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Academic Positions

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Political Theory Project, Brown University, RI 2021-

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. (*Expected*) May 2022

Fields: Political Theory, Comparative Politics

Dissertation Title: “Open Borders and Mobility: Toward an Ethics of Travel”

Committee: Elizabeth F. Cohen (Chair), Glyn Morgan, Kenneth Baynes

M.A. Government, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. May 2015

B.A. Philosophy, Middle East Technical University, Ankara January 2013

B.S. Political Science (*with Honors*), Middle East Technical University, Ankara June 2011

Research Interests

Political Theory: Contemporary Political Philosophy, Democratic Theory, Citizenship, Migration, Borders and Boundaries

Comparative Politics: Democratization, Migration -Area interests: Middle East, Latin America

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“The Open Borders Debate, Migration-as-Settlement, and Travel” (Accepted at the *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*)

“Democratic Citizenship” In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Political Science*. Ed. L. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press (2020) (with Rick Valeyly).

“The Individual in Political Liberalism: A Critical Perspective,” *Journal of Individual and Society*. Vol. 7, No. 13 (Spring 2017): 59-78. (*In Turkish* co-authored with Mehmet Kocaoğlu)

“Regime Change within Defective Democracies: Turkey in the Early 1990s and 2010s,” *Journal of Democracy and Society*, 2016, Vol 13., no 1.

Book Reviews

“Review of Nazli Avdan’s *Visas and Walls: Border Security in the Age of Terrorism* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019), *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol 135 no.3 (Fall 2020): 536-538.

Works Under Review

“Transnational Diffusion of Democracy: The Political Impact of International Visa-Waiver Agreements and Short-term Mobility” (with Omer Zarpli, University of Pittsburgh) (Under Review)

Works in Progress

“The Boundary Problem in Democratic Theory: A Mobility Perspective”

“Statelessness and the Freedom of Movement” (co-authored with Elizabeth F. Cohen)

“The Politics of Short-term Visas”

Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant, *American Journal of Political Science* (AJPS) (November 2019 – Present)

Research Associate, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs (October 2017 – 2021) Collaborating with Dr. Elizabeth F. Cohen

Editor, *Journal of Democracy and Society*, the Center for Democracy and Civil Society at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (September 2013-August 2015)

Programs Coordinator, Institute of Turkish Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (February 2014 – May 2015)

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, Introduction to Political Theory (PSC 125), Syracuse University, Summer 2021.

Instructor of Record, The Politics of Immigration (PSC 300), Syracuse University, Spring 2020.

Teaching Assistant, Comparative Politics and Government (PSC 123), Syracuse University (Instructor: Dr. Erin Hern), Spring 2021.

Teaching Assistant, Human Rights & Global Affairs (PSC 354), Syracuse University (Instructor: Dr. Lamis Abdelaaty), Fall 2020.

Teaching Assistant, The Politics of Citizenship (PSC 307), Syracuse University
(Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth F. Cohen), Spring 2019.

Teaching Assistant, Refugees in International Politics (PSC 300), Syracuse University
(Instructor: Dr. Lamis Abdelaaty), Fall 2018.

Teaching Assistant, Contemporary Political Philosophy (PSC 382/ PHI 471), Syracuse University
(Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth F. Cohen), Fall 2017.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy (PSC 125), Syracuse University
(Instructor: Dr. Laurence Thomas) Fall 2016, (Instructor: Dr. Glyn Morgan) Spring 2017,
(Instructor: Dr. Pamela Ryan) Spring 2018.

Other Teaching Activities

Guest Lecturer, “Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights,” Human Rights & Global Affairs
(PSC 354), Syracuse University (September 8, 2020).

Guest Lecturer, “Susan Okin and Feminist Critiques of John Rawls,” Contemporary Political
Philosophy (PSC 382/PHI 417), Syracuse University (November 15, 2018).

Guest Lecturer, “Refugees and the Ethics of Immigration,” Refugees in International Politics
(PSC 300), Syracuse University (October 18, 2018).

