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## Current Affiliation

### **Bahçeşehir University**

Associate Professor (ÜAK-June 2021)

Department of Political Science and International Relations

Istanbul,TR

Sept 2023-present

## Professional Experience

### **Çukurova University**

Associate Professor

Department of Political Science and International Relations

Adana,TR

2017-2023

### **Bahçeşehir University**

Assistant Professor

Department of European Union Relations

İstanbul,TR

2013-2017

### **Binghamton University**

Instructor and Graduate Fellow

Harpur College

Binghamton,USA

2007-2013

### **Sabancı University**

Teaching Assistant

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

İstanbul,TR

2005-2007

## Research Fellowship

### **Edinburgh University**

Visiting Research Fellow

Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities

Edinburgh,UK

2015

## Education

**Ph.D. 2013** Political Science, Binghamton University

*Dissertation Title:* Understanding Suffrage Expansions

*Committee:* Michael D. McDonald (advisor), Olga Shvetsova, Mikail Filippov, Barbara S. Kinsey, Seden Akçınaroğlu

**M.A. 2010** Political Science, Binghamton University

**M.A. 2007** Political Science, Sabancı University

**M.A. 2005** European Union Studies, Leiden University *as Jean Monnet Fellow*

**B.A. 2004** Political Science and International Relations, Marmara University

## Additional Training

**ICPSR 2009** Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods

## Research Interests

comparative politics, Turkish politics, political parties, candidate nominations, voting rights, political methodology

## Articles-SSCI

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit and Barbara S. Kinsey (2022)**, Minority Candidates in Party Lists: Evidence from Belgium, *Acta Politica*. 57 (2) , 341-376.

**Tevfik Murat Yıldırım, Gülnur Kocapınar and Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2021)**, Status Incongruity and Backlash against Female Legislators: How Legislative Speech-making Benefits Men, but Harms Women, *Political Research Quarterly*. 74 (1), pp.35-45.

**Tevfik Murat Yıldırım, Gülnur Kocapınar and Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2019)**, Staying active and focused? The effect of parliamentary performance on candidate renomination and promotion, *Party Politics*. 25 (6), pp.794-804.

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit and Gülnur Kocapınar (2018)**, Do Party Lists Matter? Political Party Strategies in Legislative Candidate Nominations, *Parliamentary Affairs*. 71 (3), pp.697-716.

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit and Ekrem Karakoç (2017)**, The Perils of Semi-presidentialism: Confidence in Political Institutions in Contemporary Democracies, *International Political Science Review*. 38 (1), pp.4-20.

**Fatih Erol, Gülnur Kocapınar-Yıldırım and Yüksel Alper Ecevit** (Revise and Resubmit), Polarization Congruence between Parties and Supporters and Attitudes towards Democracy, *Electoral Studies*.

## Research Projects

**TÜBİTAK 2516-** Researcher "Sosyal ve Siyasi Güvenilirlik Sağlamak İçin Yanlış Bilgiyle Mücadele: Türkiye ve Güney Kore Karşılaştırması". Project Coordinator: Prof. Cengiz Erişen. April 2023-April 2025

**The Comparative Candidate Surveys-** Country Expert: A joint multi-national project with the goal of collecting data on candidates running for national parliamentary elections in different countries using a common core questionnaire to allow for cross-country comparison. Ongoing

**International Center for Migration Policy Development-** Researcher "Bölgesel Düzeyde Kalkınmaya Duyarlı Göç Politikalarının Uygulanmasına Destek" Project Coordinator: Doç. Dr. İlke Şanlıer Yüksel. February 2021- September 2021.

**British Council-** Supported by Newton Fund Workshop Grant, in collaboration with Essex University and Bahçeşehir University, "Political, Economic, Social and Legal Aspects of Hosting Migrants and Refugees". July 2017

**British Council-** Researcher Link "Citizenship and Immigration: Turkey's evolving role in global migration". June- Sept. 2015

## Book Chapters

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2023)**, Transformation of Party and Election System in Turkey, in Zeynep Alemdar and Harun Arıkan (eds.) *Turkey's Challenges and Transformation: Politics and Society on the Centennial of the Republic*, Palgrave Macmillan, pp.7-22. ISBN:978-3-031-25798-8

