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### **CURRENT POSITION**

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**September 2018-: Senior Research Fellow / Senior Lecturer,** Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR), Coventry University, United Kingdom

**Associate Research Fellow,** Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA), Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

- **Research Interests:** Peace and conflict studies, ethnic conflicts and political violence, comparative peace processes, social movements, diaspora politics
- **Research Areas:** Middle East (Turkey, Iraq, Kurdistan), Europe (Germany, Sweden, UK, France, and the Netherlands), Africa (South Africa), Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan), Asia (Sri Lanka).

### **ACADEMIC DEGREES**

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**September 2009-August 2012: European University Institute,** PhD, Social and Political Science Department, Florence, Italy. (Scholarship by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

**September 2010- February 2011: Humboldt University,** Exchange PhD Student, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, Germany. (Scholarship by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ EUI).

**September 2008- June 2009: European University Institute,** MRes Degree, Social and Political Science Department, Florence, Italy. (Scholarship by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

**September 2006- June 2007: Uppsala University,** MA Degree in International Studies, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala, Sweden. (Scholarship by the Swedish Institute)

**July-August 2004: Science Po Lille,** Summer Semester/ Courses on the EU and Transatlantic Relations, Lille, France.

**September 2001-June 2005: Boğaziçi University,** BA Degree in Political Science and International Relations, İstanbul, Turkey.

## **OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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**(Forthcoming) January-May 2019: Senior Visiting Fellow**, Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame, USA.

**September 2014-2018: Research Fellow / Senior Lecturer**, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR), Coventry University, United Kingdom.

**September-December 2016: Researcher, Newton Fund / South African National Research Foundation Fellowship Holder**, Security Institute of Governance and Leadership in Africa, Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

**November-December 2015: Visiting Researcher, Marie Curie IRSES Fellow**, Security Institute of Governance and Leadership in Africa, Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

**January- April 2015: Swedish Institute Postdoctoral Fellow**, Institute for Turkish Studies, Stockholm University, Sweden

**September 2012-August 2014: ERC (European Research Council) Postdoctoral Fellow**, University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom

**July 2011: Visiting Researcher**, Instituto de Ciencias Sociais (ICS), Lisbon, Portugal.

**May-June 2010: Visiting Researcher**, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden.

**January- February 2010: Visiting Researcher**, REMESO (Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society), Norrkoping, Sweden.

**August 2009: Visiting Researcher**, Instituto de Ciencias Sociais (ICS), Lisbon, Portugal.

**September 2007- June 2008: Researcher**, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden.

**August 2005-August 2006: Administrative Coordinator and Research Assistant**, MAPES (Master of Arts Program in European Studies), Bogazici University, Turkey.

## **PROJECT EXPERIENCE**

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**March 2018-March 2019: PI, Council for the British Research in the Levant (CBRL), Pilot Study Grant**, “Diasporic Identity Formation of Kurdish Jews in Israel”

**March 2018-March 2019: Co-I, Thomson Reuters Foundation (in collaboration with the Stanley Foundation and Gerda Henkel Stiftung) Uncovering Security Grant**, in collaboration with free-lance journalists Naomi Cohen and Will Baxter.

**April 2018- April 2019: Co-I, British Academy Newton Mobility Grant**, in collaboration with Dr. Henio Hoyo from University of Monterrey, Mexico.

**September 2016-December 2016: PI, British Academy Newton Fund / National Research Foundation (South Africa) Fellowship**, “South African Peace Process: Lessons Learnt for Peace and Reconciliation in Turkey”, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

**January 2016- June 2016: PI, Coventry University Pump Prime Funding**, “Dynamics of Return Migration to Iraqi Kurdistan: Diaspora Contributions to State-building and post conflict reconstruction”, Coventry, United Kingdom.

**January 2015-August 2016: PI, Swedish Institute Postdoctoral Research Grant**, “The Kurdish Diaspora in Sweden and the Peace Process in Turkey”, Stockholm University, Sweden.

**July 2015- December 2015: Researcher, Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry, Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities**, “Migrants from Turkey to Sweden”, Contributor to the Country Monitoring Report.

**February 2013-December 2014: UK and Turkey Country Representative**, INTERACT Project, European University Institute, Migration Policy Center, Italy.

**September 2012- August 2014: European Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow**, “Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty”, University of Warwick, United Kingdom.

**January 2009- June 2009: “EU Profiler” Project Assistant, Member of the “Turkey Team”**, European University Institute. ([www.euprofiler.com](http://www.euprofiler.com))

**May 2007- 2008: Project Assistant, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, “Diasporas and Their Involvement in Peace Processes”, Uppsala University, Sweden.

**August 2005-May 2006: Project Assistant, Open Society Institute**, “Conservatism in Turkey: Family, State, Religion and the West”, Bogazici University, Turkey.

**August 2005-May 2006: Project Assistant, “Building a Deliberative Dialogue between Turkish and French Youth”**. Bogazici University, Turkey.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books:**

*(2015) Diasporas and Homeland Conflicts: A Comparative Perspective*, Routledge. (Reviewed in *Changing Turkey*, *Turkish Review*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *National Identities & International Journal of Kurdish Studies*)- (Paperback and Hardback).

**(2013)** “*Diasporada Turk-Kurt Sorunu: Isvec ve Almanya’da Ikinci Kusak*” (Turkish-Kurdish Question in the Diaspora), Iletisim Yayinlari, Ankara, Turkey. (in Turkish) (Reviewed in Goc Dergisi)- (Paperback).

### **Edited Books/ Special Issues:**

**(In preparation, 2019)**, Special Issue on “Diasporas from the Middle East”, co-edited with Dr. Amira Halperin for the *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*.

**(2019)**, Research Methods in Kurdish Studies, (eds. Bahar Baser, Mari Toivanen, Begum Zorlu and Yasin Duman), Lexington Books.

