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Education

George Mason University - Fairfax, VA, Ph.D. in Political Science May 2024 (Expected)

Subfields: Comparative Politics (high pass), International Relations

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

Dissertation Committee: Associate Professor Eric McGlinchey (Chair), Professor Peter Mandaville, Assistant Professor Lucas Núñez, Associate Professor Jo-Marie Burt

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

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

Middle East Technical University - Ankara, Turkey, B.A. International Relations, Minor in Politics 2016

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

Publications

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

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>

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>

Manuscripts Under Review

"Party System Fragmentation and Fractionalization in Turkey under the AK Party's Electoral Authoritarian Rule," – *Invited to revise and resubmit* in Turkish Studies

"Subnational Regime Variation in Turkey: How the Kurdish-populated Region Complicates Turkey's Regime Type," – *Invited to revise and resubmit* in Southeast European and Black Sea Studies

"The Subnational Level and Research Design: Lessons from the Literature on the Comparative Method," with Mariely López-Santana – *Under review* in Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis

Academic Interests

Authoritarianism, Democratization, Populism, Polarization, Turkish Politics, European Union (EU) Politics, Turkey - EU Relations

Academic Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, and Presentations

"The Subnational Level and Research Design: Lessons from the Literature on the Comparative Method" in *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis Workshop*, in 22 June, 2023

"Making Sense of the Runoff Elections in Turkey" in *Turkish American Political Science Association* in 30 May, 2023

"Making Sense of Turkey's 2023 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections" in *Turkish American Political Science Association* in 16 May, 2023

"Which Type of Polarization? The Determinants of Democratic Erosion and Authoritarianism in Turkey" in *80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, 15 April, 2023.

"Polarization and Authoritarianism in Turkey: The Effects of Different Types of Political Polarization on Authoritarian Regime" in *Schar School of Policy and Government, Brown Bag Workshop*, 15 February, 2023

"Polarization and Authoritarianism in Turkey: The Effects of Different Types of Political Polarization on Authoritarian Regime" at the *Middle East Technical University (METU), Political Science and Public Administration Department Seminar*, 28 December, 2022

"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.

"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.

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 "BİRLİKTE: Local CSOs Institutional Support Program" 2018-2019

Selected Scholarships & Awards

George Mason University (GMU) MPSA Conference Fellowship (\$800 and \$1000) 2022 and 2023

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 2023
GOVT 133-001: Comparative Politics	Spring 2023
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

Software and Tools

R, STATA, LaTeX, SPSS

Languages

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

References

Eric McGlinchey, Associate Professor of Government and Politics, emcglin@gmu.edu

Peter Mandaville, Professor of International Affairs, pmandavi@gmu.edu

Lucas Núñez, Assistant Professor of Political Science, lnunez6@gmu.edu

Jo-Marie Burt, Associate Professor of Political Science and Latin American Studies, jmburt@gmu.edu

Current Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)