Institut de Promotion des Formations sur l'Islam, Brussels, Octob 7 (dis. Koert Debeuf).
2024. Lestari Hikmah, Gerak Budaya Bookstore, Kuala Lumpur, January 7 (dis. Daniel Teoh).
2024. Islamic Renaissance Front, Putrajaya, Malaysia, January 6 (dis. Farouk Musa).
2023. Heidelberg University, M. Weber Inst. of Sociology, December 1 (dis. Elisabeth Topkara).
2023. Dortmund University, Inst. of Philo. & Poli Sci, November 28 (dis. Christoph Schuck).
2023. Goethe University, Inst. for Studies of Islam, Frankfurt, Nov. 27 (dis. Armina Omerika).
2023. Webinar: The Black Hole (Pakistan), September 30 (dis. Pervez Hoodbhoy).

2023. SUNY Buffalo, September 29 (dis. Jacob Neiheisel).
 2023. Niagara University, Buffalo, September 28 (dis. Mustafa Gokcek).
 2023. Arab Network for Research & Publication Bookstore, Casablanca, July 31.
 2023. University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Science, July 25 (dis. Dino Abazovic).
 2023. WZB Berlin Social Science Center, July 12 (dis. Ruud Koopmans).
 2023. Humboldt University, Department of Social Sciences, Berlin, July 6.
 2023. German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, July 3 (dis. Hakkı Taş).
 2023. Webinar: HMI, Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia, June 16.
 2023. NISIS, University of Utrecht, May 12 (dis. Roel Meijer & Joas Wagemakers).
 2023. Annual Lecture, Centre for Middle East Studies, Univ of Amsterdam, May 10 (dis. Farid Boussaid).
 2023. The Hague Campus, Leiden University, May 9 (dis. Maurits Berger).
 2023. University of Antwerp, May 8 (disc. Koert Debeuf & Helge Daniels).
 2023. Webinar: Rowan College at Burlington County, March 24 (dis. Brandon Chapman).
 2023. Keynote Speech for the Kick-off Event of “Islam and Liberalism” Series, WZB Social Science Center Berlin, February 23 (dis. Ruud Koopmans).
 2023. Multiple Secularities Group, University of Leipzig, February 22 (dis. Housamedden Darwish & Christoph Kleine).
 2022. State Islamic University in Yogyakarta, UGM & ICRS, Yogyakarta, November 7 (dis. Noorhadi Hasan).
 2022. Indonesia’s International Islamic University (UIII), Jakarta, October 31 (dis. Philips Vermonte).
 2022. Indonesia’s Freedom Institute, Jakarta Library, October 30 (dis. Luthfi Assyaukanie).
 2022. Osher Institute, UCSD, October 5.
 2022. Webinar: Center for Islam in the Contemporary World, August 10, 13.
 2022. Webinar: Humboldt Univ of Berlin, Institute of History, June 1 (dis. Jonathan Daly).
 2021. Webinar: Lancaster Univ, Politics, Phil & Religion Dept, Nov 3 (dis. Simon Mabon).
 2021. Webinar: Indonesia’s MIKO L. Series, Oct 15 (dis. Philips Vermonte & Inaya Rakhmani).
 2021. Webinar: Islamic Renaissance Front (w Islam & Liberty Network), Kuala Lumpur, September 21 (dis. Ali Salman).
 2021. Webinar: Global Institute of Law, London, July 26 (dis. Zubair Abbasi & Adeel Malik).
 2021. Webinar: University of Wisconsin-Madison, July 10.
 2021. Webinar: Acton Institute, May 19 (dis. Mustafa Akyol).
 2021. Webinar: University of Graz, Inst. of Law (Australia) & Eurac (Bolzano, Italy), May 18 (dis. Joseph Marco).
 2021. Webinar: Organized & moderated a talk by Francis Fukuyama at SDSU, April 5.
 2021. Webinar: University of Western Australia, Centre for Muslim States & Societies, April 23.
 2021. Webinar: LSE, European Institute, March 10.
 2021. W: University College London, Global Gov. Institute, March 9 (dis. Zeynep Bulutgil).
 2021. Webinar: D.Rad: De-Radicalization in Europe and Beyond, March 2 (dis. Umut Korkut).
 2021. Webinar: Organized & moderated a talk by Daron Acemoglu at SDSU, February 21.
 2021. Webinar: San Diego World Affairs Council, January 7.
 2020. Webinar: Oxford Center for Islamic Studies, December 2 (dis. Adeel Malik).
 2020. Webinar: Stanford University, CDDRL, Institute for International Studies, October 29 (dis. Didi Kuo).
 2020. Webinar: Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs, September 16

(dis. Atif Mian).

