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## EDUCATION

**Florida International University**, Miami, Florida, U.S.A.

Ph.D., International Relations, Dept. of Politics and IR (2013–2019).

Exam Fields: IR Theory, Security Studies, Area Studies (2015).

Dissertation: "[Revising the Status Quo of Revisionism. Grand Strategy and International Order.](#)"

Committee: Félix E. Martín (c), Ronald W. Cox, John G. Oates, Rebecca Friedman.

**Bilkent University**, Ankara, Turkey.

M.A., International Relations, Dept. of International Relations (2012).

Thesis: "[The Impact of Democratization on Foreign Policy: The Rise and Fall of the Turkish-Israeli Alliance.](#)"

Committee: Ersel Aydınlı (c), F. Yüksel İnan, Hüseyin Bağcı.

**Bilkent University**, Ankara, Turkey.

B.A., International Relations, Dept. of International Relations (2009).

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

**Middle East Technical University**, Ankara, Turkey

*Assistant Professor* (2025-)

-“Issues in Global Politics.” Spring 2026

-“Introduction to World Politics.” Spring 2026

-“Introduction to Foreign Policy Analysis.” Fall 2025.

-“International Security.” Summer 2023, Spring 2026.

-“Theories of International Relations.” Fall 2022, 2023, 2025.

**Bilkent University**, Ankara, Turkey

*Instructor* (2024-2025)

-“Security and Strategy.” Spring, Fall 2024.

-“Turkish Foreign Policy.” Spring, Fall 2024.

-“Twentieth Century World Politics Spring.” Spring 2024.

**Center for Foreign Policy & Peace Research**, Ankara, Turkey.

*Postdoctoral Researcher* (July 2019-January 2024)

-Managing Editor of *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace.*

*Senior Researcher*

-Associate Editor, *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace.*

**Middle East Technical University**, Ankara Turkey

*Adjunct Instructor* (2022-2023)

-“International Security.” Summer 2023.

-“International Relations and Cinema.” Spring 2023

-“Theories of International Relations.” Fall 2022-2023.

**Bilkent University**, Ankara, Turkey

*Adjunct Instructor* (2020-2022)

-“Security and Strategy.” Summer 2022.

-“Turkish Foreign Policy.” Spring & Fall 2020, Spring & Fall 2021, Summer 2022, 2023.

**Florida International University**, Miami, Florida, U.S.A.

*Instructor of Record*

- “Foreign Policymaking” (Online). Fall 2017, Summer 2019.
- “Theories of International Relations” (Online). Spring 2018, 2019.
- “Theories of International Relations.” Spring 2017.
- “Foreign Policymaking.” Fall 2016.

**Florida International University**, Miami, U.S.A.

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- “International Organizations.” Summer 2017.
- “International Law.” Summer 2016.
- “Politics of Development and Underdevelopment.” Spring 2016.
- “Contemporary Issues in International Security.” Spring 2016.
- “Development of International Relations Thought.” Fall 2015.
- “Islamic Faith and Society.” Fall 2015.

**Bilkent University**, Ankara, Turkey

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- “Politics of International Economy.” Spring 2012, Summer 2012.
- “Research Methods in International Relations.” Fall 2011.
- “Turkish Foreign Policy I & II.” Fall 2010 & Spring 2011.

**GRANTS AND  
AWARDS**

**2018-2019 – Dissertation Year Fellowship**, University Graduate School, Florida International University.

**2018 – Graduate Student Service Award**, PIR, SIPA, Florida International University.

**2018 – Best Graduate Instructor**, PIR, SIPA, Florida International University.

**2018 – Best Graduate Student Paper**, PIR, SIPA, Florida International University, for “Updating the Culture of Strategic Cultural Studies,” presented at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of ISA, San Francisco, CA, April 4, 2018.

**2017 – Best Graduate Teaching Assistant in International Relations**, PIR, SIPA, Florida International University, for excellence in T.A. work, 2016-2017.

**2017 – Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship**, SIPA, Florida International University.

**2017 – LACC Travel Grant**, LACC, Florida International University.

**2015-2018 – Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, University Graduate School, Florida International University.

