

CURRICULUM VITAE

Serpil İŞLEK

- 1. Name-Surname:** Serpil İŞLEK
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- 3. Title:** Research Assistant
- 4. Education Status:** Ph.D. candidate (ongoing)
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| Degree | Department/Program | University | Year |
|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Bachelor's Degree (BSc.) | Global and International Affairs (English) | Middle East Technical University Ankara, Main Campus | September 2008 – June 2010 |
| | Political Science and International Relations (English) | Middle East Technical University, Northern Cyprus Campus | September 2010 – June 2013 (Hons) |
| Master's Degree (MSc.) | Political Science and International Relations (English) | Middle East Technical University, Northern Cyprus Campus | September 2013 – February 2016 |
| Doctorate (Ph.D.) | International Relations | Eastern Mediterranean University | September 2019 - Present |

6. Academic Projects:

Graduation Project: *Invasion or Intervention: The Impacts of the 1974 Military Operation on the Mutual Perception of the Turkish and Greek Cypriots.*

Master's Thesis: *The Reflections of Identity in Cyprus: Claims and Perspectives on Eastern Mediterranean Hydrocarbons.*

Brief Description:

Experienced Research Assistant, Executive Assistant, Advisor, Event Coordinator and News Coordinator with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry, at administrative level (cooperation-coordination-follow-up). Skilled in multi-tasking, problem-solving, event management, critical discourse analysis, Microsoft Office, English-Turkish Translation. Research interests include International Law of the Sea, Cyprus Politics, conflict transformation, energy geopolitics, nationalism and identity, and human rights. Strong community and social awareness and empowerment enthusiast.

7. Academic Duties

* **Graduate/Teaching Assistant** – METU NCC (2014-2015 Academic Year).

* **Research Assistant** – METU NCC (June 2014 – Sept. 2014)

Project on programme evaluation and identification of the needs of the programme (target group/sample; School of Foreign Languages students).

* **Academic Advisor** – Final International University Model United Nations Society FIUMUN, (Jan. 2018 – Oct. 2019).

* **Research Assistant** – Eastern Mediterranean University (Sept. 2019 – present)

Faculty of Business and Economics, Dean's Office.

(Job Description: Content designer and editor (Faculty brochure, poster, banner); Faculty Bulletin/Newsletter news coordinator; Promotion office representative; Answering incoming questions via faculty e-mail and web contact form; Faculty website management; Other duties deemed necessary/appropriate by the Dean's Office.)

- * **Faculty Exam Coordinator** – Eastern Mediterranean University (Apr. 2022 – present)
Faculty of Business and Economics, Dean’s Office.

8. Administrative Duties

- * **Assistant & Assistant to Manager** (December 2010 – September 2015) – *Social and Cultural Affairs Unit* (Middle East Technical University – Northern Cyprus Campus (METU NCC)).
- * **Assistant** (28-29 March 2013) – Workshop on *Vision Study for Cyprus Problem* (Society of Mediterranean Researches, METU NCC).
- * **Intern** (July 2013 – August 2013) – TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- * **Organisation Committee Member & Assistant** (November 2013) – Global Village 2013, METU NCC Model United Nations Society.
- * **Organisation Member & Assistant** (May 2014) – ‘Women in Contemporary Media on the Axis of Labour and Representation’ symposium, organised jointly by Ankara University, Faculty of Communication & METU NCC.
- * **Orientation Leader** (September 2014) – METU NCC (for students enrolled in graduate programmes).
- * **Administrative Assistant** (February 2015–March 2015) – METU NCC General Secretary (for temporary period, in the *Office of Institutional Development and Support*)

8.1 Private Sector

- * **Executive Assistant – Rectorate** (May 2016–August 2017) – Cyprus Science University (CSU).
- * **Executive Assistant – Vice Rector (Academic Affairs)** (August 2017– October 2019) – Final International University.
- * **Executive Assistant – School of Foreign Languages** (August 2017– October 2019) – Final International University.
- * **Administrative Assistant – Office of Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning (QASP)** (January 2018– October 2019) – Final International University.

9. Peer Reviewed Publications and Conference Papers

9.1 Book Chapter

İşlek, S. (2022). Glocalization of Human Rights: Implications of COVID-19 Pandemic and Globalisation on Human Rights Principles. In Ş. Akkaya, & B. Ergüder (Eds.), *Handbook of Research on Challenges in Public Economics in the Era of Globalization*, 76-94. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
<https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-7998-9083-6.ch004>

9.2 Conferences

İşlek, S. (2022, March 31). "Discontents of the Eastern Mediterranean: Geopolitical Dynamics and Transformation of Geopolitics in the Region. [Paper Presentation] Panel on "Energy Security & the Eastern Mediterranean Basin: Political Economy and Geopolitics in a Changing Region", the 63rd Annual Convention: A Wider Discipline for A Smaller World organised by the *International Studies Association (ISA)*, between March 28-April 2, 2022, Nashville, Tennessee, USA. (Virtual participation)

10. Grants/Awards/Certificates

10.1 Grants/Scholarships

- * *Ph.D. Scholarship/Research Assistantship*– Faculty of Business and Economics, Eastern Mediterranean University. (Sept. 2019- present).
- * *MSc. Scholarship/Graduate Assistantship*– Dept. of Political Science and International Relations, Middle East Technical University – Northern Cyprus Campus. (Sept. 2013-June 2015).