2020. W: Islamic Forum for P. of Moderate Thought, India, August 9 (dis. Faizur Rahman).

2020. University of Nebraska, Omaha, February 13 (dis. Ramazan Kilinc).

2019. Boston College, November 11 (dis. Kathleen Bailey).

2019. San Diego State University, CIAS, September 26 (dis. Farid Abdel-Nour).

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 (dis. Naser Ghobadzadeh).

2013. Journalists and Writers' Foundation (Ambassadors in Turkey), Ankara, June 6.

2013. Bilkent University, Department of Political Science, Ankara, May 7 (dis. Zeki Sarigil).

2013. World Bank, Ankara-Washington, DC, Panel, April 24 (dis. Martin Raiser).

2013. University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute, April 18.

2013. Gediz University, Izmir, April 15 (dis. Zeynep Şahin).

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 (dis. Shadi Hamid & H. A. Hellyer).

2013. Webinar: Senate of Canada, Foreign Affairs and Int. Trade Committee, February 7.

2012. Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, November 7 (dis. Azmi Bishara).

2012. Georgetown University, SFS in Qatar, October 1 (dis. Mark Farha).

2012. San Diego State University, CIAS, April 25.

2012. San Diego World Affairs Council, March 29 (dis. David Edick).

2012. New Hampshire Institute of Politics, February 20.

2011. Rollins College, October 6 (dis. Eren Tatari).

2011. Boston University, CURA, September 27 (dis. Robert Hefner).

2011. TOBB University, Ankara, July 28 (dis. Şaban Kardaş).

2011. Seattle University, June 3 (dis. Russell Powell).

2011. University of Texas, Austin, March 28.

2011. University of California, San Diego, January 13 (dis. Hasan Kayali).

2010. John Carroll University, September 1 (dis. Zeki Saritoprak).

2010. SETA Foundation, Ankara, June 3 (dis. Talip Kucukcan).

2010. Bilim ve Sanat Foundation, Istanbul, May 27.

2010. University of California, Los Angeles, April 28.

2010. Columbia University, SIPA, April 1 (dis. Mucahit Bilici).

2010. Michigan State University, James Madison College, February 24 (dis. Ramazan Kilinc).

2010. University of Tokyo, January 19.

2010. Japan External Trade Organization, Inst for Developing Economies, January 18, 20 (dis. Yasushi Hazama).

2009. Georgetown University, SFS, December 8.

2009. Harvard University, Center for European Studies, November 24 (dis. Jocelyn Cesari).

2009. Northeastern University, November 24 (dis. Berna Turam).

2009. Princeton University, Institute for Int & Regional Studies, Oct 26 (dis. Amaney Jamal).

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 (dis. Ahmet Yukleyen).

- 2008. New School for Social Research, December 1 (dis. Andrew Arato).
- 2008. Yale University, Council on Middle East Studies, September 10.
- 2008. Gordon College, August 28 (dis. Tal Howard).
- 2008. San Diego State University, Hansen–Hostler Series, April 26 (dis. Dipak Gupta).
- 2005. Cornell University, Department of Political Science, November 21.
- 2005. University of Arizona, Department of Political Science, November 4.
- 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 (& SMU) February 4.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- 2025. “Panel: Islam’s Compatibility with Economic and Political Freedoms,” in Mont Pelerin Society Meeting, Marrakech, October 7-9 (Timur Kuran, Tarek Masoud).
- 2025. “Webinar: Bogdan Popescu’s Book Workshop,” John Cabot University, Italy, February 14 (Michael Driessen, Timur Kuran, Carles Boix, Anna Grzymała-Busse)
- 2025. “Islam and Political Violence: A Global Analysis,” in “Conference on Terrorism and Extremism Studies Europe, Asia, and Africa,” University of Vienna, January 24-26.
- 2024. “Video Keynote Speech: The Global Crisis of Democracy: Populism, Nationalism, and Religions,” in “The Drones Above Me and the Moral Law Within Me,” Conference, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania, April 18 (org. Juozas Valciukas).
- 2024. Panel discussion on *Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment*, International Islamic University of Malaysia, January 9 (Syaza Shukri, Tunku Mokhtar, Mat Ghani).
- 2023. “Keynote Speech: Islamism and Nationalism: How Did Old Enemies Become New Allies?” in “Political Islamism and Authoritarian Nationalism” Conference, Münster University, November 29-30 (org. Mouhanad Khorchide; disc. Evelyn Boekler).
- 2023. “Video Keynote Speech: Multiculturalism in Muslim Societies” in “International Course on Multiculturalism and Humanity,” Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta, July 3.
- 2023. “Video Keynote Speech: Religions, Liberalism, and Democracy: Freedom of Conscience in Global Perspective,” in “Freedom of Conscience in a Time of Global Insecurity” Conference, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania, April 27.
- 2022. “Religion and Politics in the 21st Century: Defending Minority Rights,” in G20’s Religion Forum (R20), Bali, Indonesia, November 2-3.
- 2022. Webinar: “Panel: Blasphemy Laws in Islam and in Muslim-majority Countries,” Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy & Southern Methodist University, September 24 (Khaled Abou El Fadl, Mustafa Akyol, Radwan Masmoudi, Sahar Aziz).
- 2022. Webinar: “The 1st Symposium on Muslim Politics and World Society,” Indonesia’s International Islamic University (UIII),” Keynote Speakers Panel, June 23 (Phillips Vermonte, James, Piscatori, Lily Rahman).
- 2022. Webinar: “Book Panel: Zeynep Bulutgil’s *The Origins of Secular Institutions*,” George Washington University, April 22 (Harris Mylonas, Tomila Lankina).
- 2021. Webinar: Keynote on “Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment” in “Indonesia Outlook 2021,” Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogya, December 29 (org. Zain Maulana).
- 2021. Webinar: “Can the Civil State Be a Middle Way Between Assertive Secularism & Islamism?” in “The Relationship between State & Religion in Arab & Islamicate Contexts” Conference, Leipzig University, December 9-10 (org. Housamedden Darwish).

