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**Education**

- 2016-Ongoing University of Delaware, Newark, DE, US  
PhD, Political Science and International Relations
- 2013-LoA Istanbul Sehir University, Istanbul, Turkey  
MA, Political Science and International Relations
- 2011 Aug-Dec Washington College, Chestertown, MD, US  
Exchange Student, Political Science and International Relations
- 2007-2013 Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey  
BA, Political Science and International Relations

**Book Chapters**

Çolak, Mustafa O., Aksu, Ibrahim E., Tapan, Yunus E., “Anti-Komünist Propaganda: Büyük Doğu Mecmuası Örneği” (Anti-Communist Propaganda: A Case of Büyük Doğu Journal), *1960-1980 Arası İslamcı Dergiler: Toparlanma ve Çeşitlenme (Islamist Journals in 1960-1980: Recovering and Varying)*, Vahdettin Işık, Ahmet Köroğlu, Yusuf Enes Sezgin, eds. (Istanbul: Nobel Akademik Press, January 2016)

Khan, M. A. Muqtedar, Aksu, Ibrahim E., “Güney Asya’da İslami Modernizmin Sesleri” (Voices of Islamic Modernism from South Asia) *Günümüz Hint Alt-kıtası Müslüman Düşüncesi (Contemporary Indian Subcontinental Muslim Thought)*, Lütfi Sunar, eds. (İstanbul: YTB Yayınları, May 2020)

Khan, M. A. Muqtedar, Aksu, Ibrahim E., “The Voices of Islamic Modernism from South Asia” *The Routledge International Handbook of Contemporary Muslim Socio-Political Thought*, Lütfi Sunar, eds. (Oxford, UK: Routledge, 2022)

Aksu, Ibrahim E. “Rached Ghannouchi – Lessons on Educational Leadership from a Leader of an Islamic Movement” *Great Muslim Leaders: Lessons for Education* Melanie Brooks & Miriam Ezzani eds. (Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, 2023)

Aksu, Ibrahim E. “The Intellectual Trajectory of an Islamist between Ideology and Practice: An Examination on the Political Philosophy of Rached Ghannouchi” *Contemporary Muslim Thought* Ahmet Köroğlu, Irfanullah Farooqi, eds. (İstanbul: Istanbul University Press, forthcoming)

### Books Reviewed

Anne Norton, *On the Muslim Question*, in Review of International Law and Politics, Vol: 9, No:34 (2013)

Hendrik Kraetzschmar and Paola Rivetti (eds), [\*Islamists and the Politics of the Arab Uprisings: Governance, Pluralisation and Contention\*](#), in TRT World Research Center, (Sept 2019)

Christopher M. Davidson, *After the Sheikhs: The Coming Collapse of the Gulf Monarchies*, in Insight Turkey, vol. 22, no. 1 (2020)

Rory McCarthy, [\*Inside Tunisia’s al-Nahda: Between Politics and Preaching\*](#), in TheMaydan.com, (April 2021)

### Conference & Workshop Presentations

“Religion in International Relations Theory: Incorporating Religion into the Liberal IR Theories” at 9<sup>th</sup> Annual UD Graduate Students’ Forum, Newark, DE, USA, April 26, 2019.

“The Intellectual Trajectory of an Islamist between Ideology and Practice: An Examination on the Political Philosophy of Rached Ghannouchi” at 6<sup>th</sup> Annual ILEM International Summer School Workshop, Istanbul, Turkey, August 3, 2019

“Reviewing Rory McCarthy’s Inside Tunisia’s Al-Nahda: Between Politics and Preaching” at Fourth Annual Graduate Student Book Review Colloquium on Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at George Mason University, Fairfax County, VA, USA, November 20, 2020

“A Bull in a China Shop: The Populist Potential of the US Leadership and Its Fragile Ability to Maintain a Stable Cooperative International System” at MPSA 2022, Chicago, IL, USA, April 8, 2022

### Teaching Experiences

June-July 2021 Teaching POSC 150: Introduction to American Politics in Summer 2021 at University of Delaware

Jan-Feb 2021 Teaching POSC 150: Introduction to American Politics in Winter 2021 at University of Delaware

Sept 2016-Ongoing Teaching Assistant for 8 semesters with full responsibility for POSC 240 “Introduction to Global Politics” lectured by Dr. Benjamin Bagozzi, POSC

