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Research Interest

- A PhD candidate of International Relations with a particular focus on Middle Eastern Politics, geopolitics, political sociology, and economy.
- Has a particular interest in hydro-politics and resource allocation in the Middle East and examine how the water scarcity shape and mould the states' foreign policy vis-à-vis their neighbors.
- Currently working on the possible allocation scenarios for the Hydrocarbon resources in the Eastern Mediterranean vis a vis Cyprus Issue.

2. Education and Qualifications

- Levent College 2006 - 2013 (Sixth form). Diploma Degree: 8.48
- Eastern Mediterranean University, B.A. International Relations 09/2014 - 02/2018. CGPA: 3,46 (86,5%).
- Lund University-Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, M.A. 2018-2021. CGPA: 3,16.
 - Master's Thesis Title: An Approach to the Reasons and Factors Behind Hydro-hegemony; The Turkish Stance vis-à-vis Syria in the Euphrates Basin Between 1970-2000
- The American University of Beirut, M.A. Exchange Studies 29/08/2019 - 19/12/2019. GPA: 3,03.

3. Fellowships/Grants and Awards

- Awarded an ICM Grant under the framework of the Erasmus.
- Nominated for 2nd round placement for the European Union Scholarship Programme for the Turkish Cypriot Community.

4. Prominent Courses Taken in Bachelor.

- International Law (A-)
- Conflict Peace and Security (A)
- The Political Islam in International Relations (A)
- The Politics of the Middle East (A)
- Human Rights (A)
- Contemporary Political Ideologies (A)

5. Prominent Taken in Master's.

- Occidentalism View from East (A-)
- Special Topics: Palestine 1948 (A-)
- Introduction to Middle Eastern Debates (B)
- Key Theories in the Middle Eastern Studies (B)
- Political Economy and Development in the Middle East (B)

6. Taken Edexcel Examinations

- 5 IGCSEs including History, Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Mathematics, and Turkish O Level.
- The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examinations, Grade 1 (passed with merit), Grade 4 (passed with merit), Grade 5 (passed with merit), and Grade 5 Theory of Music (passed).
- AS level: History and Sociology
- A Level: Turkish A

7. Certifications and Licenses

- IELTS Score: 7.5.
- METU English Proficiency Examination Score: 77,75.
- ALES: Quantitative: 59,85885
Verbal: 67,05167
Equally Weighted: 63,76725
- German A1

8. Employment

8.1 Eastern Mediterranean University

- 2016-17 Spring term: Archivist in archive office responsible for uploading old photos (film rolls) to the digital system.
- 2020-21 Spring term: University teaching assistant: Incumbent for assisting lecturers, preparing, and delivering course material and grade exams.

9. Academic Activities

Editorial Advisory Board Member, “Applying Methods of Scientific Inquiry into Intelligence, Security, and Counterterrorism” Advances in Digital Crime, Forensics, and Cyber Terrorism (ADCFCT) Book Series, IGI Global Publishing House, USA.

9.1 Books/Book Chapters

Firat, M. K. (2018). “From Conventional to Sophisticated; A Cyber Guise to Terrorism in The Middle East” in Sari, A. (ed.) *Applying Methods of Scientific Inquiry into Intelligence, Security, and Counterterrorism*. US: IGI Global.

9.2 Research Activities

- Conducted work and research in the working groups of the political groups under the Directorate of Laws, Decisions, and Minutes in the Legislative Assembly of The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus between the dates of June 30 to July 30, 2012.
- Conducted work and research at the committees of political affairs and relations with Islamic Organization Cooperation (OIC). Helped the translation process of documents from English to Turkish and Turkish to English between the dates of 20th of July to 5 of August in the Turkish Cypriot Foreign Office.

10. Social Activities

- Secretary-General of SU-AY Development Association
- Played Guitar in Charities
- Chess Player.

11. Languages

- Turkish Native speaker and writer.
- Good level of written and spoken English.
- Beginner level of written and spoken Russian, Arabic, Ottoman Turkish, and Greek.

12. Additional Information

- Musician
- Eager to learn and teach.
- Avid reader
- Capable of utilizing Microsoft tools.

13. Referees

- Prof. Dr. Yucel Vural
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- Assoc. Prof. Dalia Abdelhady
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