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Born: October 15, 1987—Tunceli, Turkey

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## Current position

July 2021- Post-doctoral Researcher & Lecturer  
Habilitation Candidate (contract runs until Feb. 2027)  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne

## Appointments held

2020-2021 Senior Research Associate  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne  
2019-2020 Post-doctoral Researcher  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne  
2014-2015 Research Assistant  
Istanbul Bilgi University  
2011-2014 Assistant EU Expert  
Ministry of Agriculture of Turkey

## Education

2016-2019 Doctoral Researcher in Political Science  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne  
Dissertation Title: *Clientelism and Dominance: Evidence from Turkey*  
Supervision: Prof. A. Kaiser (Uni Köln) & Prof. S. Conermann (Uni Bonn)  
Fall 2018 Visiting Scholar in Sociology  
Columbia University  
2015-2016 Doctoral Researcher in Oriental and Asian Studies  
Bonn University (left without degree)

- 2011-2013 MSc in International Relations  
Middle East Technical University  
Thesis Title: *The Political Analysis of the Muslim Brotherhood and the AKP Tradition: Why Did the Turkish Model Fail in Egypt?*  
Supervision: Prof. S. Bölükbaşı
- 2010-2011 Erasmus Student in Political Science  
Marburg University
- 2006-2011 BSc in International Relations  
Middle East Technical University

## Areas of specialisation

Elections; parties and party systems; voting behavior; authoritarianism; clientelism; populism; radical left parties; political Islam; Middle Eastern politics; Turkish politics; democratic theory; qualitative methods; political ethnography; interviewing.

## Publications

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2023 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. From “Permanent Opposition” to the “Power”: Anti-systemic Parties in Turkey. (with Senol Arslantas). *Party Politics*, Online First.  
LINK: <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688231151660>
- 2023 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Populism and Crisis: Evidence from the Periphery of Europe. *Mediterranean Politics*, Online First.  
LINK: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13629395.2023.2180604>
- 2023 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. Clientelism, Partisanship, and Ideology. *International Area Studies Review*, Online First.  
LINK: <https://doi.org/10.1177/22338659231152400>
- 2022 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. The ‘Competitive Authoritarian’ Turn in Turkey: Bandwagoning versus Reality. *Third World Quarterly*, Online First.  
LINK: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2022.2147061>
- 2021 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. The Evolution of the Party Model in Turkey: From Cadre to Cartel Parties?. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Online First.  
LINK: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13530194.2021.1990745>
- 2022 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. How Does Clientelism Foster Electoral Dominance: Evidence from Turkey. *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, 7(3): 559-575.
- 2021 Kılıçdaroğlu, K., Arslantaş, D. Güney Kore’de Siyasi Partiler ve Kurumsallaşma (Political Parties and Institutionalization in South Korea). *Mülkiye Dergisi* 45(3): 617-639.
- 2021 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. ‘Doğu Sorunu’ ve ‘Sosyal Adalet’ Talebi Bağlamında Alman Radikal Solu ve PDS [German Radical Left and the PDS within the Framework of ‘Eastern Question’ and ‘Social Justice’]. *Ankara SBF Dergisi* 76(1): 231-256.
- 2020 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş., Kaiser, A. Does the Electoral System Foster a Predominant Party System? Evidence from Turkey. *Swiss Political Science Review* 26(1): 126-143.