**2013-2015 – Fulbright Scholarship (Ph.D.)**, Fulbright Commission Turkey, U.S. Dept. of State.

**2010-2012 – M.I.R. Scholarship (M.A.)**, Dept. International Relations, Bilkent University.

**2007-2009 – Merit Scholarship (B.A.)**, Dept. International Relations, Bilkent University.

**2007 – Best Essay Contest**, Dept. of Philosophy, Bilkent University.

**PEER-REVIEWED  
PUBLICATIONS**

[“Where is the Anchor? Explaining the Endurance of the American-Turkish](#)

[Partnership, 1927-2024.”](#) *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*, Vol 14, No. 1 (2025), pp. 121-47. (with Kemal Kirişçi).

-“[Realism’s Timeless Wisdom and its Relevance for the Global South.](#)” *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*, Vol 13, No. 1 (2024), pp. 49-67. (with Nicolas A. Beckmann).

**BOOK  
CHAPTERS  
AND OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS**

-[“The False Promise of Global IR: Exposing the Paradox of Dependent Development,”](#) *International Theory: A Journal of International Politics, Law and Philosophy* (2021), pp. 1-40 (with *Ersel Aydınli*).

-[“Elite Change and the Inception, Duration, and Demise of the Turkish-Israeli Alliance,”](#) *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (2021), pp. 1-21 (with *Ersel Aydınli*).

-[“Turkish Politics and the Role of the Opposition,”](#) *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, Vol. 19, No. 4 (2019), pp. 541-564 (with *Orçun Selçuk* and *Dilara Hekimci*).

-[“Updating, Decentering, and Extending Strategic Culture”](#) in *Strategic Culture(s) in Latin America* edited by *Félix E. Martín*, *Nicolás Terradas*, and *Diego Zambrano* [Routledge, 2023].

-[“Conclusion”](#) in *Strategic Culture(s) in Latin America* edited by *Félix E. Martín*, *Nicolás Terradas*, and *Diego Zambrano* [Routledge, 2023]. (with *Félix E. Martín*, *Nicolás Terradas*, and *Diego Zambrano*)

-[“Digital Diplomacy and International Society in the Age of Populism,”](#) in *The Palgrave Handbook of Diplomatic Reform and Innovation* edited by *Paul W. Hare*, *Juan Luis Manfredi*, & *Kenneth Weisbrode* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2023).

-[“IR Theory and Russian Apologia,”](#) *Panorama*, Online (10 May, 2022).

-“İngiliz Okulu Kuramı ve Uluslararası Toplumda Güvenlik” [English School Theory and Security in International Society] in *Uluslararası İlişkiler’de Güvenlik* [Security in International Relations], Edited by *Basar Baysal* (İstanbul: İstanbul Bilgi University Press, 2022), pp. 33-42.

-“Devlet” [The State] in *Kuramsal Perspektiften Temel Uluslararası İlişkiler Kavramları* [Theoretical Perspectives on Essential International Relations Concepts], Edited by *Buğra Sarı* and *İsmail Erkam Sula* (Ankara: Nobel Akademik Yayıncılık, 2021), pp. 137-175.

-[“The Challenges to Middle Eastern International Society: A Study in Disorder,”](#) in *Conflict and Diplomacy in the Middle East*, Edited by *Yannis Stivachtis* (Bristol: E-International Relations, 2018), pp. 32-47.

-Review of *Making the Unipolar Moment: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Rise of the Post-Cold War Order* by *Hal Brands*, *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, January 16, 2018, Montgomery, AL: Air University.

-[Review of \*The Courtiers of Civilization: A Study of Diplomacy\* by \*Sasson Soffer\*,](#) *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (2017), pp. 251-53.

**SEMINARS  
AND  
CONFERENCES**

-“The Story of a Coup that Never Was,” *Independent Turkey*, April 2, 2016, London: Centre for Policy and Research on Turkey (Research Turkey).

-“Strategic Culture and Turkey,” *Dis Politika-Foreign Policy*, Vol. 41 (2014), pp. 51-66.

