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## Current Position

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, *University of Connecticut*

## Previous Teaching and Research Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, *University of Connecticut*,  
2004- 2011

Assistant Professor in Residence, Department of Political Science, *University of Connecticut*, 2003-2004

Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, *University of Connecticut*,  
2002-2003

Research Internship at *Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA)* Moscow  
Office, Spring 2001

Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, *University of Texas at Austin*,  
1996-2002

## Education

Ph.D., *University of Texas at Austin*, May 2003, Department of Government  
Specialty fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations and  
Political Economy

Dissertation Advisors: Robert Moser, John Higley, Catherine Boone,  
Clement Henry, Cynthia Buckley

Dissertation Title: *Polarizing Effects of Globalization: Political Regimes  
That Attract Oil Investments*

B.A., *Bogazici University*, Istanbul, Turkey, June 1996, Department of Political  
Science and International Relations

Specialty Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations and  
Turkish Politics

## Publications

### Books

*Foreign Investment and Political Regimes: The Oil Sector in Azerbaijan, Russia,  
and Norway*, Cambridge University Press (2010)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Microcredit and Political Empowerment in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan,”  
*International Journal of Development Issues* 14:2 (June 2015): 130-148.

“Cold War Redux in US-Russia Relations The Effects of US Media Framing and  
Public Opinion of the 2008 Russia-Georgia War,” *Communist and Post-  
Communist Studies* 46:4 (2013): 513-527 (co-authored with Ekim Arbatli)

- “Two-Steps Forward, One-Step Back: How Politics Dim the Lights on Turkey’s Renewable Energy Future,” *Perceptions: Journal of International Affairs* 18:4 (Winter 2013): 71-98
- “Giving Credit Where Credit is Due: Can Access to Credit be Justified As a New Economic Right?” *Journal of Human Rights* 12:4 (December 2013): 491-510
- “Muhammad Yunus, Grameen Bank and the Nobel Peace Prize: How Political Science Can Contribute to the Wider Implications of Microcredit,” *International Studies Review* 10:3 (2008): 525-547
- “Examining the Different Types of Foreign Capital and Their Political Effects,” *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences* 2:1 (2007): 161-68 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Democratization and Success in the Global Economy,” *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences* 2:1 (2007): 321-28 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Foreign Investment, Oil Curse and Democratization: A Comparison of Azerbaijan and Russia” *Business and Politics* 7:1 (2005): 1-37.
- “Foreign Capital in Central Asia and the Caucasus: Curse or Blessing?” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 38:1 (March 2005): 49-69.
- “Facing the Dilemma of Global Capitalism: The Case of Azerbaijan” *Central Asian Survey*, 22: 2-3 (2003): 209-220.

#### Book Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

- "Giving Credit Where Credit is Due: Can Access to Credit Be Justified as a New Economic Right?" in Richard P. Hiskes (ed.) *Human Dignity and the Promise of Human Rights*, NY: Open Society Foundation (2015)
- “Caspian Energy Wealth: Social Impacts and Implications for Regional Stability,” in Amanda Wooden and Christoph Stefes (eds.) *The Politics of Transition in Central Asia and the Caucasus: Enduring Legacies and Emerging Challenges*, NY: Routledge (2009)
- (Review by C. Wilkonson in *Europe-Asia Studies* 62:3 (2010): 524-25)
- “Political Elite Integration and Differentiation in Russia.” in Anton Steen and Vladimir Gelman (eds.) *Elites and Democratic Development in Russia*, NY: Routledge (2003) (co-authored with John Higley and Julie George)
- (Review by Mark Smith in *Demokratization* 11:4 (2004): 229-231)
- (Review by Derek Hutcheson in *Europe-Asia Studies* 56:1 (2004): 162-164)

#### Other Publications

- “The Geography of Cheap Oil,” *Geographical Magazine* (geographical.co.uk), January 16, 2015
- “The Falling Price of Oil,” *UCONN Today*, November 24, 2014.
- “Leaders and Laggards: Political determinants of Renewable Energy Performance” *International Renewable Energy Conference (IRENEC) 2014 Conference Proceedings*
- Review of Biresselioglu, Mehmet Efe, *European Energy Security: Turkey’s*

