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Professional Appointments

George Mason University - Fairfax, VA

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA), Schar School of Policy and Government 2019 - present

Civil Society Development Center (CSDC) - Ankara, Turkey

Project Assistant in "BIRLIKTE: Local CSOs Institutional Support Program" 2018-2019

Education

George Mason University - Fairfax, VA, Ph.D. Political Science 2019 - present

Dissertation Title: From 'Hybrid' towards 'Full' Authoritarianism? Regime Transitions in Turkey after 2011.

Dissertation Committee: Eric McGlinchey (chair), Peter Mandaville, Jo-Marie Burt

Comprehensive Exams: Comparative Politics (passed with high pass) and International Relations

Current GPA: 4.00/ 4.00

Middle East Technical University - Ankara, Turkey, M.Sc. Political Science 2017 - 2019

Thesis Title: Rights-based Civil Society Organizations and Democratization in Turkey

<http://etd.lib.metu.edu.tr/upload/12624535/index.pdf>

GPA: 4.00/ 4.00

London School of Economics and Political Science - London, UK, M.Sc. Comparative Politics 2016 - 2017

Thesis Title: The Role of Historical Memory: The Development of Populism in Germany and France

https://www.academia.edu/41503426/The_Role_of_Historical_Memory_The_Development_of_Populism_in_Germany_and_France

GPA: 3.78/ 4.00

University of Cologne - Cologne, Germany, Erasmus Exchange, Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences 2015

Middle East Technical University - Ankara, Turkey, B.A. International Relations 2012 - 2016

Minor in Political Science

2013 - 2016

GPA: 3.93/ 4.00, First Place Award

Academic Interests

Turkish Politics, European Union (EU) Politics, Turkey - EU Relations, Comparative Democratization, Authoritarianism, Right-wing Populism, Queer Politics

Publications

Tanca, D. E. (2020). The Political and Economic Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic in Turkey. *Edam: Istanbul*. Co-authored with Efe Aydoğ, Anna Murphy, and Öykü Zincirlioğlu. <https://edam.org.tr/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/The-Political-and-Economic-Impact-of-the-Corona-Virus-in-Turkey.pdf>

Tanca, D. E. (2021). Scale and Complexity in Political Economy: A Question of Liberty. *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 52 (1): 69–91. Co-authored with Hilton Root, Joseph A.E. Shaheen, and James Vizzard. https://doi.org/10.1162/jinh_a_01664

Book Reviews

Tanca, D. E. (2020). Nonviolence Both as an Ethical Obligation and a "Realistic" Practice Against Hegemony: Critical Review of Butler. *Human Rights Quarterly*, 42(4), 980–986. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/773453/summary>

Academic Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars

Tanca, D. E. "Subnational Regime Variation in Turkey: The Kurdish Question on the Regime Type in the "Eastern" Turkey" in *79th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Hybrid Conference*, 7 April, 2022.

Tanca, D. E. "Political Party Fragmentation and Fractionalization in Turkey under the AK Party's Electoral Authoritarian Rule" in *Keyman Program Article Workshop*, Northwestern University (workshop held online), 3 December, 2021. (Discussant: Assistant Professor Şebnem Gümüşçü)

Tanca, D. E. "Populism Goes Global: "Anti-International Establishment" Politics in Turkey" in *The 'Populist Moment': Temporality, Transformations, Crises—4th Populism Specialist Group (PSA) Workshop*, University of Brighton (conference held online), 18 September, 2020.

Tanca, D. E. "Queer Movement in Democratizing Turkey: Europeanization in LGBTI+ Civil Society Organizations, Kaos GL as a Case Study" in *Turkey's Queer Times: Three Decades of LGBTQ+ Struggles in a Muslim Society*, Sabancı University and University of Graz, 18 May, 2019.

Magazine Articles

Tanca, D. E. 'Brexit'in "Gerçekleşmesine" Giden Yol" ("The Road to 'Getting Brexit Done'") *Birikim Güncel*. December 25, 2019. <https://www.birikimdergisi.com/guncel-yazilar/9857/brexit-in-gercekleşmesine-giden-yol#.XgkmRy-B1p8>

Tanca, D. E. "Siyasetin Yeşile Boyanması: 'Marjinal' Yeşiller Merkeze Yerleşince" ("The Greening of Politics: When 'Marginal' Greens Move into the Centre") *AdHoc Dergi*. Temmuz 2019 ISSN: 2667-6605. <https://adhocdergi.com/siyasetin-yesile-boyanmasi-marjinal-yesiller-merkeze-yerlesince/>

Tanca, D. E. "Avrupa'da 'Küçük' Partilerin Hayaleti Dolaşiyor" ("The Spectre of 'Small' Parties is Haunting Europe") *Birikim Güncel*. May 29, 2019. <https://www.birikimdergisi.com/guncel-yazilar/9526/avrupa-da-kucuk-partilerin-hayaleti-dolasiyor#.XgkkAS-B1p8>

Tanca, D. E. "Sağ Popülist Queerler Nelerdir, Nerede Bulunurlar?" ("Right-wing Populist Queers and Where to Find Them?") *KaosGL Sağ Popülizm* Kasım/ Aralık 2018 ISSN: 1302-5015 <http://www.kaosgldergi.com/dosyasayfa.php?id=3268>

Scholarships & Awards

George Mason University (GMU) Daniel Druckman Fellowship: \$4,000 stipend for research 2021

George Mason University (GMU) Full-Tuition Ph.D. Scholarship 2019

Fulbright Program, Doctoral Degree Scholarship in Political Science 2016

First Place Award, Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University	2016
High Honor Roll Certificates during B.A. for Seven Semesters	2012 - 2016
Erasmus Exchange Program Scholarship	2015

Teaching as Graduate Teaching Assistant

GOVT 300-001: Research Methods	Fall 2022
GOVT 399 001: IR Policy Task Force	Spring 2022
GOVT 344-DL1: American Foreign Policy	Spring 2022
GOVT 300-001: Research Methods	Fall 2021
GOVT 132-DL1: Introduction to International Politics	Spring 2021
GOVT 101-DL1: Democratic Theory and Practice	Fall 2020
GOVT 101-DL2: Democratic Theory and Practice	Fall 2020
GOVT 101-001: Democratic Theory	Spring 2020
GOVT 322-003: International Relations Theory	Fall 2019

Languages

Turkish (Native)
English (Proficiency - C2)
German (Intermediate - B2)