

# **MERT ARSLANALP**

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## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Boğaziçi University**, Oct. 2016 - present  
Assistant Professor of Political Science

**Özyeğin University**, Feb. 2016 - Nov. 2016  
Visiting Professor of Social Sciences

## **EDUCATION**

### **Northwestern University**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015

Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: Political Theory

Dissertation Title: “Claiming Rights, Negotiating Exceptions: Politics of Urban Citizenship in Istanbul and Buenos Aires”

Dissertation Committee: Edward Gibson (Chair), James Mahoney, Wendy Pearlman, Brodwyn Fischer

M.A., Political Science, 2008

Passed with distinction

### **Boğaziçi University**

B.A., Political Science and International Relations with High Honor, 2006

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Academic Publications**

“Mobile Emergency Rule in Turkey: Legal Repression of Protests during Authoritarian Transformation (2007-2018)” (with T. Deniz Erkmén), *Democratization*, 2020, 1-23 (research article-SSCI)

“Repression without Exception: A Study of Protest Bans during Turkey’s State of Emergency (2016-2018)” (with T. Deniz Erkmén), *South European Society and Politics*, 2020, 1-27 (research article-SSCI)

“Latin Amerika’da Kentleşme ve Yoksulların Kentsel Siyaseti” (Urbanization and Poor People’s Urban Politics in Latin America), *Latin Amerika Siyasetine Giriş*, İletişim Yayınları, Forthcoming (book chapter in Turkish)

“Coalitional Politics of Housing Policy in AKP’s Turkey”, *POMEPS Studies: Social Policy in the Middle East and North Africa*, 31, 2018, 25-33. (research memo)

“Mobilization in Military-Controlled Transitions: Lessons from Turkey, Brazil, and Egypt” (with Wendy Pearlman), *Comparative Sociology*, 16(3), 2017, 311-339. (research article-ESCI)

Book Review of Henry J. Rutz and Erol M. Balkan’s Reproducing Class: Education, Neoliberalism and the Rise of the New Middle Class in Istanbul”, *Review of Middle East Studies*, 46 (1), Summer 2012. (book review)

“The Gordian Knot: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”, *Turkish Review of Middle East Studies Annual* 2004. (article)

### **Papers under Review**

“Art of Governing Protests as a Spatial and Legal Practice: Raison d’Etat in the Case of Protest Bans in Turkey (2007-2018)” (book chapter with Deniz Erkmen)

### **Working Papers**

“Between Rights and Exceptions: Rethinking Urban Popular Politics in Istanbul” (research article)

“Democratizing the City: A Comparative Study of Urban Citizenship Regimes in Istanbul and Buenos Aires” (research article)

### **Other Publications (selected)**

“Haklar ve İstisnalar: Kentsel Yurttaşlığı Derinleştirmek” [Rights and Exceptions: Deepening Urban Citizenship], *Ayrıntı Dergi*, 15, 2016, pp. 70-79.

“Yerinde Duramamak: Apolitik Üst-Orta Sınıf Gençlerin Gözünden Gezi ve Sokak Siyaseti” [Being Restless: Gezi Protests, Street Politics, and the Apolitical Upper Middle Class Youth], *Birikim Dergisi*, 302, 2014, pp. 59-64.

“Azınlık Olmak ile Müşterek Alan Yaratmak Gerilimi İçinde Gezi” [Gezi Protests in the Tension between Being a Minority and Creating Commons], [www.birikimdergisi.com](http://www.birikimdergisi.com), May 29, 2014, (with Arda Güçler).

“Ernesto Laclau ile Söyleşi: Çoğulcu Hareket ve Hasmımızı Bulmak” [Interview with Ernesto Laclau: Pluralist Movement and Finding our Adversary], *Birikim Dergisi*, 255, 2010, pp. 49-56 (with Arda Güçler).

“Kapitalizm Dışı Yaşam Alanları Yaratmak” [Creating Extra-Capitalist Life Spaces], *Birikim Dergisi*, 244-245, 2009, pp. 100-109.

“Bir Toplumsal Mücadele Deneyimi: Arjantin İşsizler Hareketi” [A Social Movement Experience: Argentine Unemployed Workers Movement], *Birikim Dergisi*, 241, 2009, pp. 59-69.

