

Düzgün Arslantaş

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics
University of Cologne
Herbert-Lewin Strasse 2, Room 1.13b
Cologne, 50931 Germany

Email: darslan4@uni-koeln.de; duzgunar@gmail.com

WEBPAGE: <https://cccp.uni-koeln.de/de/team/post-docs/dr-duezguen-arslantas>

Born: October 15, 1987—Tunceli, Turkey
Nationality: Turkish

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

Visiting positions

Trinity 2024 Visiting Research Fellow
Department of International Relations & Politics
Oxford University
Fall 2018 Visiting Scholar
Department of Sociology
Columbia University

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)
- 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; democratization; clientelism; populism; radical left parties; political Islam; Middle Eastern politics; Turkish politics; democratic theory; qualitative methods; political ethnography; interviewing.

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2024 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. From “Permanent Opposition” to the “Power”: Anti-systemic Parties in Turkey. (with Senol Arslantas). *Party Politics*, 30(3): 409-419.
- 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*, 26(3): 235-251.
- 2023 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. The ‘Competitive Authoritarian’ Turn in Turkey: Bandwagoning versus Reality. *Third World Quarterly*, 44(3): 496-512
- 2023 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. The Evolution of the Party Model in Turkey: From Cadre to Cartel Parties?. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 50(3): 609-626
- 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. Ana Akım Aktörlerin Düşüşü Bağlamında Popülist Sağın Yükselişi (The Rise of Populist Right in the Context of the Decline of Mainstream Actors). In A. Aykutalp 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. Aykutalp A.B. Certel (Eds.), *Siyaset Teorisinde Güncel Tartışmalar (Contemporary Discussions in Political Theory)* (pp. 11-28). Istanbul: Efe Akademi Yayınları.

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES

- 2023 Arslantaş, D. Erdogans Blendung der Welt wird ihm nicht nutzen. *Die Presse*
LINK: <https://www.diepresse.com/6267182/erdogans-blendung-der-welt-wird-ihm-nicht-nutzen>
- 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_GeFo2020-02.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

REPORTS

- 2022 Arslantaş, D. Sustainable Governance Indicators. SGI 2022 Survey: Turkey Country Report *Bertelsmann Stiftung*, pp. 1-67.
LINK: https://www.sgi-network.org/docs/2022/country/SGI2022_Turkey.pdf
- 2021 Arslantaş, D. Sustainable Governance in the Context of the COVID-19 Crisis. SGI 2021 Survey: Turkey Country Report. *Bertelsmann Stiftung*, pp. 1-52.
LINK: https://www.sgi-network.org/docs/2021/country/SGI2021_Turkey.pdf

UNDER REVIEW

- Paper Arslantaş, D. Kaiser, A.. Proto-Hegemonic Parties in Comparative Perspective
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., Arslantaş, Ş., Kaiser, A. The Transformation of Technocratic Rule under the AKP Governments
Paper Arslantaş, D. Extreme Right Parties and Strategic Voting
Paper Arslantaş, D. The Opposition Parties in Hybrid Regimes
Paper Atmaca, H., Arslantaş, D. Affective Polarization among Turkish Migrants in Germany

Conference papers

- 2024 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. Strategic Voting against Extreme-Right Parties: Evidence from France and Germany. *MPSA*, Chicago, USA

