

Curriculum vitae and publications

Dilek Kurban

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Current Position

Fellow, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin (since April 2017)

Turkey expert on non-discrimination, European Network of Legal Experts in Gender Equality and non-Discrimination, European Commission (since 2012)

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Maastricht University, Faculty of Law (23 February 2018)

Thesis title: “The Limits of Transnational Justice: The European Court of Human Rights, Turkey and the Kurdish Conflict”

Juris Doctor (JD), Columbia University, School of Law (2004)

Exchange student, European University Institute Law Department, Florence (Fall 2003)

- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (2002-2003)
- *Notes Editor*, Columbia Human Rights Law Review (2003-2004)

Master of International Affairs (MIA), Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (1999)

Concentration: Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs

- The National Dean’s List (1999)

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and International Relations (1996)

Teaching Experience

“Law and Governance”, Hertie School of Governance (with Prof. Pierre Thielbörger)

- Core course for the MPP Program, Spring 2018

“International Law”, Hertie School of Governance

- Core course for the MIA program, Spring 2016

- **“Human Rights in Europe and its Neighborhood”**, Hertie School of Governance (with Prof. Mark Dawson)
Elective course for the MPP program, Spring 2015

“Law and Sociology,” Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and International Affairs
➤ Elective undergraduate seminar, Fall 2009

“Law and Sociology,” Boğaziçi University, Department of Political Science and International Affairs
➤ Elective undergraduate seminar, Spring 2008

Professional Experience

Marie Curie Fellow, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin (October 2014-April 2017)

Mercator-IPC Fellow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin (April 2013-September 2014)

Director, Democratization Program, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), Istanbul (2011-2013) (*ranked by Pennsylvania University among the top 100 think tanks in the world*)

Program Officer, Democratization Program, TESEV, Istanbul (2005-2011)

Columbia Human Rights Fellow, Visiting Researcher, European Center for Minority Issues (ECMI), Flensburg (January-April 2005)

Columbia Human Rights Fellow, Visiting Researcher, TESEV, Istanbul (October 2004-January 2005)

Associate Political Affairs Officer, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations, New York City (1999-2001)

Departmental Research Assistant, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University (1998)

Visiting/Adjunct Academic Appointments

Adjunct Professor, Hertie School of Governance, MIA and MPP Programs (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2018)

Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University (Fall 2009 and Spring 2008)

Professional Media Experience

Columnist, *Milliyet* daily, Turkey

2013

Weekly column on political and legal developments in Europe

Columnist, *Radikal* daily, Turkey

2011

Biweekly column on political and legal developments in Turkey

2010-

Editor and writer, *Agos* weekly 2007-2011
Turkey – weekly page on minority-majority relations in Turkey

Journalist, *Finansal Forum* daily, Turkey 1996-
1997
Full time reporter covering international political news

Research Interests

European Human Rights Convention system; legal mobilization; authoritarian rule of law; minority rights; forced displacement; state violence in politico-ethnic conflict; Kurdish Question

Specialization on Turkey

Grants, Scholarships and Academic Awards

Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship for Career Development, European Commission, awarded for a 2-year project, “Democratization and Transnational Human Rights Regimes: A Case Study of Turkey and the European Court of Human Rights” (2014)

Stiftung Mercator Fellowship (in collaboration with the Istanbul Policy Center), awarded for a 18 months project, “Democratization and Transnational Legal Regimes: A Case Study of Turkey’s Kurdish Question and the role of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights” (2013)

Columbia Human Rights Fellowship, School of Law, Columbia University (2004)

John Hazard Fellowship for academic research, School of Law, Columbia University (2004)

The Parker School Certificate for Achievement in International and Comparative Law, School of Law, Columbia University (2004)

Public Interest Certificate in Appreciation of Public Interest Law Work, School of Law, Columbia University (2004)

Human Rights Internship Program Fellowship, School of Law, Columbia University, awarded for summer internships at the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York and Interights in London (2002 and 2003)

Second Overall Best Team Award, National Native American Law Student Association Moot Court Competition, United States (2002)

Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Departmental Research Assistant Fellowship, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University (1998)

Internship Overseas Fellowship, Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, awarded for summer internship in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1998)

Scholarship for Graduate Studies in the United States, Turkish Ministry of Education, awarded through a competitive national examination (1997-1999)

Main Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

“Forsaking Individual Justice: The Implications of the ECtHR’s Pilot Judgment Procedure for Victims of Gross and Systematic Violations”, *Human Rights Law Review* (2016) 16 (4): 731-769

“Shattered Hopes: When the European Court of Human Rights Shuts its Doors to the Kurdish Displaced,” *Perspectives on Europe*, No. 1, 24-30, special issue "Justice and Unfairness: Ethics of law and Power in Europe" (Spring 2014).