**(2017)** *Authoritarian Politics in Turkey: Elections, Resistance and the AKP*, (eds. Bahar Baser & Ahmet Erdi Ozturk) I.B. Tauris.

**(2017)** *Migration from Turkey to Sweden: Integration, Belonging and Transnational Community*, (eds. Bahar Baser and Paul Levin) I.B. Tauris.

**(2015)** Co-edited a special issue on the Kurdish Diaspora (Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Kurdistan) with Dr. Ann-Cathrin Emanuelsson and Dr. Mari Toivanen for *the International Journal of Kurdish Studies*.

### **Selected Journal Articles:**

**(Forthcoming)** Engaging Diasporas in Development and Statebuilding: The Role of the Kurdish Diaspora and Returnees in Rebuilding Kurdistan Region of Iraq, *Ethnopolitics*.

**(Forthcoming)** Remembering the Past in Diasporic Spaces: Kurdish Reflections on Genocide Memorialization for Anfal (with Mari Toivanen), *Genocide Studies International*.

**(2018)** Communal violence and ethnic polarization before and after the 2015 elections in Turkey: attacks against the HDP and the Kurdish population, (with Francis O’Connor), *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 18:1, 53-72.

**(2018)** Diasporic Homecomings to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: Pre- and Post-return Experiences Shaping Motivations to Re-return (with Mari Toivanen), *Ethnicities*.

**(2018)** Homeland Calling: Kurdish Diaspora and State-building in Kurdistan Region of Iraq in the Post-Saddam Era, *Middle East Critique*, 27:1, 77-94.

**(2017)** Intricacies of Engaging Diasporas in Conflict Resolution and Transitional Justice: The Kurdish Diaspora and the Peace Process in Turkey, *Civil Wars*, 19:4, 470-494.

**(2017)** Mobilizing Diasporas as a Supplement to Domestic and Foreign Policy: Insights from Turkey’s Attempts to Reach Turkish Citizens Abroad (with Zeynep Sahin Mencutek), *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 20:1, 86-105.

**(2017)** Politicized and depoliticized ethnicities, power relations and temporality: Insights to outsider research from a transnational and comparative perspective (with Mari Toivanen), *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 41:11,2067-2084.

**(2017)** The Politics of Genocide Recognition: Kurdish nation-building and commemoration in the post-Saddam Era, (with Mari Toivanen), *Journal of Genocide Research*, 19:3, 404-426.

**(2017)** Academics for Peace in Turkey: A Case of Criminalizing Dissent via Counterterrorism Discourse (with Samim Akgonul and Ahmet Erdi Ozturk), *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, Vol 10, Issue 2, 274-296.

**(2017)** ‘Tailoring Strategies According to Ever-Changing Dynamics: The Altering Image of the Kurdish Diaspora in Germany’, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 29, 4, 674-691.

**(2016)** “Gender in the representations of an armed conflict: Kurdish female combatants in French and British medias”, (with Mari Toivanen), *Middle East Journal of Culture & Communication*, 9 (3).

**(2016)** “Transnationale Solidarität innerhalb deutscher Grenzen: Die Auswirkungen der Gezi-Protteste auf die Diaspora aus der Türkei (Creating Transnational Solidarity and Awareness within German Borders: Examining the Impact of Gezi Uprisings on Diasporas from Turkey)”, *Forschungsjournal Soziale Bewegungen*, Heft 2/2016.

**(2015)** “(In)visible Spaces and Tactics of Transnational Engagement: A Multi-dimensional approach to the Kurdish Diaspora”, with Mari Toivanen and Ann-Catrin Emanuelsson, *International Journal of Kurdish Studies*. (Among top 10 downloaded articles in the journal in 2017)

**(2014)** “La diaspora Kurde d’Irak au Royaume-Uni”, *Hommes & Migrations*, 1307:2014, 140-144.

**(2014)** “The Awakening of a Latent Diaspora: The Political Mobilization of First and Second Generation Turkish Migrants in Sweden”, *Ethnopolitics*, Vol 13, Issue 4.

**(2013)** “Diasporas and Imported-Conflicts: The case of Turkish and Kurdish Second Generation in Sweden”, *Journal of Conflict Transformation and Security*, Vol.3, No.2, 105-125.

**(2009)** “Home Thoughts from Abroad: The Variable Impacts of Diasporas on Peace-Building” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, (with Feargal Cochrane and Ashok Swain).

**(2009)** “Diaspora Design versus Homeland Realities: Case Study of Armenian Diaspora” with Ashok Swain. *Caucasian Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 3 (1).

**(2008)** “Third Party Mediation in Nagorno-Karabakh”, "*Journal of Central Asian & Caucasian Studies*", Vol.3, No.5 p: 86-114.

(2008) “Diasporas as Peacemakers: Third Party Mediation in Homeland Conflicts” with Ashok Swain. *International Journal on World Peace* 25, 3.

### **Working Papers/ Research Reports:**

(2017) “Statenlose Diaspora-Das Beispiel der Kurdinnen and Kurden in Deutschland”, Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.

(2016) “Turkey and the Kurdish Question after the Failed Coup Attempt: What lies ahead?”, Heinrich Boll Foundation.

(2015) “Migrants from Turkey to Sweden”, Contributor to the Country Monitoring Report, Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry, Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities.

(2014) “The 2014 Presidential Elections in Turkey: Old Wine in a New Bottle?”, *Ethnopolitics Papers*. (with Onur Bakiner)

(2014) “Germany’s Kurdish Question”, University of Kent, Conflict Analysis Research Center, *Diasporas and Security Working Paper Series*, 2014.

(2014) “A Critical Approach to Stigmatization of Stateless Diaspora Activism”, Contribution to *Diaspora Policy Manual*, University of Kent, Conflict Analysis Research Center, *Diasporas and Security Working Paper Series*, 2014.

