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APPOINTMENT

Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA.
Assistant Professor (2023-)

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

EDUCATION

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

Subfields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology.

Dissertation Title: Structuring Inclusive Local Governance in Post-Authoritarian Tunisia.

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

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

“Co-Partisanship with Mayors, Institutional Performance and Citizen Trust in Local Governance Institutions: Evidence from Tunisia” *Party Politics*. 2022. Online First

“Bureaucrat-Local Politician Linkages and Hierarchical Local Governance in Emerging Democracies: A Case Study of Tunisia” *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa*, 13.1 (2022): 67-92.

The Recipient of Outstanding Student Paper Award (2022) at IU-Bloomington Department of Political Science

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

“Does Education Enable Underprivileged Women to Achieve Real Equality in Property Rights? A Case Study of Inheritance Rights of Women in Turkey” *Women’s Studies International Forum*, 69 [2018]: 100-114.

WORKING PAPERS

Party System Weakness and Autocratization: Evidence from Tunisia (with Bedirhan Mutlu, Revise and Resubmit).

POLICY REPORTS and OPINION

Tunisia: Failure of the Political Class, Rise of Kais Saied, and the Future of Democracy (co-authored with Bedirhan Mutlu). American Political Science Association MENA

Section Newsletter, 4, no 2. Fall 2021.

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

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

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

A Short Interview on the Political Crisis in Tunisia, *Al Jazeera English*, September 26th, 2021

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

Various Appearances in Medyascope TV channel in [Turkish](#) and [Arabic](#).

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), Modern Standard Arabic (Advanced), French (Research Knowledge)

TEACHING

Techniques of Computer Analysis, Politics of Middle East (Fall 2023, VMI)

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

Introduction to Political Science (Summer 2021, Instructor at Large, Ozyegin University-Turkey)

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

REFEREE

Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Review of Policy Research, British Journal of Middle East Studies, Middle East Law and Governance, Turkish Studies, Mediterranean Politics, Southeast European and Black Sea Studies.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficiency in R, LaTeX, STATA.

BOOK REVIEWS

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

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

SELECTED AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

and TRAINING

APSA Urban Politics in the Global South Annual Conference (2022).

NYU Abu Dhabi New Directions in the Arab World Conference (2022).

American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2019, 2020).

POMEPS (Project on the Middle East Political Science) Annual Conference (2020).

MESA (Middle East Studies) Conference (2020, Organized a Section on Local Governance in Tunisia).

Institute for Qualitative and Mixed Method Annual Conference (2021).

Ostrom Workshop Research Series (2019, 2020).

SERMEISS (The South East Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society) Workshop on Islamic Law, (2020).

ASMEA (Association for the Middle East and Africa) Annual Conference, (2018, 2019).

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2017, 2018).

Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (2019, 2020).

NYU CESS 10th Annual Experimental Political Science Conference (2017).