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### ACADEMIC POSITION

Faculty Affiliate, Albright Institute for Global Affairs, Wellesley College, MA (2024-2025).

Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey, (2017- ).

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Boston University, Department of Political Science, August 2015

Dissertation Title: *“Three Essays on Global Political Leadership and Ethnic Representation”*

Committee: John Gerring (chair), Taylor Boas, Melani Cammett and Kevin M. Morrison

M.A., Boston University, Department of Political Science, 2008.

B.A., Boğaziçi University, International Relations & Political Science, Faculty of Administrative Sciences, Istanbul, 2003.

B.A., Boğaziçi University, History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Istanbul, 2003.

Notre Dame de Sion High School, Istanbul, Turkey, 1998.

### FIELD

Comparative Politics, Political history, Methodology

### RESEARCH POSITIONS

2024-2025 Visiting Non-Residential Fellow at Guinier Project, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard Law School.

2010- Project Manager, "Global Leadership Project", funded by Clinton Global Initiative and the World Bank. (Trained around 250 country experts).

2011-2012 Visiting Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.

2008-2010      Head Research Assistant and Project Manager, "Colonialism and Its Legacies: *A Comprehensive Historical Dataset*" Project (Co-PI Prof. John Gerring and James Mahoney), funded by NSF, Boston University.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Articles***

John Gerring, Connor T. Jerzak, Erzen Öncel. "Composition of Descriptive Representation." *American Political Science Review Journal*. Volume 118, Issue 2, May 2024, pp. 784-801.

John Gerring, Erzen Öncel, Kevin Morrison, Daniel Pemstein. 2019. "Who Rules the World? A Portrait of the Global Leadership Class." *Perspectives on Politics* 17:4 (December) 1079-97.

John Gerring, Strom Tacker, Yuan Lu, Erzen Öncel. 2017. "When Are Minorities Worse Off? A Systematic Investigation of Size and Status." *Journal of Development Studies* 53:12, 2086-2101.

### ***Book***

John Gerring, Andrés Cruz, Laura de Castro Quaglia, Kenny Miao, Erzen Öncel and Harunobu Saijo. *Leadership and Power: A Comprehensive Survey through the Prism of Leader Tenure*. In process.

### ***Works Under Review and In Process***

John Gerring, Allen Hicken, Connor T. Jerzak, Robert G. Moser, Erzen Öncel. *Where Minorities are the Majority: Electoral Rules and Ethnic Representation*. Under Review.

John Gerring, Andrés Cruz, Laura de Castro Quaglia, Kenny Miao, Erzen Öncel and Harunobu Saijo. *Leader Tenure and Leader Power*. Under Review.

John Gerring, Connor T. Jerzak, Erzen Öncel. *Elite Cleavages: A New Approach to Measurement*. In process

Michael Latner and Erzen Öncel. "Engineering Inclusion: Electoral Systems and Minority Representation in Electoral Systems, Race and Representation" in *Electoral Systems, Race and Representation*. In process.

Michael Latner, Oscar Pocasangre, Erzen Öncel. "Consequences of Electoral Design: Race, Representation, and Governance" in *Electoral Systems, Race and Representation*. In process.

Erzen Öncel. "Elite Entrenchment and Re-Election Among Kurdish Parliamentarians in Turkey" *In process*.

Evren Balta and Erzen Öncel. "Analyzing Leadership Characteristics in Turkey" *In process*.

Erzen Öncel. "Elite Turnover and Leader Tenure in Turkey: From the Ottoman Empire to the Republic." *In process*.

### ***Other***

Erzen Öncel. 2007. "US Foreign Policy in the Middle East" in *Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States*, ed. by Joceylne Cesari, Greenwood Publishing.

Erzen Öncel. 2007. "Turkish Muslims" in *Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States*, ed. by Joceylne Cesari, Greenwood Publishing.