(2013) “Kurdish Diaspora in Europe: Identity Formation and Political Activism”, Bogazici University-TUSIAD Foreign Policy Forum.

(2011) “Kurdish Diaspora Political Activism in Europe with a Particular Focus on Great Britain”, *Diaspora Dialogues for Development and Peace Project*, Berlin: Berghof Peace Support.

### **Book Chapters:**

(Forthcoming 2018) Turkey’s Diaspora Engagement Policy, in (ed) Alpaslan Ozerdem and Matthew Whiting, *Routledge Handbook on Turkey*.

(Forthcoming 2018) Migration and Effect on Conflict and Peace in Society, (with Mari Toivanen) in (ed) Sudeshna Roy, *Global Handbook of Conflict and Peace Communication*, Wiley Blackwell.

(Forthcoming 2018) “Turkish-Kurdish Peace Process”, (with Alpaslan Ozerdem) in (eds) Roger MacGinty and Alpaslan Ozerdem, *Comparative Peace Processes*, Routledge.

(2018) *Diasporas and Peace-making: Reflections from Middle East Experience*, (with Mari Toivanen) in (ed) Caroline Fischer and Robin Cohen, *Routledge Handbook of Diaspora Studies*, Routledge.

(2017) “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Migration from Turkey to Sweden: Reflecting on the Past, Interpreting the Present and Projecting on the Future” (with Paul

Levin), in *Migration from Turkey to Sweden: Integration, Belonging and Transnational Community*, (eds. Bahar Baser and Paul Levin) I.B. Tauris.

(2017) “Turkey’s Ever-Evolving Attitude-Shift towards Engagement with Its Diaspora”, in ed. Weinar, Agnieszka, *Emigration and diaspora policies in the age of mobility*, Springer, 2016.

(2017) “Kurdish Diaspora’s Transnational Activism and Accommodation of the Kurdish Question in Sweden” (with Mari Toivanen and Idris Ahmedi), in *Migration from Turkey to Sweden: Integration, Belonging and Transnational Community*, (eds. Bahar Baser, Paul Levin) I.B. Tauris.

(2017) “Is it Curtains for Turkish Democracy?” (with Ahmet Erdi Ozturk), *Authoritarian Politics in Turkey: Elections, Resistance and the AKP*, (eds. Bahar Baser & Ahmet Erdi Ozturk) I.B. Tauris.

(2015) “Gezi Spirit in Transnational Space”, in Isabel David and Kumru Toktamis (eds.), *Everywhere Taksim: Politics in Contemporary Turkey*, Amsterdam University Press.

(2015) “Alternative Voices in the Kurdish Diaspora: The case of KOMKAR”, in eds. Elisabeth Mavroudi and Anastasia Christou, *“Dismantling diasporas: rethinking the geographies of diasporic identity, connection and development”*, Ashgate Publishers.

#### **Other Academic Publications:**

(2018) “Kurdish Community in Sweden”, In *Encyclopedia on the Kurds*, ABC-Clio Greenwood: Santa Barbara, California.

(2018) “Peace Profiles: Academics for Peace in Turkey”, *Peace Review*.

(2017) Turkey’s Domestic Policies Spill Over to Europe: Old Debates in New Frames, *ORIENT*, III/ 2017.

(2017) “Turkey’s diaspora engagement policy under the Justice and Development Party “, International Migration Institute, University of Oxford.

(2016) “Kurdistan and Kurdish Politics”, *Oxford Bibliographies*, Oxford University Press. (Peer-reviewed)

(2015) ‘The Kurdish Diaspora Response to Kobane: Uniting Kurds Under One Roof?’, Oxford University Diasporas Programme.

(2015) Kurds beyond Borders Conference, Bilgi University Istanbul, *Turkish Review*, March/ April 2015.

(2013) “Irak Kurdistan’I ve Kurt Diasporasina Cok Yonlu Bir Bakis” (Iraqi Kurdistan and the Kurdish Diaspora), *Birikim*, 296.

(2007) “Diasporas and Their Involvement in Peace Processes” (with Mirella Pejic) Uppsala University, Sweden.

## **IMPACT ACTIVITIES**

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- Berghof Peace Foundation
- Heinrich Boll Foundation
- Turkish Businessmen Association Foreign Policy Forum
- Thomson Reuters Foundation
- Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry, Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities
- International Migration Organization (IOM)
- BBC
- German Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb)
- Chatham House

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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**August 2018:** Interviewed by SVT from Sweden on the Swedish Elections of 2018 and ethnic lobbying in Sweden.

**August 2017:** Interviewed by Zetland Newspaper from Denmark on the Turkish lobby groups in Europe.

**April 2017:** Interviewed by SYN Radio, Melbourne, Australia on the Turkish Constitutional Referendum.

**April 2017:** Interviewed by Czech journalist Marek Hudema for a news article on the Turkish Constitutional Referendum to be published in Czech Newspaper.

**April 2017:** Interviewed by Norwegian journalist Roger Hercz for a news article on the Turkish Constitutional Referendum to be published in Norwegian Newspaper Dagsavisen.

**April 2017:** Interviewed by Sputnik UK on the Turkish Constitutional Referendum.

**March 2017:** Interviewed by Bluelink, Civil Action Network Bulgaria on the post-coup politics in Turkey.

**March 2017:** Interviewed by STV from Sweden for a documentary/news story on the activities of Turkish Diaspora organizations in Sweden.

**March 2017:** Interviewed by Sputnik UK on the Turkish-Dutch diplomatic crises.



**January 2017:** Interviewed by the Argentinian journalist Dario Mizrahi for a news article on the democratic backsliding in Turkey for a news website called Infobae.

