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#### Istanbul Aydın University

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#### EDUCATION

* 1. **PhD-“magna cum laude”**

**University of Duisburg-Essen, Department of Political Science**

*Thesis Title:* Europeanization and Domestic Change:

Impact of the Copenhagen Criteria on Turkish Democracy and Mediating Factors: 1999-2005

* 1. **University of Vienna**

**Department of Political Science**

Completed course requirements for Doctorate

* 1. **University of Vienna**

Completed Preparatory Schoolfor German and pursued doctoral programme at the department of political science

* 1. **B.S. Department of International Relations**

**Bilkent University, Ankara**

Ranked second in the department and was granted a full scholarship

#### JOB EXPERIENCE

Sep. 2021-Present **Assoc. Prof. Dr., Dept. of Political Science & Inter. Relations**

Istanbul Aydın University, Istanbul

Sep. 2013-July 2020 **Assoc. Prof. Dr., Dept. of Political Science & Inter. Relations**

Yeni Yuzyil University, Istanbul

Sep. 2009-Sep. 2012 **Assist. Prof. Dr., Department of International Relations**

Gediz University, Izmir

Sep. 2008-Jan. 2009 **Assist. Prof. Dr., Dept. of Public Administration**

European University of Lefke, Lefke - N. Cyprus

Sep. 2007-Jun. 2008 **Assist. Prof. Dr., Dept. of International Relations**

Cag University, Mersin

Oct. 2006-Aug. 2007 **Lecturer, Dept. of International Relations**

Cag University, Mersin

Sep. 2003-Feb. 2006 **Lecturer, Dept. of International Trade**

Bogazici University, Istanbul

#### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

**Journal Articles**

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Is a Strategic Partnership between Turkey and Russia Feasible at the Expense of Turkey's Relations with the EU and NATO?”*Comparative Southeast European Studies,* Vol. 69, No. 4, (2021). (ESCI-WoS, Scopus)

Mehmet Bardakçı and Tülay Yıldırım-Mat, “The Reasons of Electoral Stagnation of the CHP in the Light of the 2015 Turkish Parliamentary Elections,”*Akademik İncelemeler Dergisi*, Vol. 13, No. 2, (2018), pp. 415-438.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Revisiting the Turkish Military and European Union Reforms: 1999-2005,”*Lectio Socialis*, Vol. 2, No. 1, (2018), pp. 6-15.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Evolving Turkish Policy in the Face of the Changing Syria Crisis,”*Akademik Ortadoğu,* Vol. 11, No. 2, (2017), pp. 99-119.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “2015 Parliamentary Elections in Turkey: Demise and Revival of AKP’s Single Party Rule,” *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 17, No. 1, (2016), pp. 4-18. (SSCI)

Mehmet Bardakçı, “The Alevi Opening of the AKP Government: Walking a Tightrope between Democracy and Identity,” *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 16, No. 3, (2015), pp. 349-370. (SSCI)

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Coup Plots and the Transformation of Civil-Military Relations in Turkey under AKP Rule,” *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 14, No. 3, (2013), pp. 411-428. (SSCI)

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Turkish Parties’ Positions towards the EU: Between Europhilia and Europhobia,” *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, Vol. 10, No. 4, (2010), pp. 26-41. (Scopus)

Mehmet Bardakçı, “EU Engagement in Conflict Resolution in Georgia: towards a more proactive role,” *Caucasian Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 4, No. 3, (2010), pp. 214-236.

Mehmet Bardakçı,“Turkey and the EU: Challenges Lying Ahead,” *Südosteuropa: Zeitschrift für Gegenwartsforschung*, Vol. 56, No. 2, (2009), pp. 248-262.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Civil-Military Relations in Turkey under the AKP Government,” *Südosteuropa Mitteilungen*, Vol. 48, No. 2, (2008), pp. 20-37.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Decoding the Rise of Euroskepticism in Turkey,” *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 9, No. 4, (2007), pp. 116-123.