“Unraveling a Trade-off: Reconciling Minority Rights and Full Citizenship in Turkey,” *European Yearbook of Minority Issues* Vol 4, 2004/5, 341-372 (2006).

“Confronting Equality: The Need for Constitutional Protection of Minorities on Turkey’s Path to the European Union,” *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* 35, no.101, 151-214 (Fall 2003).

Books

Adaletin Kıyısında: ‘Zorunlu’ Göç Sonrasında Devlet ve Kürtler- 5233 Sayılı Tazminat Yasası’nın bir Değerlendirmesi- Van örneği [On the Verge of Justice: The State and the Kurds in the Aftermath of Forced Migration- An Assessment of the Compensation Law no. 5233- The Case of Van], TESEV Publications (February 2012) (co-authored with M. Yeğen).

Coming to Terms with Forced Migration in Turkey: The Construction of Citizenship in the Aftermath of Internal Displacement in Turkey], TESEV Publications (2007) (co-authored with D. Yüksek, A.B. Çelik, T. Ünal, T. Aker)

Book Chapters

“Kurdish Question: Law, Politics and the Limits of Recognition”, in Carmen Rodriguez *et al.* (eds.), *Turkey’s Democratization Process*, Routledge (2014)

“The state of the journalistic profession in Turkey”, in E. Psychogiopoulou (ed.), *Media policies revisited: The challenge of media freedom and independence*, Palgrave Macmillan (2014) (co-authored with C. Sözeri).

“A Complicated Affair: Turkey’s Kurds and the European Court of Human Rights”, in Dia Anagnostou (ed.), *The European Court of Human Rights: Implementing Strasbourg’s Judgments on Domestic Policy*, Edinburgh University Press (2013) (co-authored with H. Güllalp)

“Turkish Media Policy in National Context,” in Evangelia Psychogiopoulou (ed.), *Understanding Media Policies: A European Perspective*, 214-229, Palgrave Macmillan (2012) (co-authored with E. Elmas).

“Protecting Marginalised Individuals and Minorities in ECtHR: Litigation and Jurisprudence in Turkey,” in D. Anagnostou and E. Psychogiopoulou (eds.), *The European Court of Human Rights and the Rights of Marginalised Individuals and Minorities in National Context*, 159-182, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers (2010).

“Substantive Challenges to the Protection of Religious Freedom under the Framework Convention,” in A. Verstichel, A. Alen, B. De Witte and P. Lemmens (eds.), *The Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities: A Useful Pan-European Instrument?*, 119-125, Intersentia (2008).

Research and Policy Reports

Country Report Non-Discrimination: Turkey 2017 (reporting period: 1 January-31 December 2016), drafted for the European Network of Legal Experts in Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination and submitted to the European Commission (2017)

Country Report Non-Discrimination: Turkey 2016 (reporting period: 1 January-31 December 2015), drafted for the European Network of Legal Experts in Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination and submitted to the European Commission (2016)

Country Report 2014 on the non-discrimination Directives– Turkey, drafted for the European Network of Legal Experts in Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination and submitted to the European Commission (2015)

Europe as an Agent of Change: The Role of the European Court of Human Rights and the EU in Turkey’s Kurdish Policies, SWP Research Paper, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) (October 2014)

Report on measures to combat discrimination: Directives 2000/43/EC and 2000/78/EC – Turkey, Country Report 2013, annual report drafted for the European Network of Legal Experts in the Non-Discrimination Field and submitted to the European Commission (2014), available at <http://www.non-discrimination.net/countries/turkey>.

Not a Roadmap for Peace: Erdogan’s Democratisation Package Defies Kurdish Expectations, SWP Comment, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) (November 2013).

To Europe and Back: The Three Decades of Kurdish Struggle in Turkey, IAI Global Turkey in Europe Policy Briefs, Stiftung Mercator, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC), Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) (March 2013).

Report on measures to combat discrimination: Directives 2000/43/EC and 2000/78/EC – Turkey, Country Report 2012, annual report drafted for the European Network of Legal Experts in the Non-Discrimination Field and submitted to the European Commission (2013), available at <http://www.non-discrimination.net/countries/turkey>.