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

“The Role of Legal Exceptions in Governance and their Effects on Citizenship Rights” supported by Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Fund (BAP-13661), Principal Investigator, 2018-2020

## **INVITED TALKS**

“Kentsel Yurttaşlık: Demokrasiyi Kentte Düşünmek”  
March 2020: Bogazici University, Istanbul

“Şili’den Hong Kong’a Küresel Protesto Dalgaları”  
February 2020: Yüksek Oda, Izmir

“The Future of Democracy between Populists and Protests”  
January 2020: University of Shizuoka International Relations Department, Japan

“The Protests in Lebanon: Perspectives on Context, Dynamics and Future”  
December 2019: Sabancı University Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul

“Kent Yurttaşlığı”  
April 2019: Bilgi University International Relations Department Talks, Istanbul

“Coalitional Politics of Housing Policy in Turkey”  
November 2018: Istanbul Comparative Politics Workshops, Istanbul

“Katılımcı Demokrasiyi Arttırma ve İletişim Teknikleri,”  
October 2018: Argüden Governance Academy, Ankara

“Türkiye’de Protesto Yönetiminde Hukuki İstisnaların Rolü” (with Deniz Erkmen),  
December 2017: Küresel İncelemeler ve Sınıfsal Stratejiler Çalışma Grubu Semineri.  
Istanbul

“Democratizing the City: Urban Citizenship in Buenos Aires and Istanbul”

April 2016: Sabancı University Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul

“Claiming Rights, Negotiation Exceptions: Politics of Urban Citizenship in Istanbul and Buenos Aires”

April 2015: Bilgi University

“Claiming Rights, Negotiation Exceptions: Politics of Urban Citizenship in Istanbul and Buenos Aires”

March 2015: Özyeğin University

### **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

“Law and Protest Control in Turkey (2007-2018),

May 2019: Mobilization Annual Conference: Protest and Repression in Illiberal Democracies

“Unpacking the Role of Legal Exceptions in Governance: A Comparative Study of Urban Governance in Istanbul and Buenos Aires”,

May 2018: Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting

“Coalitional Politics of Housing Policy in AKP’s Turkey”,

April 2018: POMEPS Social Policy in the MENA region

“Mobile Emergency Rule: Protest, Law, and Authoritarian Consolidation in Contemporary Turkey” (with Deniz Erkmen), October 2017: Northwestern University Keyman Turkish Studies 2017 Conference on Law and Politics in Turkey: Reform, Authority and Emergency.

“Mobile Emergency Rule: Law, Protests, and Authoritarian Consolidation in Turkey” (with Deniz Erkmen)

August 2017: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Mobile Emergency Rule in Hybrid Political Regimes: Law and Authoritarian Consolidation in Contemporary Turkey” (with Deniz Erkmen)

June 2017: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

“Navigating Boundaries: Towards an Integrated Understanding of Urban Politics from Below in Contemporary Istanbul”

December 2016: CEST Second European Symposium on Turkey

“Democratizing the City: A Comparative Study of State-Urban Poor Relations in Istanbul and Buenos Aires”

August 2014: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Claiming Rights, Negotiating Entitlements: Politics of Urban Citizenship in Istanbul’s Informal Neighborhoods”

June 2014: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

“Being Restless: Testimonials from the Gezi Protests”

May 2014: Northwestern University MENA Workshop on the Anniversary of Gezi Protests

“Negotiating Exceptions and Rights: Politics of Urban Informality in Neoliberalizing Istanbul”

March 2014: Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting

“Rights and Entitlements: Historical Trajectory of Urban Informality Regime in Istanbul”

November 2013: Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Panel organizer

“Contentious Legalities: A Comparative Study of Law and Contentious Politics in the Informal Settlements of Istanbul and Buenos Aires”

August 2013: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Theorizing Law and Collective Action in the Informal Settlements”

June 2013: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

June 2013: LSA Graduate Student Workshop

“Mobilization against Military Tutelage: Lessons from Turkey, Brazil and Egypt”

June 2013: Project on Middle East Political Science Annual Conference

“Generating Social Rights: Contentious Politics, Law and Urban Informality in Buenos Aires”

April 2013: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Popular Engagements with Law”

October 2012: Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association Inauguration Meeting

“Struggle over Rents and Rights in Globalizing Istanbul”

November 2011: Graduate Student Colloquium, Northwestern University

November 2011: Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop, Northwestern University

“Shifting Scales, Contentious Actors: Politics of the Urban Poor in Globalizing Istanbul”

April 2011: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Metropolitan Dynamics and the Urban Poor: Everyday Politics and Contentious Collective Action in Buenos Aires and Istanbul”

April 2010: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Scientific Research Projects Start-up Grant (BAP-13661), Boğaziçi University, 2018-2020

Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies Program, Northwestern University, 2013- 2014

TGS Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2012

Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2011

Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2010

Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies Summer Research Travel, 2008

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Centro de Estudios Internacionales at El Colegio de Mexico, Visiting Research Fellow, June-July 2017 (conducted research on the politics of urban citizenship in Mexico City).