**Research Monograph**

Mehmet Bardakçı, “The Alevi, the AKP Government and the Alevi Initiative” in Mehmet Bardakçı, Annette Freyberg-Inan, Olaf Leisse ve Christoph Giesel, *Religious Minorities in Turkey: Alevi, Armenians, Syriacs and the Struggle to Desecuritize Religious Freedom,* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2017), pp. 97-131.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Desecuritization of Minority Rights in Turkey since the 1999 Helsinki Summit” in Mehmet Bardakçı, Annette Freyberg-Inan, Olaf Leisse ve Christoph Giesel, *Religious Minorities in Turkey: Alevi, Armenians, Syriacs and the Struggle to Desecuritize Religious Freedom*(Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2017), pp. 77-87.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “The EU’s Evaluation of Turkey’s Progress in the Field of Minority Rights from 1998 to 2015” in Mehmet Bardakçı, Annette Freyberg-Inan, Olaf Leisse ve Christoph Giesel, in *Religious Minorities in Turkey: Alevi, Armenians, Syriacs and the Struggle to Desecuritize Religious Freedom*(Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2017), pp. 37-53.

Mehmet Bardakçı, *Political Reforms in Turkey and the Impact of the EU*, (Saarbrücken: VDM Verlag,2008).

**Edited Books and Book Chapters**

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Iran’s Foreign Policy during Hasan Ruhani Era: The Case of Iran’s Relations with the Gulf Countries,” (in Turkish) in Hüdayi Sayın (ed.), *Iran Regional Analysis: Society, Culture, Economy, Politics, Strategy and International Relations*,(Istanbul: Vadi Yayınları, 2020), pp. 227-264.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “The Role of the European Union in the Iranian Nuclear Issue,” (in Turkish) in Yunus Yoldaş and Özlem Becerik Yoldaş (eds.), *Crises in the 21. Century: States in the Transforming International System*, (İstanbul: Der Yayınları, 2019), pp. 350-369.

Olaf Leisse and Mehmet Bardakçı, “Die Bürgerschaftspolitik der Türkei und Deutschlands im Vergleich,”in Wolfgang Gieler, Burak Gümüş, Yunus Yoldaş (eds.), *Deutsch-Türkische Beziehungen: Historische, Sektorale und Migrationsspezifische Aspekte,*(Frankfurt: Peter Lang Verlag, 2017), pp. 237-272.

Olaf Leisse, Mehmet Bardakçı, Annette Freyberg-Inan, (eds.), *Growing Together, Growing Apart: Turkey and the European Union Today,* (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016).

Mehmet Bardakçı, “The AKP Government and the Alevi Issue: Why could the Alevi Demands not be Met?” in Annette Freyberg-Inan, Mehmet Bardakçı, Olaf Leisse (eds.), *Growing Together, Growing Apart: Turkey and the European Union Today*, (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016), pp. 101-116.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Turkish Political Parties’ Opposition to the European Union: 1999-2006,” Wassenberg, B., Clavert, F., Hamman, P., (eds.), in *Contre L’Europe? Anti-Européisme, Euroscepticisme Et Alter-Européisme Dans La Construction Européenne De 1945 À Nos Jours (Volume II)*, (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2013).

**Papers in Conference Proceedings**

Mehmet Bardakçı, “The Role of Ideology and Institutional Structure in Iranian Foreign Policy,” (Turkish) *IZCEAS 2018: İzmir International Congress of Economics and Administrative Sciences Proceedings*, İzmir, 5-8 December 2018, pp. 177-189.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “European Union and the Iranian Nuclear Crisis,” (Turkish) *1. Bozok International Political Science Congress Proceedings*, Yozgat, 24-26 October 2018, pp. 375-390.

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Contributions in Newspapers, Opinion Pieces and Analyses**

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Interview on Turkish Foreign Policy,” *Pulsul Geostrategic*, 11 August 2021.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Explaining the Recent Change in Turkish Foreign Policy,” *Global Times*, 22 May 2021.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “The EU’s Role in MENA as a Geopolitical Actor,” (in Turkish) *UIK Panorama*, 13 February 2021.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Karabakh Conflict: How the Status-quo Changed After a Quarter of a Century,” *Modern Diplomacy*, 1 January 2021.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Interview about the EU Sanctions on Turkey due to the Dispute over the Exploration of Natural Gas in the Eastern Mediterranean,” (in Turkish) *Yeni Birlik Newspaper*, 8 December 2020.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “The West is Worried about Turkey’s Drift towards Russia Heralding the Birth of a New Strategic Partnership. It Needn’t be,” *The Loop: ECPR’s Political Science Blog*, 24 November 2020.

**TV Appearances**

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Interview on the Recent Developments on Turkish Foreign Policy,” *Global Times Media House*, 23 May 2021.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “Interview on the Karabakh Conflict,” *Köprü Programme, Günaz TV*, *Azerbaijan*, 4 December 2020.