Reparations and Displacement in Turkey: Lessons Learned from the Compensation Law, Case Studies on Transitional Justice and Displacement, ICTJ and Brookings-LSE Project on Internal Displacement (July 2012).

Caught in the Wheels of Power: The Political, Legal and Economic Constraints on Independent Media and Freedom of the Press in Turkey, TESEV Publications (June 2012) (co-authored with C. Sözeri).

Report on measures to combat discrimination: Directives 2000/43/EC and 2000/78/EC – Turkey, Country Report 2011, annual report drafted for the European Network of Legal Experts in the Non-Discrimination

Field and submitted to the European Commission (2012), available at <http://www.non-discrimination.net/countries/turkey>.

Does Media Policy Promote Media Freedom and Independence? The Case of Turkey, prepared for the project titled “MEDIADDEM: European Media Policies Revisited: Valuing and Reclaiming Free and Independent Media in Contemporary Democratic Societies,” funded by the European Commission’s Seventh Programme of the European Community for Research, Technological Development and Demonstrational Activities (December 2011) (co-authored with C. Sözeri).

Communicating Democracy-Democratizing Communication/ Media in Turkey: Legislation, Policies, Actors, TESEV Publications (June 2011) (co-authored with E. Elmas).

Media Policies and Regulatory Practices in a Selected Set of European Countries, the EU and the Council of Europe: The Case of Turkey, prepared for the project titled “MEDIADDEM: European Media Policies Revisited: Valuing and Reclaiming Free and Independent Media in Contemporary Democratic Societies,” funded by the European Commission’s Seventh Programme of the European Community for Research, Technological Development and Demonstrational Activities (October 2010) (co-authored with E. Elmas).

A Tale of Reciprocity: Minority Foundations in Greece and Turkey, TESEV Publications (July 2010) (co-authored with K. Tsitselikis).

A Permanent Solution to Internal Displacement? An Assessment of the Van Action Plan for IDPs, (TESEV Publications, 2009) (co-authored with D. Yükseser)

The Story of an Alien(ation): Real Estate Ownership Problems of Non-Muslim Foundations and Communities in Turkey (TESEV Publications, 2009) (co-authored with K. Hatemi)

Supranational Rights Litigation, Implementation and the Domestic Impact of Strasbourg Court Jurisprudence: A Case Study of Turkey, prepared for the project titled “JURISTRAS: The Strasbourg Court, Democracy and the Human Rights of Individuals and Communities: Patterns of Litigation, Implementation and Domestic Reform,” funded by the European Commission’s Sixth Programme of the European Community for Research, Technological Development and Demonstrational Activities (October 2008) (co-authored with O. Erözden and H. Gülalp).

Voices of IDPs in Turkey, prepared for the Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement. Research findings subsequently used in the publication titled *Listening to the Voices of the Displaced: Lessons Learned*, Roberta Cohen (ed.), Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement (September 2008).

A Quest for Equality: Minorities in Turkey, report prepared for Minority Rights Group International project titled “The Protection of Minority Rights and the Prohibition of Discrimination in Turkey”, funded by the European Commission, European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights, Combating Racism and Xenophobia and Promoting the Rights of Minorities (December 2007).

Strasbourg Court Jurisprudence and Human Rights in Turkey: An Overview of Litigation, Implementation and Domestic Reform, prepared for the project titled “JURISTRAS: The Strasbourg Court, Democracy and the Human Rights of Individuals and Communities: Patterns of Litigation, Implementation and Domestic Reform,”

funded by the European Commission's Sixth Programme of the European Community for Research, Technological Development and Demonstrational Activities (March 2007).

Overcoming a Legacy of Mistrust: Towards Reconciliation between the State and the Displaced, TESEV/Norwegian Refugee Council's Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (June 2006) (co-authored with A. B. Çelik and D. Yüksek)

The Problem of Internal Displacement in Turkey: Assessment and Policy Proposals (TESEV Publications, 2005) (co-authored with T. Aker, B. Çelik, T. Ünal and D. Yüksek)

Academic Blog Posts

"A Love Letter from Strasbourg to the Turkish Constitutional Court", **VerfBlog**, 27 March 2018

"Think Twice before Speaking of Constitutional Review in Turkey", **VerfBlog**, 20 February 2018

"The EU has a choice: Suspend Turkey's accession process", **Hertie School Research Blog**, 14 October 2016

