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ACADEMIC POSITION

Department of International Relations, Özyeğin University: Assistant Professor (2017-)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Boston University, Department of Political Science, August 2015

Dissertation Title: *“Three Essays on Global Political Leadership and Ethnic Representation”*

Committee: John Gerring (chair), Taylor Boas, Melani Cammett and Kevin M. Morrison

M.A., Boston University, Department of Political Science, 2008

B.A., Boğaziçi University, International Relations & Political Science, Faculty of Administrative Sciences, Istanbul, 2003.

B.A., Boğaziçi University, History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Istanbul, 2003.

Notre Dame de Sion High School, Istanbul, Turkey, 1998.

FIELD

Comparative Politics, methodology, Turkish political history

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2010- Project Manager, "Global Leadership Project", funded by Clinton Global Initiative and the World Bank. (Trained around 250 country experts)

- 2011-2012 Visiting Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.
- 2008-2010 Head Research Assistant and Project Manager, "Colonialism and Its Legacies: *A Comprehensive Historical Dataset*" Project (Co-PI Prof. John Gerring and James Mahoney), funded by NSF, Boston University.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

Gerring, John, Connor T. Jerzak, Erzen Öncel. Forthcoming 2023. "Composition of Descriptive Representation." *American Political Science Review Journal*.

Gerring, John, Erzen Öncel, Kevin Morrison, Daniel Pemstein. 2019. "Who Rules the World? A Portrait of the Global Leadership Class." *Perspectives on Politics* 17:4 (December) 1079-97.

John Gerring, Strom Tacker, Yuan Lu, Erzen Öncel. 2017. "When Are Minorities Worse Off? A Systematic Investigation of Size and Status." *Journal of Development Studies* 53:12, 2086-2101.

BOOKS

John Gerring, Andrés Cruz, Laura de Castro Quaglia, Kenny Miao, Erzen Öncel and Harunobu Saijo. *Leadership and Power: A Comprehensive Survey through the Prism of Leader Tenure*. Work in progress.

DATA COLLECTION PROJECTS

Global Leadership Project (GLP). Contemporary data on elites (executives, executive staff, legislators, top judges) in countries around the world. Co-PI: John Gerring.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

John Gerring, Allen Hicken, Connor T. Jerzak, Robert G. Moser, Erzen Öncel. *Where Minorities are the Majority: Electoral Rules and Ethnic Representation*.

John Gerring, Allen Hicken, Connor T. Jerzak, Robert G. Moser, Erzen Öncel. *Electoral Systems and the Success of the Left*

Kurdish representation in Turkish Parliament.

Leader Tenure in Turkish Politics.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Erzen Öncel. 2007. "US Foreign Policy in the Middle East" in *Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States*, ed. by Joceylne Cesari, Greenwood Publishing.

Erzen Öncel. 2007. "Turkish Muslims" in *Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States*, ed. by Joceylne Cesari, Greenwood Publishing.

Erzen Öncel. 2007. "Orientalism" in *Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States*, ed. by Joceylne Cesari, Greenwood Publishing.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

World Bank's Research Committee grant for Global Leadership Project (Co-PIs: John Gerring, Erzen Oncel, Kevin Morrison, and Stephen Knack): \$99,240. To fund second round data collection on political leaders in 180 countries. 2016.

World Bank grant for Global Leadership Project. (Co-PIs: John Gerring, Erzen Oncel, Philip Keefer, and Kevin Morrison): \$67,189. To fund the collection of biographical information on leaders in every country of the world. 2012.

Research Fellow. 2008-2012. Boston University.

ICPSR Summer School on Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Full Tuition Fellowship. 2010. Boston University.

Graduate Research Abroad Fellow. 2010. Boston University (\$10,000).

Full Tuition Fellow. 2004-2007. Boston University.

DAAD scholar for Summer Workshop, 2012.

CONFERENCES

Presenter: The Global Leadership Project: A Comprehensive Database of Political Elites, ECPR, *Prague*, 2016. Joint with John Gerring, Philip Keefer, Kevin Morrison.

Panelist: The Global Leadership Project: A Comprehensive Database of Political Elites, *Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2014*. Joint with John Gerring, Philip Keefer, Kevin Morrison.

Presenter: Kurdish representation in Turkey: Diversity and Inclusiveness since 1920, MESA, Washington D.C., 2011.

Presenter: Diversity and Inclusiveness among Political Elites: Descriptive Representation of Ethno-Cultural Groups Around the World, *Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association*, Washington D.C., September 2010.

Presenter: Educational Policymaking in Turkey: Implications of European Union Accession, Second International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, University of Granada, Spain, July 2007.

COURSES TAUGHT

Advanced Research Methods (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Comparative Political Institutions: Political Parties & Electoral Systems (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Comparative Political Leadership (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

History of Political Thought (MEF University, undergraduate)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Introduction to Political Science (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Research Methods I (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Research Methods II (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Research Methods and Ethnics (Özyeğin University, graduate)

State and Society in the Middle East (University of Mississippi, undergraduate)

Politics of Race and Ethnicity (Özyeğin University, Boston University, undergraduate)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish (native)

English (fluent)

French (fluent)

Ottoman Turkish (advanced reading)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Overleaf

Stata

Python

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, APSA
International Political Science Association, IPSA
European Consortium for Political Research, ECPR
Middle Eastern Studies Association, MESA