Northwestern University, Doctoral Research Abroad

Turkey: 2010 (3 months), 2011 (6 months), 2012 (2 months), 2013 (6 weeks)

Argentina: 2008 (6 weeks), 2012 (6 months)

Bogazici University Social Policy Forum, Visiting Research Fellow, 2012

Department of Political Science at Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Visiting Research Fellow, Buenos Aires, 2012

Institute of Metropolitan Studies at Universidad General Sarmiento, Visiting Research Fellow, Buenos Aires, 2012

Boğaziçi University- TUSIAD Foreign Policy Forum, Research Assistant, 2004-2005

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Boğaziçi University, Assistant Professor**

POLS 304 Development of Contemporary Democracies, 2017, 2018, 2019

POLS 311 Politics of Latin America, 2016, 2019

POLS 332 Political Sociology, 2018

POLS 333 Local Politics and Democracy, 2017, 2020

POLS 472 Comparative Political Systems, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

POLS 541 Comparative Politics (MA required course), 2018, 2019

MIR 550 European Cities in a Globalized World, 2016, 2017

MIR 515 Civil Society and Democracy in Turkey, Europe, and the Middle East, 2018, 2019

#### **Özyeğin University, Instructor**

SOC 201 Introduction to Sociology, 2015 (Fall), 2016 (Spring, Summer, Fall)

**Syracuse University Istanbul, Instructor**

SOC/GEO 300.1 Society and Politics in Globalizing Megacities: Istanbul in Comparative and Critical Perspective, 2015 (Fall), 2016 (Spring)

**Bilgi University, Instructor**

IR 509 Politics of Latin America, 2015 (Fall)

**Özyeğin University, Guest Lecturer**

“Democratization in Latin America”, December 17, 2019

**Boğaziçi University, Guest Lecturer**

“Urban Exclusion in Istanbul” in Political Economy of Exclusion, May 4 ,2016

**Bilkent University, Guest Lecturer**

“Politics of Urban Transformation” in Issues in Turkish Politics, March 22, 2016

**Syracuse University Istanbul, Guest Lecturer**

“Understanding and Explaining Arab Uprisings” in Issues of Democratization, November 27 2014

“Urban Development and Its Discontents in Istanbul” in Contemporary Issues in Turkish Politics, December 4, 2014

**Northwestern University Legal Studies Program, Teaching Assistant, 2014**

Introduction to Law and Society (Laura Beth Nielsen and Heather Schoenfeld- two quarters)

**Northwestern University Political Science, Teaching Assistant, 2007- 2013**

Latin American Politics (Edward Gibson)

Middle East Politics (Wendy Pearlman- two quarters)

Democratization (Edward Gibson)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Victor Shih)

Chinese Politics (Victor Shih)

Urban Politics (Roger Reul)

Introduction to American Politics (Victoria de Francesco)

Globalization (Hendrik Spruyt)

National Security (Risa Brooks)

Law in the Political Arena (Mark Iris)

**THESIS ADVISEES**

Ronay Bakan, “Rethinking Urban Transformation and Contested Spaces: Case of Diyarbakır”, MA Thesis (**defended in June 2018**)- PhD student in John Hopkins Univ. Political Science (currently)

Umut Miş, “The Politics of Rap: Rap Music as a Tool for Expressing Exclusion in Istanbul”, MA Thesis (**defended in July 2018**)- PhD student in Boğaziçi Univ. Political Science (currently)

Sinançan Silsüpür, “The Politics of Judicial Independence: Explaining the Trajectories of Judicial Councils in Turkey and Italy”, MA Thesis (**defended in June 2019**)- PhD student in University of Minnesota Political Science (currently)

İlknur Yiğit Yazğan, “Urban Integration of Irregular Afghan Migrants in Istanbul: The Case of the Yenimahalle Neighborhood”, MA Thesis in MIR program (**defended in July 2019**)

### **DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE WORK**

Department Vice-Chair (July 2019-)  
 MIR Academic Coordinator (Sep. 2019-)  
 Double Major and Minor Program Advisor (2018-2019)  
 Transfer Students Advisor (2019-)  
 Political Science Colloquium Coordinator (2018-)  
 Graduate Admission Exam Coordinator (2017-2019)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

*Referee (Journals)*: Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi (2017), Comparative Sociology (2017), MGSÜ Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi (2018), Southeast European and Black Sea Studies (2018)

### **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING**

Comparative Historical Social Science Certificate Program, Northwestern University, 2012  
 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 2012

### **LANGUAGES**

Turkish (Mother Tongue), English (Fluent), Spanish (Research Fluency)