**Talks as Invited Speaker**

Mehmet Bardakçı, “EU-MENA Relations,” *Talk at Boğaziçi University organized by Center for European Studies*, 19 April 2021.

Mehmet Bardakçı, “The Impact of Turkish-Russian Relations on Turkish-EU Relations,” *Talk at Yalova University organized by International Relations Society*, 31 October 2020.

##### SERVICE AS REVIEWER FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND BOOKS

**Journal Reviewing**

International Journal of Politics and Security (2019)

Uludağ University Social Sciences Institute Journal (2019)

Middle East Journal (SSCI) (2018)

British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies (SSCI) (2018)

Journal of European Integration (SSCI) (2017)

Third World Quarterly (SSCI) (2016)

Cambridge Review of International Affairs (SSCI) (2015)

Turkish Studies (SSCI) (twice in 2015, 2017, and 2020)

Southeast European and Black Sea Studies (SSCI) (2012)

European Journal of Turkish Studies (2008)

**Book Proposal Reviewing**

Review for a Book Proposal Submitted to Palgrave with the Title “Freedom of Religion and Belief in Turkey: Religion, Society and Politics” (2020)

### GRANTS

2-3 March 2012 **Partial Travel Grant**, Mercator Stiftung, Essen, Symposium on “Türkei-Forschung in Deutschland II, University of Hamburg

16-18 June 2010 **Full Travel and Accomodation Grant**

Economic Development Foundation (IKV), İstanbul, Conference on “Turkey and the EU: Opportunities and Challenges in the Accession”

21-22 April 2010 **Full Travel and Accomodation Grant**, the University of Strasbourg Conference on "Euroscepticism"

31 March-1 Apr. 2005 **Full Travel and Accomodation Grant,** Robert Schuman Foundation

RICHIE Doctoral Colloquium RICHIE

6-7 May 2004 **Full Accomodation Grant,** Uludağ Univer. Young Scholars Symposium

18-24 Aug. 2003 **Full Grant for Travel, Tuition Fee and Accomodation**

Austrian Institute for European Security Policy Summer Academy on European Security, Baden

26 June - 05 July 2003 **Full Grant for Travel and Tuition Fee**, University of Montpellier I

Summer Academy on Legal and Political Aspects of European Civilization

1990-1994 **Full Grant (Exemption from tuition fee, accomodation, and board)**

Bilkent University, Ankara, Dept. of International Relations, 4 years

**PROJECTS**

**European Commission Programme for Enlargement: PRINCE2009-EU27**

*Title of the Project Funded:* “EU-Turkey: Threats and Opportunities”

*The task in the Project:* The project coordinator

*Amount of Funding:* €148.500,00 during 2011-2012

*Activities Funded:* Awareness-Raising Events on Turkey’s Accession to the EU, including workshops, conferences, a weekend school, a summer school, and a research project on minorities in Turkey

*Partner Universities:* Gediz University, Amsterdam Univ., Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena

*Research on Minorities:* As part of the EU project, extensive fieldwork was conducted on minorities throughout Turkey, in which numerous semi-structured interviews were held with the representatives of minority NGOs, and questionnaires were distributed. The findings of the research were published as a research monograph in Palgrave and as an article in Turkish Studies.

**SERVICE AS THESIS SUPERVISOR**

I supervised around 20 master and doctoral theses and numerous master projects and acted as a jury member for countless doctoral and master theses at the universities.

##### COURSES I TAUGHT

Since I instructed in many universities throughout my academic life, I instructed a diverse spectrum of courses in the field of political science and international relations. The list of the courses that I gave includes, among others, History of Civilization, Graduation Project, Comparative Political Systems, Turkish Foreign Policy, US Foreign Policy, Middle Eastern Politics, Politics in the Balkans, Politics in Central Asia and the Caucasus, Political Theory, Research Methods in Social Sciences at undergraduate level and Middle Eastern Politics, Modern Political Theory and European Politics at the master and doctoral programme.

##### LANGUAGES

**Turkish** (Native), **English** (Fluent), **German** (Good), **French** (Working Knowledge), **Russian** (Beginner)

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Standing Group on Southern European Politics, member since 2015

The University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) Collaborative Research Network (CRN) on Euroscepticism, member since 2011.