-“Iraq: Postwar Years and Beyond,” *Dis Politika-Foreign Policy*, Vol. 37, No. 3-4 (2011), pp. 40-51 (with *Hasan Selçuk Turkmen*).

-“The Arctic and the Dilemma of Climate Change,” *Dis Politika-Foreign Policy*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (2010), pp. 145-153.

“Order-Centric Grand Strategies and State Revisionism”

- CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference, June 21, 2024, Rijeka, Croatia
- “Revising Turkey’s Strategic Culture and Maladaptive Foreign Policy”  
- CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference, June 21, 2024, Rijeka, Croatia
- “Reviving the 'Strategic' in Strategic Culture” (with Nicolás Terradas)  
-65<sup>th</sup> Annual ISA Convention, April 5, 2024, San Fransisco, CA, USA.
- “Raison de Système as the New Raison d’Etat: An English School Approach to Foreign Policy” (with Nicolás Terradas)  
-65<sup>th</sup> Annual ISA Convention, April 4, 2024, San Fransisco, CA, USA.  
-12<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Peace Science Conference, January 12, 2024, Ankara, Turkey.
- “Where is the Anchor? The Dual Logic of Geopolitics and Ideational in Turkish-American Relations” (with Kemal Kirişçi)  
- Continuities and Changes in Türkiye-US Relations, November 12, 2023, Ankara Turkey.
- “Global IR and the ‘Timeless Wisdom’ of Mainstream Theory: Reflections on Realism’s Relevance for the Global South” (*with Nicolas Alexander Beckmann*)  
-7<sup>th</sup> Annual All Azimuth Workshop on Global IR, October 15, 2022, Istanbul, Turkey
- “Terrorizing the Curriculum: Introducing the Anatomy of Terrorism Education Database” (*with Ersel Aydınli and Efe Tokdemir*)  
-Hitit University 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress on International Security, Dec. 11, 2022, Ankara, Turkey.  
-6<sup>th</sup> Annual All Azimuth Workshop on Global IR, November 6-7, 2021, Ankara, Turkey
- “Global IR’s Dependent Development Problem.” (*with Ersel Aydınli*)  
-5<sup>th</sup> Annual All Azimuth Workshop on Global IR: Self-Reflection Time for the Periphery, December 12-13, 2020, Ankara, Turkey  
-Ankara Research Kitchen Talk. Dec 3, 2020, Ankara, Turkey.
- “Global IR and the Paradox of Local Dependency.”  
-World in Transition: Revisiting Non-Western Approaches to International Relations Workshop, January 18, 2020, Doha, Qatar.”  
“Reforming International Order and Theories of Grand Strategy.”  
- ISA’s 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, March 30, 2019, Toronto, Canada.
- Roundtable on “International Society, Statecraft, and Foreign Policy”  
- ISA’s 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, March 27, 2019, Toronto, Canada.
- “American Grand Strategy”  
-Foreign Policy Institute, Strategy Group Meeting, January 26, 2019, Ankara, Turkey.
- “Turkish Politics and The Role of the Opposition” (with Orçun Selçuk and Dilara Hekimci).  
-ASMEA’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, November 2, 2018, Washington, DC, U.S.A.
- “Latin-American State-Formation and IR Theory: The Puzzling Cases of Chile and Peru” (with Nicolás Terradas).  
-FLACSO-ISA’s Joint International Conference, July 25, 2018, Quito, Ecuador.
- “In the National Interest: An English School Approach to Foreign Policy” (with Nicolás Terradas).  
-ISA’s 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, April 4, 2018, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.  
-EISA’s 16<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference, September 7, 2023, Potsdam, Germany.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

"The 'Economic Standard of Civilisation': State-building and the Global Illicit Economy  
- Florida International University Politics and International Relations Faculty-Student Research Colloquium, January 24, 2018, Miami, FL, U.S.A.

"Revising the Status Quo of Revisionism, Grand Strategy and International Order"  
-EISA's 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on IR, September 15, 2017, Barcelona, Spain

"Updating the Culture of Strategic Cultural Studies"  
-ISA's 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, April 4, 2018, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.  
-LASA's 35<sup>th</sup> Congress, April 30, 2017, Lima, Peru.