**January 2017:** Interviewed by the France 24, The Focus, on the decline of democracy and press freedom in Turkey.

**November 2016:** Interviewed by the Islamic Radio of South Africa about the political developments in Turkey.

**July 2016:** Interviewed by the Swedish Radio about the failed coup attempt in Turkey.

**June 2016:** Interviewed by Kurdistan TV about Brexit.

**February 2016:** Interviewed by the Swedish Radio on the Turkish-Kurdish clashes in Sweden.

**January 2016:** Interviewed by the France 24, 20 o'clock news on the suicide attack in Turkey.

**October 2015:** Interviewed by the BBC 11 O'clock news on the 11th of October on the suicide attacks in Ankara and then by the BBC West Midlands and BBC Coventry & Warwickshire on the 12th.

**October 2015:** Interviewed by the Shargh Daily (Iran) on the refugee crisis on diaspora politics with a specific focus on the radicalization of the second generation.

**March 2015:** Interviewed by Dagens Nyheter (One of the biggest Swedish Newspapers)

**November 2014:** Research Turkey, interview with Reem Doukmak about the Syrian Refugees in Turkey.

**October 2014:** Interviewed by Dutch Newspaper, Volkskrant about the Kurdish Diaspora in Europe and the Kobane Protests against the ISIS.

**June 2014:** Interviewed by Research Turkey about my book (in Turkish and in English).

**February 2014:** Interviewed by Hayat TV about my book.

**January 2014:** Interviewed by AGOS Newspaper, "Avrupa'da Turkler ve Kurtler"

**October 2013:** Interviewed by KNN, Iraqi Kurdish TV channel.

**August 2013:** Interviewed by Sofia Barbarini, Rudaw, “Patriotism and a Booming Economy Attracts Iraqi Kurds Back to Homeland”.

**March 2012:** Interviewed by Azeri News Agency, “Armenian Diaspora considers compromise in Karabakh as compromise with Turkey”, <http://news.az/articles/politics/57056>

**August 2010:** Invited Speaker to the Morning Talkshow at Baskent TV.

### **SELECTED OP-EDS:**

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**February 2018:** “Is Turkey Really Facing an Exodus? It Is Not That Simple”, *The Conversation*. (Also translated into Italian and published by the *Internazionale* Magazine in Italy).

**April 2017:** “The Turkish Diaspora and the Constitutional Referendum”, *Independent Turkey*.

**April 2017:** “Erdogan Declares Victory in His Pursuit of One-Man-Rule”, *The Conversation*, (with Alpaslan Ozerdem).

**April 2017:** “The Turkish referendum thwarts civil rights struggles – in Europe and in Turkey”, Policy Bristol Hub, (with Aleksandra Lewicki) (Also published in Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies).

**January 2017:** “Erdoğan could be losing his grip on a dangerous, divided Turkey”, *The Conversation* (with Prof. Alpaslan Ozerdem). (Also published in French and in Danish at various media outlets).

**January 2017:** “Bir Çatışma Çözümü Modeli Olarak Güney Afrika: Post-Apartheid Perspektifinden Bugünü Anlayabilmek”, *Birikim*. (Also published by Gazete Karınca)

**November 2016:** “Scrutinizing South Africa’s ”Success Story”: Learning from Yesterday’s Mistakes and Today’s Dilemmas”, *Independent Turkey*.

**April 2016:** “Death to Armenian Dogs”: Turkish Ethno-politics causes Uproar in Sweden, *Independent Turkey*.

**April 2016:** Remembering Halabja after Twenty-eight Years, *Independent Turkey*.

**March 2016:** Haunted by the smell of apples: 28 years on, Kurds weep over Halabja massacre, *The Conversation*.

**February 2016:** Turkish-Kurdish Tensions in Sweden: How did we get here?, *Independent Turkey*

**January 2016:** 2015: The Year in Elections, *The Conversation*.

**December 2015:** Will Turkey ever cross the Rubicon? Lessons from South Africa for peace and reconciliation in Turkey, *Independent Turkey*.

**November 2015:** People Turned to the Devil they Know (with Ahmet Erdi Ozturk), *Your Middle East*.

**November 2015:** Turkey Election: Erdogan and the AKP get majority back amid climate of violence and fear (with Ahmet Erdi Ozturk), *The Conversation*.

**October 2015:** Ankara Bombing Kills Dozens Calling for Peace in Turkey, *The Conversation*.

**October 2015:** Turkish-Kurdish conflict spills over into Europe, *The Conversation*.

**September 2015:** Escalating violence mars traces of hopes for peace (with Ahmet Erdi Ozturk), *Today's Zaman*.

**September 2015: Turkey:** Erdogan is forcing his people to take sides (with Ahmet Erdi Ozturk), *The Conversation*.

**June 2015:** HDP Means Hope to Many In The Upcoming Turkish Elections, *Bas News*.

**June 2015:** Meet the Political Party That Could Change Turkey's Future (with Ahmet Erdi Ozturk), *The Conversation*.

**May 2015:** Kurt Diasporasi Baris Surecinin neresinde?, *Birikim*.

**October 2013:** "How can the Kurdish Diaspora contribute to the peace process in Turkey? (in Kurdish), *Le Monde Diplomatique Kurdi*.

**July 2013:** "The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the Minsk Group: Towards a more productive engagement?", *ADA Biweekly*, Vol. 6, No. 14.

**July 2010:** "İsveç Dışişleri Bakanı Carl Bildt, Sudan ve Diğerleri..." ("The Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt, the Sudan Affair and the Others.") *ATAUM Bulten*, Ankara University European Union Research Centre, July 2010, Year:2.

**June 2010:** "Portekiz'de bir tabunun çöküşü" (The end of a taboo in Portugal: The same-sex marriage law") *ATAUM Bulten*, Ankara University European Union Research Centre, June 2010, Year:2, Number: 21.

