

# Ezgi Elçi

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Employment

2025-Ongoing	Associate Professor at Özyeğin University, Department of International Relations
2023-2025	Assistant Professor at Özyeğin University, Department of International Relations
2021-2023	Postdoctoral Researcher at Özyeğin University, Department of International Relations
2019-2021	Postdoctoral Researcher in Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoç)
2020-2021	Instructor at Istanbul Bilgi University, Department of International Relations
2014-2019	Research and Teaching Assistant at Koç University, Department of International Relations

## Affiliations

2025-Sept.	Visiting Researcher, University of Concordia, Immigration Research Initiative
2023-Ongoing	Ethics Committee Member, The Association for Migration Research (GAR)
2021-Ongoing	Research Affiliate, Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoç)
2018-2019	Visiting Student Researcher, University of Georgia, Center for the Study of Global Issues

## Professional Positions

2025-Ongoing	Member of the Editorial Board, Political Psychology
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## Education

2014-2019	Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations, Koç University
2011-2014	M.A. in International Relations, Dokuz Eylül University
2005-2010	B.A. in International Relations, Istanbul Commerce University

## Honors & Awards

2025	Özyeğin University Faculty Research Excellence Award
2025	Science Academy's Young Scientist Awards Program (BAGEP)

## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026	Yabancı, B. & Elçi, E. Narratives of Solidarity: Experimental Evidence on Shifting Attitudes towards Refugees. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> . <a href="#">Online First</a> [12]
2025	Elçi, E. Far Right Parties and Gender Policies in Contemporary Türkiye. <i>Third World Quarterly</i> . <a href="#">Online First</a> [11]
2025	Elçi, E., Sert, D., & Balta, E. Electoral Pressure, Reputational Risks, and Coalition Politics: How Established Parties Respond to The Rise of Anti-Immigrant Parties. <i>New Perspectives on Turkey</i> , 73, 124 - 144. [10]
2025	Aytaç, S. E., Çarkoğlu, A., & Elçi, E. Populist Appeals, Emotions, and Political Mobilization. <i>American Behavioral Scientist</i> , 69(5), 507-525. [9]
2024	Kirişçioglu, E., Üstübeci, A., & Elçi, E.. Migration Aspirations in Relation to Border Closures, Employment Opportunities and Risk-Taking Attitudes: Lessons from an Online Survey Experiment. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> , 50(18), 4395-4416. [8]

- 2024 **Elçi, E.** Right-Wing Populism In Turkey And 2023 Elections. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 24(2), 297–317. [7]  
(Also published as a book chapter: 2025 **Elçi, E.** Right-Wing Populism In Turkey And 2023 Elections. In M. Aydın & K. Yıldırım (eds.), *Continuity and Change in Turkish Politics Economic and Behavioural Explanations of Democratic Backsliding*. Routledge.)
- 2023 Çarkoğlu, A., & **Elçi, E.** Populist Attitudes and Challenges Towards Liberal Democracy: A Survey Analysis. *International Political Science Review*, 44(5), 729–746. [6]
- 2022 Üstübcü, A., & **Elçi, E.** Aspirations among Young Refugees in Turkey: Social Class, Integration and Onward Migration in Forced Migration Contexts. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Special issue: Spatial and Social Im/mobility in Forced Migration: Revisiting Class*, 48(20), 4865–4884. [5]
- 2022 **Elçi, E.** Politics of Nostalgia and Populism: Evidence from Turkey. *The British Journal of Political Science*, 52(2), 697–714. [4]
- 2021 **Elçi, E.**, Kirişcioğlu, E., & Üstübcü, A. How COVID-19 Financially Hit Displaced Urban Refugees? Evidence from an Online Survey with Citizens and Syrian Refugees in Turkey. *Disasters*, 45(1), 240–263. [3]
- 2021 Aytaç, S. E., Çarkoğlu, A., & **Elçi, E.** Partisanship, Elite Messages, and Support for Populism in Power. *European Political Science Review*, 13(1), 23–39. [2]
- 2019 **Elçi, E.** The Rise of Populism in Turkey: A Content Analysis. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 19(3), 387–408. [1]

