

Mehtap KARA

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

- 2011- 2017 **Doctor of Philosophy- International Relations**
Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC
Thesis Title: Understanding Turkish Foreign Policy in a Changing World:
An Analysis of Turkish Foreign Policy from 1980 to 2014 through the
Perspectives of Role Theory and Operational Code Analysis
- 2010-2011 **Master of Arts- International Relations**
Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC
Thesis Title: Axis Shift in Turkish Foreign Policy during AKP
Administration: New Fundamental Foreign Policy Principles and
Challenges
- 1999-2004 **Bachelor of Arts- English Literature and Humanities**
Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Oct. 2015-present **Senior Instructor**
Department of Political Science and International Relations
Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC
Courses taught:
Foreign Policy Analysis (3rd year area core course)
Political Psychology (3rd/4th year area elective course)
International Relations in Movies (3rd/4th year area/university elective
course)
Introduction to Global Politics (1st year faculty core course)
- Sept. 2010- Oct. 2015 **Research Assistant**
Department of Political Science and International Relations
Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, TRNC

PUBLICATIONS:

Journal Articles:

“Change and Continuity in Turkish Foreign Policy: Evaluating Pre-AKP and AKP Periods’ National Role Conceptions,” *Uluslararası İlişkiler*, Vol.13, No. 52 (2016) with Ahmet Sözen

Book Chapters:

“Russia and Turkey: Power, Individuals, and Identities in the Syrian Conflict”. In *The Russian Challenge to the European Security Environment*, Roger Kanet (Eds) with Nuray Ibryamova (Forthcoming)

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS:

“Can Turkey Play a Significant Role and Evade a ‘New Cold War’?” (with Aylin G. Gürzel) Paper will be presented at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) annual convention (New York, USA), May 2017.

“The “Paradigm Shift” Debate in Turkish Foreign Policy: Evolution of Davutoğlu’s Discursive Formation on Foreign Policy Principles” (with Ahmet Sözen) and “Role of Think Tanks in Foreign Policy Formation: Case of Turkey.” Papers presented at the International Studies Association Conference (New Orleans, USA), 2015.

“Normative Power Europe: The EU’s Engagement in Conflict Resolution in the Mediterranean,” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference (Toronto, Canada), 2014.

“Turkish Foreign Policy towards the Syrian Conflict and Its Possible Implications for Turkish-Iranian Relations,” Paper presented at the Conference on International Relations, Middle East Technical University (Ankara, Turkey), 2013.

“The EU’s Engagement in Conflict Resolution beyond Its Borders: In Neighborhood, Mediterranean, and African Regions,” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference (San Francisco, USA), 2013.

“Turkey’s Involvement in Democratization Process in the Middle East and North Africa,” Paper presented at the 10th International Conference under common title “The Arab Uprisings: Causes and Consequences” (Famagusta, TRNC), 2011.

WORKSHOPS:

- 11-12 June 2015 **The De-Provincializing Soft Power**
Columbia Center (Istanbul, Turkey)
- 18-22 Nov. 2014 **“Religion and Politics in the Middle East”**
Near East Institute (Nicosia, TRNC)
- 2- 16 July 2013 **Shaping the European Civil Society**
Stiftung Mercator & Ruhr University (Bochum, Germany)
- 19-22 April 2013 **5th International Relations Workshop and Education Convention**
Organized by International Relations Council (Lefke, TRNC)
- 19-21 June 2012 **Young Leaders for Peace-Making: How to Overcome Prejudice with Dignity**
Koc University, (Istanbul, Turkey)

AWARDS AND GRANTS:

- 11-12 June 2015 **‘The De-Provincializing Soft Power’ Workshop**
Columbia University (New York, USA)
- 18-21 Feb. 2015 **Travel Grant** by International Studies Association
- 26-29 March 2014 **Travel Grant** by International Studies Association
- 26-29 March 2014 **Travel Grant** by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey)
- 2- 16 July 2013 **‘Shaping the European Civil Society’ Workshop**
Stiftung Mercator & Ruhr University (Bochum, Germany)
- 3-6 April 2013 **Travel Grant** by Eastern Mediterranean University
- 1-30 Aug. 2012 **Internship programme in TRNC Ankara Embassy**
TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ankara, Turkey)
- 15-21 July 2012 **Institut Barcelona D'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)**
(Barcelona, Spain)
Course 1: Europe and the Mediterranean policies after the Arab Spring
Course 2: Authoritarianism and Democratization in the Middle East

13-17 Feb. 2012	ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques (Vienna, Austria) European Consortium for Political Research, in University of Vienna Course: Analyzing political language
19-21 June 2012	Workshop for Future Leaders Koc University, (Istanbul, Turkey)
2010-2015	Research Assistant Scholarship Eastern Mediterranean University (Famagusta, TRNC)
2010 – 2011	High Achievement Scholarship for Master Students Asbank Ltd. (Nicosia, TRNC)
Spring 2004	Presidency Achievement Scholarship TRNC Presidential Office (Nicosia, TRNC)
1999 – 2004	Achievement Scholarship TRNC Ministry of Education (Nicosia, TRNC)

LANGUAGES:

- English (Fluent)
- Turkish (Native)