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### Education:

- PhD candidate in Political Theory, University of Amsterdam **2017-present**
- Visiting PhD student in Philosophy, University of York **Fall 2019**
- MA in Philosophy and Economics, University of Bayreuth **2017**
- BA in Economics, Boğaziçi University **2015**
- BA in Philosophy, Boğaziçi University **2015**

### Research Interests:

Political theory, legitimacy, political realism, depoliticization, transnational capitalism, economic institutions, moral philosophy, social theory, epistemology

### Publications (Peer Reviewed):

- ‘Two Conceptions of Legitimacy: A Response to Fabian Wendt’s Moralistic Critique of Political Realism’, *Kriterion – Journal of Philosophy*, 31(3), (2017), pp. 57-76.

### Book Review:

- *Private Government: How Employers Rule Our Lives (and Why We Don't Talk about It)* Elizabeth Anderson. Princeton University Press, 2017. In: *International Dialogue: A Multidisciplinary Journal of World Affairs*, 8, (2018), pp. 77-84.

### Under Review:

- Bernard Williams’ Realism and Epistemic Constraints (conditional acceptance), *Social Theory and Practice*.
- What is Wrong with Depoliticization?

### Work in Progress:

- Political Legitimacy and Depoliticization
- Global Political Legitimacy and Structural Power

### Conference Presentations:

- 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of September, MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester. Paper Title: *Global Political Legitimacy and Structural Power*

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of September, ECPR General Conference 2019, Wrocław. Paper Title: *Bernard Williams' Realism and Epistemic Constraints*
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of September, ECPR General Conference 2019, Wrocław. Paper Title: *What is Wrong with Depoliticization?*
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2019, ASPP Annual Conference: Justice in Times of Austerity, Rupture, and Polarization, Newcastle University. Paper Title: *Depoliticization, Good and Bad*
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2019, Politicologenetmaal, University of Antwerp. Paper Title: *Depoliticization, Good and Bad*
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, Workshop on “Populism and Democratic Theory”, University of Vienna. Paper Title: *Depoliticization, Good and Bad*
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2018, The First National Conference on Contemporary Political Philosophy, Middle East Technical University. Paper Title: *Instability of Agonistic Politics: Oscillation Between Antagonism and Mainstreamization in the Economic Realm* (in Turkish)
- 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2017, The Good Society and Its Limits: International Conference on Political Legitimacy and Social Grounding, Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow. Paper Title: *Justification as a Sociological Phenomenon: Contesting the Empirical-Normative Divide in the Realist Theory of Legitimacy*
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2016, 7<sup>th</sup> Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho. Paper Title: *Valuing as Desiring to Desire and Normative Reasons*
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2016, “Infinite Jest” Philosophy Graduate Conference, American University of Beirut. Paper Title: *Social Norms, Coercion and Manipulation*

### Teaching Experience:

- Political Economy (Tutor) **Fall 2018**  
BSc Seminar, University of Amsterdam
- Introduction to Macroeconomics (Tutor) **Spring 2012**  
BA Seminar, Boğaziçi University

### Teaching Skills:

- Three-day course on teaching skills for PhD candidates and junior lecturers of the UvA College of Social Sciences **2018**

### Awards, Grants & Fellowships:

- University of Amsterdam Travel Grant (550 Euros) **2019**
- Selected for the PhD vacancy within the NWO Project “Legitimacy Beyond Consent” (directed by Dr. Enzo Rossi) **2017-present**
- TEV-DAAD Scholarship for graduate students (10,500 Euros) **2015-2017**
- High Honors Degree, Boğaziçi University **2015**
- Turkish Education Foundation (TEV) Merit Scholarship for undergraduate students **2010-2014**  
(Approximate value with historical exchange rates: 23,000 US Dollars)

## **Languages:**

- Turkish (native)
- English (fluent)
- German (beginner)

## **Affiliations:**

- Co-founder of Boğaziçi Political Economy Society **2011-2014**
- Amsterdam Center for Political Thought **2018-present**
- OZSW Peer-review Circle in Practical Philosophy **2018-present**

## **Professional Service:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Middle East Technical University Graduate Philosophy Conference (Referee) **2017**
- Social Theory and Practice (Referee) **2018**
- European Journal of Political Theory (Referee) **2019**

## **Organizational Experience:**

- May 2020 (tentative), Organizer, Short Intensive Course at the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research on *Experts, Science, and Politics* with Dr Zeynep Pamuk.
- June 2019, Co-organizer, Workshop: *Should States Do It Alone? New Perspectives on the Legitimacy of Multilateral and Bilateral Power Structures.*
- May 2019, Co-organizer, *Amsterdam Graduate Conference in Political Theory.*
- May 2014, Co-organizer, Panel Discussion on *Neoliberalism and Financialization* with Prof. Dr. David Kotz and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özgür Orhangazi at Boğaziçi University.
- 2013-2014, Organizing Committee Member, *Petition Campaign and Formal Proposal for Curriculum Reform in Economics* (partially accepted by the Department of Economics at Boğaziçi University).

## **Graduate Coursework:**

- OZSW PhD Summer School: Ethics and Economics (Audit) **2018**
- Advanced Social Science Theory (AISSR PhD Training Program) **2018**
- Philosophy of Law (Junior Prof. Dr. Alice P. Walla) **2017**
- Advanced Political Philosophy (Prof. Dr. Matthew Braham) **2017**
- Seminar in Phil. & Econ. (Prof. Dr. Matthew Braham & Prof. Dr. Hartmut Egger) **2017**
- Advanced Econometrics (Prof. Dr. Mario Larch) **2017**
- Advanced Microeconomics (Prof. Dr. Stefan Napel) **2016**
- The Analysis of Knowledge and the Gettier Problem (Dr. Gordian Haas) **2016**
- Private Property and Territorial Rights (Junior Prof. Dr. Alice P. Walla) **2016**
- The Theory and Practice of Dignity (Dr. Jan-Willem van der Rijt) **2016**
- Political Philosophy (Prof. Dr. Matthew Braham) **2016**
- Advanced Macroeconomics (Prof. Dr. Hartmut Egger) **2015**
- Philosophy of the Social Sciences (Junior Prof. Dr. Roberto Fumagalli) **2015**
- Ethics (Dr. Jan-Willem van der Rijt) **2015**

**References:**

Available upon request.