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2024 **Elçi, E.** Nostalgia e Populismo. In M. Zulianello & P. Guasti (eds.), *Capire il populismo*. Torino: UTET Università. [6]
- 2024 **Elçi, E.** Nostalgia and Populism. In T. Becker & D. Trigg (eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Nostalgia*. London & New York: Routledge. [5]
- 2024 **Elçi, E.** Authoritarian Populism. In N. Lindstaedt & J. Van den Bosch (eds.), *Research Handbook on Authoritarianism*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. [4]
- 2021 Çarkoğlu, A. & **Elçi, E.** Populist Attitudes Towards Syrian Refugees in Turkey. In E. Uslaner & N. Holtug (eds.), *National Values and Social Cohesion*. Colchester: ECPR Press. [3]
- 2019 Aytaç, S. E., & **Elçi, E.** Populism in Turkey. In D. Stockemmer (ed.), *Populism around the World: A Comparative Perspective*. New York: Springer. [2]
- 2018 Çarkoğlu, A., & **Elçi, E.** Alevis in Turkey. In P. Rowe (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Minorities in the Middle East*. London & New York: Routledge. [1]

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES IN TURKISH

- 2024 **Elçi, E.** Türkiye’de Dini Yönetime Destek: Dünya Değerler Araştırması Analizi (Support for a Religious System in Turkey: A World Values Survey Analysis), *Akdeniz İİBF Dergisi*, 24(4), 14–26. [4]
- 2022 **Elçi, E.** Göçmenlere Karşı Tutumların Parti Tercihlerine Etkisi: Türkiye Örneği (The Impact of Anti-immigration Attitudes on Party Preference: The Case of Turkey), *İstanbul Ticaret Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi-Türkiye’nin Göç Siyaseti Özel Sayısı*, 21, 46–73. [3]
- 2022 Çarkoğlu, A., **Elçi, E.**, Erol, F., & Paksoy, C. Popülizm Teorileri Işığında Türkiye’de Popülizmin Tarihsel Gelişimi: Siyasi Partiler Üzerine Bir İnceleme (A Historical Analysis of Populism in Turkey according to the Theories of Populism: An Analysis on Political Parties). *Anadolu Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 22(1), 323 – 348. [2]
- 2020 **Elçi, E.** Popülizm ve Nostalji: Bugünü ve Geleceği Geçmişle Kurmak (Populism and Nostalgia: Constructing the Present and the Future with the Past). *İktisat ve Toplum Dergisi*, 115, 73–81. [1]

#### REPORTS

- 2023 Balta, E., **Elçi, E.**, & Sert, D. *The 2023 Elections and Migration Debate in Turkey*. Istanbul: Heinrich Böll Stiftung. [3]

- 2023 Balta, E., Elçi, E., & Sert, D. *Political Party Representation of Anti-Immigration Attitudes: The Case of Turkey*. Istanbul: Heinrich Böll Stiftung. [2]
- 2021 Üstübici, A., Kirişcioğlu, E., & Elçi, E. Migration and Development: Measuring Migration Aspirations and the Impact of Refugee Assistance in Turkey, *ADMIGOV Deliverable 6.1*, Amsterdam: University of Amsterdam. [1]