"In dealing with Turkey's Erdogan, the EU betrays its core values", **Hertie School Research Blog**, 24 May 2016

"Merkel's Deal with Turkey", **Dahrendorf Blog**, 28 November 2015

"Is there no hope for Turkish Democracy?" **Europe's World**, 19 October 2015

"June 7 Elections in Turkey: A Breakthrough in the Long Road to Democracy", **Hertie School Research Blog**, 11 June 2015

Recent Media Op-Eds

"Die Verzweiflung der Türkei", **NZZ**, 7 November 2017

"Europa verrät im Umgang mit Erdoğan seine Werte", **Die Zeit**, 14 May 2016

"Kein schmutziger Deal mit Erdoğan", **Die Zeit**, 29 November 2015

European Research Projects

Principal Investigator, "Democratization and Transnational Human Rights Regimes: A Case Study of Turkey and the European Court of Human Rights" (DEMTUREUROPE) (October 2014- April 2017), funded by the People Program (Marie Curie Actions) of the European Union's Seventh Framework Program (FP7/2007-2013) under REA grant agreement n° 625032.

Academic Coordinator and researcher, Turkey component, 3-year project, "MEDIADDEM: European Media Policies Revisited: Valuing and Reclaiming Free and Independent Media in Contemporary

Democratic Societies”, funded by the European Commission’s Seventh Framework Program (2010-2013).

Researcher, Turkey component, 3-year project, “JURISTRAS: The Strasbourg Court, Democracy and the Human Rights of Individuals and Communities: Patterns of Litigation, Implementation and Domestic Reform”, funded by the European Commission’s Seventh Framework Program (2006- 2009).

Invited Talks in Academic Fora

2017

“From the Grassroots to the Transnational: Kurdish Legal Mobilization before the ECtHR”. Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, 19 May.

“Perpetual Transition: How Europe has Failed in Democracy Promotion in Turkey”, The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, 18 May.

“Perpetual Transition: How Europe has Failed in Democracy Promotion in Turkey”, Willy Brandt School, Erfurt, Germany, 20 April.

2016

“Perpetual transition: Why Europe has failed in democracy promotion in Turkey”, at German Research Network, “External Democracy Promotion Network” workshop “Democracy Promotion as Interaction: Rethinking the External-Internal Interplay in International Relations”, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF/HSFK), Frankfurt am Main, 8 September.

2011

“Forced Migration and Kurdish Displacement in Turkey”, Presented to the German Turkish Masters Program and Department of Diversity and Social Conflict, Humboldt University, Berlin, 21 June.

2010

“The Protection of Cultural Diversity in Turkey: Internal Developments and European Norm-Setting.” Pompeu Fabra University Law School, Barcelona, 20 May.

2009

“State-Minority Relations and the EU Accession Process in Turkey.” Presented at the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law, University of California, Berkeley, 15 April.

“Minorities and Minority Rights Discourse in Turkey.” Presented at the Center for Jewish Studies, University of California at Los Angeles, 14 April.

2007

“Minority rights in Turkey.” Cultural Studies Program, Sabancı University, Istanbul, 24 May.

“The Impact of the European Integration Process on Equality, Anti-Discrimination and Minority Protection: The Case of Turkey.” Law Department, European University Institute, Florence, 9 March.

“The Future of Democratization and Human Rights in Turkey.” Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, 1 March.

2006

“Turkey’s Internal Displacement Problem: Current Developments and Outstanding Issues.” Brookings Institution, Washington D.C., 13 January.

“Racial and Religious Diversity in Europe: Turkey, France and More.” Departments of Political Science and Economics, Howard University, USA, 12 January.

Invited Talks and Participation at Policy Fora

2018

Panel discussion: “Abschied von der Demokratie, Abschied von Europa? Die Türkei nach dem Putschversuch vom Juli 2016”. *Des Wissenschaftlichen Beirats der Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft*, Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft, Berlin, 9 February.

2016

Panel discussion: “Partner, Friend or Problem? The Future of the European Relationship with Turkey”. Chatham House Annual Conference titled *Europe’s Strategic Choices*, Chatham House and Kiel University, Berlin, 1-2 December.

Chair and moderator: “Turkey as Gatekeeper to Europe? The Joint-Action Agreement two Months down the Line”. Dahrendorf Symposium 2016, Berlin, 25-27 May.

