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WORK EXPERIENCE

01/2025 – CURRENT

Würzburg / Cologne,
Germany

Research Assistant

[University of Würzburg](#) · 11/2025 – present

[University of Cologne](#) · 01/2025 – 11/2025

- Collecting and coding biographical data on ministers' educational and professional backgrounds across countries for the DFG-funded project "Institutional Rules and Their Effects on Cabinet and Ministerial Durability in Advanced Democracies", working with Prof. Elena Semanova.

01/2026 – CURRENT

Remote

Contributing Writer

[Foreign Policy Institute](#), [Global Perspective Journal](#)

- Write analytical articles and policy briefs on international security and regional politics.
- Contribute to regular editorial meetings on topics for upcoming issues.
- Published articles: *Beyond the 5% Target: NATO Burden-Sharing and Europe's Defence-Industrial Challenge* (2026); *Between NATO and Eurasia: Türkiye's Middle Power Hedging in the Post-Ukraine War Order* (2026).

03/2023 – 10/2023

Istanbul, Türkiye

Exhibition Research Assistant

[İş Bank Museum](#)

- Conducted archival research in primary sources on Türkiye's economic, political and banking history to compile information for the museum's exhibitions.

06/2022 – 09/2022

Istanbul, Türkiye

Research Assistant

[Yıldız Technical University](#)

- Conducted literature and archival research on political party formation in Türkiye.
- Assisted in drafting and editing research reports.

06/2021 – 09/2021

Istanbul, Türkiye

Trainee

[Ministry of Treasury and Finance](#), [Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Finance](#)

- Gained insight into how public revenue is collected, recorded and reported within the institution's administrative system.
- Prepared official documents and reports under the guidance of staff.

09/2020 – 12/2020

Istanbul, Türkiye

Trainee

[Kadıköy District Governorship](#)

- Worked in the Legal Affairs, Administrative Audit and Executive Correspondence units.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2023 – CURRENT

Cologne, Germany

M.Sc. Political Science

[University of Cologne](#)

2017 – 2022
İstanbul, Türkiye

B.A. Political Science and International Relations
Yıldız Technical University

Graduated with high honours.

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

2021 – 2022

Foreign Policy Institute (FPI)

Completed specialized programs in Migration & Security and International Alliances, focusing on Russian foreign policy, energy security and EU border dynamics. Examined the strategic implications of energy security and border policies for European and regional stability.

2020

Center for Middle Eastern Studies (ORSAM)

Participated in an intensive summer program on regional security dynamics in the Middle East, specifically energy policy, water security and counter-terrorism. Gained a deeper understanding of how resource management and geopolitical risks affect regional peace and security.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue: Turkish

Other languages: English (C1) · German (B2) · French (B1)

DIGITAL SKILLS

R (RStudio) · Python (basic) · MAXQDA · Zotero · Microsoft Office