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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 – Present: Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs - Furman University (Greenville, SC)
- 2016-2017: Visiting Assistant Professor of Government - Franklin And Marshall College (Lancaster, Pa)

EDUCATION

- 2010-2016 – Ph.D., Department of Political Science - University Of Florida (Gainesville, FL)
 - **Dissertation:** "Party System Religiosity and the Quality of Democracy in Predominantly Muslim Countries"
 - **Examination Fields:** Comparative Politics (with distinction) and International Relations
 - **Committee:** Dr. Michael Bernhard (Chair), Dr. Kenneth Wald, Dr. Benjamin B. Smith, Dr. Leonardo Villalon, Dr. Alin Ceobanu (Sociology)
- 2007-2010 – B.S., Global and International Affairs - Suny Binghamton (Binghamton, NY)
 - Minor: History
 - GPA 4.00
- 2005-2010 – B.A., Global and International Affairs • 2005-2010 • Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey)
 - GPA 4.00

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Institutional Continuity and Change, Agenda-setting and Issue-framing, Political Islam and Post-Islamism, Islamist Parties, Islamic Jurisprudence, Democracy and Democratization, Mediterranean Politics, Politics of Africa, Politics of the Middle East

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **Oztas, B.,** & Lukacovic, M. N. (2022). Insurgent-Generated Content and Framing 'The New Internationalist Commune' of Rojava in Northern Syria. *International Journal of Communication, 16*, 1083–1108.
- **Oztas, B.,** & Kreppel, A. (2021). Power or Luck? The Limitations of the European Commission's Agenda Setting Power and Autonomous Policy Influence. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies, 60*(2), 408-426.
- **Oztas, B.** (2020). Islamic Populism: Promises and Limitations. *The Journal of Interdisciplinary Middle Eastern Studies, 6*(1), 103-129.
- Kreppel, A., & **Oztas, B.** (2017). Leading the band or just playing the tune? Reassessing the agenda-setting powers of the European Commission. *Comparative Political Studies, 50*(8), 1118-1150.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

INVITED BOOK REVIEWS

- **Oztas, B.** (2021). Trust and the Islamic Advantage: Religious-based Movements in Turkey and the Muslim world. By Avital Livny, New York, Cambridge University Press, 2020, 256 pp., \$99.99 (hardback). *Turkish Studies, 22*(5), 828-831.
- **Oztas, B.** (2020). Inside Tunisia's al-Nahda: Between Politics and Preaching. By Rory McCarthy. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018. 234p. 29.99 paper. *Perspectives on Politics, 18*(4), 1281-1282.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

- **Oztas, B.** "The Invisible Black Diaspora: Afro-Turks and The Construction of Turkish National Identity."
- **Oztas, B.** "Party System Religiosity and the Quality of Democracy in Predominantly Muslim Countries."
- **Oztas, B.** "Party System Institutionalization and Polarization across the Middle East and North Africa."
- Lukacovic, M. N. & **Oztas, B.** "The New Media and Framing of a Transnational Identity through Contemporary Internationalist Insurgencies."
- Hakeem, F. & **Oztas, B.** "Fatawa Alamgiri and Mecelle: Comparative Perspectives on Mughal and Ottoman Jurisprudence."
- **Oztas, B.** "Muslim Minorities and Political Participation in Post-Cold War Southeastern Europe: The Case of Bulgarian Turks."

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FURMAN UNIVERSITY

- POL 102: World Politics
- POL 224: Politics of Africa
- POL 225: Politics of the Middle East
- POL 232: Islam and Politics
- MES 401: Capstone Seminar in the Middle East & Islamic Studies

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE

- GOV 120: Comparative Politics
- GOV 379: Politics of the Middle East

INSTRUCTOR, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (GAINESVILLE, FL)

- CPO 4194/EUS 4930: Islam and European Politics

GRADUATE ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (GAINESVILLE, FL)

- Graduate Assistant - Center for European Studies (Spring 2016; Spring 2012; Fall 2011)

- Research Assistant for Dr. Michael Bernhard (Spring 2015; Fall 2014)
- Teaching Assistant - CPO 2001: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2014 – Amie Kreppel; Fall 2013 – Dietmar Schimer; Fall 2012 – Michael Bernhard)
- Research Assistant for Dr. Amie Kreppel (Spring 2013; Summer 2013)

UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT, BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY (BINGHAMTON, NY)

- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Joseph Morrissey, *PSYC 111: General Psychology*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- ASMEA Research Grant, Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa (2021 - declined)
- ASMEA Research Grant, Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa (2019)
- Furman University James B. Duke Library, Special Collections and Archives Faculty Fellowship (2019)
- Furman University, Dean's Discretionary Fund Award (2018, 2019)
- Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (2018)
- Graduate Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Florida (2013, 2014, 2016)
- Course Development Grant, Center for European Studies, University of Florida (2015)
- Travel Grant, Office of Research at the University of Florida (2015)
- ASMEA Travel Grant, Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa (2014)
- Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (2014)
- Best Graduate Student Paper, University of Florida Department of Political Science (2013)
- University of Florida Graduate Tuition Waiver (2011- 2016)
- Binghamton University Edward H. Prentice Award (2010)
- Binghamton University President's Award for Undergraduate Student Excellence (Honorable Mention, 2010)
- Bilkent University Merit Scholarship (2005-2010)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "The Invisible Black Diaspora in Turkey: Afro-Turks and the Construction of the Turkish National Identity" to be presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN (March 2022)
- "Comparing Digital Media Strategy of Irredentist Movements in Northern Syria and Eastern Ukraine: From Insurgency to Public Diplomacy?" presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR (January 2020)
- "Political Islam in the Age of Populism: Promises and Limitations," presented at the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (November 2019)
- "The Invisible Black Diaspora: Afro-Turks and The Construction of Turkish National Identity," presented at the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS) Annual Meeting, Valle Crucis, NC (October 2019)
- "Party System Institutionalization and Polarization across the Middle East and North Africa," presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2019)
- "The Ambivalence of Islamic Populism: Towards A Theory of Democratization," presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2018)
- "Populism in Turkey and Beyond," *Invited Talk* – Populism in Europe Panel, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (March 2018)
- "Islamic Populism: Promises and Limitations," presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (January 2018)
- "The Paternity of Policy in the European Union: Understanding the Agenda Setting Power of the Commission," with Amie Kreppel, presented at the European Union Studies Association's (EUSA) Biennial International Conference, Miami, FL (May 2017)
- "Power or Luck?: Understanding the Character of European Commission Agenda Setting," with Amie Kreppel, presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2017)
- "Religious Parties, Democracy and the Politics of Inclusion: Lessons from Turkey and Tunisia," presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR (January 2016)
- "Party System Religiosity and Quality of Democracy in Muslim-Majority Countries," presented at Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Annual Conference, Washington, DC (October 2014)

- "The Agenda Setting Role of the Commission in the EU Legislative Process," with Amie Kreppel, presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2014)
- "Religiosity and Democracy in Predominantly Muslim Countries," presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2014)
- "Many Faces of Political Islam: Democratic Quality in the Muslim World", presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (January 2014)
- "Leading the band or just playing the tune? The agenda setting role of the Commission in the EU legislative process", with Amie Kreppel, presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (August 2013)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

- Executive Director, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS)
- Member, Furman University Study Away Committee (2021-present)
- Co-chair, Furman University Middle East and Islamic Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
- Member, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS) Awards Committee
- Reviewer, *Journal of Common Market Studies* (2021)
- Member, Furman University Academic Discipline Committee (2020 -2021)
- Member, Furman University Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2019-2021)
- Chair, Furman University Faculty Scholarship and Awards Committee (2019-2020)
- Reviewer, *Turkish Studies* (March 2020)
- Supervisor, Undergraduate Research Program (Summer 2019)
- Participant, The Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges - "Researching, Teaching, and Embodying the Black Diaspora" Workshop (May 2019)
- Participant, Associated Colleges of the South –Teaching and Learning Workshop (June 2019)
- Reviewer, *Public Administration* (June 2019)
- Member, Furman University Faculty Scholarship and Awards Committee (2018-2019)

- Participant, Associated Colleges of the South - Inclusive Pedagogy Institute (August 2018)
- Discussant, Furman Engaged: Politics, Economics, and Society in an International Context, Furman University (April 2018)
- Participant, Faculty Success Seminars – Furman University (Spring 2018)
- Reviewer, *Perspectives on Politics* (August 2017)
- Discussant/Chair, Junior Scholars Symposium: Politics and Theological Debates – Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (April 2017)
- Participant, Pedagogy Workshop- International Studies Association-North East (November 2016)
- Supervisor, Junior Fellows Program at the University of Florida (2013-2016)

OTHER SKILLS

LANGUAGES:

- Turkish (native language)
- English (bilingual proficiency)
- French (basic)
- German (basic)

DATA PROGRAMS

- STATA
- Microsoft Office