- 2024 Arslantaş, D., Kaiser, A. The Proliferation of the Proto-Hegemonic Parties in Comparative Perspective. *MPSA*, Chicago, USA
- 2024 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. The Limitations and Possibilities of Social Democracy in the European Periphery: CHP and PASOK in Comparison. *MPSA*, Chicago, USA
- 2023 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. Strategic Voting against Extreme-Right (Populist) Parties: The Cases of the Front Nationalé and AfD in Comparative Perspective. *MPSA*, Chicago, USA
- 2023 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Populism and Crisis: Evidence from the Periphery of Europe. *MPSA*, Chicago, USA
- 2023 Arslantaş, D. 1980 Sonrası Dönemde Türkiye’de Parti Kolonizasyonu ve Parti Proliferasyonu. 9. *Uluslararası Cumhuriyet Kongresi*, Afyon, Turkey
- 2023 Arslantaş, D. Hibrit Rejimlerde Muhalefetin Rolü. 2. *Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi*, Ankara, Turkey
- 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
- 2021 Arslantaş, Ş., Arslantaş, D. Popülizm ve Demokrasi Sorunsalı. 4. *Siyaset Bilimi ve Uluslararası İlişkiler Kongresi*, Trabzon, Turkey
- 2020 Arslantaş, D., Arslantaş, Ş. Türkiye’de Parti Modelinin Evrimi. 1. *Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi ve Kamu Yönetimi Kongresi*. Kars, Turkey
- 2019 Arslantaş, D. Düünden Bugüne Kliyentalizm: Bağcılar Örneği. *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 / interviews

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Arslantaş, D. TMMOB/Makina Mühendisleri Odası. Otoriter Rejimlerde Muhalefet
- 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)

- 2024 Demiray, E.B., Akşahin, A.Ş., Beyond the Ballot: The Impact of Digital Participation and Electoral Integrity on Voter Satisfaction in Turkey (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- 2023 Löhr, E.A. The Federal Republic of Germany: A Multi-level Analysis of German Development Cooperation (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- 2023 Krause, L. Myth or Fact? Exploring the Transformative Potential of Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP): A Study of FFP Frames in EU Foreign Policy (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- 2023 İlhanlı, M. Intra-Ethnic Conflict Analysis through Youth Lens: A Study into Peace Perceptions of Youth in Diyarbakır (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- 2023 Quaring, M. Democratic Innovations in Practice: "European Youth Capital" Award - A Benefit for Democratic Participation in Cities (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- 2023 Krebber, M. Personalization of the Traffic Light Coalition? An Analysis of German Daily Newspapers (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- 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.2024 Di Biagio, A. The Party System's Role in Shaping Populism: A Comparative Analysis of 24 European Countries (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- exp.2024 Üze, D. From Unitary State to Asymmetrical Federalism: Turkey between 1920-2015 (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- exp.2024 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

SUBMITTED (BACHELOR)

- 2024 Lammers, A. Opposition Coordination in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes - Turkey and Hungary in Comparative Perspective (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser).
- 2024 N'Sabaka, S. A Comparative Analysis of the USA and Japan: How Does the Political Cultures of the Two Countries Explain the Difference in Public Opinion and Political Legitimacy Regarding the Death Penalty?. (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- 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)
- 2023 Becker, C. The Behavior of Political Actors on Social Media Platforms before, during and after the Elections in Brazil (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)
- 2023 Rious, S. Deliberative Democracy in Germany (co-supervisor with Prof. Kaiser)

IN PROGRESS (BACHELOR)

- exp.2024 Cordosa, S. Topic TBA.
- exp.2024 Kapur, A. Topic TBA.
- exp.2024 Theis, D. Topic TBA.

Teaching

LECTURER

- graduate Comparative Political Institutions
University of Cologne
Fall 2021, 2022, 2023
- graduate Parties and Party Systems
University of Cologne
Summer 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- undergrad. Authoritarian Politics
University of Cologne
Fall 2022, 2023

- undergrad. The Political Economy of Turkey
University of Cologne
Summer 2021
- undergrad. History of Political Thought
Ankara University
Fall 2021, 2022, 2023

TUTOR

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

Grants and awards

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

Methodological training

- 2023 Qualitative Data Analysis
ECPR Summer School
- 2023 Experimental Political Science: Research Design and Application
ECPR Summer School
- 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

2023- IMPRS-SPCE Doctoral Program Coordinator
University of Cologne (CCCP side)
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 The Journal of Politics (1); Economy and Society (1); Political Research Quarterly (2); Territory, Politics, Governance (1); Party Politics (1); Parliamentary Affairs (1); Third World Quarterly (1); Democratization (1); Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft [German Journal of Comparative Politics] (1); Open Research Europe (1); Genealogy (1); The British Journal of Politics and International Relations (1); British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies (1); Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies (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