- * T.R.N.C. Ministry of Education and Culture, Scholarship for Higher Education Success (Bachelor & Master Degrees) (Sept. 2008- Feb. 2016). (2nd highest ranking student in TRNC, Turkish University Entrance Exam by the ÖSYM)
- * Cyprus Turkish Education Foundation Scholarship for educational success (2004-2008).

10.2 Certificates

- * Certificate of Participation – Academic Advisor for “**FIU-MUN Training Conference’19**” (May 2019).
- * Certificate of Participation – ‘**Author Workshop**’ by representatives of Springer Nature publishing (May 2018).
- * Certificate of Participation – **Training in ‘Education for Democracy & Human Rights’** by Trainer Rhian Webb (between Dec.2017- March 2018).
- * Certificate of Participation – ‘**Career Tips from Kariyer.net’ Training** – March 2015.
- *Certificate of Appreciation – (Ankara University, Faculty of Communication & METU-NCC) – ‘**Women in Contemporary Media on the Axis of Labour and Representation’ symposium** (May 2014).
- * Certificate of Participation – **Youth Workshop** – organised by the Republic of Turkey & T.R.N.C. (2012).
- * Honour & High Honour Certificates for Academic Success – METU-NCC.
- * Achievement Certificate for 3rd place in **History** Competition – organized by the T.R.N.C. Ministry of Education & Civil Defence Organization (2004).

Foreign Languages:

English: Upper-Intermediate /Advanced level

- * IELTS: 6.5 (March 2010);
- * METU English Proficiency Exam: 84.5 (June 2015) (equivalent to 7.5-8 IELTS/ 102-106 TOEFL IBT score bands);
- * T.R.N.C. Public Service Commission Foreign Language (English) Exam: 84 (April 2014).
- * English Language Exam – T.R.N.C. Ministry of Education and Culture – Level: ‘A’ (the highest band of language level) (May 2014);

Spanish: Beginner Level

Computer skills:

Microsoft Office Programs (Microsoft Word, PowerPoint at advanced level, Microsoft Excel at moderate level) & Website management (WordPress), Adobe Photoshop (moderate level)

11. Please fill in the table below for the courses you have given at the undergraduate and graduate level courses.

| Academic Year | Semester | Course Name | Weekly Hour/s | | Number of Students |
|---------------|----------|---|--|----------|---|
| | | | Theory | Practice | |
| 2014-2015 | Fall | Study Skills in Social and Political Sciences (Undergraduate) | Tutorial exercises (teaching assistant) | | 40 |
| 2014-2015 | Spring | Issues in Global Politics (Undergraduate) | discussion studies (both for PSIR & BUS programmes) (teaching assistant) | | 83 (Political Science and International Relations & Business Administration, undergraduate core course) |

References:

Prof. Dr. Recep BOZTEMUR – Faculty Member at METU Main Campus, Ankara (Former Rector Advisor & Former Head of Academic Board of Social Sciences, METU NCC).

Ambassador (Retired) Dr. Rafet AKGÜNAY – Faculty Member, Department of Political Science and International Relations, METU NCC.

Prof. Dr. Zülküf AYDIN – Former Programme Coordinator, Department of Political Science and International Relations, METU NCC.

Prof. Dr. Özey ORAL – Former Vice Rector for Academic Affairs & Former Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Cyprus Science University (Former Rector, Eastern Mediterranean University).

Prof. Dr. Abdullah Y. ÖZTOPRAK – Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, Cyprus International University. (Former Rector, Final International University; Eastern Mediterranean University).

Prof. Dr. Gülşen MUSAYEVA VEFALI – Former Vice Rector for Academic Affairs & Director of School of Foreign Languages, Final International University.

Prof. Dr. Seldjan TİMUR – Dean, Faculty of Business & Economics, Eastern Mediterranean University.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Hayriye KAHVECİ ÖZGÜR – Faculty Member, Department of Political Science and International Relations & Vice Chairperson, Academic Board of Social Sciences, METU NCC.

Levent KÜPELİ – General Secretary, TED University, (Former General Secretary, METU NCC).

Nazile KÜPELİ – Former Director, Directorate of Social and Cultural Affairs, METU NCC.

P.S. Contact information for the references can be provided immediately upon request.

Career & Social Profiles

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