**May 2010:** "İsveç'te Bile" ("Even in Sweden") *ATAUM Bulten*, Ankara University European Union Research Centre, May 2010, Year:2, Number: 20.

**November 2009:** "Diasporas and Their Links to Political Violence and Terrorism", *The Journal of Turkish Weekly*.

**October 2007:** "The case of Sri Lanka: Violence as a Catalyst for Peace?" *The Journal of Turkish Weekly & East-West Studies*.

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS/ AWARDS / CERTIFICATES:**

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Council for the British Research in the Levant (CBRL), Pilot Study Grant (5000 GBP)

Thomson Reuters Foundation, Stanley Foundation and Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Uncovering Security Grant (with Naomi Cohen and Will Baxter), (7000 USD).

British Academy Newton Mobility Grant 2018-2019 (with Dr. Henio Hoyo, University of Monterrey), (10.000 GBP)

Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame, Visiting Scholar Fellowship (January-June 2019)

Shortlisted for the AHRC/ BBC New Generation Thinkers Award 2018-2019

ISA Annual Convention 2018, San Francisco, Travel Grant.

ISA Annual Convention 2017, Baltimore, Travel Grant.

Newton Fund-National Research Foundation South Africa, Early Career Researcher Award (165000 ZRF)

Coventry University Pump Prime Research Award (7000 GBP)

ISA Annual Convention 2015, New Orleans, USA, Travel Grant.

Swedish Institute Postdoctoral Research Grant (January 2015/ January 2016) (216.000 SEK)

Postgraduate Award: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (Distinction)

ISA Annual Convention 2014, Toronto, Travel Grant from the workshop: "Pay It Forward: Women Helping Women in International Relations: Mentoring Pre-Convention Short Course,"

ISA Annual Convention 2014, Toronto, Travel Grant.

ISA Annual Convention 2013, San Francisco, Travel Grant.

Swedish Institute Research Grant (2012-2013, not used) (216.000 SEK).

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 4 year PhD Scholarship (2008-2012) (40.800 Euros +tuition fees).

University of Genève, Switzerland, 4 year PhD Scholarship (2008-2012, not used) (around 32.000 Euros)

Swedish Institute Research Grant (2007-2008) (96.000 SEK)

Swedish Institute Master Degree Scholarship (2006-2007) (96.000 SEK)

## **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE/REVIEWER ROLES**

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**Publishers:** Ashgate, Palgrave Macmillan, Zed Books, Michigan University Press, Routledge, Peter Lang, Lexington Books, Edinburgh University Press.

**Journals and e-Journals:** International Interactions, Patterns of Prejudice, International Journal of Kurdish Studies, Ethnic and Migration Studies, British Journal of Sociology, Ethnopolitics, Ethnicities, Ethnography, Migration Letters, Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy, Nations and Nationalism, Journal of Eurasian Studies, The Review of Communication, South Asian

Diaspora, Research Turkey, Anthropology of the Middle East, Citizenship Studies, Mediterranean Politics, International Migration, International Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Journal of Peacebuilding and Development, South European Society and Politics, Balkan and Near Eastern Studies, Geopolitics, Global Networks, International Migration Review, Comparative Migration Studies, Globalizations, Nationalities Papers, European Political Science Review, Security Dialogue, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Turkish Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies, International Theory, Social Sciences, National Identities.

**Funding Bodies:** ESRC, Research Foundation Flanders, Leading Fellows Postdocs Programme (The Netherlands), Social Science Research Council (UK).

## **EDITORSHIPS/ REVIEW BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

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- 2017-xx: Series Editor, *Kurdish Societies, Politics, and International Relations*, Lexington Books.
- 2013-xx: Review Board Member, International Journal of Kurdish Studies, Goc Dergisi (Migration Journal)
- 2018-xx: Advisory Board Member, New Middle Eastern Studies
- 2017-2019: Secretary, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Section (ENMISA) Section, International Studies Association (ISA).
- 2018-2019: Distinguished Book Award Committee Member, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Section (ENMISA) Section, International Studies Association (ISA).
- 2017-2018: Member of Martin O. Heisler Award Committee, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Section (ENMISA) Section, International Studies Association (ISA).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Associate Fellow HEA: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education/ Passed with distinction

- **May-September 2018: Module Leader & Lecturer**, Comparative Peace Processes, (MA Program in Peacebuilding).
- **February 2018: Lecturer**, Qualitative Research Methods” (PhD level), Coventry University, 3 hours.
- **October 2017: Lecturer**, Research Ethics, (PhD level), 3 hours.
- **May-September 2017: Module Leader & Lecturer**, Comparative Peace Processes, (MA Program in Peacebuilding).

- **March 2016: Lecturer**, Transitional Justice: Truth Commissions and Reconciliation, (MA Program in Peacebuilding), Coventry University.
- **February 2016: Lecturer**, Qualitative Research Methods” (PhD level), Coventry University, 3 hours.
- **April 2016: Lecturer**, “Diaspora Engagement in Peace Processes and Transitional Justice” (MA Program in Peacebuilding), Coventry University, 3 hours.
- **February 2016: Lecturer**, “The collapse of the Turkish-Kurdish Peace Process and Its Implications” (MA Program in Peacebuilding), Coventry University, 3 hours.
- **February 2016: Lecturer** “Qualitative Research Methods” (PhD level), Coventry University, 3 hours.
- **January- June 2014: Seminar Tutor/Part-time Lecturer** “Ethnic Conflicts and Political Violence”, (BA level) University of Warwick, Department of Politics and International Studies, 27 hours.
- **January- April 2013: Seminar Tutor** “Ethnic Conflicts and Political Violence”, (BA level) University of Warwick, Department of Politics and International Studies, 24 hours.
- **December 2012: Seminar Tutor** “The New Wars Debate”, (BA level) for the course “International Security”, University of Warwick, Department of Politics and International Studies, 3 hours.

