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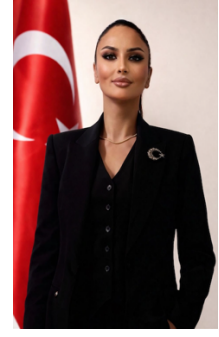
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## BIO

*Holds a PhD in International Relations and is an academic and strategic analyst specializing in U.S. foreign policy, security studies, the AI-defence technology nexus, and U.S.-China great power competition, with a focus on intelligence leadership and the Turkic World. Develops interdisciplinary frameworks to analyze the transformation of global power dynamics in the age of artificial intelligence. Currently serves at Hacettepe University, integrating academic research with policy analysis and strategic foresight. Produces scholarly publications, policy briefs, and advanced strategic analyses at both national and international levels. Proficient in English, working knowledge in Chinese, and Arabic, with experience in multilateral diplomacy and policy advisory. A member of leading international academic networks including ISA and IPSA, and a recipient of the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff). Focuses on generating policy-relevant knowledge to inform strategic decision-making in an era redefining security, intelligence, and foreign policy.*

## EDUCATION

- 2004-2008      **BSc. – International Relations, Gazi University, Ankara, Türkiye**
- 2008-2009      **MSc. – International Relations, University of Bristol, England, UK**  
*Dissertation: “The Changing Identity of the PKK: Politico-Military Struggle Since 1984”*
- 2015-2023      **Ph.D. – International Relations, Ankara University (Mülkiye), Ankara, Türkiye**  
*Thesis: “National Security Council in US Foreign Policy within the framework of President-Bureaucracy Relationship”*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

*Currently;*

**Lecturer, PhD** – Department of International Relations, Hacettepe University

**Vice Director** – HÜ Center for Strategic Research (HÜSAM)

**Chair** – HÜ Student Clubs Activities Commission

**IPSA RC35 Technology and Development Research Committee Member** – International Political Science Association

**Emerging Change Management Professional** – Association of Change Management Professionals (ACMP)

**Technology Entrepreneur, Founder** – AI University Research & Development Co.

16.11.2012 – Present

**Lecturer**

Department of International Relations, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye

**Courses taught:**

INR 488 US Foreign Policy  
INR 447 US Politics  
INR 330 Security Studies  
INT 329 Political Violence and Terrorism  
INR 321 Foreign Policy Analysis  
INR 347 Communication in International Relations  
INR 340 Advanced Communication in International Relations  
INR 334 Applied Research  
INR 289 History of Political Thought I  
INR 290 History of Political Thought II  
INR 171 Computer Skills I  
INR 172 Computer Skills II  
(Language of Instruction: %100 English)  
INT 674 Foreign Policy Analysis in Globalized World (Master level)  
INT 640 Current Issues in World Politics (Master level)  
INT 643 American Foreign Policy  
(Language of Instruction: Turkish)

01.10.2024 – Present

**Vice Director - Center for Strategic Research (HÜSAM)**

Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye

*Serves as Vice Director of HÜSAM, contributing to the strategic vision, research agenda, and institutional governance of the Center. Coordinates interdisciplinary research initiatives in international security, foreign policy analysis, great power competition, artificial intelligence and defense technologies. Oversees academic publications, policy reports, conferences, and high-level panels engaging scholars, policymakers, and practitioners. Supports external partnerships with national and international institutions, think tanks, and diplomatic actors. Contributes to grant development, project design, and strategic research planning aligned with contemporary geopolitical developments. Plays an active role in strengthening the Center's visibility, policy relevance, and academic impact at national and international levels.*

27.11.2025 – Present

**Chair – HÜ Student Clubs Activities Commission**

Directorate of Health, Culture and Sports, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye

*Serves as the decision-making authority and chairperson of the Student Clubs Activities Commission, the official body responsible for the oversight, evaluation, and approval of all activities conducted by university student clubs across science, arts, culture, and sports. Leads the commission in reviewing and authorizing event proposals, ensuring regulatory compliance, institutional alignment, financial accountability, and risk assessment procedures. Oversees strategic coordination among diverse student organizations and university administration, facilitating high-impact academic, cultural, and social initiatives. Ensures that all student activities adhere to university governance principles, ethical standards, and institutional policies while promoting an inclusive, dynamic, and intellectually vibrant campus environment.*

