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## Professional Employment

- Current Assistant Professor, Political Science and Public Administration, Kadir Has University
- 2019-2021 Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Political Science, Duke University
- 2017 - 2019 Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Sabancı University
- 2017 Lecturer, Sabancı University  
Postdoctoral Fellow, ERC Project, Koç University

## Education

- 2011-2016 PH.D., Political Science and International Relations, Koç University, Turkey  
*Dissertation Title: 'Continuous Clientelism, Persuasion, and Preference Change in Turkey'*  
*Defense Date: 6 December 2016*
- 2009-2010 M.S., Middle East Politics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- 2004-2009 B.S., in Global Affairs and International Relations, State University of New York Binghamton  
(Dual Diploma Program with Middle East Technical University, Ankara Turkey)

## Publications

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2020 **Yıldırım, K.**, Baruh, L. & Çarkoğlu, A. “Dynamics of Campaign Reporting and Press-Party Paralelism: Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism and the Media System in Turkey”, Published Online Before Print. *Political Communication*.
- 2020 **Yıldırım, K.** “Clientelism and dominant incumbent parties: Party competition in an urban Turkish neighbourhood”, *Democratization*, 27(1): pp.81-99.
- 2020 **Yıldırım, K.** & Kitschelt, H. “Analytical Perspectives on Varieties of Clientelism”, *Democratization*, 27(1): pp.20-43.

- 2019 Özel, I. D. & **Yıldırım, K.** “Political Consequences of Welfare Regimes: Social Assistance and Support for Presidentialism in Turkey”, *South European Society & Politics*, 24(4): pp.485-511.
- 2019 Çarkoğlu, A., Krouwel, A. & **Yıldırım, K.** “Party Competition in the Middle East: Spatial Competition in the Post-Arab Spring Era”, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 46(3): pp.440-463.
- 2019 Yörük, E., Öker, İ., **Yıldırım, K.** & Yakut-Çakar, B. “The Variable Selection Problem in Three Worlds of Welfare Literature”, *Social Indicators Research*, 144(2): pp.625-646.
- 2019 **Yıldırım, K.** & Kocapınar, G. “Untangling the Gender Gap: Nomination and Representativeness in Turkish Local Elections”, *Turkish Studies*, 20(2): pp.222-248.
- 2018 Çarkoğlu, A. & **Yıldırım, K.** “Change and Continuity in Turkey’s June 2018 Elections”, *Insight Turkey*, 20(4): pp.153-182.
- 2017 Aytaç, S. E., Çarkoğlu, A. & **Yıldırım, K.** “Taking Sides: Determinants of Support for a Presidential System in Turkey”, *South European Society & Politics*, 22(1): pp.1-20.
- 2015 Çarkoğlu, A. & **Yıldırım, K.** “Election Storm in Turkey: What do the Results of June and November 2015 Elections Tell Us?”, *Insight Turkey*, 17(4): pp.57-79.
- 2014 Çarkoğlu A., Baruh, L. & **Yıldırım, K.** “Press-Party Parallelism and Polarization of News Media during an Election Campaign: The Case of the 2011 Turkish Elections”, *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 19(3): pp.295-317.

## Book Chapters

- 2017 **Yıldırım, K.** “Personalistic Linkages and Persuasion in Turkish Party Politics”, in *Contemporary Turkey at a Glance II: Turkey Transformed? Power, History, Culture*, ed. by. Ersoy, M. & Özyürek, E. Springer VS.
- 2015 **Yıldırım, K.** “Political Efficacy”, in *The International Encyclopedia of Political Communication*, ed.by. Mazzoleni, G. Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2015 Altıok-Karşıyaka, B. & **Yıldırım, K.** “Characteristics of Prolonged Social Movements: The Case of Gezi Park Protests”, in *Contentious Politics in the Middle East*, ed.by. Gerges, F., Palgrave Macmillan.

## Submitted and Working Papers

- R & R Çarkoğlu A. & **Yıldırım, K.** “Media Effects on Swing Voters during Campaign Periods: Turkish Election Campaigns from 2002 to 2015.”
- Under Review **Yıldırım, K.** “Demand for Clientelism: Experimental evidence from Turkey.”
- Working Paper Çarkoğlu A. & **Yıldırım, K.** “Mobilized Voting.”

Work in  
Progress

**Yıldırım, K.** “Politicians on Twitter: Incumbency, Electability, and Party Position”

Work in  
Progress

**Yıldırım, K.** “Supplying Accountability: Determinants of local government accountability”

## Teaching

### **Instructor of Record – Sabancı University:**

- 2018 Comparative Party Systems and Interest Groups (Undergraduate and Graduate)
- 2016, 2017 Introduction to Research Methods (Undergraduate level)
- 2018 Introduction to Research Methods (Graduate level)
- 2018 Comparative Methods (Graduate level)
- 2017, 2018 Qualitative Methods (Graduate level)

### **Teaching Assistant – Koç University:**

Introduction to Comparative Politics (INTL 204), Religion, Secularism and Democracy in the World (INTL 440), Contemporary issues in Turkish politics (INTL 406), Research Methods (INTL 501)