- Future Role and Impact, *Review of Middle East Studies* 46:1 (2012): 97-99
- Review of Luong, Pauline Jones and Erika Weinthal, Oil is Not a Curse: Ownership Structure and Institutions in Soviet Successor States, *Political Science Quarterly* 127:1 (Spring 2012): 178-179
- “Troubled Waters for the World’s Oil Supply,” *UCONN Today*, January 13, 2012
- Review of Hertog, Steffen, Princes, Brokers, and Bureaucrats: Oil and the State in Saudi Arabia, *Comparative Political Studies* 44:4 (2011): 493-505
- Review of Wydra, H., Communism and the Emergence of Democracy, *Comparative Political Studies* 41:9 (2008)
- “External Capital and Political Structures: The Case of Azerbaijan,” *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* 17: 2 (1999)

### **Work in Progress**

#### Book

*Politics of Renewable Energy: The Case of Turkey*

#### Journal Articles

- Clean Energy and Political Institutions: A Cross-Country Analysis of Renewable Energy Performance* (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig), revise and resubmit at the *Environmental Politics*
- Not Your Grandfather’s Authoritarianism: Neo-Authoritarian Elite Strategies for Regime Survival in Russia and Turkey* (co-authored with Ekim Arbatli and Sercan Canbolat), under review at *Comparative Political Studies*
- The Power of Framing on Public Opinion: How Attitudes Towards Renewable Energy Shift When People Are Primed to Consider Jobs?* (co-authored with Salil Benegal)

### **Awards, Grants and Fellowships**

- Political Science Collaborative Research Fund*, Hybrid Breakdowns and Populist Autocrats: The Rise of Putinism and Erdoganism (with Sercan Canbolat), 2015-2016
- Social Science, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience (SHARE) Award*, University of Connecticut, Public Opinion on Renewable Energy (with Jessica Topper), Spring 2015
- Alan R. Bennett Honors Research Assistant Grant*, University of Connecticut Department of Political Science (Kateri Ciccaglione) Fall 2013
- Study Abroad Program Development Grant*, Office of Global Programs, University of Connecticut, Summer 2012
- U.S. Department of State, Program of Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union Title VIII Research Grant* (sponsored by University of Delaware) 2010-2011
- International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) Short-Term Travel Grant* 2010-2011 (received but declined)
- Faculty Research Grant*, University of Connecticut, March 2010

*Small Faculty Grant*, University of Connecticut, May 2008  
*Provost's General Education Course Development Grant*, University of Connecticut, May 2007  
*Small Faculty Grant*, University of Connecticut, May 2007  
*Large Faculty Grant*, University of Connecticut, May 2006  
*Economic Rights Research Grant*, University of Connecticut Human Rights Institute and CIBER, April 2006  
*William S. Livingston Graduate Fellowship*, University of Texas-Austin, 2002-2003  
*Patterson Award*, Department of Government, University of Texas-Austin, Spring 2002  
*David Bruton, Jr. Graduate Fellowship*, University of Texas-Austin, May 2001  
*University Co-op Society Research Excellence Fellowship*, University of Texas-Austin, February 2001  
*MacDonald Dissertation Fellowship*, Department of Government, University of Texas-Austin, 2000-2001  
*International Education Fee Scholarship*, Study Abroad, University of Texas-Austin, Summer 2000  
*Patterson Award*, Department of Government, University of Texas- Austin, Fall 2000  
*Ford Foundation Social Science and Area Studies Research Grant*, Summer 1999  
Travel Grant to attend the Expert Meeting in Berlin (11-13 June 99) by Heinrich Boll Stiftung, the Korber-Stiftung Institute and the Free University of Berlin, May 1999  
*Professional Development Award*, Graduate Studies, University of Texas-Austin, May 1999  
"Teaching Excellence Award", Department of Government, University of Texas-Austin, 1998-1999  
"Teaching Excellence Award", Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of Texas-Austin, 1998-1999  
*American Board Council Research Fellowship*, Istanbul, Turkey, June 1996  
Travel Grant for research in NATO headquarters in Brussels, Bogazici University, April 1996