## Selected Presentations

- 2025-June *Welfare Chauvinism Over Religious Solidarity: Drivers of Anti-Immigration Attitudes in Turkey*. Paper presented at the Democracy, Elections, and Citizenship Workshop on Political Behavior and Public Opinion at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. [19]
- 2025-April *Welfare Chauvinism Over Religious Solidarity: Drivers of Anti-Immigration Attitudes in Turkey*. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference. [18]
- 2024-September *Far Right Parties and Gender Policies in Contemporary Turkey*. Paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Political Science Meeting of the Turkish Political Science Association at Yeditepe University. [17]
- 2024-April *The Cultural Foundations of Nativism: A Comparative Analysis*. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. [16]
- 2024-February *The Cultural Foundations of Nativism: A Comparative Analysis*. Paper presented at the Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop. [15]
- 2023-October *Populism in Turkish Politics*. Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Political Science Meeting of the Turkish Political Science Association at Bilkent University. [14]
- 2023-September *When Anti-Immigrant Party Enters the Picture: Victory Party and the Case of Turkey*. Paper presented at the ECPR General Conference at Charles University. [13]
- 2023-April *Anti-Immigration Rhetoric in Flux: The Case of Turkey*. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. [12]
- 2023-January *Anti-Immigration Rhetoric in Flux: The Case of Turkey*. Paper presented at the Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop. [11]
- 2022-April *Social Identities Shaping Populist Attitudes*. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. [10]
- 2022-March *Social Identities Shaping Populist Attitudes*. Paper presented at Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop. [9]
- 2021-April *Measuring Refugee Aspirations in Relation to Structural Factors: Lessons from an Experimental Online Survey with Syrians in Turkey*. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. [8]
- 2020-January *Populist Attitudes and Challenges Towards Liberal Democracy: A Survey Analysis*. Paper presented at Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop. [7]
- 2019-April *Politics of Nostalgia and Populism: An Experimental Study*. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. [6]
- 2019-January *Politics of Nostalgia and Populism: An Experimental Study*. Paper presented at the Northeast Working Group 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference at Columbia University. [5]
- 2018-March *Populism and Nostalgia in Turkey: A Survey Analysis*. Paper presented at Political Studies Association 68<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference at Cardiff University. [4]
- 2017-June *Measuring Populism and Nostalgia in Turkey: A Survey Study*. Paper presented at Politicologenetmaal at Leiden University. [3]
- 2017-May *Measuring Populism in Turkey: Two Techniques of Quantitative Content Analysis*. Paper presented at Disentangling Populism: Reception and Effects of Populist Communication at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration Bucharest. [2]
- 2017-January *Measuring Populism in Turkey: A Quantitative Content Analysis*. Paper presented at Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop. [1]

## Invited Talks & Lectures

2025-September	<i>Economic Concerns or Cultural Proximity? Drivers of Attitudes Toward Immigrants in Turkey and Canada.</i> Concordia University. [17]
2025-June	<i>Paths Through Politics: Research, Teaching, and the Academic Life.</i> Koç University. [16]
2025-May	<i>Methods and Boundaries in Social Sciences: Where Are We in Interdisciplinarity?.</i> Istanbul Bilgi University. [15]
2024-November	<i>Restoring the Past, Shaping the Present: The Role of Nostalgia in Populist Politics in Turkey and the United Kingdom.</i> The Research Group on Regimes, Institutions, Governance and Policies (RIGoP). University of Lisbon. [14]
2024-November	<i>Looking to the Future in the Context of Migration, Syrians and Turkey.</i> Science Academy. [13]
2024-February	<i>Life Post-Fulbright Grant.</i> Turkish Fulbright Commission. Re-entry and Networking Meeting. [12]
2023-October	<i>The 2023 Elections and Migration Debate in Turkey.</i> Heinrich Böll Stiftung. Postane Galata. [11]
2023-July	<i>The 2023 Elections and Migration Debate in Turkey.</i> Cultural Foundations of Foreign Policy Roles Workshop. Antalya Bilim University. [10]
2023-June	<i>Migration and Voting Behavior.</i> Science Academy Summer School. [9]
2023-April	<i>Anti-immigration: Theory, Parties, Attitudes.</i> The Association for Migration Research. [8]
2023-March	<i>Anti-Immigration Rhetoric in Flux: The Case of Turkey.</i> Paper Presented at Özyeğin University International Relations Graduate Seminar. [7]
2022-June	<i>The Migration Issue in Turkey between Cruelty and Reality.</i> Al Sharq Strategic Research. [6]
2022-May	<i>Do Refugee Livelihood Policies Curtail Aspirations to Move on?: Results of an Online Experimental Study among Syrian Refugees in Turkey.</i> Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoç) Webinar Series. [5]
2022-April	<i>Politics of Nostalgia and Populism.</i> Çukurova University, Strategic Research Center, Adana, Turkey. [4]
2021-October	<i>MiReKoç International Summer School (in collaboration with IMISCOE), Research Methods and Ethics in Migration Studies, Lab Session: Quantitative methods through R programming</i> [3]
2021-April	<i>Mixed Methods in Times of COVID: Conducting Online Interviews and Surveys with Syrian Refugees in Turkey.</i> University of Amsterdam. [2]
2021-March	<i>Applications and Stages in Academic Projects.</i> Istanbul Commerce University. [1]

