

SUMEYRA YILDIZ YUCEL

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EDUCATION

- PhD** University of Delaware, Political Science and International Relations (2019-...)
Dissertation: "Rise of Populism as a Reaction
Against Global Imposition of Equality"
Committee: Drs. Joanne Miller (chair), Julio Carrion, Claire Rasmussen
- MA** University of Delaware, Political Science and International Relations (2017-2019)
Thesis: " Understanding Agency in Social Movements:
The Murabitat Women's Movement "
Advisor: Dr. Kara Ellerby
- MS** Middle East Technical University, International Relations (2014-2017)
Thesis: "The Murabitat: A Women's Civil Resistance Movement
in the Old City of Jerusalem"
Advisor: Dr. Ahmet Nuri Yurdusev
- BS** Bogazici University, Political Science and International Relations (2009-2014)
Graduated with Honor Degree
- University of Kent, Erasmus Student Exchange (Fall 2013)
Took courses: Politics of Deeply Divided Societies,
Conflict and Cooperation,
The History of Europe and Islamic World

HONORS AND AWARDS

NSF-Rapid Grant to Study Earthquake-Related Conspiracy Theories 2023

This is a 100k grant from the National Science Association (NSF) to survey a nationally representative sample of 2,000 Turkish citizens, received with my co-author Joanne Miller.

University of Delaware Summer Doctoral Fellowship 2023

This fellowship was granted only to 15 outstanding doctoral students out of 86 applications for Summer Doctoral Fellowships.

University of Delaware Graduate Student Travel Award 2023

This award was granted to cover my Conference travel expenses.

University of Delaware Dissertation Fellowship

2022

This award recognizes the top doctoral students across the University of Delaware based on nominations from graduate programs and recommendations from a faculty review committee.

University of Delaware Graduate Student Travel Award

2022

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A.H. Khan Award for Excellence in Research on Islam and Global Affairs

2019

This award is presented annually to a graduate student for excellence on a paper concerning Islam and Global Affairs.

PUBLICATIONS

Working Papers

Yildiz Yucel, Sumeyra and Miller, Joanne, "Precedents and Antecedents of Earthquake-Related Conspiracy Theories: The Case of February 2023 Earthquakes in Turkey"

Yildiz Yucel, Sumeyra, " The Neoliberalism-Populism Nexus: Comparative Insights from the U.S. and Turkey."

Yildiz Yucel, Sumeyra, "The Impact of Mainstream-Far Right Alliances on Anti-Immigrant and Populist Attitudes: A Pre-Post Survey Experiment."

Journal Publications

Yildiz Yucel, Sumeyra. "A Necessary Void in International Relations: Non-State Actors in the Middle East." *Insight Turkey*, (2016): 209-217.

<https://www.insightturkey.com/review-article/a-necessaryvoid- in-international-relations-non-state-actors-in-themiddle-east>

Book Chapters

Uzun, C. D., Gucturk, Y., Barin, Hilal, & Yildiz, S. (2016) Law and Human Rights in Turkey, In N. Mis, U. Ulutas, M. Yesiltas, C. D. Uzun, S. Unay, Z. Celik & I. Caglar (Eds), *Turkey in 2015*, 255-293, Ankara, SETA.

Yildiz Yucel, S. Y. (2016) The July 15 Resistance by the Turkish People: Googling `How to Stop a Tank`, B. Duran and F. Altun (Eds), Ankara, SETA.

Ensaroglu, Y, Uzun, C. D., Gucturk, Y., Barin, H., & Yildiz, S. (2015) Law and Human Rights in Turkey, In N. Mis, Y. Ensaroglu, U. Ulutas, S. Unay, Z. Celik & I. Caglar (Eds), *Turkey in 2014*, 91-145, Ankara, SETA.

Reports and Policy Briefs

Yildiz Yucel, S.Y., "Europe tested by Refugee Crisis" Ankara: SETA, 2017.

Uzun, C. D., Yildiz Yucel, S., Akgun, M.H., 2016`da Hukuk ve Insan Hakları (Law and Human Rights in 2016), Ankara: SETA, 2017.

Yildiz Yucel, S. " İsrail`in UNESCO Kararı Tepkisi: "Mescid-i Aksa" Mescid-i Aksa Değildir. (Israel`s Reaction to the UNESCO Resolution: Masjid-al Aqsa is not Masjid-al Aqsa)" November 2016: 153

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming Paper Presentation, " Exploring the Interwoven Dynamics of Neoliberal Rationality and Populism" APSA, Philadelphia, 2024, September.

Upcoming Paper Presentation, " Exploring the Antecedents of Earthquake Conspiracy Theory Beliefs in the Wake of the 2023 Turkish Presidential Election," MPSA, Chicago, 2024, April.

