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Employment

Bilkent University. 1/2026–present. Associate Professor of International Relations.
9/2017–12/2025. Assistant Professor of International Relations.
European University at St. Petersburg. 9/2013–8/2017. Assistant Professor of History.
Department Chair. 9/2015–8/2017.
Nazarbayev University. 8/2012–7/2013. Assistant Professor of History.

Education

University of Pennsylvania. Ph.D. May 2012.
University of Pennsylvania. M.A. May 2008.
Washington University in Saint Louis. B.A. May 2004.

Books

Against the Liberal Order: The Soviet Union, Turkey, and Statist Internationalism, 1919–1939. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024.

*Winner of the European International History Prize from the American Historical Association (AHA)
*Winner of the Marshall Shulman Book Prize from the Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES).

Reviews

Willard Sunderland, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*
Umut Özsu, *The Journal of Modern History*
Erdem Sönmez, *The English Historical Review*
Maria Lipman, *Foreign Affairs*
Masha Kirasirova, *The Russian Review*
Andrew Peak, *History*
Muhammet Koçak, *Turkish Studies*
Ensar Kıvrak, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*
Pierre-Emmanuel Dupont, *Orientalia Antiqua et Nova*
Евгений Савицкий, *Новое литературное обозрение*

Events

Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association. With James Ryan. 20 June 2025.
Washington History Seminar. With Eileen Kane and Steffi Marung.10 March 2025.
Interview with Turkey Book Talk podcast. 17 December 2024.
Interview with Review of Democracy podcast. 31 October 2024.
Interview with New Books Network podcast. 28 September 2024.

With Onur İşçi. *Kızıl Yıldız: Sovyetler Birliği Tarihi* [Red Star: The History of the Soviet Union] (İstanbul: Kronik Kitap, 2025).

Reviews

Erel Tellal, *Millerlerarası Münasebetler Türk Yıllığı*

Articles & Book Chapters

"A Net Balance? Soviet-Turkish Economic Relations in the Interwar Period." In Norihiro Naganawa, ed., *Dreams of Emancipation: A Transnational History of Revolutionary Russia* (Newton, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2025).

With Onur İşçi and Orhun Bayraktar. "'Let the Black Sea Unite Us': The 1967 Soviet-Turkish Industrial Agreement and Ankara's Cold War Rapprochement with Moscow." *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies.* Published online first on 20 November 2024.

With Onur İşçi. "Turkey's Rushed Liberalization: Wartime Neutrality and the Devaluation of 1946." *Turkish Studies* 25, 4 (2024): 625–651.

With Aydın Khajei and Deniz Kaptan. "A Turkish Mayor Goes to Moscow: Vedat Dalokay and Development Politics in the 1970s." *Journal of Contemporary History* 58, 4 (2023): 739–758.

With Étienne Forestier-Peyrat. "On the Margins of the Lausanne Conference: The Soviet Union and the Exclusions of the Post-World War I International Order." In Jonathan Conlin and Ozan Özavcı, eds., *They All Made Peace—What is Peace? The 1923 Lausanne Treaty and the New Imperial Order* (London: Ginko, 2023): 77–96.

"Comrades on Elephants: Economic Anti-Imperialism, Orientalism, and Soviet Diplomacy in Afghanistan." *Kritika* 22, 1 (Winter 2021): 13–40.

With Onur İşçi. "Smokestacks and Pipelines: Russian-Turkish Relations and the Persistence of Economic Development." *Diplomatic History* 44, 5 (November 2020): 834–859.

Reviewed by Timothy Nunan, *H-Diplo* Article Review 1035, 20 May 2021.

"Soviet Orientalism across Borders: Documentary Film for the Early Turkish Republic." *Kritika* 18, 1 (Winter 2017): 35–61.

"Anti-Westernism on the Eurasian Periphery: The Meaning of Soviet-Turkish Convergence in the 1930s." *Slavic Review* 72, 1 (Spring 2013): 32–53.

"Transnational Anti-Imperialism and the National Forces: Soviet Diplomacy and Turkey, 1920–1923." *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 33, 2 (Summer 2013): 214–226.

In Russian:

«Первые советские дипломаты в Афганистане и Турции в транснациональной перспективе» в сборнике *Эпоха войн и революций (1916–1922): Материалы международного коллоквиума (Санкт-Петерсбург, 9–11 июня 2016 года.* Сост. Б. И. Колоницкий и Даниэль Орловский. Санкт-Петербург: Нестор-История, 2017. 264–276.

In Turkish:

"*Türkiye'nin Kalbi Ankara*: Batı Şarkiyatçılığına Cevaben Bir Belgesel Film." *Toplumsal Tarih* 313 (January 2020): 62–67.

