


# ALİ BAYDAROL - CV

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*I am currently a visiting doctoral student in the Department of Political Science at the University of Chicago. My home institution is Sabancı University.*

## EDUCATION

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**The University of Chicago** • Visiting Doctoral Student in Political Science September 2024 – June 2025

- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) 2214-A Scholarship

**Sabancı University** • PhD in Political Science September 2019 – Present

- Final GPA: First Class (3.92/4)
- PhD Comprehensive Specializations: Comparative Politics and International Relations
- First Year Teaching Assistant Award 2021
- Prof. Dr. Nermin Abadan Unat Best Article Prize<sup>1</sup>

**Radboud University Nijmegen** • Master of Science in Political Science September 2017 – August 2018

- MA Thesis<sup>2</sup> Grade: First Class (8/10)
- Final GPA: Upper Second-Class (7.3/10)
- Specialization: International Political Economy

**Istanbul Bilgi University** • Bachelor of Arts in International Relations September 2013 – June 2017

- Final GPA: First Class (3.63/4)
- Graduation with High Honors Degree

**The University of Konstanz** • Erasmus September 2015 – August 2016

- Duration: Two Semesters

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Sabancı University** • Teaching Assistant September 2019 – June 2024

- Main Tasks: Teaching R, statistics, as well as contemporary and historical political economy.
  - Graduate Teaching Assistant for the ‘Comparative Local Government’ Course and Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the ‘Borders, Citizens, Immigrants, and Refugees’ Course (February 2024 – June 2024)
  - Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the ‘Research Methods for Political Science and International Relations’ Course (September 2023 – January 2024)
  - Graduate Teaching Assistant for the ‘Political Economy’ Course (January 2023 – June 2023)
  - Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the ‘Social and Political Science (SPS) 101 and SPS 102’ courses (September 2019 – January 2023)

**TÜBİTAK** • Research Assistant January 2023 – September 2024

- Main Tasks: Data Collection from Interviews with Diplomats, Memoirs of Retired Diplomats, Official Gazette Search, and Newspaper Archive Search.
  - TÜBİTAK 1001 Project Coordinated by Bahçeşehir University
  - Project Title: The Role of Elite Sociology in Understanding the Policy Making Process of Turkey-European Union Relations (122K720)

**Sabancı University** • Research Assistant October 2022

- Main Tasks: Collecting discursive data and conducting qualitative content analysis.

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<sup>1</sup>Awarded by the Turkish Political Science Association, a collective member of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), for the first article from my PhD thesis. Available at: <https://www.sitd.org.tr/oduller-2/>

<sup>2</sup>Available at: <https://theses.ubn.ru.nl/handle/123456789/6008>

- Project Output: Aydın-Düzgit, Senem. 2023. "Authoritarian Middle Powers and the Liberal Order: Turkey's Contestation of the EU." *International Affairs*.<sup>3</sup>

**Istanbul Policy Center** • Seasonal Research Assistant

September 2021 – December 2021

- Main Tasks: Provided research assistance (data collection, book editing, preparing presentations) to Professor Fuat Keyman, President of the Istanbul Policy Center, and other senior researchers.
- One Project Output: Aydın-Düzgit, Senem, Mustafa Kutlay, and E. Fuat Keyman. 2023. "State Capacity and Populist Rule in Times of Uncertainty: Covid-19 Response in South Korea, Brazil, and Turkey." *Globalizations*.<sup>4</sup>

**City University London / Istanbul Policy Center** • Seasonal Research Assistant

July 2021 – September 2021

- Main Tasks: Preparing a timeline of the COVID-19 pandemic in Turkey, conducting document analysis, searching newspaper archives, and gathering discursive data.
- Project Output: Aydın-Düzgit, Senem, Mustafa Kutlay, and E. Fuat Keyman. 2021. "Politics of Pandemic Management in Turkey." *IPC Policy Brief*.<sup>5</sup>

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#### ARTICLES AND BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