Chair and moderator: “Democracy Challenged: Populism, Illiberalism, Radicalism”. Dahrendorf Symposium 2016, Berlin, 25-27 May.

Panel discussion: “Post-Election Turkey”, Istanbul Policy Center at Sabancı University, Stiftung Mercator and the Center for Turkey Studies, Istanbul, 15 January.

2015

Panel discussion: “Turkey after the Elections”, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, 23 June.

Paper presentation: “The Kurdish Peace Process in Turkey: Views from Europe.” Conference titled “Global Turkey in Europe”, Stiftung Mercator, Istanbul Policy Center (IPC), Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Berlin, 24 June.

2014

Paper presentation: "Türkei und die Kurdische Frage." Conference titled *Separatismus der Regionen – Europas Problem mit Unabhängigkeitsbestrebungen*, Die Akademie für Politische Bildung, Berlin, 30 May-1 June.

Paper presentation: "Implications of the local elections for Turkey's relationships with the EU and the world." Expert roundtable discussion on *After the Vote: A New Turkey-EU Debate*, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Brussels, 29 April.

2013

Paper presentation: "Political, legal and economic factors that promote or hinder the development of independent media and freedom of press in Turkey." EU Representation of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Brussels, 16 May.

Paper presentation: "The Turkish Reform Process- How Important is the EU Anchor?" Conference on "Global Turkey in Europe," Stiftung Mercator, Istituto Affari Internazionali and Istanbul Policy Center, Berlin, 18 March.

2012

Paper presentation: "Turkey writes its constitution: Challenges, Opportunities and Obstacles." Panel organized by the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) and TESEV, Berlin, 29 February.

2011

Paper presentation: "Reframing the Kurdish Issue in Turkey." Conference titled "The Need for Consensus: Overcoming the Rift in Turkey on the Kurdish Issue," TESEV and Turkije Instituut, Amsterdam, 25 November.

Guest speaker: "Turkey after the Elections: Challenges Ahead". Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Berlin, 22 June.

2010

Paper presentation: "Prospects for Peace in Turkey: Political Strategies for a Solution to the Conflict." Conference titled "7th International Conference on EU, Turkey and the Kurds" titled "The Road to Peace-Facing the Challenge", European Parliament, Brussels, 17-18 November.

2008

Paper presentation: "The Guiding Principles in the National Response to Conflict-Induced Displacement: the Example of Turkey." High-level conference on "Ten Years of Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement: Oslo Conference", Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norwegian Refugee Council/IDMC and the Representative on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons/Brookings Institution, Oslo, 16-17 October.

Paper presentation: "The Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement in Turkey." Panel titled "The 10th Anniversary of the Guiding Principles," NGO events, UNHCR Annual Consultations, Geneva, 26 June.

Paper presentation: “Social, Political and Economic Changes in the Southeast since 2002.” Conference on “The Future of Kurds in Turkey and Iraq,” U.S. Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Washington, D.C., 29-30 May.

2005

Participant: Workshop titled “Trajectories of Ethnopolitical Conflict in Turkey,” Center for International Development for Conflict Management at University of Maryland and the IRIS Institute in Bulgaria, Sofia, 28-30 October.

Participant: Workshop titled “Paths to Democracy: Learning from the Reform Experiences of European, Post-Soviet, and Arab Countries,” International Forum for Democratic Studies at National Endowment for Democracy, the Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law at Stanford University and the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, 6-7 July.

Participation in Academic Conferences and Workshops

2017

Paper presentation: “From the Grassroots to the Transnational: Kurdish Legal Mobilization before the ECtHR”. *GlobCon Colloquium*, Center for Global Constitutionalism, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, 13 March.

Paper presentation: “From the Grassroots to the Transnational: Kurdish Legal Mobilization before the ECtHR”. Workshop titled “Legal Mobilization and International Courts”, Department of Political Science and Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 17 May.

Paper presentation: “The ECtHR’s dual role in democratic transition: The case of Turkey”. Workshop titled “Global Rights and Democracy”, Department of Political Science and Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 16 May.

Paper presentation: “Perpetual transition: Why Europe has failed in democracy promotion in Turkey”. EUSA Biennial Conference titled “Uncertain Destinations: The European Union at 60”, Miami, USA, 4-6 May.

Participant. Workshop titled “Transitional Justice and International Litigation”. Co-organized by the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (Berlin), Hafiza Merkezi (Istanbul), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Kurban (as deliverable under Marie Curie project DEMENTUREUROPE), Berlin, Germany, 26-27.