- 2020 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. Keeping Power through Opposition: Party System Change in Turkey. *New Perspectives on Turkey* 62: 27-50
- 2020 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Fransa’da Değişen Siyasal Paradigma Çerçevesinde Radikal Solun Yükselişi [The Rise of the Left Within the Framework of a Changing Paradigm in France]. *Marmara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi* 8(1): 1-26
- 2020 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Almanya’da Populist Alternatif: Die Linke Örneği [Populist Alternative in Germany: The Case of Die Linke]. *Hacettepe İİBF Dergisi* 38(3): 415-439
- 2019 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Küçük Hayaller, Büyük Başarısızlıklar: Syriza’nın Yükselişi ve Düşüşü [Small Dreams, Big Failures: The Rise and the Fall of Syriza]. *Amme İdaresi Dergisi* 52(4): 91-116.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2022 Arslantaş, D. Popülizm ve Siyaset: Türkiye’de Popülizm Ekseninde Parti Rekabetinin Evrimi (Populism and Politics: The Evolution of Party Competition in Turkey within Populist Framework). In Kahraman S. (Eds.) *Siyaset Yazıları (Political Writings)* (pp. 405-423). Istanbul: Nobel Yayınları.
- 2020 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D., Telli, R. Ana Akım Aktörlerin Düşüşü Bağlamında Popülist Sağın Yükselişi (The Rise of Populist Right in the Context of the Decline of Mainstream Actors). In A. Aykotalp A.B. Certel (Eds.), *Siyaset Teorisinde Güncel Tartışmalar (Contemporary Discussions in Political Theory)* (pp. 51-66). Istanbul: Efe Akademi Yayınları.
- 2020 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Avrupa’da Krizler Kışkacında Popülizm Olgusu (Populism Phenomenon in the Context of Populism in Europe). In A. Aykotalp A.B. Certel (Eds.), *Siyaset Teorisinde Güncel Tartışmalar (Contemporary Discussions in Political Theory)* (pp. 11-28). Istanbul: Efe Akademi Yayınları.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Arslantaş, D. Dünyada Seçim Sistemleri (Electoral Systems in the World). *İkinci Yüzyıl Dergisi*(4), pp. 96-99.  
LINK: <https://ikinciyuzyildergi.com>
- 2021 Arslantaş, D. Model Tartışmaları Bağlamında Müslüman Kardeşler Hareketi (Muslim Brotherhood within the Framework of Model Debate). *İkinci Yüzyıl Dergisi*(3), pp. 122-125.  
LINK: <https://ikinciyuzyildergi.com>
- 2021 Arslantaş, D. Kürt Kimliğinin Siyasallaşmasının Evrimi (The Evolution of the Politization of Kurdish Identity). *İkinci Yüzyıl Dergisi*(2), pp. 56-58.  
LINK: <https://ikinciyuzyildergi.com>
- 2020 Arslantaş, D. Politische Unterstützung gegen materielle Vorteile Klientelismus als Erfolgskonzept der AKP. *Gesellschaftsforschung*. pp. 4-5.  
LINK: [https://www.mpifg.de/aktuelles/newsletter/MPIfG\\_eFo2020-02.pdf](https://www.mpifg.de/aktuelles/newsletter/MPIfG_eFo2020-02.pdf)
- 2020 Arslantaş, D. Clientelism and Electoral Dominance in Turkey, *Max Planck Institute für Gesellschaftsforschung Magazine*.  
LINK: [https://www.mpifg.de/forschung/forschung/standpunkt/arslantas\\_clientelism.asp](https://www.mpifg.de/forschung/forschung/standpunkt/arslantas_clientelism.asp)

## REPORTS

- 2022 Arslantaş, D., Schulz, L. Karadağ, R. Sustainable Governance Indicators. SGI 2022 Survey: Turkey Country Report (First Rapporteur) *Bertelsmann Stiftung*, pp. 1-67. LINK: [https://www.sgi-network.org/docs/2022/country/SGI2022\\_Turkey.pdf](https://www.sgi-network.org/docs/2022/country/SGI2022_Turkey.pdf)
- 2021 Arslantaş, D., Schulz, L. Karadağ, R. Sustainable Governance in the Context of the COVID-19 Crisis. SGI 2021 Survey: Turkey Country Report (First Rapporteur). *Bertelsmann Stiftung*, pp. 1-52. LINK: [https://www.sgi-network.org/docs/2021/country/SGI2021\\_Turkey.pdf](https://www.sgi-network.org/docs/2021/country/SGI2021_Turkey.pdf)

## UNDER REVIEW

- Paper Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. The Changing Faces of the AKP's Populism
- Paper Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Not for All the People, Not against All the Elites: The Making of AKP's Right-wing Populism in Turkey
- Review Arslantaş, D. Passive Revolution: Absorbing the Islamic Challenge to Capitalism

## IN PREPARATION

- Paper Arslantaş, D. Proto-Hegemonic Parties in Comparative Perspective
- Paper Arslantaş, D. Extreme Right Parties and Strategic Voting

## Conference papers & invited talks & interviews

### CONFERENCE PAPERS

- in 2023 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. Strategic Voting against Extreme-Right (Populist) Parties: The Cases of the Front Nationalé and AfD in Comparative Perspective. *MPSA*, Held Online
- in 2023 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Populism and Crisis: Evidence from the Periphery of Europe. *MPSA*, Held Online
- 2022 Arslantaş, D. Why Do Populist Governments Change Their Policies: Evidence from Turkey. *APSA*, Montreal, Canada
- 2021 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. From Past to Present: The Changing Faces of Clientelism in Istanbul. *MPSA*, Held Online
- 2021 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Recent Transformation of Turkish and Greek Party Systems in Comparison. *MPSA*, Held Online
- 2021 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. Türkiye'de Parti Kurumsallaşması: CHP Örneği. *International Artuklu Congress on Economic, Administrative and Political Sciences*, Held Online
- 2021 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Popülistlerin Karşılıksız Çeki: Vaatler ve Sınırlılıklar. *International Artuklu Congress on Economic, Administrative and Political Sciences*, Held Online
- 2020 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. Türkiye'de Parti Modelinin Evrimi. 1. *Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi ve Kamu Yönetimi Kongresi*. Kars, Turkey

