

EDUCATION

Boston University - Ph.D 2016 (Defended March 17, 2016)
Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: International Relations, Subfield:
Latin American Politics.

Dissertation: Military Regimes, Their Constitutions, And Post-
Transition Challenges: Comparative Amendment-Making In Chile
And Turkey

Dissertation Committee: David Scott Palmer (chair), Houchang
Chehabi, Sofia Perez.

Universidad Católica de Chile -Visiting Scholar at Instituto de Ciencia Política, 2012-2013
On-Site Adviser: Juan Pablo Luna

Sabancı University - B.A. Social and Political Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences,
2007

Uskudar American Academy- High School Diploma

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Research Associate- Constitutional Politics in Turkey at Department of Social Sciences
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Constitutional Reform, Politics of Constitution-Making, Judicial Review, Latin American
Politics, International Law, Comparative Judicial Politics.

AWARDS and GRANTS

- Dr. Yavuz Abadan Constitutional Law Award, June 2015
- Boston University Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant, Spring 2013
- Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Long-term Graduate
Research Abroad Fellowship, 2012-2013
- Boston University Latin American Studies Program Graduate Student Field Research
Funding, 2013
- Boston University Dissertation Research Fund, Political Science Department, 2012.
- Sabancı University Academic Merit Scholarship, 2003-2007

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Mixed Methodology Summer School (La Escuela de Verano de Métodos Mixtos), Instituto de Métodos del Cono Sur, Universidad Católica de Chile, January 2013
- European Union Certificate Program, Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey (Nov. 2005 – Feb. 2006)
- London School of Economics, “The Middle East of Global Politics”, Summer School, Summer 2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor:

- Latin American Politics (POLS 446/546) Sabancı University, Spring 2017
- Introduction to Political Science (IR 101) Okan University, Fall 2016
- Introduction to Latin American Politics and International Relations (IR/PO 367) Boston University, Fall 2013
- International Law (LAW 311) Sabancı University, Summer 2013
- Human Rights in World Affairs (IR 389) Sabancı University; Summer 2012
- International Law and Organizations (POLS 220) Simmons College; Spring 2012
- Introduction to International Politics (POLS 102) Simmons College; Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012
- Introduction to International Relations (IR/PO 271) Boston University; Summer 2010

Teaching Assistant:

- Turco-Persia in the Twentieth Century (HI 398/IR 328) Houchang Chehabi, Boston University; Spring 2011, Fall 2011.
- Introduction to Public International Law (IR573) Houchang Chehabi, Boston University; Spring 2011.
- Introduction to Latin American Politics and International Relations (PO/IR 367) Professor David Scott Palmer, Boston University; Spring 2010, Fall 2010.
- Fundamentals of International Politics (IR 230) Houchang Chehabi, Boston University; Fall 2010, Fall 2011.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Field research and data collection for the dissertation;
 - * Santiago and Valparaiso, Chile: interviewed the former President (Ricardo Lagos), the former Chief of Staff (Juan Emilio Cheyre), a member of the Constitutional Court (Carlos Carmona Santander), six deputies, two ministers and academicians and policymakers, Fall 2012-Spring 2013.
 - * Ankara, Turkey: interviewed six deputies including the chairman of the Constitution Commission (Burhan Kuzu) and other bureaucrats, Fall 2014.

- Rapporteur for Latin America 2060 Task Force organized by Pardee Center, Boston University November 18-20, 2010.
- Research Assistant for Professor John Gerring on an NSF funded project on Colonialism/Development. January 2009- May 2010.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Constitutional Developments under the AKP Government of Turkey,” *Tijdschrift voor Constitutioneel Recht (TvCR)*, Vol.8, January 2017.
- Debates on Unamendable Articles: Deadlock on Turkey’s Constitution-Making Process (forthcoming book chapter on edited volume *An Unconstitutional Constitution? Unamendability in Constitutional Democracies* eds. Richard Albert and Bertil Emrah Oder, Springer December 2017).
- “Latin America’s Turbulent Transitions: The Future of Twenty-First Century Socialism,” (book review) *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 17, No 3. 2015.
- “Heightened Neoliberalism And Gated Communities: Santiago And Istanbul” Güler, Zeynep E. (ed.), Political Science Conference (Politsci '13), Istanbul, Turkey: Kilit Yayıncılık / DAKAM (*Eastern Mediterranean Academic Research Center*) Publishing, April 2014, 274-286. (with Hale Sinirlioglu).