## Presentations

- Oct. 2019 Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project: Expert Judgement Heterogeneity as Problem... and Opportunity. *Notre Dame University*, with H. Kitschelt.
- Jul. 2019 Competitive Authoritarianism and Press-Party Parallelism in Turkey: A Longitudinal Analysis of Press Coverage of Election Campaigns. *IAMCR Annual Conference*, Madrid, Spain, with L. Baruh & A. Çarkoğlu.
- Aug. 2018 A Longitudinal Analysis of Campaign Reporting and Party Support in Turkey. *APSA Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, with A. Çarkoğlu.
- May. 2018 Clientelism in Turkey: Continuity and Change in Redistributive Machine Politics. *Comparing Patronage Democracies Workshop*, Yale University.
- Apr. 2018 Clientelism’s Demand Side: A Portrayal of Turkish Clients and Profiles of Political Linkage Types. *MPSA Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL.
- Apr. 2018 Analytical Perspectives on Varieties of Clientelism. *MPSA Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL, with H. Kitschelt.
- Jan. 2018 Media Effects in a Polarized Political System: The Case of Turkey. *Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop*, Gaziantep, Turkey.
- Jun. 2017 Clientelism in Turkey: Continuity and Change in Redistributive Machine Politics. *Towards a Comparative Study of Clientelistic Politics Workshop*, KITLV, Leiden, Netherlands.

- Jun. 2017 Analytical Perspectives on Varieties of Clientelism. *Towards a Comparative Study of Clientelistic Politics Workshop*, KITLV, Leiden, Netherlands, with H. Kitschelt.
- Apr. 2017 Continuous Clientelism, Persuasion and Preference Change. *MPSA Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL.
- Apr. 2017 Media Consumption and Editorial Decisions: An Account of Democratic Backsliding in Turkey. *Authoritarian Backsliding Workshop*, Duke University, with A. Çarkoğlu.
- Apr. 2016 A Comparative Study of Long Term Clientelism in Istanbul's Shanty Towns and It's Effect on Political Persuasion. *MPSA Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL.
- Jan. 2016 Candidate Qualities and Gender Disadvantage in Local Turkish Elections. *Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop*, İzmir, Turkey. with G. Kocapınar.
- Dec. 2015 Who Governs the District? Qualities of Mayoral Candidates, Mayors and Local Bosses in Turkey. *Sabancı University Political Science, Brownbag Seminar Series*, İstanbul, Turkey, with G. Kocapınar.
- Jan. 2015 Long-Term Personalistic Interactions and Its Impact on Political Persuasion. *Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop*, Antalya, Turkey.
- Nov. 2015 Clientelistic Continuity and Attitudinal Change in Turkey. *Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa General Conference*, Washington DC.
- Oct. 2014 Clientelistic Linkages and the Turkish Democracy. *Contemporary Turkey at a Glance II: Turkey Transformed? Power, History, Culture*. Bilgi University.
- Sep. 2014 Voting and the Press in a Polarised Predominant Party System: The Case of Turkey. *ECPR Annual Conference*, Glasgow, Scotland, with A. Çarkoğlu.
- Apr. 2014 2014 Turkish Local Elections and Voting Advice Application: A Comparison with 2011 General Elections VAA. *Conference on Voting Advice Applications in Turkey @ RCAC*, with A. Çarkoğlu.
- Dec. 2013 Voting Advice Applications in the Middle East. *Koç University Survey Research Brown Bag Seminar*, with A. Çarkoğlu & A. Krouwel.
- Sep. 2013 Post-Arab Spring Elections: A Comparison of VAA Results. *ECPR Annual Conference*, Bourdeaux France, with A. Çarkoğlu & A. Krouwel.
- Sep. 2013 Characteristics of Prolonged Social Movements: the Case of Gezi Park Protests. *LSE Middle East Centre PhD Conference*, with B. Altıok.
- Jun. 2013 Chambers in Election Coverage: Campaign Advertisements, Newspapers' Readership Base, and Press-Party Parallelism in Turkey. *IAMCR Annual Conference*, Dublin, Ireland, with A. Çarkoğlu & L. Baruh.

## Grants, Awards, & Scholarships

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| Jun. 2017 | Graduate Studies Excellence Award, Koç University Graduate School of Social Science and Humanities.                   |
| Dec. 2016 | Dicle Koğacioğlu Article Award, First Prize (with G. Kocapınar), Sabancı University Gender and Women's Studies Forum. |
| Apr. 2016 | Koç University Travel Grant.  |
| Jan. 2016 | Predoctoral Research Grant, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK).                    |
| 2014      | Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Research Grant.                                       |
| 2014      | Koç University Thesis Completion Grant.   |
| 2013      | Koç University Travel Grant.  |
| 2011-2015 | High Merit Scholarship, Koç University.   |

## Service

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| 2018      | M.A. Thesis advisor of Abulaiti Abudula, Zeqine Sheshi, Sabancı University.                                     |
| 2018      | M.A. Thesis defense jury member of Adea Gafuri, Emirhan Özkan, Miray Keskin, Turan Keleş, Sabancı University.   |
| 2018      | Member of the Graduate Student Admission Committee for the M.A. program on European Studies, Sabancı University |
| 2018      | Co-instructor for the undergraduate project course at Sabancı University  |
| 2017-2018 | Panel chair and discussant at MPSA Annual Conference  |

### External Reviewer:

World Politics; Party Politics; Politics & Gender; International Political Science Review; Routledge; South European Society and Politics; International Spectator; Political Science Quarterly; Turkish Studies; Siyasal Journal of Political Science; Uluslararası İlişkiler

## Professional Affiliations and Memberships

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- European Consortium for Political Research
- Association for the Study of the Middle East and North Africa

## Technical Skills & Languages

Software and Languages: Stata, R, Python, QGIS, Qualtrics,  $\LaTeX$   
Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Arabic (Beginner)