- 2019 Arslantaş, D. Düinden Bugüne Kliyalentalizm: Bağıclar Örneđi. *Ulusal Sosyal Bilimler Kongresi*, Ankara, Turkey
- 2018 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Populist Radical Left Parties in Europe: Born from Social Democratic Erosion?. *APSA*, Boston, USA
- 2018 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Radical Left Parties in Europe: Crises of Social Democracy and Representative Democracy Crossed?. *MPSA*, Chicago, USA
- 2017 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. A Key to Understand Predominant Party System in Turkey: Clientelism and Urban Poor. *APSA*, San Francisco, USA
- 2017 Arslantaş, D. Institutional Changes in a Predominant Party System: Evidence from Turkey. *Electoral Integrity Project Conference*, San Francisco, USA
- 2017 Arslantaş, D. Clientelism and Neoliberal Transformation: The Emergence of the Dominant Party System in Turkey. *GraPa Conference*, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2014 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. A Way of Resistance to Power: The Significance of Council System in the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. *POLITSCI'14 Conference*, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. Violence, Crime and Neoliberal Transformation in Brazil: A Case of Favelas. *POLITSCI'14 Conference*, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 Arslantaş, D. The EU and the CFSP: A Case of Iraq. *Turkish Political Science Association Meeting for Graduate Students*, Çanakkale, Turkey
- 2014 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. A Political Analysis of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and the JDP in Turkey: Why did the Turkish Model Fail in Egypt?. *International Social Science Congress*, Artvin, Turkey

#### INVITED TALKS

- 2021 Arslantaş, D. TMMOB/Makina Mühendisleri Odası. Demokrasi ve Seçimler: Türkiye ve Dünya'dan Örneklerle Hakim Partiler

#### INTERVIEWS

- 2023 Villalón, L. Contratos a Dedo, Fútbol y Clientelismo en Limak, el Gigante Turco que Renovará el Camp Nou.  
LINK:<https://sport.jotdown.es/2023/02/01/contratos-a-dedo-futbol-y-clientelismo-en-limak-el-gigante-turco-que-renovara-el-camp-nou/>

### Thesis Supervision

#### SUBMITTED (MASTER'S)

- 2023 Atmaca, H. Affective Polarization among Turkish Migrants in Germany (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- 2022 Yalçın, C. Democratic Backsliding in Turkey; How the Executive Prerogative is Trying to Take Over the Legislative Power? (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)

#### IN PROGRESS (MASTER'S)

- exp.2023 Üze, D. From Unitary State to Asymmetrical Federalism: Turkey between 1920-2015 (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- exp.2023 Quaring, M. Federalism and Media (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- exp.2023 Tsiantaris, O. EU Dependence on Russian Oil and Gas – Is Independence Achievable by 2030? (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- exp.2024 Lluc, R. Topic TBA
- exp.2024 Nguyen, K. Topic TBA
- exp.2024 Andre, F. Topic TBA
- exp.2024 Röhr, E. A. Topic TBA

#### SUBMITTED (BACHELOR)

- exp.2023 Rious, S. Deliberative Democracy in Germany (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)

#### IN PROGRESS (BACHELOR)

- exp.2023 Schwabbauer, F. Negotiating Common Ground in the EU: A Two-Level Game Analysis of the EU-Turkey Statement on Irregular Migration (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- exp.2024 N'Sabaka, S. TBA.

## Teaching

#### LECTURER

- graduate Comparative Political Institutions  
University of Cologne  
Fall 2021, 2022
- graduate Parties and Party Systems  
University of Cologne  
Summer 2021, 2022
- undergrad. Authoritarian Politics  
University of Cologne  
Fall 2022
- undergrad. The Political Economy of Turkey  
University of Cologne  
Summer 2021
- undergrad. History of Political Thought  
Ankara University  
Fall 2021, 2022

## TUTOR

- Spring 2015 Research Methods  
Istanbul Bilgi University
- Fall 2014 Social Statistics  
Istanbul Bilgi University

## Grants awards

- 2016-2020 Doctoral & Post-doctoral Scholarship  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne
- 2018 APSA Travel Grant
- 2017 MPSA Membership Grant
- 2017-2018 Fieldwork Grant (Istanbul)  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne
- 2015 Dies Academicus Award for the Best Presentation  
Bonn University
- 2006-2011 Scholarship from KYK & METU

## Methodological training

- 2017 Research Design and Research Logic  
University of Cologne
- 2017 Ethnography Workshop  
Max Planck Institute
- 2017 Introduction to Statistics for Social Scientists  
ECPR Winter School
- 2017 Introduction to “R”  
ECPR Winter School
- 2016 Qualitative Interviews: Theory and Practice  
Max Planck Institute
- 2016 Ethnographic Fieldwork  
Bonn University

## Other posts/titles

- 2020- Rapporteur on Turkey  
Bertelsmann Stiftung
- 2021- Editorial Board Member  
İkinci Yüzyıl Dergisi

2021 Director of Elections Division  
İkinci Yüzyıl Enstitüsü

### **Service to the profession**

Reviewer Economy and Society (1); Political Research Quarterly (2); Territory, Politics, Governance (1); Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft [German Journal of Comparative Politics] (1); Turkish Studies (4); Amme İdaresi Dergisi (1); İstanbul SBF (3); Marmara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi (1); Alternatif Politika (1)

Chair APSA; MPSA

Discussant APSA; MPSA

Member APSA; MPSA