## Media Appearances & Blog Posts

2025	<i>Nostaljik Tramvayın Tarihi</i> <a href="#">IBB TV</a> [9]
2023	<i>Nostalgia and populism</i> <a href="#">The Loop: ECPR's Political Science Blog</a> [8]
2023	<i>Cent ans après Atatürk, la République d'Erdogan</i> <a href="#">L'Orient Le Jour</a> [7]
2023	<i>Kutuplaşmış toplumu birleştiren tek konu: Sığınmacı karşıtlığı</i> <a href="#">Medyascope</a> . [6]
2023	<i>Erdogan acte III : le sultan des temps modernes</i> <a href="#">L'Orient Le Jour</a> . [5]
2023	<i>Seçmen Ne İster?: Nostalji ve Seçmen Davranışı</i> <a href="#">Spotify</a> . [4]
2022	<i>The Politics of Nostalgia and Populism</i> <a href="#">Political Violence At A Glance</a> . [3]
2022	<i>Populism and Collective Nostalgia in Turkey</i> <a href="#">Political Observatory on Populism</a> . [2]
2021	<i>Popülizm, Nostalji ve Türkiye</i> <a href="#">Daktilo 1984</a> . [1]

## Research Experience

### Özyeğin University

2026	<b>The Temporal Mismatch: How Social Acceleration Undermines Democratic Trust</b> (1980 EUR), Özyeğin University Seed Research Fund Grant, Principal Investigator
2023-2025	<b>Nativism and Anti-Immigration in Turkey</b> (52,543 EUR), The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) 1001, Principal Investigator
2023	<b>2023 Elections and Migration Debate in Turkey</b> (5765 EUR), Heinrich Böll Stiftung,

	Turkey, Principal Investigator
2022	<b>Minority Action Against Structural Racism and Discrimination in Different Institutional Frameworks (MINACT)</b> , Horizon Europe, Leading Researcher (Passed the threshold but not funded)
2022-2023	<b>Political Party Representation of Anti-Immigration Attitudes: The Case of Turkey</b> (12,219 EUR), Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Turkey, Principal Investigator <b>MiReKoç</b>
2020-2022	<b>Assessing the Influence of Health Care Infrastructure on Syrian Refugee Return (RE-CARE)</b> , Koç University Seed Research Program, Researcher
2019-2021	<b>Advancing Alternative Migration Governance (ADMIGOV)</b> , Horizon Europe, Post-doctoral Researcher
2019-2021	<b>Aligning Migration Management and the Migration–Development Nexus (MIGNEX)</b> , Horizon Europe, Postdoctoral Researcher
	<b>Koç University</b>
2018-2019	<b>Populist Attitudes and Values in Turkey</b> , The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) 1001, PhD Researcher
2016-2017	<b>Populism in Turkish Politics and the Syrian Refugees</b> , Open Society Foundation, Turkey, PhD Researcher
2015-2018	<b>Content Analysis of Political News in National Dailies during the General Election Campaigns in Turkey</b> , Researcher and Coordinator

## Grants

2025	University of Concordia, Immigration Research Initiative, Travel and Accommodation Grant.
2023	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) 2224-A Grant Program for Participation in Scientific Meetings Abroad.
2019	COST Action CA16111 Travel and Accommodation Grant for 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>ETHMIGSURVEYDATA Training School: Research on Ethnic and Migrant Minorities</i> .
2018-2019	Fulbright PhD Dissertation Research Grant.
2018	The Volkswagen Stiftung Travel and Accommodation Grant for <i>Computational Communication Science: Towards a Strategic Roadmap</i> .
2017	COST Action IS1308 Travel and Accommodation Grant for <i>Populist Political Communication in Europe: Comprehending the Challenge of Mediated Political Populism for Democratic Politics</i> .
2016	SERISS Training Travel and Accommodation Grant for <i>Designing Questionnaires for Cross-Cultural Surveys</i> .