01.07.2025 – Present

**Member- IPSA RC35 Technology and Development Research Committee**

International Political Science Association (IPSA), Toronto, Canada

*Member of IPSA's Research Committee 35 (Technology and Development), contributing to international scholarly collaboration on the political, economic, and governance dimensions of emerging technologies. Engages in global academic networks addressing digital transformation, AI governance, technological inequality, development policy, and security implications of technological change. Participates in panels, conferences, and research initiatives organized under IPSA frameworks, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue among political scientists and policy scholars worldwide. Contributes to advancing research at the intersection of technology, power politics, and international development.*

01.01.2024 – Present

**Emerging Change Management Professional**

Association of Change Management Professionals (ACMP), Washington DC, USA

*Recognized member of the Association of Change Management Professionals (ACMP), engaging in professional development activities focused on organizational transformation, strategic adaptation, and data-driven change processes. Participates in global knowledge networks addressing leadership in complex environments, institutional resilience, digital transformation, and stakeholder-centered change strategies. Integrates change management frameworks into academic research and policy-oriented projects, particularly in the areas of governance, strategic decision-making, and technology-driven institutional reform.*

29.10.2024– Present

**Technology Entrepreneur - AI University R&D Company** (Incorporation in progress)

Ankara, Türkiye

*Founder and Technology Entrepreneur leading an R&D initiative focused on Artificial Intelligence, Defence Technologies, and Intelligence Leadership. Develops interdisciplinary research and consultancy projects integrating AI-driven analytics, strategic decision-making models, and emerging defence applications. Designs executive training programs, policy-oriented workshops, and applied research modules addressing digital transformation, data-driven governance, and security innovation. Engages with academic, governmental, and industry stakeholders to bridge research, technology, and strategic leadership practice. Advances initiatives at the intersection of AI innovation, national security, and institutional change management.*

01.10.2024 – Present

**Founder - HÜ Diplomacy Academy Program**

Department of International Relations, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye

*An innovative academic training module developed within the undergraduate course Communication in International Relations. The program is specifically designed to prepare high-achieving undergraduate students for the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) entrance examinations and diplomatic career pathways. The Academy integrates advanced analytical writing training, mock written examinations, policy brief simulations, oral interview preparation, global agenda briefings, and applied diplomatic communication exercises. It aims to cultivate strategic thinking, crisis analysis skills, persuasive diplomatic discourse, and a strong command of contemporary international affairs—bridging academic knowledge with professional diplomatic competence.*

01.10.2014 – 31.12.2024

**Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator**

Department of International Relations, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye

*Serves as Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator responsible for managing international mobility programs, institutional partnerships, and academic exchange agreements within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. Coordinates outgoing and incoming student and staff mobility processes; evaluates academic compatibility, learning agreements, and credit recognition procedures; and ensures compliance with university and EU regulations. Contributes to the development and renewal of bilateral agreements with European partner universities. Advises students on academic planning, mobility strategy, and international academic opportunities, strengthening the department's global engagement and internationalization strategy.*

01.11.2013– 15.11.2014

**Vice Director - Department of International Relations**

Council of Higher Education (YÖK), Ankara, Türkiye

*Coordinated multilateral and bilateral higher education relations, including engagement with the Bologna Process, quality assurance and recognition frameworks, and cooperation with international organizations (UN, EU, NATO, EUA). Managed foreign delegations, prepared cooperation protocols and institutional reports, attended high-level meetings, and drafted speeches and briefings for the President of the Council of Higher Education.*

22.07.2012– 01.11.2013

**Director - Department of Recognition and Equivalence Services**

Council of Higher Education (YÖK), Ankara, Türkiye

*Directed national processes for the recognition and equivalence of foreign higher education diplomas and qualifications. Managed an 8-unit structure comprising 50 staff members. Served as the institutional representative to the ENIC–NARIC network and contributed to policy development on mutual and automatic recognition of higher education diplomas within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).*

09.01.2012 – 22.07.2012

**International Relations Specialist – Presidency Office (Contracted Specialist, 4/B status)**

Council of Higher Education (YÖK), Ankara, Türkiye

*Provided strategic support to the Presidency Office in international higher education diplomacy, institutional coordination, and high-level correspondence with international organizations and partner institutions.*

01.10.2009 – 08.01.2012

**Senior Research Assistant – US & Security-Terror Divisions**

Institute of Strategic Thinking (SDE), Ankara, Türkiye

*Conducted policy-oriented research on local, regional, and international political issues, including literature reviews, data collection, and analytical reporting. Contributed to the preparation of policy briefs, articles, reports, and presentations in Turkish and English. Coordinated research projects and organized workshops, training programs, expert missions, and high-level meetings. Monitored current affairs and media coverage, drafted meeting minutes and official documents, and provided administrative and operational support for institutional activities.*