"'Başında Bir Kalpak Olsa': Georgiy Çiçerin, Sovyet Dış Politikası ve Türk İhtilali." *Toplumsal Tarih* 298 (October 2018): 56–62.

"Emperyalizm, Antiemperyalizm ve Sovyet-Türk İlişkilerinde Georgiy Çiçerin'in Rolü," *Toplumsal Tarih* 299 (November 2018): 22–28.

Book Reviews

Review of Masha Kirasirova, *The Eastern International: Arabs, Central Asians, and Jews in the Soviet Union's Anticolonial Empire*. In *Review of Middle East Studies* 59, 1 (2025): 48–50.

Review of James H. Meyer, *Red Star over the Black Sea: Nâzım Hikmet and his Generation*. In *The English Historical Review* 139, 600 (2024): 1313–1315.

Review of Oscar Sanchez-Sibony, *The Soviet Union and the Construction of the Global Market: Energy and the Ascent of Finance in Cold War Europe*. In *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 58, 3 (2024): 358–361.

Review of Willard Sunderland, *The Baron's Cloak: A History of the Russian Empire in War and Revolution*. In *Ab Imperio* 1 (2015): 31–35.

Review of James H. Meyer, *Turks Across Empires: Marketing Muslim Identity in the Russian-Ottoman Borderlands, 1865–1914*. In *Revolutionary Russia* 28, 2 (2015): 197–199.

Conferences Organized

"New Middle East Sources" (together with the Wilson Center History and Public Policy Program), Bilkent University, 17–18 October 2019.

"Reforms in a Time of War: On the Centenary of 1916," European University at St. Petersburg. 2–3 December 2016.

Selected Conference and Workshop Participation, Invited Lectures

Book talk. University of Wisconsin Madison. 16 October 2025.

"Liberalizing Trade Regimes: The Soviet Union and the Turkish Coup of 1960." Hokkaido University. 3 July 2025.

"Negotiating Autonomy: Turkey between the US and the USSR, 1955–1965." University of Tokyo. 14 June 2025.

"Russian-Turkish Relations in the Long Twentieth Century: Conflict and Cooperation?" Waseda University. 12 June 2025.

Book talk. Georgetown University. 21 January 2025.

"Domestic Constraints, Diplomatic Consequences: Turkey's Foreign Policy in Historical and Contemporary Perspective." Panel. David Calleo Lectures Series at Johns Hopkins University. 25 January 2024.

"Rethinking Cold War History: Turkey, the Soviet Union, and the International Order." Event at Columbia University co-sponsored by the Harriman Institute and the Sakıp Sabancı Center. 22 January 2024.

"Against the Liberal Order: The Soviet Union, Turkey, and Statist Internationalism, 1919–1939." Invited lecture. Oxford University. 9 October 2023.

"Vedat Dalokay, Turkish Urban Planning, and Global Socialism in the 1970s." METU Talks Architectural History. 5 December 2022.

"What might have been the first metro in the Middle East: Vedat Dalokay, Revolutionary Municipal Government, and the Global Cold War." ASEEES. Online. 14 October 2022.

"Soviet Russia's Informal Empire: Bolshevik Diplomacy and Eurasian Sovereignty after World War I." Conference "Imperial Afterlives." Cambridge University. 18–19 August 2022.

Together with Etienne Forestier-Peyrat, "The Lausanne Conference and the Soviet-Turkish Challenge to the Postwar International System." Paper presented at "The Forgotten Peace? The Lausanne Conference and the New Middle East, 1922–1923," conference sponsored by the Gingko Library. 24–30 June 2021.

Together with Masha Kirasirova, "The Soviet Union and the Middle East." Event hosted at Columbia University by the Harriman Institute. 18 February 2021.

"'Russia is Becoming More National and Centralized': Turkish Visions of the Soviet Model in the 1930s." ASEEES. San Francisco. 26 November 2019.

"Soviet Oil for Turkish Oranges: Early Soviet Economic Involvement in the Middle East." New Middle East Sources. Bilkent University. 17–18 October 2019.

"A Transnational Approach to Soviet-Turkish Technology Transfers in the 1930s." First International Workshop for Russian Studies. Boğaziçi University. 10–11 October 2019.

"A Bilateral Affair: The Soviet Union, Turkey, and International Relations in the Interwar Period." Invited lecture at the Higher School of Economics (Moscow). 17 May 2019.

Co-delivered with Onur İşçi. "A Century of Russian-Turkish Convergence." Conference "Russia and Turkey: Lessons from the Past Century." Bilkent University. 14 May 2019.