WORKING PAPERS

- Judicial “Empowerment” Through Constitution-Making: The Case of Chilean and Turkish Constitutional Courts (supported by Abadan Award)
- Debating the Amendment-Making Rules: Rigidity vs Flexibility Debate in the Turkish Constitution-Making Process (a book chapter edited by Zeynep Yanasmayan and Felix Petersen of Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey).
- Drafting the Preamble: Functions and Features of Preambles in Turkish Constitutions (for a special issue of *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, 2017 publication).
- Finding a Democratic Alternative: The Constitutional and Legal States of Exception (with Claudia Heiss)

CONFERENCE and WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Debating the Amendment-Making Rules: Rigidity vs Flexibility Debate in the Turkish Constitution-Making Process,” 24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Poznań, Poland, 26 July 2016.

“Judicial Empowerment through Constitutional-Making: the Case of Turkish Constitutional Court,” Constitutional Politics in Turkey, the New School for Social Research, New York, March 4, 2016.

“Debates on Unamendable Articles: Deadlock on Turkey’s Constitution-Making Process”, Workshop on Unamendable Constitutional Provisions, Koc University Law School, June 9, 2015.

“Authoritarian Constitution-Making in Turkey and Chile Compared”, Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey April 17-18, 2015 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

“Türkiye’de Latin Amerika Çalışmaları”, Uluslararası İlişkiler Konseyi, Çeşme/İzmir, 17-20 Nisan 2014.

“Chile’s Presidential Election and the Constitution Debate”, New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS) Conference at Wheaton College, Norton, MA. November 9, 2013.

"Constitutional Reform Processes in Chile and Turkey", 71st Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) National Conference, April 11-14, 2013.

“Latin America 2060: Task Force Policy Recommendations and an Assessment”, NECLAS Conference at the Dartmouth College. November 5, 2011.

“Reforming Civil Military Relation: Accommodation or Confrontation?”, NECLAS Conference at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. November 6, 2010.

“Domestic Politics Influence on Regional Trade: United States’ Trade Policy Towards Latin America”, 68th Annual MPSA National Conference, April 22-25, 2010.

"Political Islam and the Military in Turkey", 68th Annual MPSA National Conference, April 22-25, 2010.

“Regional Economic Integration: A Comparison of Mexico and Turkey”, 68th Annual MPSA National Conference, April 22-25, 2010.

“NAFTA and Beyond: United States’ Trade Policy towards Latin America”, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Potsdam, September 10-12, 2009.

“Political Islam and the Military in Turkey”, ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, September 10-12, 2009.

“EU and Turkey: Cultures in Conflict?” Sabancı University, Istanbul/ Turkey. April 17-23, 2006.

INVITED TALKS and LECTURES

- The Student Movement and the Politics of Constitution-Making in Chile, Koc University, May 12, 2016.

- The Reform Process of Authoritarian Constitutions: A Comparative Study of Chile and Turkey, Student Collective of Turkey, the New School, May 14, 2014.
- The Westphalia System and the Colonial Empires. Boston University, October 5, 2013.
- Women Rights in Turkey. Women's Empowerment Week, Simmons College, April 14, 2012.
- Kurdish Issue and Turkey's Foreign Policy, Simmons College, November 6, 2011.
- Islam and the West on Women Rights in Turkey, Simmons College, October 13, 2010.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Constitutional Politics in Turkey, the New School for Social Research, New York, March 4, 2016.

OP-EDS and COMMENTARIES

- 2011-2013 Tutanakları Işığında Bugünkü Anayasa Değişikliği Süreci, Birikim Dergisi, <http://www.birikimdergisi.com/guncel-yazilar/8117/2011-2013-tutanaklari-isiginda-bugunku-anayasa-degisikligi-sureci#.WJmZ9LFh1E5>
- The Constitution-Making Process in Chile: A Cautionary Tale from Turkey, Int'l J. Const. L. Blog, June 19, 2015, at: <http://www.iconnectblog.com/2015/06/the-constitution-making-process-in-chile-a-cautionary-tale-from-turkey> with Claudia Heiss
- Turkey Rolling Back the 2010 Reforms? Int'l J. Const. L. Blog, Oct. 24, 2014, available at: <http://www.iconnectblog.com/2014/10/turkey-rolling-back-the-2010-reforms>
- Chile's Constitutional Moment?, Int'l J. Const. L. Blog, November 13, 2013, available at <http://www.iconnectblog.com/2013/11/2689/>
- Turkey Update: Presidentialism in the Works?, Int'l J. Const. L. Blog, May 20, 2012, available at <http://www.iconnectblog.com/2012/05/turkey-update-presidentialism-in-the-works/>
- Turkey Ready for New Constitution, Int'l J. Const. L. Blog, March 31, 2012, available at <http://www.iconnectblog.com/2012/03/turkey-readying-new-constitution/>

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS and MEMBERSHIPS

Consortium for Social Research on Turkey- Affiliated Scholar
 American Political Science Association (APSA)
 International Political Science Association (IPSA)
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
 Regular contributor for the Blog of the International Journal of Constitutional Law (I-CONnect)

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

MAXQDA, SPSS, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, basic Access
 Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

REFERENCES

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