DR. ALİ BAYDAROL - CV

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I am currently a postdoctoral researcher and a part-time lecturer in the Department of International Relations at Özyeğin University.

Education

Sabancı University • PhD in Political Science (Completed) September 2019 – December 2025

- Thesis Title: Three Essays on the Political Economy of Developing Countries
- Thesis Supervisor: Associate Professor Berk Esen
- PhD Awarded: 26 December 2025
- PhD Comprehensive Specializations: (i) comparative politics; (ii) international relations
- Final GPA: First Class (3.93/4)

The University of Chicago • Visiting Doctoral Student in Political Science September 2024 – June 2025

- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) 2214-A Scholarship
- Host Institution Supervisor: Professor Scott Gehlbach

Radboud University Nijmegen • Master of Science in Political Science September 2017 – August 2018

- MA Thesis Title: Gradual Privatisation in Turkey and Slovenia
- Grade: First Class (8/10)
- Supervisor: Associate Professor Angela Wigger
- Final GPA: Upper Second-Class (7.3/10)
- Specialization: International Political Economy

Istanbul Bilgi University • Bachelor of Arts in International Relations September 2013 – June 2017

- Final GPA: First Class (3.63/4)
- Graduation with High Honors Degree

The University of Konstanz • Erasmus September 2015 – August 2016

- Duration: Two Semesters

Publications

- **Peer-reviewed Articles**
  - Baydarol, Ali. 2026. "A Difficult Change: Norm Contestation in Multiple Veto Player Settings." *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 26(2): 389-411.
  - Baydarol, Ali & Rahime Süleymanoğlu-Kürüm. 2024. "Neoliberal Transformation through Circulation of Economic Elites in times of Critical Junctures: The Case of 1999–2001 Economic Crises in Turkey." *Turkish Studies* 25(5): 882-907.
  - Baydarol, Ali. 2021. "AB'ye Katılımda Özelleştirmenin Yeri: Hukuksal Muğlaklığa Slovenya Vakası ile Yeni bir Yaklaşım." *İstanbul Gedik Üniversitesi Hukuk Fakültesi Dergisi* 2(1): 135-152.
- **Book Reviews and Book Chapters**
  - Baydarol, Ali. 2026. "Cooperation between Europe and Turkey in the Context of the European Union's Deteriorating Image." In: de France, O., Betts, P., Garton Ash, T., Kadıoğlu, A., and Nicolaidis, K. (eds.), *Reversing Europe's Gaze: Perceptions of Power and the Power of Perceptions*. St Antony's Series. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 195–214.
  - Balta, Evren, Ali Baydarol & Serhat Güvenç. 2026. "Turkey's Soft Power: Means, Geographies, and Limits." In: Evren Balta, Güvenç, Serhat, (eds) Turkish Foreign Policy. Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları, pp. 511–534.
  - Aydın Düzgit, Senem, Ali Baydarol 2026. "Anti-Westernism in Foreign Policy." In: Evren Balta, Güvenç, Serhat, (eds) Turkish Foreign Policy. Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları, pp. 493–510.
  - Baydarol, Ali. 2025. "Book Review: Industrial Policy in Turkey: Rise, Retreat and Return by Mina Toksoz, Mustafa Kutlay, and William Hale." *Middle Eastern Studies*. 61(4): 575-578.

- Şenyuva, Özgehan, and Ali Baydarol. 2024. "Schrödinger's Candidate: Türkiye's Awkward Situation Within the Enlargement Debate." In: Kaeding, M., Pollak, J., and Schmidt, P. (eds.), *Enlargement and the Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals*. Cham: Springer, pp. 169–173.

- **Policy Papers**
  - Baydarol, Ali. 2026. "The Rise of Selective Protectionism Within the EU's Evolving Economic Architecture" *IPC-Mercator Commentary*.
  - Baydarol, Ali. 2026. "After "Made in EU": What Comes Next for EU-Türkiye Economic Relations?" *IPC-Mercator Analysis*.
  - Baydarol, Ali. 2026. "Made in the EU: Risks for the Turkish-European Automotive Supply Chain." *IPC-Mercator Analysis*.
  - Baydarol, Ali. 2026. "The EU's Energy Diversification Framework: Can the Role of the Southern Corridor Expand?". *IPC-Mercator Policy Analysis*.
  - Aksel, Damla B. & Ali Baydarol. 2026. "Connectivity without Human Mobility: Turkey-EU Relations and the Political Limits of the Middle Corridor." *IPC-Mercator Analysis*.
  - Aksel, Damla B. & Ali Baydarol. 2026. "İnsan Hareketliliğinden Yoksun Bağlantısallık: Türkiye-AB İlişkileri ve Orta Koridor'un Sınırları." *IPC-Mercator Analysis*.