"*The Heart of Turkey—Ankara:* The Anti-Imperialism of Soviet-Turkish Cultural Relations." Lecture at Tarih Vakfı (İstanbul). 28 March 2019.

"Early Reflections on Teaching and Writing Transnational History." Opening lecture at conference on comparative history. European University at St. Petersburg. 21 March 2019.

"The Soviet Union and Ethnic Politics in Turkey in the 1920s." Conference "Soviet Encounters with West and East." Higher School of Economics, Moscow. 27 November 2018.

"Moscow and the Turkification of Anatolia." Invited lecture at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University. 26 October 2018.

"Soviet Oil for Turkish Oranges: Anti-Imperialism, Bilateral Trade, and National Development." Conference "The Russian Revolution in the Long Twentieth Century. Hokkaido University, Japan. 7–8 December 2017.

“Antiemperyalizm ve Ulusal Kalkinma: 1920’lerde Sovyet-Türk ekonomik ilişkileri.” Symposium “100. Yılında Ekim Devrimi ve Türkiye’ye Etkileri” organized Türkiye Sosyal Tarih Araştırma Vakfı in İzmir. 4–5 November 2017.

“The Interwar Economy of Northeastern Anatolia.” ASEEES. Washington, D.C. 17–20 November 2016.

“Soviet Orientalism across Borders: A Transnational History of Documentary Film for the Turkish Republic.” Conference “The Languages of Soviet Islam” at the European University at St. Petersburg. 21 April 2016.

“Soviet Orientalism across Borders: A Transnational History of Documentary Film for the Turkish Republic.” Invited lecture. European University Institute, Florence, Italy. 7 April 2016.

Roundtable participant, “Higher Education in Russia.” University of Pennsylvania. 26 February 2016.

"Oil for Oranges: The Politics of Soviet-Turkish Trade in the 1920s." ICCEES conference in Makuhari, Japan. 7 August 2015.

“National Economics: Soviet-Turkish Trade in the Interwar Period.” Conference at Hokkaido University. 30–31 July 2015.

“The Nationalism of Internationalist Diplomacy: Georgii Chicherin, Anti-Imperialism, and Turkey, 1902–1922.” Conference at New York University—Prague: “The Long Great War: Imperial Wars, National Revolutions, and Anti-Imperialisms from 1914” May 28–29, 2015.

"Oil for Oranges: The Politics of Soviet-Turkish Trade in the 1920s." Workshop at Birkbeck College, University of London: “The Black Sea and the Socialist World.” 5–6 February 2015.

“The Heart of Turkey: A Soviet Cinematographic Eastern Genre Across Borders.” ASEEES. San Antonio. 20–23 November 2014.

“Of Comrades on Elephants: Anti-Imperialism and Early Soviet Diplomacy in Afghanistan.” Invited lecture at Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. 15 October 2014.

“Embattled Anatolia: The Evolution of Georgii Chicherin’s Views on Turkey during the First World War.” Panel presentation at International First World War Centenary Symposium at Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir, Turkey. 16–17 October 2014.

Discussant, “Subjectivity on the Soviet Periphery.” Conference at the European University at St. Petersburg: “After Stalin: Subjectivity in the Late Soviet Union, 1953-1985.” 25–26 April 2014.

Roundtable. “Teaching English-language historiography in post-Soviet states.” ASEEES. Boston. 20–23 November 2013.

“Commissars of the East: Fedor Raskol’nikov and Larisa Reisner on the Caspian Sea and in Central Asia.” ASEEES. New Orleans. November 2012.

“Soviet-Turkish Entanglements in the 1920s,” Annenberg Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, February 2011.

“Soviet-Turkish Anti-Imperialism: The 1932–1933 State Visits as Case-Study.” MESA. December 2011.

“Allied Against the West: Soviet-Turkish Anti-Imperialism in the 1920s.” ASEEES. Washington, DC. November 2011.

“Anti-Westernism in Turkey: Soviet Diplomatic Correspondence Regarding Turkey in the 1920s and 1930s.” Columbia University “Ottomans/Turks in Conflict Workshop.” April 2011.

“Allied Against the West: Anti-Imperialism in the Soviet Union and Turkey, 1920–1937.” Social Science Research Council “Globalizing Eurasia” Dissertation Workshop, Harvard University, October 2010.

“Allied Against Europe: Mikhail Frunze and Soviet–Turkish Relations.” Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, Ankara, Turkey, July 2010.

“Making War on Revolution: Revolutionary Rhetoric in the Soviet Union and Turkey after the First World War.”12th International Cultural Studies Symposium, Izmir, Turkey, April 2009.

Languages:

Russian (fluent), Turkish (proficient)