### ***Supervision:***

- Completed: MA Thesis, “Syrian Refugees and the UK”, Hazal Ozaktan, MA in Peacebuilding, Coventry University, (co-supervisor with Simon MacMahon).
- On-going: PhD Thesis, “Transitional Justice in Nepal”, Varsha Gyawali. (Member of Supervisory team)
- On-going: PhD Thesis, “Youth and Peacebuilding”, Rana Aytug, (Member of Supervisory team)
- On-going: PhD Thesis, “Syrian Refugees in Turkey”, Yasin Duman, (Member of Supervisory team)
- On-going: PhD Thesis, Tara Quinn, “Sustainable Peacebuilding in Sri Lanka”, (Member of Supervisory team)
- On-going: PhD Thesis, Lee Daly, “Peace Processes and Referendums”, (Member of Supervisory team)

### ***External Examiner:***

- (2017) Elida Cena, PhD Thesis, Edge Hill University, Psychology Department, “Return Migration to Albania”.

- (2018) Gergana Ganeva, PhD Progress to Write Up Year, Edge Hill University, Faculty of Health and Social Care, "Supporting the Health and Wellbeing of People Trafficked into Modern Slavery in the UK: An Arts-based Participatory Approach".
- (2018) Adnan Amin Mohammed, PhD Thesis, Leicester University, School of History, Politics and International Relations, "British Perceptions of the Kurds and the Armenian Question (1878-1908)".

***Internal Examiner/ Subject Expert:***

- Peter Tendai Nyamapfeni, PhD Thesis, Coventry University, "The (Un)finished business of transitional justice in South Africa: The Past is in the Present".
- Charlie Rumsby, Progress to Write-Up Year, Subject Expert, "Identity, Belonging and Statelessness of Children in South Asia"

***Other Administrative Duties:***

- 2015-2019: Progress Review Chair for PhD Panels at Coventry University
- 2016-2018: Ethics Committee Member
- 2017: MOCK REF Reviewer

**INVITED TALKS/ KEYNOTES**

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**19 June 2018:** Invited Speaker to the Chatham House, Political Exiles and Transnational Repression in Central Asia and Beyond.

**2 May 2018:** Invited Speaker to Bielefeld University, Department of Sociology. Presentation Title: "Turkey's Diaspora Engagement Policy: From Public Diplomacy to Extra-territorial authoritarian practices?".

**8 February 2018:** Invited Speaker to the Migration Seminar, organized by the Malmo Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare. Presentation Title: "The politics of diaspora-making: A critical approach to Turkey's diaspora engagement policy in Europe".

**22 January 2018:** Invited Speaker to "Reconsidering the Turkish State" Workshop organized by the Center for South European Studies, University of Graz, Austria.

**17 January 2018:** AHRC/BBC New Generation Thinkers Finalist Workshop, Invited participant to the workshop at the BBC.

**8-11 January 2018:** Invited participant to the “Uncovering Security: Thomson Reuters Foundation Security Story Lab 2018”, organized by the Thomson Reuters Foundation, The Stanley Foundation and the Gerda Henkel Stiftung.

**7 November 2017:** Invited Speaker to “Academics Under Attack: Egypt and Turkey” Roundtable at Cambridge University.

**11 October 2017:** Invited Speaker to “Kurdish Referendum” Roundtable at Sussex University.

**28 June 2017:** Invited Speaker to “Beyond Neo-Ottomanism from Center-Peripheries to Zones of Friction” Conference, University of Graz, Austria. Paper Title: “The Politics of Diaspora-Making: A Critical Approach to Turkey’s Diaspora Engagement Policy”, (via Skype).

**26 April 2017:** Invited Speaker to IMI, Oxford University. Presentation Title: “The Politics of Diaspora-Making: A Critical Approach to Turkey’s Diaspora Engagement Policy”.

**31 March 2017:** Invited speaker to Global Greens Congress in Liverpool (organized by the Green Party) to talk about rising authoritarianism and populism in Turkey.

**1 February 2017:** Invited Speaker to Bielefeld University, Department of Sociology. Presentation Title: “Engaging Diasporas in Transitional Justice and Reconciliation.”

**14 October 2016:** Invited Speaker to the Political Science Department, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Presentation Title: “The role of Intellectuals in Dark Times: The case of Academics for Peace in Turkey”

**12 October 2016:** Invited Speaker to the Security Institute of Governance and Leadership in Africa, Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Presentation Title: “The Kurdish-Turkish Peace Process: What lessons to be learned from South Africa?”.

**3 June 2015:** Invited Speaker to University of Lisbon, Centre for Political Sciences. Presentation Title: “Engaging Diasporas in Transitional Justice and Reconciliation.”

**29 October 2015:** Invited Speaker to Bristol University, Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship. Presentation Title: “The Kurdish Diaspora in Europe and Possibilities for Engaging in Transitional Justice: A Spectator or a Contributor to the Peace Process in Turkey”.

**12 May 2015:** Invited speaker to Gediz University, MIREG Spring Seminar Series. Presentation title: ‘Diasporas and Imported Conflicts: Turkish and Kurdish Second Generation Diasporas in Sweden’

**11 February 2015:** Invited speaker to Turkey Institute. Round Table meeting, presentation title: “Peace Process and Kurdish Diaspora in Europe”.



**14 January 2015:** Invited Speaker to Gothenburg University by the Utrikespolitiska Foreningen Goteborg. Presentation title: "Kurdish Diaspora in Europe: Spoiler or Supporter of the Peace Process?"

**20 January 2015:** Invited Speaker to Stockholm University, Institute for Turkish Studies, Higher Seminar. Presentation title: "Kurdish Diaspora and the On-going Peace Process in Turkey."

