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Education

October 2007 - February 2014	Ph.D. in Public Law Marmara University, Turkey <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dissertation: İnsan Hakları Avrupa Sözleşmesi'nin 8-11. Maddelerinde Korunan Haklar ve Demokratik Toplumun Sınırları (The Rights Protected in Articles 8 to 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Margins of Democratic Society)
September 2008 - September 2009	MA in Theory and Practice of Human Rights University of Essex, UK <i>OSI-Chevening-Essex Network Programme scholar</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dissertation: "Secularism and the Freedom of Religion under the European Convention on Human Rights"
October 2003 – January 2007	LL.M in Public Law Istanbul University, Turkey <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dissertation: "İnsan Hakları Bağlamında Evrensellik ve Görelilik Çatışması (Universality and Relativity Debate in the Context of Human Rights)"
2003-2004	Attorneyship training at Istanbul Bar Association
October 1998 - July 2002	LL.B in Law Istanbul University, Turkey

Work Experience

September 2017 - September 2019	Visiting Post-Doctoral Fellow Freie University Berlin, Faculty of Law
April 2017- July 2017	Dahrendorf Visiting Fellow Hertie School of Governance
November 2016 - September 2017	Visiting Scholar Humboldt University, Faculty of Law
2013-2017	Research and Teaching Assistant Human Rights Law Department, Faculty of Law, Marmara University
2006-2013	Research and Teaching Assistant Public Law Department, Faculty of Law, Marmara University
2005-2007	In-Country Researcher Verité, Fair Labor Worldwide

2003 - 2005

Human Rights Trainer
Children's Re-autonomy Foundation of Turkey

Scholarships & Awards

April 2017-July
2017

Dahrendorf Visiting Fellowship at the Hertie School of Governance

November 2016-
May 2017

Short-term Research Scholarship by Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Law, University of Humboldt in Berlin

2012

Human Rights Research Grant by Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Law (with Benan Molu et al)

2008-2009

OSI-Chevening-Essex Network Programme scholarship for MA programme on Theory and Practice of Human Rights at the University of Essex

Publications

Book

- *Üniversitelerde Disiplin Soruşturmaları: Öğrencilerin İfade ve Örgütlenme Özgürlüğü (Disciplinary Proceedings against University Students: Freedom of Expression and Association)*, İstanbul: XII Levha, 2013 (with Benan Molu et al).

Book Chapter

- “İnsan Hakları Avrupa Mahkemesi'nin Pek Hassas Terazisi ve Demokratik Toplum Anlayışı (The Very Sensitive Scale and the Conception of Democratic Society of the European Court of Human Rights)”, in *Liberal Hakların, Hukukun ve Devletin Sınırları*, Ed. Bora Erdağı, Ankara: NotaBene, 2015, pp. 59-84.
- “Regulating Women’s Bodies in the Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights,” in *Religion, Gender and the Public Sphere*, Ed. Niamh Reilly and Stacey Scriver, New York: Routledge, 2013, pp. 155-167.
- “N.Ç. Davası: Tecavüze Razı Olmak ve Kadınların Ahlakı, (The Case of N.Ç.: Consenting Rape and the Women's Morality)” in *Mehmet Akad'a Armağan*, Ed. Bihterin Dinçkol et al, İstanbul: Der, 2012, pp. 337-361 (revised version reprinted in *Sınır Bilgisi: Siyasal İktidar, Toplumsal Mekan ve Kadına Yönelik Şiddet*, Ed: Elif Çelebi, Didem Havlioğlu, Ebru Kayaalp, Ankara: Ayizi Kitap, March 2014, pp. 137-161).

Journal Article

- “Hudoyberganova - Özbekistan ve Leyla Şahin - Türkiye Kararlarına İlişkin Bir Değerlendirme (A Short Commentary on Hudoyberganova v. Uzbekistan and Leyla Sahin v. Turkey),” *Hukuk Kuramı*, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2016, pp. 1-10.
- “The Distinction between the Freedom of Religion and the Right to Manifest Religion: A Legal Medium to Regulate Subjectivities,” *Social & Legal Studies*, 22(3), 2013, pp. 377-393.
- “Kürtaj Hak Olursa Karar Kadınlara Kalır mı? (If abortion becomes a right, would the decision be remained with the women?)” *Amargi*, Fall 2012, Vol. 26, pp. 8-11.

- “İnsan Haklarının Evrenselliği Görüşü Karşısında Kültürel Rölativizm (Cultural Relativism and the Universality of Human Rights),” *Hukuk Araştırmaları Dergisi*, Vol. 14, No: 3, 2008, pp. 209-242.

Presentations

12-13 May 2017	"Constitutional Court of Turkey after the Coup Attempt: Guardian of 'National Democracy'", the workshop on the State of Law in Turkey: Judicialization of Politics and Rising Authoritarianism at Leibniz Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin-Germany (with Berke Özenç).
24-25 May 2014	“İnsan Hakları Avrupa Sözleşmesi’nde Haklar, Demokratik Toplum ve Adil Denge (Rights, Democratic Society and Fair Balance under the European Convention on Human Rights),” Taner Yelkenci Symposium on State and Law, Izmit-Turkey.
22-23 March 2013	“The Human and the State in the Judgments of the ECHR concerning Religious Piety and Homosexuality,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities 16th Annual Conference, London-UK.
26 June 2012	“İHAS'ın 8-11. Maddelerinde Korunan Hakların Sınırlandırılmasında Meşru Amaçlar (<i>Legitimate Aims to Restrict the Rights Protected in Articles 8 to 11 of the ECHR</i>),” the conference on Constitutional Law organized by Koc University, Istanbul-Turkey.
25 May 2012	“Tecavüz Davalarında Hukuk Kimi/Neyi Korur?: <i>N.Ç. Davası Örneği (What and Whom does the Law Protect in Rape Trials?: The N.Ç. Case)</i> ,” the workshop on Women, Violence and Security organized by Istanbul Sehir University, Istanbul-Turkey.
21-25 June 2011	“Regulating Women's Bodies in the Name of Secular/Religious Sensibilities of Others,” ESF-LiU Conference on Religion, Gender and Human Rights: Challenges for Multicultural and Democratic Societies, Linköping-Sweden.
12-14 April 2011	“The ECtHR's approval of the regulation of women bodies for public interests,” Socio-Legal Studies Association Conference 2011, Brighton-UK.
8 September 2010	“The Subject of Freedom of Religion,” workshop on Subjects Before the Law: Membership, Recognition and the Religious Dimensions of Women's Citizenship, Cork-Ireland.
7-11 April 2010	“Secularism and the Distinction between Freedom of Religion and the Right to Manifest Religion” the Twelfth Berlin Roundtables on Cultural Pluralism Revisited: Religious and Linguistic Freedoms, Berlin-Germany.

Conference and Workshop Organization

12-13 May 2017	Co-organizer of the Workshop on the State of Law in Turkey: Judicialization of Politics and Rising Authoritarianism, Leibniz Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin.
5-7 December 2014	Co-organizer of the Conference on Turkey's Human Rights Agenda 2013-2014, 5-7 December 2014, Istanbul.

20-22 December
2013

Co-organizer of the Conference on Turkey's Human Rights Agenda
2012-2013, 20-22 December 2013, Istanbul.

Languages

- Turkish (Native)
- English (Advanced)
- Spanish (Intermediate)
- German (B1)