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EDUCATION

Koç University

M.A., *Political Science and International Relations*

(Expected) June 2027

Overall GPA: 4.00/4.00

B.A., *International Relations / Economics (Double Major)*

June 2025

Track: International Political Economy — Track GPA: 4.00/4.00

Summa Cum Laude, Overall GPA: 3.90/4.00

WORKING PAPERS

- Partisan Siting and Electoral Returns to Green Investment: Evidence from Turkey (*Under review at Comparative Political Studies*).
- Competition for Talent in the Age of AI: International Organizations and the Governance of Skilled Labor (with M. Angin and S. Aydeniz).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Global Wealth Inequality and Democratic Backsliding (with Z. Öniş and M. Kutlay).
- Elections and Populism on AI Strategies (with M. Angin and S. Aydeniz).

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Koç University

- Prof. Şuhnaz Yılmaz and Prof. Belgin San Akca
- Prof. Ziya Öniş
- Assoc. Prof. Merih Angin
- Assoc. Prof. Selim Erdem Aytaç

March 2024 – Present
October 2022 – Present
July 2022 – September 2025
October 2021 – July 2022

City, University of London

- Dr. Mustafa Kutlay

June 2024 – February 2026

University of Oxford

- Dr. Emre Eren Korkmaz

October 2023 – January 2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Koç University — Teaching Assistant

2025 - Present

- Business and Government, Spring 2026
- Introduction to Global Political Economy, Fall 2025
- Intermediate Macroeconomics, Spring 2025
- Business and Government, Spring 2025

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association - 2026, Boston (Accepted)
- Columbia University, New Directions in Turkish Studies Workshop - 2026, Istanbul
- Midwest Political Science Association - 2026, Chicago
- Turkish Economic Association - 2026, Istanbul
- Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop - 2026, Eskişehir

NON-REFEREED AND OTHER WRITINGS

- “Servet Eşitsizliği” (Wealth Inequality). İktisat ve Toplum, No. 182, 2025. With Z. Öniş and M. Kutlay.
- “Yeşil Dönüşüm ve İkilemler” (Green Transition and Dilemmas). İktisat ve Toplum, No. 179, 2025. With Z. Öniş.
- “2025 BRICS Rio Zirvesinin Ardından” (After the BRICS 2025 Rio Summit). İktisat ve Toplum, No. 178, 2025. With Z. Öniş.
- Populist Voters and Outlook Toward International Organizations. (Independent Project, supervised by Assoc. Prof. Selim Erdem Aytaç).
- Sustainability and Trade: Competition for Polar Energy Resources and Implications for Global Trade Routes. (Honor Project, supervised by Prof. Şuhnaz Yılmaz).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

STATA, Python, SPSS, R, Power BI, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX

Selected Courses: Statistics, Python, Econometrics; Grad level: Mathematics for Economics, Research Methods, Survey Methods, Quantitative Methods

HONORS & AWARDS

- APSA Conference Travel Grant, 2026
- Koç University Conference Travel Grant, 2026
- Presidential Fellowship for MA at Koç, 2025-2027, Sole Recipient
- Third Ranking Student Award in the Department of IR, 2025
- TÜBİTAK Undergraduate / Graduate Scholarship Spring 2025 / Spring 2026
- Assistant of the Month Award, MA-CSSL, Summer 2022
- Vehbi Koç Honor Award of Koç University, 2024
- Anatolian Scholarship (Full Scholarship, acceptance rate: 3%, 2020-2025)

LEADERSHIP & OTHER POSITIONS

- Project Consultant at TUSIAD Economic and Geopolitic Outlook Report March 2026 - Present
- Student Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Antalya Diplomacy Forum April 2025
- Student Representative, Business School Impact System Sessions March 2024
- Assistant Organizer, Koç-Stanford Challenges of Middle-Income Economies Conference October 2023
- General Coordinator, International Relations Society of Koç University December 2022 – July 2023
- Language Guide, European University of Post-Industrial Cities January 2022

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Elementary)

REFERENCES

References available upon request.