## TRAININGS

14.02.2008 – 26.06.2008

### **Intern – National Security Strategies Program**

Center for Eurasian Strategic Research (ASAM), Ankara, Türkiye

*Supported research activities within the National Security Strategies Program, contributing to policy-oriented analysis on regional security dynamics, geopolitical developments, and strategic risk assessments. Assisted in literature reviews, data collection, report drafting, and preparation of briefings on Eurasian security issues.*

01.08.2006 – 31.08.2006

### **Intern - Middle Eastern Studies**

Global Strategy Institute (Center for Middle Eastern Strategic Studies - ORSAM), Ankara, Türkiye

*Contributed to research on Middle Eastern political dynamics, regional security developments, and foreign policy analysis. Assisted in literature reviews, policy brief preparation, data collection, and monitoring of regional developments. Supported the drafting of analytical reports and background notes on contemporary geopolitical issues.*

## CERTIFICATES

2025

### **Certificate - Training in Preparing Scientific Research Projects at an Academic Level**

Funded by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye

TÜBİTAK Research Project, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University, Online (2-day training)

*Completed advanced training on the preparation and management of competitive academic research projects within the TÜBİTAK funding framework. The program covered project design and structuring, research methodology development, logical framework formulation, budgeting and financial planning, impact assessment, and proposal writing strategies aligned with national research funding criteria. The training emphasized compliance with TÜBİTAK evaluation standards and best practices in grant application processes.*

14-15.10.2024

### **Certificate – Training on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage for Academics**

SOVA Academy, Online (2-day training)

*Completed intensive training on the effective and ethical use of artificial intelligence tools in academic research and teaching. The program covered AI-assisted literature review, data analysis support, academic writing enhancement, research productivity tools, and responsible AI practices in higher education settings.*

2023

### **Certificate - Training of Trainers (ToT)**

Hacettepe University Lifelong Learning Center, Ankara, Türkiye, Online (7-day training)

*Completed a certified Training of Trainers (ToT) program focused on adult learning methodologies, instructional design, interactive teaching techniques, assessment strategies, and learner-centered education models. The program emphasized effective communication in classroom settings, curriculum planning, performance evaluation, and innovative pedagogical approaches for higher education and professional training environments.*

2009

### **Certificate - Project Cycle Management (PCM)**

SUN Consultancy, Ankara, Türkiye

*Completed certified training covering the full project cycle, including the Logical Framework Approach (LFA), institutional capacity assessment, monitoring and evaluation, reporting mechanisms, integration of disaster risk management components, and budget preparation.*

## LANGUAGES

**Mother tongue:** Turkish

**Other languages:**

English (Proficient),

Mandarin Chinese (Intermediate),

Arabic (Intermediate)

## AWARDS

2019- Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellow (Sylff) - Local Grant

2021- Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellow (Sylff) – International Grant

## FIELDS OF ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

### US-China Rivalry / National Security-Intelligence / AI & Emerging Technologies / Turkic World

Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Technologies, and Digital Transformation in Security Governance

U.S.–China Great Power Competition and Strategic Technology Rivalry

Defence Industry, Intelligence Leadership, and STEM-Based Strategic Capacity Building

Foreign Policy Analysis, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Bureaucratic Politics in Decision-Making

International Security, Terrorism Studies, and Intelligence Analysis

Strategic Planning and Crisis Management

## MEMBERSHIPS

Member of **IPSA** – International Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada

*Research Committee (RC35) Technology and Development*

Member of **ISA** – International Studies Association, Connecticut, USA

Member of **BISA** – British International Science Association, Birmingham, UK

Member of **IASA** – International American Studies Association, Spain

Member of **IRCT** – International Relations Council, Türkiye

Member of **ACMP** – Association of Change Management Professionals, Washington, DC, USA.

## PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES

**“Artificial Intelligence, Armed Conflict, and Re-Globalisation: Türkiye at the Intersection of Technology and Geopolitics”**

Paper Author and Oral Presenter

Unit Title: Technology, Climate Change, and Re-Globalisation: Formal and Qualitative Approaches to Global Governance, Trade, and Development

Panel 2, Tentative date: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - time schedule: 14h (GMT)

RC35 - Technology and Development, IPSA Work-in-Progress Sessions 2026 (IPSA-WiPS), 13-19 July 2026.

