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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020 - 2021 Predoctoral Research Fellow, International Security Program, Belfer Center
for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

EDUCATION

2014 - Present Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, Yale University (Degree expected: May 2021)
Dissertation: Ideology and Politics: Emergent Political Formations in
the 21st-Century Middle East
Committee: Julia Adams (Co-chair), Jonathan Wyrzten (Co-chair),
Ronald Eyerman

2017 M.Phil., Sociology, Yale University
Field Exam: “Revolutions and Revolutionary Struggles.” *Distinguished*

2016 M.A., Sociology, Yale University

2011 - 2014 M.A., Political Science, Sabanci University
Coursework completed, thesis not defended

2004 - 2009 B.Sc. with Honors, Computer Engineering, Bogazici University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements, State-Building, Ideologies, Middle East Studies, Political
Sociology, Comparative-Historical Social Science, Social Theory

PUBLICATIONS

2020 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “Competing Revolutionaries: Legitimacy and Leadership in
Revolutionary Situations” – Revise and Resubmit

2020 **Rasit, Huseyin** and Alexander Kolokotronis. “Decentralist Vanguards:
Women’s Autonomous Power and Left Convergence in Rojava.”
Globalizations 17(5):869-883.

- 2020 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “Imperialism, Revolution, and the Desire to Lecture the Kurds: How Should We (Not) Analyze U.S.-Kurdish Relations.” Pp. 225-41 in *Kurdish Autonomy and U.S. Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change*, edited by V. Eccarius-Kelly and M. M. Gunter. New York: Peter Lang.
- 2017 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “Not Another Story of Failed Liberation: Tensions in Bashur and Rojava in the Light of the Referendum,” *openDemocracy*

Work in Progress

- 2020 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “Revolutionaries, Nationalists, Jihadists: Ideology and Emergent Political Formations”
- 2020 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “An Integrated Theory of Ideology”

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2020 - 2021 | International Security Program Fellowship, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, \$34,000 |
| 2018 - 2019 | Yale MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship, \$18,000 |
| 2018 - 2019 | DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Grant, €8500 |
| 2018 | Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund, \$15,000
– with Jonathan Wirtzen |
| 2018 | U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center Grant, \$10,000 – with Jonathan Wirtzen |
| 2018 | Yale MacMillan Center International Travel Grant, \$750 |
| 2017 | Yale Graduate Student Community College Teaching Fellowship, \$3000 |
| 2017 | SSHA Graduate Student Travel Award, \$500 |
| 2017 | CAMP Grant, Sociology Department, Yale University, \$500 |
| 2016 | Smith Richardson Foundation International Security Studies Fellowship, \$3,000 |
| 2016 | Yale MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Grant, \$2,000 |
| 2005 - 2009 | Honor Scholarship, the Office of the Prime Minister of Turkey, \$20,000 |

HONORS

2016 - 2018	Kanter Fellow, Rosabeth M. Kanter Fellowship, Yale University
2011 - 2013	Teaching Fellowship, Sabanci University
2009	Honors, Bogazici University

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conference Organizer

2018	Interdisciplinary Conference on Kurdish Politics and Societies, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
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Panel Organizer

2019	“Ideologies and Political Formations.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
2019	“Ideologies, Political Formations, and Conflict in Kurdistan.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
2017	“Syrian Kurds: Contesting Boundaries.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Presenter

2020	“Colonial/Imperial Gaze in Kurdish Studies.” Roundtable. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting.
2020	“An Integrated Theory of Ideology.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
2019	“A Tale of Two Kurdistans: Ideological Structures and Political Formations in Kurdistan-Syria and Kurdistan-Iraq.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
2019	“A Tale of Two Kurdistans: Ideological Structures and Political Formations in Kurdistan-Syria and Kurdistan-Iraq.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
2019	“Decentralist Vanguard: Women’s Autonomous Power and Left Convergence in Rojava.” Historical Materialism Athens Conference, Panteion University, Athens.

- 2018 “Decentralist Vanguard: Women’s Autonomous Power and Left Convergence in Rojava.” Historical Materialism Annual Conference, SOAS, London.
- 2018 “Decentralist Vanguard: Women’s Autonomous Power and Left Convergence in Rojava.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “Competing Revolutionaries: Legitimacy and Leadership in Revolutionary Situations.” Comparative Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Vanguards of Anti-Statism: Anarchism, Leninism, and the Ideological Search for a New Mode of Public Power in Rojava.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2017 “Competing Revolutionaries: Legitimacy, Leadership, and Strategy in Revolutionary Situations.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- 2017 “One Ethnic Group, Two Revolutions: Kurdistan-Iraq and Kurdistan-Syria in Comparative Perspective.” Rethinking Revolutions Workshop, LSE, London.
- 2016 “An Ethics of Violence Based on Practice: The Rojava Revolution in Syria.” Historical and Comparative Perspectives on Kurdish Politics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2016 “An Ethics of Violence Based on Practice: The Rojava Revolution in Syria.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Collective and Discursive Identities: Toward a Realist-Constructionist Theory of Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale University (2016 – Present)

Instructor

- Political Sociology (Summer 2020)
- Foundations of Modern Social Theory (Summer 2018)

Teaching Fellow

- Social Policy and the Politics of Inequality in the United States (Spring 2018)
- Foundations of Modern Social Theory (Fall 2017) – *Guest Lecturer*
- Foundations of Modern Social Theory (Fall 2016) – *Guest Lecturer*

Yale Young Global Scholars (2019)Lead Instructor (Summer 2019)

- International Affairs and Globalization
- Politics, Law, and Economics II
- Politics, Law, and Economics III

Gateway Community College (2017)Part-time Acting Instructor

- Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2017)

Sabanci University (2011 – 2013)Teaching Fellow

- Introduction to Social and Political Sciences (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
- Comparative Politics (Spring 2012)
- Political Economy (Fall 2011)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2019 - Present	Graduate Student Coordinator of Political Violence and Its Legacies Workshop, Yale University
2018	Organizer of Interdisciplinary Conference on Kurdish Politics and Societies. Yale University, April 6-8
2017	Yale Certificate of College Teaching Preparation
2016	Philosophy of Social Sciences Graduate Student Seminar, Tacoma

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 - 2011	Software Engineer, Banksoft, Istanbul, Turkey
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SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Stata, Java, C++, C

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Kurdish (Intermediate)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, Middle East Studies Association, Social Science History Association

REFERENCES

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