Forthcoming Publications | Working Papers | Papers Under Review

- Baydarol, Ali. Forthcoming 2026. "The EU-Turkey Customs Union in the Context of the Made in the EU." In: Sait Akman, Belgin Akçay, (eds) 30. Years of the EU-Turkey Customs Union. Ankara: ABKAD Publications.
- Baydarol, Ali. "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia." *Under Peer Review in a Q1 Journal*.
- Baydarol, Ali. "The Measurement Curse: A Meta-Analysis of the Unresolved Resource Curse Debate." *Submitted to a Q1 Journal*.
- Baydarol, Ali. "DTÖ'nün Dönüşümü: Neorealist bir Değerlendirme." *Under Peer Review in a Turkish Journal*.
- Baydarol, Ali. "How Do Middle Powers Navigate Rising Protectionism Worldwide: Evidence from Turkey's Automotive Industry." *Working paper, will be submitted to a Q1 journal*.

Work Experience

Özyeğin University • Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of International Relations — July 2026 - onward

- Conducting postdoctoral research on the political economy of EU-Turkey relations.
- Teaching IR 318, Let's Discover Europe! (Fall 2026/2027 Term)
- Taught IR 334, The Political Economy of European Integration (Summer 2025/2026 Term)

Istanbul Policy Center • 2025-2026 Mercator-IPC Fellow — October 2025 - June 2026

- Project Title: The Political Economy of EU-Turkey Relations Amid the War in Ukraine | Challenges and Opportunities

Yeditepe University • Part-time Visiting Lecturer — February 2026 – June 2026

- Teaching PSIR 101: Introduction to Political Science

Sabancı University • Teaching Assistant — September 2019 – June 2024

- Main Tasks: Teaching R, statistics, as well as contemporary and historical political economy.
  - Graduate Teaching Assistant for the 'Comparative Local Government' Course and Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the 'Borders, Citizens, Immigrants, and Refugees' Course (February 2024 – June 2024)
  - Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the 'Research Methods for Political Science and International Relations' Course (September 2023 – January 2024)
  - Graduate Teaching Assistant for the 'Political Economy' Course (January 2023 – June 2023)
  - Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the 'Social and Political Science (SPS) 101 and SPS 102' courses (September 2019 – January 2023)

Sabancı University • Research Assistant — October 2022

- Main Tasks: Collecting discursive data and conducting qualitative content analysis.

- Project Output: 2023. "Middle Powers and the Liberal Order: Turkey's Contestation of the EU." International Affairs.

Istanbul Policy Center • Seasonal Research Assistant September 2021 – December 2021

- Main Tasks: Provided research assistance (data collection, book editing, preparing presentations) to Professor Fuat Keyman, President of the Istanbul Policy Center, and other senior researchers.
  - One Project Output: 2023. "State Capacity and Populist Rule in Times of Uncertainty: Covid-19 Response in South Korea, Brazil, and Turkey." Globalizations.

City University London / Istanbul Policy Center • Seasonal Research Assistant July 2021 – September 2021

- Main Tasks: Preparing a timeline of the COVID-19 pandemic in Turkey, conducting document analysis, searching newspaper archives, and gathering discursive data.
  - Project Output: 2021. "Politics of Pandemic Management in Turkey." IPC Policy Brief.

Media Appearance

- **Medyascope TV: Nasıl Bir Dünya? Nasıl Bir Türkiye? (14 May 2026)**
  - I and Dr. Altay Atlı were hosted at "Nasıl Bir Dünya? Nasıl Bir Türkiye?" program titled "Political Economy Triangle: EU-China-Turkey" organized by the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative in cooperation with Medyascope. Available at: `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUzFWbiqS8Y`
- **Medyascope TV: Nasıl Bir Dünya? Nasıl Bir Türkiye? (12 March 2026)**
  - I and Associate Professor Damla B. Aksel were hosted at "Nasıl Bir Dünya? Nasıl Bir Türkiye?" program titled "Turkey-EU Relations and the Political Limits of the Middle Corridor" organized by the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative in cooperation with Medyascope. Available at: `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvpe5YkMnAs&t=2533s`
- **Medyascope TV: Nasıl Bir Dünya? Nasıl Bir Türkiye? (26 February 2026)**
  - Associate Professor Çiğdem Nas and I were hosted at the "Nasıl Bir Dünya? Nasıl Bir Türkiye?" program titled "Turkey's Automotive Supply Chain and Challenges" organized by the IPC-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative in cooperation with Medyascope.Available at: `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbcJxRncMXs&feature=youtu.be`

Awards & Honors

- **Prof. Dr. Nermin Abadan Unat Best Article Prize, Turkish Political Science Association, 2023**
- **First Year Teaching Assistant Award, Sabancı University, 2021**
- **High Honors Degree (Bachelor Graduation), Istanbul Bilgi University, 2017**

Scholarships

- **TÜBİTAK 2214-A Scholarship (October 2024 – June 2025)**
  - 2214-A International Research Fellowship Programme for PhD Students to Perform Research at the University of Chicago for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.
- **Sabancı University (September 2019 – September 2024) Graduate Scholarship**
  - September 2019 – September 2024: Full Tuition Waiver, a Single Dormitory, and a Monthly Stipend
- **IPSA Summer School Scholarship (September 2023)**
  - 75% Tuition Waiver for the Summer Schools on Quantitative Content Analysis and Qualitative Content Analysis.
- **The Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science Holland Scholarship (2017)**
  - Granted for MA Degree at Radboud University Nijmegen | 55% Tuition Waiver
- **Erasmus Grant (2015 – 2016)**
  - Granted for Erasmus Exchange Year at the University of Konstanz
- **Student Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM) Scholarship (2013 – 2017)**
  - Granted for BA Degree at Istanbul Bilgi University | 50% Tuition Waiver