Upcoming Paper Presentation, " The Neoliberalism-Populism Nexus: Comparative Insights from the U.S. and Turkey," MPSA, Chicago, 2024, April.

Workshop Presentation, "The Complex Relationship between Nationalist Populism and Neoliberalism: Empirical Evidence from the United States and Turkey", OPUS Young Scholars Initiative on Populism, 2023, September.

Paper Presentation, "Dominant Identity Groups` Neoliberal Immunity against Status Loss and Populism as an Immune System Disorder," MPSA, Chicago, 2023, April.

Paper Presentation, "The Global Rise of Nationalist Populism: A Survey Experiment Proposal," MPSA, Chicago, 2023, April.

Workshop Presentation, "Effects of the Transformation of Citizenship on the Global Rise of Right-wing Populism," APSA, Dissertation Workshop Migration and Citizenship, 2022 September.

Paper Presentation, "The Rise of Populism as a Reaction Against the Global Human Rights Regime," MPSA, Chicago, 2022, April.

Research Design Presentation, "The Rise of Populism as a Reaction Against the Global Imposition of Equality," IQMR Summer Institute 2020, June 22, 202.

Workshop, "Discursive Shifts in The Umma Imagination: Transnational Islam as a Global Civil Society," IISS 6 Transnational Islam and Challenges of Being Muslim Ummah, Istanbul, August 3, 2019.

Paper Presentation, "A Women's Movement on the Holy Lands: Murabitat" in the Panel session: "Gender Studies in Islam: Beyond Islamic Feminism"; BRAIS 2016 Conference, London, April 12, 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

POSC 150 Introduction to American Politics	Winter 2023
POSC 240 Introduction to Global Politics	Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant

POSC 475 Model United Nations with Dr Yunus Ozturk	Fall 2023
POSC 230 Introduction to Politics and Social Justice with Dr. Kassra Oskooii	Spring 2022
POSC 150 Introduction to American Politics with Dr. Philip Jones	Fall 2021
POSC 413 Minority Politics and Representation with Dr. Kassra Oskooii	Spring 2021
POSC 240 Introduction to Global Politics with Dr. Daniel Green	Fall 2020
POSC 240 Introduction to Global Politics with Dr. Kara Ellerby	Fall 2019
POSC 240 Introduction to Global Politics with Dr. Alice Ba	Spring 2018
POSC 240 Introduction to Global Politics with Dr. Daniel Green	Fall 2017
POSC 240 Introduction to Global Politics with Dr. Jennifer K Lobasz	Fall 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Delaware, Newark (2018-2020)

Assisted Dr. David Redlawsk

- Compiled, evaluated, and conducted literature reviews, conducted news search, aided with the design and coordination of an online survey through Qualtrics, reported the statistical survey data, analyzed the survey data, edited multiple versions of the research article.

Assisted Dr. Gretchen Bauer

- Conducted news search through Nexis Uni and conducted literature review.

Research Assistant, SETA, Ankara (2014-2017)

- Compiled, evaluated, and conducted scholarly literature.
- Collected, analyzed, and summarized data on national and international projects.
- Conducted fieldwork and prepared public surveys and semi-structured interviews.
- Prepared policy briefs, annual reports, and presentations.
- Completed the annual analysis and reports on legal and human rights developments in Turkey.
- Recruited and interviewed new employees and supervised other assistants and interns.
- Assigned and oversaw interns` tasks and evaluated their performances.

Legislative Consultant, Turkish Grand National Assembly, Ankara (2014-2017)

- Conducted policy and legal research.
- Performed administrative duties, handled constituent inquiries and casework.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The University of Delaware Summer Institute of Teaching 2023, attended panel and workshop sessions on AI Tools in Higher Education, Using ChatGPT in Content-Based Courses, and Supporting Multilingual Students' Metacognitive Reflection to Enhance their Practice of Synthesis Writing.

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Human Subjects Protections Program with Social-Behavioral-Educational Focus 2022, completed 15 modules on ethical conduct in scientific studies on human subjects.

International Society of Political Psychology Academy (ISPP) 2020, Attended the three-day workshop, held virtually, training in foundational and cutting-edge research in political psychology.

The Summer Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR) 2020, attended seminar series on within-case and small-N analysis; multi-method research; causal inference from causal models; and comparative historical analysis.

Training on a Qualitative Data Analysis Survey: NVivo 2017, attended a three-day workshop on NVivo which is a software program used for the analysis of unstructured text, audio, video, and image data, including interviews, focus groups, surveys, social media, and journal articles.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer-Reviewed Articles for:

- Medicine, Conflict & Survival

- Insight Turkey

LANGUAGES

Turkish: Native Language

English: Distinguished

Arabic: Advanced