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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Nov 2025–present	Postdoctoral Researcher , Chair of Comparative Politics and Systems Theory, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, Germany.
Oct 2025–Mar 2026	Lecturer (Teaching position), Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne, Germany.

EDUCATION

Oct 2020–Mar 2025	PhD in Sociology , University of Münster, Institute of Sociology. Dissertation: Autocratization of the State in Turkey: An Analysis of Decree-Laws and Presidential Decrees between 2016–2023. Defended 24 February 2025; summa cum laude. Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Levent Tezcan and Prof. Dr. Thomas Faist.
Sep 2016–Sep 2018	MSc in Political Science and Public Administration , Middle East Technical University, Ankara. Thesis: Possibility of Political Emancipation in Nietzsche. Supervisor: Assist. Prof. Ömür Birler.
Sep 2015–Jun 2016	Minor in Logic and Philosophy of Science , Middle East Technical University, Ankara.
Sep 2012–Jun 2016	BSc in Political Science and Public Administration , Middle East Technical University, Ankara.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026	Salmanoğ, Ö. "The Long Coup: How Decree-Laws Rewired the Turkish State?" <i>New Perspectives on Turkey</i> . doi:10.1017/npt.2026.10097 .
2026	Salmanoğ, Ö. "Exception, Sovereignty and Constitutional Order: A Schmittian Reading of Turkey's Constitutional Trajectory." <i>Global Constitutionalism</i> . doi:10.1017/S2045381726100355 .
2026	Salmanoğ, Ö. "Presidential Decrees as Instruments of Autocratization: The Case of Turkey's Institutional Transformation." <i>Southeast European and Black Sea Studies</i> . doi:10.1080/14683857.2025.2611494 .

BOOK CHAPTER

2025	Salmanoğ, Ö. "Theoretical Approaches to De-Democratization and Regime Development in Turkey." In P. Kubicek (ed.), <i>Paths of De-Democratization in Turkey</i> . Peter Lang. Publisher page
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CURRENT RESEARCH

In progress	Working Title: "From Parliamentary Careers to Executive Gatekeeping: Appointment-Centered Elite Formation in Turkey." Individual research article examining how executive appointment powers reshape political elite formation, career trajectories, and access to state power in Turkey.
In progress	Working Title: "Technocrats and Technopols in Africa." Collaborative research project examining how technocratic appointments function across regime contexts.

SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

2026	“Presidential Decrees as Instruments of Autocratization: The Case of Turkey’s Institutional Transformation.” ECPR General Conference, Krakow, Poland.
2025	“Navigating Against Autocratization: How Opposition Strategies Challenged Erdoğan’s Political Dominance in Turkey.” ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Prague, Czechia.
2022	“‘Türk Tipi’ Başkanlık Sistemine İlişkin Kavramsal Yaklaşımlar.” Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği XVIII. Lisansüstü Konferansı, İzmir, Turkey.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2026	Authoritarianism and Regime Change Instructor of record; independently designed and taught in English, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg.
Spring 2026	Comparative Analysis of Presidential Systems Instructor of record; independently designed and taught in English, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg.
Winter 2025/26	Authoritarianism: Theories, Dynamics, and Contemporary Challenges Instructor of record; independently designed and taught in English; Master’s seminar, University of Cologne.

PEER REVIEW SERVICE

2026	Reviewer, <i>Thesis Eleven</i> .
2026	Reviewer, <i>Constellations</i> .
2026	Reviewer, <i>European Politics and Society</i> .

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Jan 2021–Mar 2025	Doctoral Scholarship , Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.
Sep 2016–Jun 2018	Master’s Scholarship , KYK, Turkey.
Sep 2012–Jun 2016	Bachelor’s Scholarship , Turkish Education Foundation.

LANGUAGES

Turkish — native | English — fluent | German — B2.1