Academic Conferences, Seminars & Summer Schools

- **International Relations Congress (UIK) Conference (May 2026)**
  - Presented my IPC-Mercator Analysis titled "Made in the EU: Risks for the Turkish-European Automotive Supply Chain."
- **V. INTPOLSEC Congress (April 2026)**
  - Presented my IPC-Mercator Analysis titled "Made in the EU: Risks for the Turkish-European Automotive Supply Chain."
- **Sabancı University Brown Bag Seminar (October 2025)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2025 Annual Convention, Panel on Crises and Their Consequences (April 2025)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **International Studies Association (ISA) 2025 Annual Convention, Regime Types and IPE Panel (March 2025)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Workshop (February 2025)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **University of Chicago, Seminar on Game Theory (2024-2025 Academic Year, Autumn Term)**
  - Actively Audited the Game Theory I Seminar during my visiting doctoral year
  - Completed all course requirements
- **University of Chicago, Political Economy Working Group (December 2024)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **Political Studies Association Turkish Politics Online Workshop (December 2024)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **International Studies Association (ISA) 2024 Annual Convention, RIPE/IPE Section Pre-Conference Workshop (April 2024)**
  - Sponsored by Review of International Political Economy (RIPE) Journal
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **12th Annual Eurasian Peace Science Conference at Bilkent University (January 2024)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **Istanbul Bilgi University, Workshop on Diffusion and Contestation of Norms in Global Governance (December 2023)**
  - Presented the First Article of my PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **The Second National Congress of the Turkish Political Science Association (October 2023)**
  - Presented the Second Article of my PhD Thesis Titled "A Meta-analysis on the Resource-Democracy Nexus"
  - Presented my co-authored manuscript titled "Neoliberal Transformation Through Circulation of Economic Elites in Times of Critical Junctures: The Case of 1999-2001 Economic Crises in Turkey"
- **University of Oxford | Europe in a Changing World Project (December 2021 – June 2023)**

- The Dahrendorf Program at the University of Oxford's European Studies Centre
- A Collaborative Effort Involving Eight Other Institutions of Higher Learning in Continental Europe, China, India, Turkey, Russia, and the US

- **Turkish Political Science Association Graduate Conference (June 2023)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
  - Received Prof. Dr. Nermin Abadan Unat Best Article Prize
- **Bahçeşehir University Politics and Society Seminars (June 2023)**
  - Gave a Seminar on the First Article of my PhD Thesis Titled "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia"
- **Istanbul Policy Center Renpet Jean Monnet Network EU Foreign Affairs | Academic-Practitioner Meeting (June 2023)**
  - European Security Architecture After the War and Post-election Turkish Foreign Policy.
  - Supported by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union
- **Turkish Political Science Association Graduate Conference (November 2019)**
  - Presented my Master's Thesis.
- **Jean Monnet Summer Module (July 2017)**
  - Participated in the Summer Module on "The EU and Security in the Wider Neighborhood II" at Kadir Has University.

Research Interests

- **Comparative Political Economy | International Political Economy**
  - Political Economy of Economic Reforms
  - Political Economy of EU-Turkey Relations
  - Regime Consequences of Natural Resource Wealth

Software Skills

- **R**
  - Utilized R for my dissertation.
  - Served as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the 'Research Methods for Political Science and International Relations' course, wherein I taught R and statistics.
- **Stata**
  - Completed courses in 'Methods and Scope of Political Analysis' and 'Quantitative Research Methods' at Sabancı University, where I received training in Stata.
- **LaTeX**
  - Written my dissertation in LaTeX.
  - Completed courses in 'Methods and Scope of Political Analysis' and 'Quantitative Research Methods' at Sabancı University, where I received training in LaTeX.
- **Overleaf**
  - Preparing presentations in Overleaf.
- **MAXQDA**
  - Self-trained.

Language Skills

- **Turkish: Native Language**
- **English: Advanced**
  - TOEFL IBT: 105/120 (Date: 30/08/2025)

- E-YDS: 87.5/100 (Equivalence[1] in TOEFL: 105/120 | Verification Code: PP9NVPYA | Date: 02/16/2019)

- **German: Intermediate**
  - Intensive Course German B1 (at the University of Konstanz, 2015 – 2016 Spring Term)
  - Basic Level German A2/2 (at the University of Konstanz, 2015 – 2016 Fall Term)

NGO Memberships

- **Midwest Political Science Association (since 2025)**
- **International Studies Association (since 2024)**
- **Turkish Political Science Association (since 2023)**

[1]The equivalence of YDS (or E-YDS) grades in TOEFL and IELTS can be found in this link: `https://dokuman.osym.gov.tr/pdfdokuman/2021/GENEL/esdegerlikdokuman06042021.pdf`