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EDUCATION

2016 - 2018, University of Oslo, Faculty of Law, Public International Law LL.M. Programme - Oslo, Norway

- Master programme, Human Rights Specialization
- Thesis Title: Remedial Secession Right of the Kurdish People in Turkey
- Coursework: Human Rights in International and National Law, Public International Law, Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy in International Law, Refugee and Asylum Law, Leading Cases and Core Dilemmas in Human Rights, Human Rights Approaches to Ethnic Conflict, and Tulsa Study Group for International Law.

2015 - 2016; Koc University International Relations - Istanbul, Turkey (Turkey's top university1)

- Master of Arts (Full Scholarship awarded by Koc University)
- Completed coursework: International Relations Theories, Comparative Politics

2009 - 2014, Fatih University Law Faculty - Istanbul, Turkey (It was among the top three law schools in Turkey)

- Bachelor of Laws, GPA: 3.16/4.00 (Full Scholarship awarded by Fatih University)
- Focuses: Constitutional Law, Law of Persons, Civil Law

2012 - 2014, Fatih University Political Science and Public Administration - Istanbul, Turkey

- Bachelor of Arts, GPA: 3.88/4.00
- Honour: Highest Ranked Student in the department (Valedictorian)
- Focuses: Political History, History of Political Thought, Turkish Politics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

October 2019 - ...; Norwegian Helsinki Committee (A non-governmental organization) - Oslo, Norway

• Intern – Participating in research and production of written material in Norwegian, English, and Turkish; participating in project planning, applications, and reporting; participating in planning and conducting professional events

April 2017 - September 2017; Askimmeieriet AS (A dairy products company) - Askim, Østfold, Norway

Volunteer Legal Advisor - Legal advising for contract preparation, corporation law, competition
law, intellectual property law, and other legal matters; research for various funds, loans, and incentives
provided by state agencies for the corporation

October 2014 - July 2016; Fatih University - Istanbul, Turkey

- Research Assistant (Full-Time) International Relations Department
- An academic tenure in Turkey
- Assistance to the department's professors for academic research and to their paper work regarding
 the department, taking part of the academic research projects conducted in the department (see
 "Academic Projects" below) and studying the relevant issues, consulting the students of the
 department for their courses and career planning, proctoring at the exams. (These tasks mostly apply
 to my other assistantship expressed below)

September 2015 - May 2016; Koc University - Istanbul, Turkey

• Research and Teaching Assistant (Part-Time) – International Relations Department

¹ According to QS World University Rankings, see https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2020

January 2015 - March 2015; Istanbul Institute (An NGO) - Istanbul, Turkey

- Coordinator (Full-Time) Human Rights Desk
- Studying, writing and supervising think-tank reports (see "Publications" and "Responsibilities" below)
- I kept visiting Istanbul Institute one day each week after March 2015 until September 2015 and supervising the reports

AWARDS

- 230th place in University Entrance Exam (OSS) in Turkey out of approximately 1,600,000 attendants in the year 2009
- Full tuition fee waiver and monthly stipend for Undergraduate studies awarded by Fatih University
- Full tuition fee waiver and financial benefits for Graduate studies awarded by Koc University
- Holder of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) scholarship for Master and PhD Studies

PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS

• Publications:

- o "The State of Emergency Concept and AKP (Justice and Development Party in Turkey)
 Extraordinarism", (with one co-author, in Turkish) report published by Istanbul Institute –
 extended and detailed version of an article with the same name (see below)
- o "AKP Extraordinarism", (with one co-author, in Turkish) article published in Zaman Daily (was the most circulated newspaper in Turkey)
- O A number of articles about politics published in student-run magazines in Bachelor level

Academic Projects:

- "How Middle Eastern Elites Perceive Turkish Foreign Policy?" Field Project 2015 conducted with approximately 500 elites from 10 Middle East countries, carried out by six academic members of Fatih University International Relations department, headed by Prof. Savas Genc)
- "How Western Elites Perceive Turkey?" Field Project 2014, (conducted by Fatih University International Relations department, headed by Prof. Savas Genc)

RESPONSIBILITIES & QUALIFICATIONS

• Responsibilities:

- Worked as President, Vice-President, Board Member, and the Director of Guest Affairs in Fatih University Politics Club which was one of the most active student clubs in its area in Turkey
- Debater and the Vice-President in Fatih University Debate Team through which I trained in British parliamentary style debate twice a week and participated a lot of nation-wide debate tournaments
- o Founding Member of Fatih University Law Club and worked there as Board Member
- Supervised "Human Rights Violations against Alawi people in Turkey Determination of Status in the frame of Republic of Turkey's Constitution and International Conventions" (in Turkish) report published by Istanbul Institute
- Languages: English (Advanced); Turkish (Native); Norwegian (Upper-Intermediate, completed and passed the Level 3 (B2-C1) of the Norwegian language course in the University of Oslo)
- Certificates: Legal Writing in English, Speed Reading programme
- IT Skills: SPSS (passed its course with the highest grade), Microsoft Office tools