### **Conferences, Invited Academic Talks, Media Interviews**

"Microfinance," Invited Lecture at the *Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative Student Leaders in Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development*, University of Connecticut, October 8, 2015  
"Media and Public Opinion on Renewable Energy," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6, 2015 (co-authored with Salil Benegal)  
"Is Oil the Devil's Excrement? A Comparison of Oil Wealth Management in Azerbaijan, Russia, and Norway" Invited Lecture at *The Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, July 28, 2015  
"Microfinance," Invited Lecture at the *Study of the United States Institute for*

- Student Leaders on Social Entrepreneurship*, University of Connecticut, July 27, 2015
- “Politics of Renewable Energy,” *Council for European Studies (CES) 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Europeanists*, Paris, France, July 8-10, 2015
- “Two-Steps Forward, One-Step Back: How Politics Dim the Lights on Turkey’s Renewable Energy Future,” Invited Speaker at *The Hollings Center For International Dialogue, Young Professionals In International Relations Network Event*, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2, 2015
- “Breaking Stereotypes with Global Education,” *Global House Banquet Keynote Speech*, University of Connecticut, April 26, 2015
- “Hybrid Breakdowns and Populist Autocrats: The Rise of Putinism and Erdoganism,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 16-18, 2015 (co-authored with Ekim Arbatli and Sercan Canbolat)
- “Hybrid Breakdowns and Neo-authoritarianism: The Russian and Turkish Political Regimes in Comparative Perspective,” *XVI. April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development*, Moscow, Russia, April 8, 2015 (co-authored with Ekim Arbatli and Sercan Canbolat)
- “Leaders and Laggards: Political Determinants of Renewable Energy Performance,” *Political Economy Workshop*, University of Connecticut, March 13, 2015
- Discussant for Welborne and Westfall “Follow the Money: Exploring the Impact of Remittances on Changes to Human Rights Policy in the Middle East and North Africa”, *9<sup>th</sup> Annual North East Middle East Politics Working Group*, University of Connecticut, March 27-28, 2015
- “Russian Economy in Crisis,” Radio interview with *News Talk 770, Calgary Today Show*, December 18, 2014
- “Falling Oil Prices and Geostrategic Implications,” Radio Interview with *News Talk 770, The Morning News with Bruce Kenyon*, November 25, 2014
- “What does Russia (Putin) want from Ukraine? The Logic of Russian actions in Ukraine” *CLAS College Experience, Politics and Identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, University of Connecticut, October 24, 2014.
- “Leaders and Laggards: Political Determinants of Renewable Energy Performance,” *International Renewable Energy Conference (IRENEC)*, Istanbul, Turkey, June 26-28, 2014
- “Is Oil the Devil’s Excrement? A Comparison of Oil Wealth Management in Azerbaijan, Russia, and Norway” Invited Lecture at *The Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, July 23, 2014
- “Crisis in Ukraine” Invited Lecture at *Watkinson School*, Hartford, April 25, 2014
- “Ukrainian Crisis,” *Forum on Ukraine*, University of Connecticut, April 23, 2014
- “Developing Countries as Leaders in Renewable Energy” Political Opportunities and Challenges,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2014
- “Breaking BRICS: Challenges and Opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy

- Revolution,” Invited speaker at *King’s College International Development Institute’s Conference “Emerging Markets and Changing Global Order: Is There a New Model of Development,”* King’s College, London, November 7-8, 2013
- “Crisis in Syria,” *Where We Live*, WNPR, September 11, 2013.
- “Post-Communist International Politics” Discussant at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013
- “Challenges Facing Women,” Moderator for *Panel Discussion “For Women, By Women: Ways to Rise Above the Glass Ceiling,”* organized by Peace Islands Institute and Rumi Intercultural Dialogue and University of Connecticut, March 27, 2013
- “Foreign Aid and Democracy Promotion,” *Learning for International Development (LID) Workshop on Aid Effectiveness and Evaluation*, organized by Kenyan External Resources Department (Ministry of Finance) staff in a European Union-funded course, hosted by the University of Connecticut Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, October 11-18, 2012.
- “Role and Quality of Elections in Other Countries,” *Early College Experience Collegial Interaction Workshop*, University of Connecticut, October 10, 2012
- “Is Oil the Devil’s Excrement? A Comparison of Oil Wealth Management in Azerbaijan, Russia, and Norway” Invited Lecture at *The Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, July 24, 2012
- “Russia As An Unreliable And Destabilizing Energy Superpower: Hype or Reality?” *The 10<sup>th</sup> Shasha Seminar For Human Concerns: The Political Economy of Oil*, Wesleyan University, April 19-20, 2012
- “Democratic Transitions and Consolidations in the Post-Communist Context,” Chair and Discussant at *Midwest Political Science Association* annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2012
- “Democratization in Turkey,” Moderator at *Panel Discussion on Democratization in Turkey*, organized by University of Connecticut Political Science Department and Peace Islands Institute, University of Connecticut, April 3, 2012
- “Renewable Energy in the World: Its Potential and Politics,” Invited Lecture at *The Global House*, University of Connecticut, March 5, 2012
- “Microcredit and Political Empowerment,” *Title VIII Research Conference*, University of Delaware, June 1-3 2011
- “Giving Credit Where Credit is Due: Can Access to Credit be Justified As a New Economic Right,” *Economic Rights Research Group Workshop*, University of Connecticut, April 9 2011
- “Poking the Bear: The Russia – Georgia Conflict in the US Media and Public Opinion,” *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, March 16-19, 2011 (co-authored with Ekim Kucukbumin)

- “Is Oil the Devil’s Excrement? A Comparison of Oil Wealth Management in Azerbaijan, Russia, and Norway” Invited Lecture at *The Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program*, University of Connecticut, July 19, 2010
- “Poking the Bear: The Russia-Georgia Conflict in the US Media and Public Opinion,” Invited Lecture at the *Humanities Institute*, University of Connecticut, April 27, 2010
- “Is Oil the Devil’s Excrement? A Comparison of Oil Wealth Management in Azerbaijan, Russia, and Norway” Invited Lecture at *Politics of Energy Security in Eurasia Colloquium, Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies*, University of Miami, Ohio, April 12, 2010
- “International Politics of Oil,” *Global Citizenship in Practice- Transcending Borders, Interdisciplinary Panel* sponsored by the Global Citizenship Curriculum Committee, University of Connecticut, November 17, 2009
- “Turkish Identity,” Invited Keynote Speaker at *Southern New England Turkish American Cultural Association’s 86<sup>th</sup> Turkish Republic Day Celebration*, Hartford: Connecticut State Capitol, October 30, 2009
- “BRIC- Russia,” Invited Panelist at *UCONN Center for Globalization Symposium “The BRIC Countries’ Current Status and Future Outlook as a Viable Political and Economic Group*, University of Connecticut Stamford Campus, October 1, 2009
- “Poking the Bear: The Russia-Georgia Conflict in the US Media and Public Opinion,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2009 (co-authored with Ekim Kucukbumin)
- “Microcredit and Democratization: A New Tool for Political Development?” *International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting*, New York, February 2009
- “Non-state Approaches to Institutionalizing Economic Rights” *Economic Rights Research Group Workshop*, University of Connecticut, February 8, 2008
- “Introduction to Sari Gelin” Invited Lecture at *UConn Turkish Student Association Film and Panel* on the documentary “Sari Gelin,” University of Connecticut, April 7, 2007
- “Russia: The New Energy Superpower,” Invited Lecture at *The Connecticut Geographic Alliance Seminar: The Hunt for Global Resources*, University of Connecticut, August 8, 2007
- “Banking the Unbankable, Empowering the Powerless: Microfinance and Economic Rights,” *Economic Rights Research Group Workshop*, University of Connecticut, February 2007
- “Banking the Unbankable: Microfinance, Social Capital, and Political Empowerment in the Caucasus and Central Asia,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006
- “Foreign Investment, Oil Curse, and Democratization: A Comparison of Azerbaijan and Russia,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006
- “Islamic Democracy or Theocracy? The Status of Women in the New Afghanistan and Iraq,” Invited Lecture at *Comparative Politics Workshop*,