2021. Webinar: “Ideological Struggles and Religious Diversity: Western and Muslim Countries,” in “Religion, State, and Law” Conference, University of Graz & Eurac, December 2- (Tariq Modood, Jocelyne Cesari, Joseph Marco).
2021. Webinar: “Literalism & Hierarchy in Islamic Epistemology: How Can We Make It Empirical & Participatory?” “8th Islam & Liberty Conf.,” 5-6 Nov (org. Ali Salman).
2021. “Webinar: Timur Kuran’s Book Workshop,” Religious Freedom Institute, July 29-30 (org. Timothy Shah).
2021. “Neutralizing the Harm of Blasphemy Laws: A Religious Freedom Problem,” in International Religious Freedom Summit, Washington, DC, July 15, 2021 (Paul Marshall, Farahnaz Ispahani).
2020. Webinar: “Panel: *International Journal of Religion* Launch,” IJOR, London, Nov. 27 (Erdi Öztürk, Jeff Haynes, Luca Ozzano).
2020. Webinar: “Panel: Islam, Blasphemy and Free Speech,” Islamic Forum for the Prom. of Moderate Thought, India, Nov. 2 (Mustafa Akyol, Ebrahim Moosa, Faizur Rahman).
2019. Keynote speech in “The Transformation of the State System in the Greater Middle East,” Peace Research Institute Oslo, November 28-29 (org. Kristian Harpviken, Nils Butenschön, Lars Mjøset).
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 MENA: A Post-Arab Uprisings Perspective,” GIGA-POMEPS, Hamburg, June 8-9 (org. Marc Lynch, Andre Bank, Thomas Richter).
2015. Panelist in “Future of Islam Conference: Muslim Perspectives on Islamic Extremism,” Rethink Institute, Washington, DC, December 5, 2015 (or. Fevzi Bilgin).
2015. “Keynote Conversation,” in “International Religious Freedom: Toward a Model of Transatlantic Cooperation,” Georgetown University, October 8-9 (Timothy Shah, Thomas Farr, Anne Leahy).
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 (org. Tariq Modood).
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 (org. Özgür Koca).
2015. “Underdevelopment in the Middle East,” in “Turks, Kurds and Arabs: Hundred Years After the War,” Ipek University, Ankara, March 30 (org. Gökhan Bacık).
2014. “Kristin Fabbe’s Book Workshop,” Massachusetts Technology Institute, September 12 (Joel Migdal, James Mahoney).
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 (org. Robert Hefner).
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 (org. Mustafa Gökçek).
2012. "Islam and Politics," in "Islam and Democracy in Turkey," Boston College, March 16 (org. Jonathan Laurence).
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 (org. Adam Seligman).
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 (Jean Bethke Elshtain, Patrick Weil, Daniel Weinstock).
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 (org. İftar Gözaydın).
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 (org. Jacques Berlinerblau).
2010. "Muslims in the French Public Sphere," in "Islam, Muslims, and the Media," Michigan State University, February 25-26 (dis. Mohammed Ayoob).
2010. "The Roles of Islamic Actors in Turkish Democratization," "Religious Actors in Democratization," Princeton, February 5 (Mirjam Künkler, Leonardo Villalon).
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 (org. Rajeev Bhargava, Andre Laliberte, Bruce Berman).
2008. Panelist in “The Threat to Turkish Democracy: Islam or Secularism?” Columbia University, SIPA, April 17 (Alfred Stepan, Nilüfer Göle)
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
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 (org. Joel Migdal).
2006. “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 (org. Zeki Saritoprak).
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 (org. Semih Vaner).
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

2024. “Roundtable: Challenging Modernity and Its Contradictions: Religion in the 21st Century,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 24.
2021. 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.
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.