2016

Paper presentation: “Not a Supreme Court for ‘Europe’: Turkish Constitutional Court’s Emerging Jurisprudence on Individual Petitions”. *Institutskolloquium* titled “Turkey in Turmoil: Current Research Perspectives”, Institute for Social Sciences, Humboldt University, Berlin, 7 December.

Chair and moderator: “Social Rights of Refugees: Current Challenges? Future Outlook?” 1st South-East-African & European Conference on “Refugees and Forced Migrants: Social rights – care – mutual benefits?”, Pwani University College and Max-Planck-Institut für Sozialrecht und Sozialpolitik, Kenya, 2-3 August.

Paper presentation: “A reliable partner for the ECtHR? The Turkish Constitutional Court on the Kurdish question.” ICON-S Annual Meeting titled “Borders, Otherness and Public Law”, Berlin, 17-19 June.

Paper presentation: “Beyond Litigation: The Law and Politics of Kurdish Mobilization before the ECtHR”. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting titled “At the Delta: Belonging, Place and Visions of Law and Social Change”, New Orleans, 2-5 June.

Panel discussion: “Turkey-EU Relations: A New Era?” Institute for Social Sciences, Humboldt University, Berlin, 12 January.

2015

Paper presentation: “The ECtHR’s dual role in democratic transition: The case of Turkey.” Workshop titled “the European Court of Human Rights: Promoter or Predator of Democratic Transitions?”, Center for Global Public Law at Koc University and PluriCourts of the University of Oslo, Istanbul, 19-20 September, Istanbul.

Paper presentation: “Forsaking Individual Justice: The Implications of the ECtHR’s Pilot Judgment Procedure for Victims of Gross and Systematic Violations.” European and Global Governance Colloquium, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, 11 March.

2014

Paper presentation: “Turkey’s Kurdish Conflict and the Oversight of the ECtHR.” Workshop on *Europe, Turkey and Russia: International Human Rights Regime and Diaspora Policies*, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin, 19 September.

Paper presentation: “Resurrecting the ECtHR: The implications of the pilot judgment procedure for justice and equality in Europe.” Conference of Europeanists annual meeting titled “Resurrections: 21st International Conference of Europeanists”, Washington, DC, 14-16 March.

2013

Paper presentation: “The Kurdish Political Movement in Turkey: In between State and Society.” Panel discussion titled *The Effects of Civil Democratic Movements on the Transformation of the Turkish Society*, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen University, 23 October.

Paper presentation: “The Implementation of the Lausanne Peace Treaty in Turkey.” Conference titled *Revisiting Lausanne: The Lausanne Treaty on its 90th Anniversary*, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, 27-28 September.

2012

Paper presentation: “Possibilities and limits of a European space for public discourse. How European is the democratic public in Europe’s media landscape? The case of Turkey.” Conference titled “Interconnected

subjects – Interconnected public. The Internet as a platform for a European societal consciousness,” University of Bielefeld and Friedrich Stiftung Foundation, Berlin, 9-10 November.

Paper presentation: “The Kurds and the new Constitution: A Paradoxical Relationship.” Panel discussion titled “Turkey’s Constitutional Transition: Institutional Reform, Regime Change and Bill of Rights,” Center for Constitutional Transitions, School of Law, New York University, 8 May.

2011

Paper presentation: “An Injustice beyond Repair: The Regulation of Confiscated Christian Communal Properties in Turkey.” Conference on “Beyond the Armenian Genocide: The Question of Restitution and Reparation in Comparative Review,” Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, 27-28 October.

Paper presentation: “What’s in the News? The Changing Landscape of Content Regulation in Turkey.” Workshop titled “Media Policies and Regulation for Media Freedom and Independence,” Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and the Association of European Journalists, Athens, 30 June.

Paper presentation: “The Politics of Legal Mobilization and the Kurdish Movement in Turkey.” Workshop titled “Law, Rights and Social Mobilization in a Multi-level European System,” International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, 16-17 June.

Paper presentation: “Facing the Past: Political Transition, Truth Seeking and Justice in Turkey.” Conference titled “Comparative Perspectives on Constitution-making, Political Transitions and Secularism: Turkey, United States and India”, Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion, Columbia University, 29 March.

2010

Paper presentation: “Media Policies and Democratic Politics: The Quest for Free and Independent Media in Turkey.” Workshop titled “Media Policies: Country Practices within the EU Media Regulatory Framework”, Institute for International Relations and the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Zagreb, 10 December.