##### • Publications

- Baydarol, Ali. (2025). "Book Review: Industrial Policy in Turkey: Rise, Retreat and Return by Mina Toksoz, Mustafa Kutlay, and William Hale." *Middle Eastern Studies*.<sup>6</sup>
- Baydarol, Ali & Rahime Süleymanoğlu-Kürüm. (2024). "Neoliberal Transformation through Circulation of Economic Elites in Times of Critical Junctures: The Case of 1999-2001 Economic Crises in Turkey." *Turkish Studies*, 25(5), 882-907.<sup>7</sup>
- Şenyuva, Özgehan & Baydarol, Ali. (2024). Schrödinger's Candidate: Türkiye's Awkward Situation Within the Enlargement Debate. In: Kaeding, M., Pollak, J., Schmidt, P. (eds) *Enlargement and the Future of Europe*. Cham: Springer Nature.<sup>8</sup>
- Baydarol, A. (2021). "The Place of Privatization in EU Accession: A New Approach to Legal Ambiguity with the Slovenia Case." *İstanbul Gedik Üniversitesi Hukuk Fakültesi Dergisi*, 2(1), 135-152.<sup>9</sup>

##### • Forthcoming Publications and Papers Under Peer Review

- Baydarol, Ali. (Forthcoming 2025). "Perceiving Europe from Turkey: Advancing EU-Turkey Cooperation Amidst the Challenges in Turkish-European Relations." In: Paul Betts, Kadioğlu, A., Nicolaidis, K., de France, O., (eds) *St Antony's Dahrendorf Programme Concluding Volume*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Aydın-Düzgit, Senem & Ali Baydarol. (Forthcoming 2025). "Anti-Westernism as a Foreign Policy Concept." In: Evren Balta, Güvenç, Serhat, (eds) *Anti-Westernism in Foreign Policy*. Istanbul: İletişim Yayınları.
- Baydarol, Ali. "Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia." *Paper under review*.
- Baydarol, Ali. "A Difficult Change: Norm Contestation in Multiple Veto Player Settings." *Paper under review*.

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#### AWARDS & HONORS

- **Prof. Dr. Nermin Abadan Unat Best Article Prize 2023, Turkish Political Science Association**
- **First Year Teaching Assistant Award 2021, Sabancı University**
- **High Honors Degree (Bachelor Graduation), Istanbul Bilgi University**

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#### SCHOLARSHIPS

- **TÜBİTAK 2214-A Scholarship (October 2024 – June 2025)**

<sup>3</sup>Available at: <https://academic.oup.com/ia/article/99/6/2319/7337079?login=false>

<sup>4</sup>Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14747731.2023.2256567>

<sup>5</sup>Available at: <https://ipc.sabanciuniv.edu/Content/Images/CKeditorImages/20220321-13031458.pdf>

<sup>6</sup>Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00263206.2025.2502013?src=exp-la>

<sup>7</sup>Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14683849.2024.2381732>

<sup>8</sup>Available at: [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-43234-7\\_39](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-43234-7_39)

<sup>9</sup>Available at: <https://legal.com.tr/urun/istanbul-gedik-universitesi-hukuk-fakultesi-dergisi-yil-2021-sayi-1/>

- 2214-A International Research Fellowship Programme for PhD Students to Perform Research at the University of Chicago for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.
- **TÜBİTAK 1001 Scholarship (January 2023 – August 2024)**
  - Research Assistant Scholarship
- **Sabancı University (September 2019 – September 2024) Graduate Scholarship**
  - September 2019 – January 2023: Full Tuition Waiver, a Single Dormitory, and a Monthly Stipend
  - January 2023 – Present: No Longer Recipient of Monthly Stipend from Sabancı University Since January 2023 After Becoming a TÜBİTAK 1001 Project Assistant. Still Granted Full Tuition Waiver and Single Dormitory Accommodation.
- **IPSA Summer School Scholarship (September 2023)**
  - 75% Tuition Waiver for the Summer Schools on Quantitative Content Analysis and Qualitative Content Analysis.
  - The Remaining 25% Tuition Sponsored by the TÜBİTAK 1001 Project.
- **The Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science Holland Scholarship (2017)**
  - Granted for MA Degree at Radboud University Nijmegen | 55% Tuition Waiver
- **Erasmus Grant (2015 – 2016)**
  - Granted for Erasmus Exchange Year at the University of Konstanz
- **Student Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM) Scholarship (2013 – 2017)**
  - Granted for BA Degree at Istanbul Bilgi University | 50% Tuition Waiver

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#### ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

- **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2025 Annual Convention, Panel on Crises and Their Consequences (April 2025)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
- **International Studies Association (ISA) 2025 Annual Convention, Regime Types and IPE Panel (March 2025)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
- **University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Workshop (February 2025)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
- **University of Chicago, Seminar on Game Theory (2024-2025 Academic Year, Autumn Term)**
  - Actively Audited the Game Theory I Seminar during my visiting doctoral year
  - Completed all course requirements
- **University of Chicago, Political Economy Working Group (December 2024)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
- **Political Studies Association Turkish Politics Online Workshop (December 2024)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
- **International Studies Association (ISA) 2024 Annual Convention, RIPE/IPE Section Pre-Conference Workshop (April 2024)**
  - Sponsored by Review of International Political Economy (RIPE) Journal
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
- **12th Annual Eurasian Peace Science Conference at Bilkent University (January 2024)**

- Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
- **Istanbul Bilgi University, Workshop on Diffusion and Contestation of Norms in Global Governance (December 2023)**
  - Presented the First Article of my PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
- **The Second National Congress of the Turkish Political Science Association (October 2023)**
  - Presented the Second Article of my PhD Thesis Titled “A Meta-analysis on the Resource-Democracy Nexus”
  - Presented my co-authored manuscript titled “Neoliberal Transformation Through Circulation of Economic Elites in Times of Critical Junctures: The Case of 1999-2001 Economic Crises in Turkey”
- **IPSA Antalya Summer School | Quantitative Content Analysis (September 2023)**
  - Trained in CAT Scanner, PSPP, Yoshikoder, JFreq Software Programs.
- **IPSA Antalya Summer School | Qualitative Content Analysis (September 2023)**
  - Trained in MAXQDA
- **University of Oxford | Europe in a Changing World Project (December 2021 – June 2023)**
  - The Dahrendorf Program at the University of Oxford’s European Studies Centre
  - A Collaborative Effort Involving Eight Other Institutions of Higher Learning in Continental Europe, China, India, Turkey, Russia, and the US
- **Turkish Political Science Association Graduate Conference (June 2023)**
  - Presented the First Article of My PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
  - Received Prof. Dr. Nermin Abadan Unat Best Article Prize
- **Bahçeşehir University Politics and Society Seminars (June 2023)**
  - Gave a Seminar on the First Article of my PhD Thesis Titled “Crisis-Stimulated Change: Rapid Privatization During Times of Dual Crisis in Turkey and Slovenia”
- **Istanbul Policy Center Renpet Jean Monnet Network EU Foreign Affairs | Academic-Practitioner Meeting (June 2023)**
  - European Security Architecture After the War and Post-election Turkish Foreign Policy.
  - Supported by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union
- **Turkish Political Science Association Graduate Conference (November 2019)**
  - Presented my Master’s Thesis.
- **Jean Monnet Summer Module (July 2017)**
  - Participated in the Summer Module on “The EU and Security in the Wider Neighborhood II” at Kadir Has University.

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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Comparative Political Economy | International Political Economy**
  - Political Economy of Economic Reforms
  - Political Economy of EU-Turkey Relations
  - Regime Consequences of Natural Resource Wealth

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#### SOFTWARE SKILLS

- **R**
  - Served as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for the ‘Research Methods for Political Science and International Relations’ course, wherein I taught R and statistics.
- **Stata**

- Completed courses in ‘Methods and Scope of Political Analysis’ and ‘Quantitative Research Methods’ at Sabancı University, where I received training in Stata.
- **LaTeX**
  - Completed courses in ‘Methods and Scope of Political Analysis’ and ‘Quantitative Research Methods’ at Sabancı University, where I received training in LaTeX.
- **MAXQDA, CAT Scanner, PSPP, Yoshikoder, JFreq**
  - Completed IPSA’s Antalya Summer Schools in ‘Quantitative Content Analysis’ and ‘Qualitative Content Analysis’ where I received training in these methods.

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#### LANGUAGE SKILLS

- **Turkish: Native Language**
- **English: Advanced**
  - E-YDS: 87.5/100 (Equivalence<sup>10</sup> in TOEFL: 105/120 | Verification Code: PP9NVPYA | Date: 02/16/2019)
- **German: Intermediate**
  - Intensive Course German B1 (at the University of Konstanz, 2015 – 2016 Spring Term)
  - Basic Level German A2/2 (at the University of Konstanz, 2015 – 2016 Fall Term)

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#### NGO MEMBERSHIPS

- **Midwest Political Science Association (since 2025)**
- **International Studies Association (since 2024)**
- **Turkish Political Science Association (since 2023)**
- **Galatasaray Culture and Art Association (since 2023)**
- **Galatasaray Sports Club (since 2014)**

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<sup>10</sup>The equivalence of YDS (or E-YDS) grades in TOEFL and IELTS can be found in this link: <https://dokuman.osym.gov.tr/pdfdokuman/2021/GENEL/esdegerlikdokuman06042021.pdf>