**13-15 November 2014:** Invited Speaker to the Swedish Human Rights Forum, Umea, Sweden. Presentation title: "Political participation of Kurds in Turkey."

**25 October 2014:** Invited Speaker to Bilgi University Conference, "Kurds Beyond Borders", Istanbul, Turkey. Presentation title: "The Kurdish Diaspora in Europe and Its Potential Contributions to the Peace Process".

**15 April 2014:** Invited Speaker to Bilkent University, Department of International Relations on "Diasporas and Homeland Conflicts: The Diffusion of Turkey's Kurdish Question to Host States in Europe."

**7 March 2014:** Invited Speaker to University of Birmingham, CREES/ POLSIS Special Seminar on "The Production of Migrants in Contemporary Capitalism", Paper title: The Insider\Outsider Dilemma and Researching the "Other": Reflexivity and positionality in conducting ethnographic research on contentious issues in migration research.

**6 December 2013:** Invited speaker to a workshop on "Security and Diasporas: Deconstructing and Reconstructing the Meaning of Securitization for Diasporas in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", Conflict Analysis Research Centre, University of Kent.

**27 November 2013:** Invited speaker to a workshop on "Qualitative Research Methods: Conducting Non-elite interviews", University of Warwick.

**4 October 2013:** Gave a talk on the Kurdish and Turkish Diasporas in Sweden, an event organized by the Amsterdam University Middle Eastern Studies and Amsterdam Center for Globalization Studies.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS**

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**22-23 June 2018: Organizer,** "Everyday Resistance of Kurds and Palestinians: Countering Domination via Nonviolent Means", Coventry University.

**13 April 2018: Paper Presentation,** "Diaspora Dilemmas: Political Participation in Contested Environments", King's College, London, UK. Paper Title: "Turkey's Diaspora Engagement Policy: From Public Diplomacy to Extra-territorial Authoritarian Practices?"

**3-7 April 2018: Paper Presentation,** ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, USA. Paper Title: "Turkey's Diaspora Engagement Policy: From Public Diplomacy to Extra-territorial Authoritarian Practices?". **Roundtable**

**Organizer/Chair:** Researching in and on the Middle East in the midst of conflict and displacement.

**5-7 July 2017: Paper Presentation and Panel Chair,** BRISMES Annual Conference, Edinburgh, UK. Paper title: The Politics of Genocide Recognition: The case of Anfal” and Paper Title: “Lessons Learned from South Africa for Turkish-Kurdish Peace Process”.

**28 June 2017: Panel Organizer and Presenter,** Activist Scholarship in Human Rights: New Challenges, University of London, UK. Paper Title: “Academics for Peace in Turkey”.

**15-16 June 2017: Presenter,** Kurdish Migration Conference. Paper Title: “Return Migration to Iraqi Kurdistan”, (with Dr. Mari Toivanen).

**16 March 2017: Panel Organizer,** “Migration, Social Movements and Diasporas”, Annual Symposium of Kurdish Studies, Kurdish International Studies Unit, University of Leicester.

**22-26 February 2017: Paper and Roundtable Presentation,** ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore, USA. Paper Title: Engaging Diasporas in Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: The Kurdish Diaspora and the Peace Process in Turkey. Roundtable: 10th year Anniversary of Critical Terrorism Studies Journal.

**25-26 November 2016: Paper Presentation (presented by Dr. Mari Toivanen),** Gendered Mobilities Conference, The Society for the Study of Ethnic Relations and International Migration and The Association for Gender Studies in Finland, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu Campus. Paper Title: Insights into Insider\Outsider Dilemma in Transnational Research from a Comparative Perspective.

**19-20-21 October 2016: Organizer,** The 6th Istanbul Human Security Conference in collaboration with Coventry University, UN Human Security Unit and Kadir Has University.

**September 28 2016: Paper Presentation (presented by Dr. Paul Levin),** Refugee Trajectories in the EU in the Context of the Recent Developments in Turkey: Where do we stand now?, Central European University. Paper Title: Challenges of Refugee’s Integration: Sweden as a Case Study.

**11-12 August 2016: Paper Presentation,** Nordic Migration Conference, Oslo University, Norway. Paper Title: “Dynamics of Counter-Diasporic Mobility: Realities and Challenges of Return Migration to Iraqi Kurdistan” (with Dr. Bayar Dosky and Dr. Mari Toivanen)

**13-15 July 2016: Paper Presentation,** BRISMES Annual Conference, University of Wales Trinity St. David, Networks Through Time, Space and Cyberspace. Paper Title: “Dynamics of Return Migration to Iraqi Kurdistan”

**30 June- 2 July 2016: Paper Presentation,** IMISCOE Annual Conference, Charles University, Prague, Migration & Development. Paper Title: “Dynamics of Return Migration to Iraqi Kurdistan”

**12-13 May 2016: Paper Presentation (presented by Dr. Mari Toivanen),** Ethnographic encounters: Methodological reflections on multi-sited fieldwork, University of Turku, Finland. Paper Title: “Researcher positionality from a comparative perspective: Insider\outsider dilemma in ethnographic research on diaspora”

**24-25 March 2016: Organizer/ Chair,** Critical Approaches to the Peace Process in Turkey, Coventry University.

**13-14-15 January 2016: Paper Presentation,** University of Oxford, International Migration Institute, The Changing Face of Global Mobility: Celebrating 10 years of the International Migration Institute. Paper Title: “Criminalization and Decriminalization of the Kurdish Diaspora in Germany”

**20-21 October 2015: Organizer,** The 5th Istanbul Human Security Conference in collaboration with Coventry University, UN Human Security Unit and Kadir Has University.

**9 October 2015: Organizer and Presenter,** A Workshop on the 50th Anniversary of Migration From Turkey to Sweden, Institute for Turkish Studies, Stockholm University. Paper Title: Transnational Politics of the Kurdish Diaspora in Sweden.