## Teaching Experience

2021-	<b>Özyeğin University</b> Research Methods and Ethics (Graduate) Political Behavior (Graduate) Research Methods I (Undergraduate) Advanced Research Methods in Political Science (Undergraduate) Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate) Comparative Political Institutions: Political Parties and Electoral Systems (Undergraduate) Democracy and Democratization (Undergraduate) Clashing Views: Current Issues in Politics and Society (Undergraduate) Introduction to Turkish Politics (Undergraduate) Politics of Latin America (Undergraduate)
2020-2021	<b>Istanbul Bilgi University</b> Analytical Techniques for Social Sciences (Undergraduate)

2014-2018 Elections and Party Politics (Undergraduate)  
**Koç University (Teaching Assistant)**  
Introduction to Research Methods (Undergraduate)  
Qualitative Research Methods (Graduate)  
Theories of International Relations (Graduate)

## Service

**Özyeğin University**  
2024-Ongoing Self-Assessment and Continuous Improvement (Accreditation) Committee, Department of International Relations  
2023-Ongoing Curriculum Coordinator, Department of International Relations  
**Expert coder:** Welfare, Democracy, and Populism under the Covid-19 Crisis (WELDECO), Political Representation, Executives, and Political Parties Survey (PREPPS), The EU-VALUES Network (EU Research and Education Network on Foreign Policy Issues: Values and Democracy)  
**Reviewer for (selected):** British Journal of Political Science, European Political Science Review, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Comparative Political Studies, Political Science Research and Methods, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Democratization, Government and Opposition, International Journal of Social Research Methodology, Representation, International Migration, Political Research Exchange, International Journal of Communication, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, British Journal of Criminology, International Political Science Review, Comparative European Politics Journal, PLOS ONE, Third World Quarterly, Research and Politics, Disasters, South European Society and Politics, Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, Turkish Studies, Mediterranean Politics, Globalizations, Social Politics, Sociological Forum, New Perspectives on Turkey, Contemporary Southeastern Europe, International Review of Applied Economics, Communication and the Public, Social Psychology, Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology, Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research  
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**External Evaluator:** Eda Kirişcioğlu (University of Amsterdam & Koç University-PhD, graduated in 2024), Nuri Civelek (Istanbul University-PhD)

## Additional Training

2019 Research on Ethnic and Migrant Minorities, 3<sup>rd</sup> ETHMIGSURVEYDATA Training School, November 14-15, Budapest.  
2018 Topic Modeling, Computational Communication Science: Towards a Strategic Roadmap Workshop, Hanover University of Music, Drama, and Media, February 12-16, Hannover.  
2016 Designing Questionnaires for Cross-Cultural Surveys, SERISS Training, October 24-25, Ljubljana.  
2016 Applied Multilevel Regression Modeling, ECPR 2016 Summer School in Methods and Techniques, August 1-12, Central European University, Budapest.  
2016 Introduction to the Use of R, ECPR 2016 Summer School in Methods and Techniques, July 28-30, Central European University, Budapest.  
2015 Introduction to Text and Content Analysis Techniques, IPSA-METU Summer School for Social Sciences Research Methods, August 17-28, Middle East Technical University, Ankara.

## Additional Information

**Membership in Academic Associations and Networks:** ECPR, MPSA, International Media and Nostalgia Network

**Member of:** Turkish Fulbright Alumni Association, Koç University Alumni Association

**Software experience:** R, STATA, SPSS, MPlus, Yoshikoder, QDA Miner, MAXQDA

**Languages:** Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic)

## References

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