Conference Talks

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) 2021, “The Boundary Problem
in Democratic Theory: A Mobility Perspective,” Seattle, WA (Virtual).

Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies 2021, “A Normative Debate
on Borders, Short-term and Long-term Migration” (Virtual)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) 2019, “The Open Borders
Debate, Migration, and Travelers,” Washington, D.C.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) 2019, “The Effect of Travel
Freedom on Economic Growth and Democracy,” with Omer Zarpli, Washington, D.C.

New York State Political Science Association Conference (NYSPSA) 2019, “Open Borders,
Sovereignty, and Travelers,” New York, NY

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (SPSA) 2017, “Freedom *from* Hate
Speech: A Libertarian Justification of Hate Speech Regulations,” New Orleans, LA

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA) 2016, “The Individual and the
Culture of Living Together in the Liberal Theory,” with Dr. Mehmet Kocaoglu. Chicago, IL

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA) 2016, “Problem of Justice at the International Level: Rethinking Foundations and Principles of Theory of International Justice,” with Dr. Mehmet Kocaoglu. Chicago, IL

Professional Service

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science* (AJPS) (2019 – Present); *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (CRISPP) (2020 - Present); *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* (2021 - Present).

Panel Chair, Author Meets Critics, *Citizenship beyond Nationality: Immigrant Voting Rights across the World*, by Luicy Pedroza (U Penn Press, 2019), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (August 29, 2019)

Discussant, “The Antagonism of Thomas Carlyle’s Transcendentalism and John Rawls’ Rationalism” by Brian Wolfel, Political Science Research Workshop, Syracuse University (February 22, 2019)

Training

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, June 2019

Future Professoriate Program (FPP), Syracuse University 2018-2019

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA), Association for Political Theory (APT), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), New York State Political Science Association (NYSPSA), Southern Political Science Association (SPSA).

Public Writing

“[The Ethical Dilemmas Related to Covid-19 Vaccine Passports](#),” *Global Mobility Report*, 2021 (with Omer Zarpli).

“[The Impact of Health Security on Travel Freedom](#),” *Henley Passport Index*, 2020 (with Omer Zarpli).

“[The relationship Between Political, Economic and Travel Freedom](#),” *Henley Passport Index and Global Mobility Report*, 2020 (with Omer Zarpli).

“[The Effect of Travel Freedom on Economic Growth and Democracy](#),” *Global Citizenship Review*, January 9, 2019 (with Omer Zarpli).

“[Saving Juan Manuel Santos](#),” *The Huffington Post*, October 8, 2016.

Selected Media Coverage

CNN: [*The world's most powerful passports for 2021*](#), by Maureen O'Hare, April 13, 2021.

The Independent: [*Japan Has World's Most Powerful Passport*](#) by Helen Coffey, January 7, 2020.

La Vanguardia: [*Asia domina cuando se trata de poder del pasaporte en 2020*](#), January 7, 2020.

La Vanguardia: [*Es la era de Asia en lo que respecta al poder del pasaporte*](#), October 1, 2019.

VOX Europe: [*How good are EU passports?*](#) by Alexander Damiano Ricci, July 30, 2019.

The Newswweek: [*Ranked: The World's Least Powerful Passports in 2019*](#), by David Sim, January 9, 2019.

The Daily Orange: [*U.S.-Turkey visa suspension could affect prospective SU students*](#), by Gabe Stern, October 17, 2017.

Fellowships, Grants & Awards

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Syracuse University, 2021-2022

Ketcham Award, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2021

Cohn Fund, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2020

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Syracuse University, 2020

APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2019

Andersen Award, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2019

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, SPSA 2017

IHS Conference Grant, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, 2017

Languages

Turkish (Native), Spanish (Proficient)

Computer skills and competences

HTML, In-Design, LaTeX, Microsoft Office Programs, SPSS, STATA, R.

References

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