**1 October 2015: Paper Presentation (presented by Asli Okyay),** Science Po Paris(CERI). Paper Title: “Turkey’s Reach Beyond Borders and the Politics of External Voting: Analysing the external voting experience of diaspora(s) from Turkey.”

**23-26 September: Paper Presentations (2),** EISA 9<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations which was held in Giardini Naxos (Italy). Paper Title: Criminalization and Decriminalization of the Kurdish Diaspora in Germany: From the ‘1990s’ to Recent Developments in Kobane. Paper Title: State violence and resistance from below: the case of Gezi Park protests

**14-15 September: Paper Presentation,** Conflict Research Society Conference, University of Kent. Paper Title: The Impact of Criminalization of the Kurdish Movement and Terrorist Listing on the Kurdish Diaspora in Europe: A special focus on the cases of France, Germany and the Netherlands

**22-24 June 2015: Paper Presentation (presented by Asli Okyay),** Aix AFSP Congress 2015, Sociology of External Voting. Paper Title: “How does expatriates’ enfranchisement reconfigure transnational politics? Analysing the recent external voting experience of Turkey and its diaspora(s)”

**21-23 April 2015: Paper Presentation,** ASEN Conference, London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom. Paper Title: “The Kurdish Diaspora in Europe: Supporter or Spoiler of the Peace Process in Turkey?”

**17-22 February 2015: Paper Presentation,** ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans, USA. Paper Title: “Gezi Protests and Turkish and Kurdish Diasporas in

Europe”. Paper Title: “Homeland Calling of a De-facto State: Kurdistan Regional Government- Kurdish Diaspora Relations”

**3-5 September 2014: Paper Presentation**, Sussex University, Critical Legal Theory conference. Paper Title: “Transnationalization of the Gezi Protests”

**23-25 July 2014: Paper Presentations (2)**, ISA Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Paper Title: “Germany’s Kurdish Question: Kurdish-Turkish Politics in German Transnational Space”, Paper Title: “Iraqi Kurdish Diaspora and State-Building in Kurdistan”

**25 March 2014: Paper Presentation**, ISA Conference, Toronto, Canada. “Pay It Forward: Women Helping Women in International Relations: Mentoring Pre-Convention Short Course”

**26-29 March 2014: Paper Presentations (2)**, ISA Conference, Toronto, Canada. Paper Title: “Worlds Apart: Turkish and Kurdish Second Generation in Sweden”, Paper Title: A Three-Dimensional Approach to Diaspora- Iraqi Kurdistan Relations”

**21-23 February 2014: Paper Presentation**, Beyond Gezi Protests: Contesting AKP’s Rule, University of Lisboa. Paper Title: “Gezi Spirit in the Diaspora: Relations between Turkish and Kurdish Diasporas during the Gezi Protests in Turkey”

**3-6 April, 2013: Paper Presentation**, ISA Annual Conference, San Francisco USA. Paper Title: “Germany’s Kurdish Question: Relations between Turkish and Kurdish Migrants in Germany.”

**7-9 December, 2012: Paper Presentation**, “Turkish Migration in Europe” organized by the Regent’s College London. Paper Title: “An Incipient Diaspora: Second Generation Turks in Sweden”.

**12-14 April, 2012: Paper Presentation**, An International Conference on Kurdish Migration and Diaspora, Hugo-Valentin Center at Uppsala University. Paper Title: “Inherited Conflicts: The relations between Second-Generation Turkish and Kurdish Diasporas in Sweden.”

**5-7 October, 2011: Paper Presentation**, “Bringing Migration and History into the Equation: Re-Imagining Nationhood and Belonging”, organized by Network Migration in Europe e.V. Paper Title: “Conflict in my suitcase: The relations between Turkish and Kurdish Diasporas in Germany.”

**4-5 November 2010: Paper Presentation**, International conference on Transnationalism and Migration TRANSMIG: Transnational Practices in Migration, Stockholm-Sweden. Paper title: ”Diasporic Turn: The Turkish Community in Sweden and Their reaction to the Genocide Bill.”

**23-26 June 2010: Paper Presentation**, Fifth Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, Porto, Portugal. Paper title: “Stateless Diasporas and Their Long-Distance Nationalist Activities: Cases of Sri Lankan Tamils and Kurds from Turkey.”

**4-6 March 2010: Paper Presentation**, Portuguese Political Science Association, V Congresso, Universidade de Aveiro. Paper title: Trends in Nationalism from a Far: Cases of Kurdish and Sri Lankan Tamil Diasporas“

**02-05 September 2009:** Paper Presentation, 9th Conference of the European Sociological Association, “European Society or European Societies?” Lisbon, Portugal. Paper Title: “Re-Localization of Conflict Dynamics: "Conflict-generated Diaspora Groups and the Transportation of Homeland Conflicts to Western Europe", A Focus the Kurdish- Turkish Immigrants”

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**August 2008- October 2011: Assistant Editor**, Caucasian Review of International Affairs Journal, Frankfurt-Germany.

**May 2010- May 2011: Monthly columnist**, Ankara University European Research Center (ATAUM), Monthly publication “ATAUM Bulletin.”

**August 2004 - May 2005: Reporter**, Gazete Vatan, Istanbul, Turkey.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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- Council for British Research in the Levant (Member)
- British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES-Member)
- International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE - Member)
- Nordic Migration Network (Member)
- European International Studies Association (EISA-Member)
- International Studies Association (ISA- Member, Secretary of ENMISA, Award Committee Member)
- European University Institute Alumni Association

## **LANGUAGES**

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**Turkish** (Native), **English**, **Italian** (Fluent), **Portuguese**, **Spanish**, **French**, **Azeri** (Upper Intermediate), **Swedish**, **Kurdish**, **German** (Elementary)