*(In progress)*

**“Hegemonik Bilginin Mimarları: Yani-Muhafazakâr Epistemik Topluluklar ve ABD Dış Politikasında Karar Almanın Söylemsel İnşası”**

Sözlü Bildiri- Bildiri Özetleri Kitabı

Panel 4B – Dış Politika Analizinde Kuram ve Uygulama, X. Uluslararası İlişkiler Çalışmaları ve Eğitimi Kongresi, Uluslararası İlişkiler Konseyi (UİK), 7-10 Mayıs 2026, Eskişehir.

**“Komuta Ankara’da: Yapay Zekâ Çağında Türk Savunma Sanayii ve Algoritmik Karar Üstünlüğü”**

Sözlü Bildiri

BRAiND Ankara: Yapay Zekâ Çağında Markanın Disiplinler arası İnşası ve Ankara’nın Teknoloji Üssü Vizyonu Paneli, ATO 5. Uluslararası Ankara Marka Buluşmaları, ATO Congressum, 25 Nisan 2026, Ankara.

**“Yapay Zekâ, Dijital Bağımlılık ve Bilişsel Güvenlik”**

Sözlü Bildiri

Bağımlılıkla Etkin Mücadele Konferansı, Hacettepe Üniversitesi, 2 Nisan 2026, Ankara.

**2025 ABD Ulusal Güvenlik Strateji Belgesi ve Türk Devlet Aklı: Büyük Güç Rekabeti, Millî Güvenlik ve Türk-Amerikan İlişkileri**

Araştırma Makalesi

Türk Yurdu, Yıl: 115- Sayı: 461, Ocak 2026.

**“Great Power Competition 2.0 in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: National Security, Intelligence Leadership, and Decision-Making Based on Emerging Technologies”**

28th World Congress of Political Science, International Political Science Association (IPSA), 12-16 July 2025, Seoul, South Korea.

Paper Author and Oral Presenter

Congress Theme: “Resisting Autocratization in Polarized Societies”

Track: GL03 International Relations

Panel: GL03.09 “AI Governance and the Global South: Politics, Ethics and Law”

**Yapay Zekâ ve STEM’in Gücü: ABD – Çin Büyük Güç Rekabetinde İstihbarat Liderliği**

Sözlü Bildiri

Süni İntellekt və Müasir Şüur: Konstitusiya və Suverenlik İli Kontekstində, Azərbaycan Milli Elmlər Akademiyası, Fəlsəfə və Sosiologiya İnstitutu, 31.01.2025, Bakü

**Yapay Zekâ Çağında Büyük Güç Rekabeti 2.0: Ulusal Güvenlik, İstihbarat Liderliği ve Yeni Teknolojilere Dayalı Karar Alma**

Sözlü Bildiri

10. İstanbul Güvenlik Konferansı (İGK) 2024, 3. İstanbul Siber Güvenlik Forumu, “Teknopolitik Yeni Dünya Güvenliğin Güvenliği: Akıl, Nesil, Aile, İnanç ve Devlet Güvenliği”, 21-22.11.2024, İstanbul.

**ABD-Çin Büyük Güç Yarışı: Ekonomik Rekabetten Yapay Zekâ Savaşlarına**

Sözlü Bildiri- Bildiri Özetleri Kitabı

Geleceğin İnşası: Yeni Dünya Eski Düzen (?), VIII. Mülkiye Uluslararası İlişkiler Kongresi, Ankara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi, 17-18 Ekim 2024, Ankara.

**ABD Karar Alma Sürecinde Ermeni Lobisinin Türk-Amerikan İlişkilerine Etkisi**

Sözlü Bildiri

"Sözde Ermeni Soykırımı: İddialar ve Gerçekler" Konferansı, Azərbaycan Devlet İktisat Üniversitesi, 2024, Bakü.

**Popüler Kültürün Militarizasyonu: “Dijital Kamufraj” ve Ötesi,**

Araştırma Makalesi

Uluslararası Kriz ve Siyaset Araştırmaları Dergisi 7 (1), 236-264, 2023.

**Türkiye-Azerbaycan Diplomatik İlişkileri**

Sözlü Bildiri

100. Yıl: Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ve Ulusal Lider Haydar Aliyev Konferansı, Hacettepe Üniversitesi, 2023.

**Başkan-Bürokrasi İlişkisi Çerçevesinde ABD Dış Politikasında Ulusal Güvenlik Konseyi**

Doktora Tezi

Ph.D. Thesis, Ankara University, Türkiye, 13.04.2023.

**The Changing Identity of the PKK: Politico-Military Struggle Since 1978**

Master Dissertation

University of Bristol, UK, 2009.