"State-Building in Chile and Peru: A Neoclassical Realist Approach"  
-EISA's 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on IR, September 15, 2017, Barcelona, Spain.  
-MPSA's 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, April 8, 2016, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

"Oil-Smuggling and State Building in the Middle East"  
-FPSA's Annual Meeting, April 2, 2016, Lakeland, Florida, U.S.A.

"A New Framework for Grand Strategy."  
-ISA's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, March 18, 2016, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

"The Global Illicit Economy, the Standard of Civilization, and State Building."  
-ISA Northeast's Annual Conference, November 6, 2015, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A.  
-BISA's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, June 19, 2015, London, U.K.

"Democratization and Alliance Preferences: The Case of Turkey-Israel."  
-ASMEA's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 29, 2015, Washington D.C., U.S.A.  
-FPSA's Annual Meeting, March 8, 2014, St. Augustine, Florida, U.S.A.

"Securitizing Geopolitical Projects: The Imagination of Turkish Elites."  
-FPSA's Annual Meeting, March 28, 2015, Orlando, Florida, U.S.A.

"Strategic Culture and Turkey."  
-METU's Annual IR Conference, June 29, 2014, Ankara, Turkey.

Associate Editor (January 2024-)  
- *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*

Managing Editor (June 2019-January 2024)  
-*All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*

Reviewer  
- *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies Journal*  
- *Cambridge Review of International Studies*  
- *ODTÜ Gelişme Dergisi*  
- *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*  
- *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi*  
- *Journal of Strategic Security*  
- *International Relations*

Workshop Convener, Chair, and Discussant  
-7<sup>th</sup> Annual All Azimuth Workshop, Istanbul, Turkey, October 15, 2022  
-6<sup>th</sup> Annual All Azimuth Workshop, Ankara, Turkey, November 6-7, 2021  
-5<sup>th</sup> Annual All Azimuth Workshop, Ankara, Turkey, December 12-13, 2020

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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| <b>OTHER SKILLS</b>              | <p>Guest Lecturer<br/>Foreign Policy Institute, Internship Program Ankara, Turkey (Spring 2021, Summer 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Security and Strategy</li> <li>-International Relations Theories</li> <li>-Foreign Policy Analysis</li> </ul>  |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS</b> | <p>Chair<br/>“Resistance, Reform, and Responsibility in International Society”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ISA’s 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, March 29, 2019, Toronto, Canada.</li> <li>“Strategic Culture in Theory and Practice”</li> <li>-65<sup>th</sup> Annual ISA Convention, April 5, 2024, San Fransisco, CA, USA.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>REFERENCES</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Turkish (native language)</li> <li>-English (full professional proficiency)</li> <li>-German (reading proficiency)</li> <li>-Classical Latin (reading proficiency)</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-SPSS</li> <li>-Qualitative Analysis: NVIVO &amp; MAXQDA</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Board Member of the Foreign Policy Institute, Ankara, Turkey</li> <li>- International Studies Association Member</li> <li>- Member of the English School Section, International Studies Association</li> </ul>  |
| <b>CURRENT PROJECTS</b>          | <p><b>Ersel Aydınli</b> – Professor of International Relations, Department of International Relations at Bilkent University, +90 312 2903422, <a href="mailto:ersel@bilkent.edu.tr">ersel@bilkent.edu.tr</a>.</p> <p><b>Félix E. Martín</b> – Associate Professor of International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations at the Stephen J. Green School of International and Political Affairs, Florida International University, +1-305-348-1858, <a href="mailto:martinf@fiu.edu">martinf@fiu.edu</a>.</p> <p><b>Ronald W. Cox</b> – Professor of International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations at the Stephen J. Green School of International and Political Affairs, Florida International University, +1-305-348-6429, <a href="mailto:coxr@fiu.edu">coxr@fiu.edu</a>.</p> <p>“Anatomy of Terrorism Database” (Under review)</p> <p>“Order-Centric Grand Strategies and State Revisionism” (Under review)</p> |