- Wesleyan University, November 2005
- “Constitutions and New Democracies,” Invited Speaker at *Constitution Day Panel*, University of Connecticut, September 15, 2005
- “Disaggregating Globalization: The Mixed Effects of Foreign Capital on Regime Stability,” *International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting*, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1-5, 2005 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Foreign Investments in Central Asia and the Caucasus: A Curse or a Blessing,” Invited Lecture at *Central Asia and Caucasus Lecture Series*, Yale University, May 2004
- “Dictators and Democrats: The Political Sources of Success in Attracting Foreign Direct Investment.” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Seeing the Glass Half Full: A Positive Interpretation of State-Business Relations in Russia.” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, August 28-31, 2003 (co-authored with Christopher Speckhard)
- “Divergent Development: The Political Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment.” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, August 28-31, 2003 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Seeing the Glass Half Full: A Positive Interpretation of State-Business Relations in Russia.” *International Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Durban, South Africa, June 29-July 4, 2003 (co-authored with Christopher Speckhard)
- “Divergent Development: The Political Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment.” *International Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Durban, South Africa, June 29- July 4, 2003 (co-authored with Jeffrey W. Ladewig)
- “Is the State Really ‘Stolen’? State-Business Relations in Russia.” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 03-06, 2003
- “*Iraq and Democracy*,” Invited Panelist at *Open Discussion Forum on War with Iraq*, University of Connecticut, April 2, 2003
- “Azerbaijan: Frontier of Capitalism?” *Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting*, Madison, WI, October 17-20, 2002
- “Winners and Losers of Globalization: Foreign Investment in Oil.” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, August 29-September 02, 2002
- “Polarizing Effects of Globalization: A Study of State Adjustment Capacities in the Oil Business.” *Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, March 27-30, 2002
- “Political Elite Integration and Differentiation in Russia.” *Seminar on “The New Elite in Russia: Consequences for Democratic Development and Economic Reform”* organized by The Norwegian University Center, St.



- Petersburg, Russia, September 07-09, 2000 (co-authored with John Higley and Julie George)
- “The Role of Institutions in Shaping Investment Patterns.” *Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Galveston, TX, March 15-18, 2000
- “Oil as a Resource of Order or Disorder in the Caucasus Region?” *Expert Meeting “Potentials of (Dis-) Order- Former Yugoslavia and Caucasus in Comparison”* organized by The Institute for East European Affairs, Free University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany, June 11-13, 1999
- “External Capital and Political Structures: The Case of Azerbaijan.” *Post-Communist Cultural Studies Annual Meeting*, Bloomington, IN, April 09-10, 1999
- “Ruinous Riches? Oil in Azerbaijan.” *Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, April 01-03, 1999

### **Courses Taught**

Politics of Oil, Sustainable Energy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Politics of Russia and the Former Soviet Union, Foreign Policies of Russia and the Former Soviet Republics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to Non-Western Politics, Comparative Democratization

### **Professional Activities**

#### Member

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association, International Political Science Association, Central Eurasian Studies Society, New England Political Science Association

#### Member (University and Departmental Committees)

President’s Committee on Corporate Responsibility  
 Office of Global Affairs Advisory Committee  
 Global Studies Curriculum Committee  
 European Studies Minor Committee  
 Middle East Studies Committee  
 CLAS Undergraduate Advising Council  
 Promotion, Tenure, Reappointment Committee, Department of Political Science  
 Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science  
 Comparative Politics Subfield, Department of Political Science  
 Departmental Priorities/Vision Committee, Department of Political Science  
 Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science

#### Chair

Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science  
 Comparative Politics Job Search Committee (Fall 2015)

#### Director

Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science  
 Global House Residential Community, UCONN

Faculty Advisor

Undergraduate Student Organization, Act in Miracles (AIM)

Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Human Rights, Journal of Politics, International Studies

Perspective, American Journal of Political Science, Europe-Asia Studies,

International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Science

Executive Board Member

New England Political Science Association (2011-2013)

Conference Section Head

New England Political Science Association Annual meeting (April 29-30  
2012) Hartford, CT