270 “Introduction to Comparative Politics” by Dr. Joshua Martineua, and POSC 150 “Introduction to American Politics” by Dr. Jason Mycoff, by Dr. Flavio Hickel Jr., and by Dr. Phil Jones, POSC 333 “Contemporary Political Ideologies” and POSC 460 “Good Governance” by Dr. M. A. Muqtedar Khan (University of Delaware)

Sept 2013-Aug 2015 Teaching Assistant for 4 semesters with full responsibility (reviewing, making class discussion, grading, etc.) of over 200 students for UNI 118 “Understanding Politics and Economy” class lectured by Dr. Mustafa Özel. (İstanbul Şehir University)

### **Other Experiences**

June-July 2022 &  
January 2023

Worked as a staff member for The Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars and Secondary Educators (SUSI), by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, which is a 5-to-6-week academic programs for mid-career foreign scholars, faculty, practitioners and secondary educators hosted by University of Delaware

Sept 2020-ongoing

Working as a Graduate Assistant for Undergraduate Academic Services under the College of Arts and Sciences

2016-2019

Worked as a staff and moderator for several panels organized by İDE (Istanbul Think-House), including Dr. Juliane Hammer’s talk on “Gender Justice in Islam: Women's Authority, Activism & Interpretation” and Dr. Joseph Kaminski’s talk on “Reconceptualizing an Islamic Governed State.”

Sept 2015-June 2016

Personal Assistant to Assist. Prof. Dr. Ismail Yaylaci and Assist. Prof. Dr. Vügar İmanbeyli, Istanbul Şehir University

Jan-June 2015

Assistant Editor of Foreign News in TRT World (Turkish State-owned TV channel broadcasting in English)

August-2012

Participant of the Workshop on “Civil Rights and Liberties”, in Samokov, Bulgaria

2011-2013

Staff in panels organized by the Club of History Studies in Boğaziçi University, namely “Ankara-Moscow Relations in the Cold War Period”, “NATO with its Historical Transformations”, and “Internal and Foreign Policy of II. Abdulhamid”

2011-2012

Democratus – Social Media start-up  
Social Media management

### **Other Publications**

BSV Bulletin: Israeli Politics and Its Relations with Turkey after Arab Spring, Vol. 81, 2013

BSV Bulletin: Tunisian Elections and Arab Spring, Vol. 87, 2015

BSV Bulletin: Against Schmitt with Schmitt, Vol. 90, 2016

BYV Bulletin; Arab Spring Talks: A General Overview, 2013

BYV Bulletin; "What's Happening There?" Kurdish Peace Process, 2013

BYV Bulletin; Arab Spring Talks: Iran, 2013

### **Freelance Academic Studies**

"National View Movement in Turkish Politics" as 9 colleagues by conducting interviews with 8 former members. (2011)

"Combining Liberalism with Islam: The Case of Mustafa Akyol" as 3 colleagues (2012)

"The Development of Leftist Labor Unions in Turkey in Terms of Politics and Culture: The Specific Case of "Maden-İş"" as 8 colleagues by conducting qualitative interviews with 5 former members of the union. (2012)

### **Academic Scholarships**

Sept 2016-May 2020 University of Delaware  
Teaching Assistant Scholarship including full tuition waive and stipend for up to 4 years of PhD program

Sept 2013-June 2016 Istanbul Sehir University  
Type TA1 Teaching Assistant Scholarship during MA program

### **Fellowships**

- Summer Student Program Fellowship by International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)
- Summer School Program Fellowship by ILEM (Scientific Studies Association)

### **Research Grants and Awards**

- A. H. Khan Award for Excellence in Research on Islam and Global Affairs, 2018 [\$200]
- UD Graduate College Graduate Student Travel Award for 79<sup>th</sup> MPSA Conference, 2022 [\$1406.63]

### **Languages**

Turkish – Mother Tongue  
English – Fluent  
Arabic – Intermediate  
French – Intermediate  
Kurdish – Elementary

### **Computer Skills**

Stata  
SPSS  
Microsoft Office

### **Other Affiliations**

Member of BSV (Science and Art Foundation), and IDE (Istanbul Think-House)

Reading Circles:

- 2012-2013 History of Modern World (18 weeks in BSV)
- 2012-2013 History of Philosophical Thought (24 weeks in BSV)
- 2013-2014 Authoritarian Regimes and Political Transformation in MENA (12 weeks in BSV)
- 2014-2015 Modern Muslim Thought (in IDE)
- 2015-2016 Critical IR Theories (in BSV)
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Sample papers and further references may be provided upon request.