**Harun Arıkan and Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2023)**, Transformation and Challenges in Government System in Turkey: 'The Turkish Type of Presidentialism, in Zeynep Alemdar and Harun Arıkan (eds.) *Turkey's Challenges and Transformation: Politics and Society on the Centennial of the Republic*, Palgrave Macmillan, pp.23-37. ISBN:978-3-031-2578-8

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit and Şeyma Cengiz (2023)**, Kırılğan Demokrasilerde Dönüşüm: Anayasal Değişim ve Referandum Süreci Simülasyonu, in Selin Türkeş Kılıç and Damla Cihangir (eds.) *Simülasyonlarla Uluslararası İlişkiler ve Siyaset Bilimi*, Bilgi University Press, forthcoming.

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit and Ödül Celep (2018)**, Political Perceptions of Party Voters and Members in Turkey, in Sabri Sayarı, Pelin Ayan Müsil and Özhan Demirkol (eds.) *Party Politics in Turkey: A Comparative Perspective*, Routledge Press, pp.196-216.

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2018)**, (In Turkish) Aktif Öğrenci, Katılımcı Demokrasi (Active Students, Participatory Democracy), in Ebru Canan Sokullu (ed.) *Uluslararası İlişkiler Eğitiminde Yeni Yaklaşımlar Yeni Yöntemler*, Bilgi University Press, pp.255-269.

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2016)**, Turkey's judicial reforms and the evolution of public confidence in the legal system, in Cengiz Erişen and Paul Kubicek (eds.) *Democratic Consolidation in Turkey: Micro and macro challenges*, Routledge Press, pp.65-89.

## Book Review

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2015)**, Turan İlter. Turkey's Difficult Journey to Democracy: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back, Oxford University Press, *New Perspectives in Turkey*, 55, pp.154-158.

## Articles-ULAKBİM

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2020)**, Democratic Transitions and the Military: Evidence from Spain and Turkey, *Cihannüma: The Journal of History and Geography Studies*. 6 (2), pp.179-204.

**Yüksel Alper Ecevit and Çiğdem Kapan (2020)**, Yasama-Yürütme İlişkilerinde Çatışmalı bir Dönemin Analizi: Ahmet Necdet Sezer Dönemi (2000-2007), *Alternatif Politika*. 12 (3), pp.673-699.

**Uğur Özdemir and Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2019)**, Kim Göç Etmek İstiyor? Orta Doğu ve Kuzey Afrika'da Göç Eğilimleri, *Liberal Düşünce Dergisi*. 24 (96), pp.9-25.

**Uğur Özdemir and Yüksel Alper Ecevit (2020)**, Ethnic Heterogeneity and Public Goods Provision, *İstanbul İktisat Dergisi*. 70 (2), pp.247-266.

## Working Papers

*Populism and Accountability in Eroding Democracies* with Uğur Özdemir.

*Typology of Political Parties in Turkey : 2002-2022* with Gülnur Kocapınar Yıldırım and Sabri Sayarı.

*Institutional Determinants of Populism: Semi Presidentialism and Intra-Executive Conflict*

*Parliamentary Activity and Party Switching* with Gülnur Kocapınar Yıldırım and T. Murat Yıldırım.

## Reviewer

**Journals:** Party Politics, Electoral Studies, Parliamentary Affairs, Democratization, International Political Science Review, Political Research Quarterly, Turkish Studies, Southern European Politics and Society, New Perspective on Turkey, Uluslararası İlişkiler

**Projects:** Marie Curie Individual Fellowships (2017-2023), TÜBİTAK, British Council Newton Fund

## Selected Conferences and Invited Talks

**"Polarization Congruence between Parties and Supporters and Attitudes towards Democracy"** with Fatih Erol, *Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Annual Workshop 2023*, January 2023

**"Türkiye'de Yeni Siyasi Partilerin Kurulması ve Yeni Partilerin Tipolojisi: 2002-2022"** with Gülnur Kocapınar, *Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği 1. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi*, September 2022

**"Stand up for Whom? A Cross-National Investigation of Elite-Mass Linkages in Polarized Contexts"** with Fatih Erol, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2021*, April 2021