Paper presentation: “The Property Issues of non-Muslim Foundations in Turkey.” Panel titled “A Tale of Reciprocity: Minority Foundations in Greece and Turkey”, TESEV and the Research Center for Minority Groups (KEMO), Athens, 30 September.

Paper presentation: “Residual Citizens’: Citizenship and Religious and Minority Policies in Turkey.” Conference titled “Turkey: Citizenship and Institutions in Influx”, Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion, Columbia University, 22 April.

2009

Paper presentation: “An Assessment of Recent Reforms towards Solving the Kurdish Question.” Symposium titled “Fundamental Rights and Freedoms within the Project of a New Turkish Constitution: Spain and Turkey

in Comparison in Their Way to Democratic Reform and Accession to EC/EU,” Universidad Autonoma de Madrid and Centro de Estudios Politicos y Constitucionales, 18-19 December.

Paper presentation: “Justice Served? A Socio-Legal Analysis of the Impact of the European Court of Human Rights in Turkey.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting titled “Complexity, Conflicts, Justice: 20 Years of Sociology of Law”, International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, 7-10 July.

Paper presentation: “Kurds and Alevis in Turkey: Parallel Exclusions?” Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention titled “Imagined Communities, Real Conflicts, and National Identities”, Columbia University, 23-25 April.

2008

Paper presentation: “ ‘Much ado about nothing?’ The Impact of the EU Process on Turkey’s Minority Question.” Workshop titled “Turkey- Squeezed between Nationalism and Islam?,” 25th Anniversary Conference of the Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, 26-27 September.

2007

Paper presentation: “Practicing Faith in the Shadow of Secularism: Delineation of a “Public Space” Devoid of the Individual.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting titled “Law and Society in the 21st Century”, Humboldt University, Berlin, 25-28 July.

2006

Paper presentation: “Exceptionalizing Islam? The Implications of the European Court of Human Rights’ Leyla Şahin Judgment on Religious Freedom in Europe.” The Third Pan-European Conference, European Consortium for Political Research Standing Group on the European Union, Istanbul, 21-23 September.

Paper presentation: “Minority Protection in Turkey within the Context of the European Minority Policies.” Workshop titled “The Physical and Mental Boundaries of Europe.” Co-organized by the University of Vienna, Istanbul Kültür University and Laboratoire d’Anthropologie des Institutions et des Organisations Sociales. Istanbul Kültür University, Istanbul, 15-17 June.

2005

Paper presentation: “Glass Half Full? The Impact of the European Union Accession Process on the Protection of Minorities in Turkey.” European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Flensburg, 12 April.

2004

Paper presentation: “Understanding Turkey’s Half-Hearted Compliance with the Minority Protection Conditionality: Can the EU Monitoring be a Factor?” Graduate student workshop on “Incorporating Minorities in Europe: Nineteenth Century to the Present,” Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 16-17 April.

2003

Paper presentation: “The Impact of the EU Accession Process on Minority Protection in Turkey.” Mediterranean Program Seminar of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, 19 November.

Recent Media Contributions

“The EU has a choice: Suspend Turkey’s accession process”, *Hertie School Research Blog*, 14 October 2016

“In dealing with Turkey’s Erdogan, the EU betrays its core values”, *Hertie School Research Blog*, 24 May 2016

“Europa verrät im Umgang mit Erdoğan seine Werte”, *Die Zeit*, 14 May 2016

“Kein schmutziger Deal mit Erdoğan”, *Die Zeit*, 29 November 2015

“Merkel’s Deal with Turkey”, *Dahrendorf Blog*, 28 November 2015

“Is there no hope for Turkish Democracy?”, *Europe’s World*, 19 October 2015

“June 7 Elections in Turkey: A Breakthrough in the Long Road to Democracy”, *Hertie School Research Blog*, 11 June 2015

Professional Training and Volunteer Work

International election observer, National Democratic Institute (NDI) election monitoring mission for the parliamentary elections in Egypt (December 2011)

Summer Associate, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP, New York City (May-July 2003)

Intern, International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights (Interights), London (July-August 2003)

Ella Baker Intern, Center for Constitutional Rights, New York City (Summer 2002)

Intern, Advocacy Division, Human Rights Watch, New York City (Spring 1999)

Intern, Middle East and North Africa Division, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, New York City (Fall 1998)

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