**"Staying active and focused? The effect of parliamentary performance on candidate renomination and promotion"** with T. Murat Yıldırım and Gülnur Kocapınar, *10th Annual Comparative Agendas Project Annual Meeting*, June 2016

**"The Political Perceptions of Party Voters and Members"** with Ödül Celep, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2016*, April 2016

**"Legislative Candidate Nominations in Turkey s Parliamentary Elections"** with Gülnur Kocapınar, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2016*, April 2016

**"Constitutional Enfranchisement in the US"** *EUDO Dissemination Conference 2015*, November 2015

**"Understanding Suffrage Expansion"** *Researcher in Residence Seminar Series*, September 2015

**"Electoral Opportunities for Immigrants in Belgian Local Elections"** *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2015*, April 2015

**"Candidates of Immigrant Origin on Party Lists: The Case of Left Parties in Local Elections in Belgium"** with Barbara S. Kinsey, *ECPR General Conference 2013*, September 2013

Organized Workshops and Seminar Series	<p><b>Empirical Studies in Political Analysis (ESPA)</b> Annual Workshops, with Ali Çarkoğlu (2016-2024)</p> <p><b>Political Behavior Seminar Series</b> at Çukurova University Center for Strategic Research (2019-2023)</p> <p><b>International Politics Seminar Series</b> at Çukurova University Center for Strategic Research (2019-2023)</p>
Teaching Interests	Comparative Politics, Turkish politics, Political Parties and Electoral Systems, Political Institutions, Principles of Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences, Democracy in Divided Societies
Teaching Experience	<p><b>Bahçeşehir University 2023-now</b></p> <p>Introduction to Comparative Politics</p> <p>Comparative Politics (Graduate)</p> <p>Comparative Democratization</p> <p>Political Parties and Electoral Systems</p> <p><b>Çukurova University 2018-2023</b></p> <p>Introduction to Comparative Politics</p> <p>Comparative Politics (Graduate)</p> <p>Comparative Democratization</p> <p>Research Methods in Social Sciences (Graduate)</p> <p>Political Parties and Electoral Systems</p> <p><b>Bahçeşehir University 2013-2017</b></p> <p>Comparative Politics (Doctoral)</p> <p>Introduction to Comparative Politics</p> <p>Research Methods in Social Sciences (Graduate)</p> <p><b>Binghamton University 2010-2013</b></p> <p>Democracy in Divided Societies</p> <p>Democracy and Democratization</p>
Professional Memberships	American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association European Political Science Association, Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği
Administrative Experience	<p><b>Çukurova University</b></p> <p>Department Chair (2019-2023)</p> <p>Director of Center for Strategic Research (2019-2023)</p> <p>Executive Board Member of Center for Migration and Development (2020-2023)</p> <p>Faculty Executive Board (2021-2023)</p> <p>External Relations Academic Board (2021-2023)</p> <p>ERASMUS Departmental Coordinator (2018-2023)</p>

Faculty Academic Board (2019-2023)  
Social Science Institute Academic Board (2019-2023)

**Bahçeşehir University**

ERASMUS Faculty Coordinator @ Bahçeşehir University (2014-2017)  
Faculty Coordinator for Internationalization (2024-now)

Awards/Fellowships

**British Council 2017** Workshop Grant with Ebru Canan Sokullu, Anna Getmansky and Kristian Gleditsch (29000 sterling)  
**British Council- TÜBİTAK 2015** Newton-Katip Çelebi Fund Researcher Link for a visiting fellowship at Edinburgh University  
**European Union-Hrant Dink Vakfı 2014** Turkey-Armenia normalization process travel grant  
**Binghamton University Research Foundation 2011-12** Dissertation Year Fellowship  
**Binghamton University Center on Democratic Performance 2011** Field Research Fellowship  
**Binghamton University 2007-2011** Full scholarship for Graduate Studies  
**University of Central Florida 2010** Research Grant  
**Sabancı University 2005-07** Fass fellowship through Master education  
**Jean Monnet Scholarship 2004** Fellowship for postgraduate study at Leiden University

Languages

Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced)

References

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[Barbara Sgouraki Kinsey](mailto:barbara.kinsey@ucf.edu), *University of Central Florida*, [barbara.kinsey@ucf.edu](mailto:barbara.kinsey@ucf.edu)  
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