Erzen Öncel. 2007. "Orientalism" in *Encyclopedia of Islam in the United States*, ed. by Joceylne Cesari, Greenwood Publishing.

### **DATA COLLECTION PROJECTS**

Global Leadership Project (GLP). Co-PI: John Gerring.

Website: <https://globalleadershipproject.net/>

Ethnic Composition of Members of the Turkish Parliament.  
*In Process*.

Leader Tenure in Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic.  
*In Process*.

### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS**

Grant to support *The Global Leadership Project* (Co-PIs: John Gerring, Erzen Oncel, Kevin Morrison, and Stephen Knack): \$99,240, 2016.

Grant to support *The Global Leadership Project*. Co-PIs: Erzen Oncel, Philip Keefer, Kevin Morrison. Funder: Development Research Group, World Bank. Total award: \$67,189, 2012.

Research Fellow Scholarship, Boston University, 2008-2012.

ICPSR Summer School on Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Full Tuition Fellowship, 2010.

Graduate Research Abroad Fellow (\$10,000), Boston University, 2010-2011.

Full Tuition Teaching Fellowship, Boston University, 2004-2007.

DAAD scholar for Summer Workshop, 2002.

## CONFERENCES and INVITED TALKS

Presenter: Elite Cleavages: A New Approach to Measurement. *American Political Science Association*, Vancouver, Canada, 2025 Joint with John Gerring, Connor T. Jerzak.

Presenter: Global Affairs - A Kaleidoscope of Albright Faculty & Student Research Perspectives Of Wellesley College, *Albright Institute for Global Affairs*, Wellesley, April 14, 2025.

Presenter: Gender Equality in a Shifting Political Landscape, *Wellesley College*, Wellesley, March 28, 2025.

Invited Presenter: Envisioning Democratic Futures, *Clough Center Spring Symposium*, Boston College, Boston, March 21-22, 2025.

Invited Presenter: Guinier Research Round Table, Engineering Inclusion: Electoral Systems and Minority Representation, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2025.

Presenter: Where Minorities are the Majority: Electoral Rules and Ethnic Representation, *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, 2024. Joint with John Gerring, Allen Hicken, Connor T. Jerzak, Robert G. Moser.

Presenter: The Global Leadership Project: A Comprehensive Database of Political Elites, *International IDEA*, Stockholm, 2016. Joint with John Gerring.

Presenter: The Global Leadership Project: A Comprehensive Database of Political Elites, *European Consortium for Political Research*, Prague, 2016. Joint with John Gerring, Philip Keefer, Kevin Morrison.

Panelist: The Global Leadership Project: A Comprehensive Database of Political Elites, *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco, 2014. Joint with John Gerring, Philip Keefer, Kevin Morrison.

Presenter: Kurdish representation in Turkey: Diversity and Inclusiveness since 1920, *Middle Eastern Studies Association*, Washington D.C., 2011.

Presenter: Diversity and Inclusiveness among Political Elites: Descriptive Representation of Ethno-Cultural Groups Around the World, *American Political Science Association*, Washington D.C., 2010.

Presenter: Educational Policymaking in Turkey: Implications of European Union Accession, Second International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, University of Granada, Spain, 2007.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Advanced Research Methods (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Comparative Political Institutions: Political Parties & Electoral Systems (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Comparative Political Leadership (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Özyeğin University, Wellesley College, undergraduate)

Introduction to Political Science (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Research Methods I- Qualitative (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Research Methods II- Quantitative (Özyeğin University, undergraduate)

Research Methods and Ethics (Özyeğin University, graduate)

State and Society in the Middle East (University of Mississippi, Boston University undergraduate)

Politics of Race and Ethnicity (Özyeğin University, Boston University, undergraduate)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### *Reviewer:*

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Perspectives in Politics, Electoral Politics.*

### *Institutional:*

Departmental Recruitment Committee, Özyeğin University.

Departmental Internship Committee, Özyeğin University.

MA Program Development Committee, Özyeğin University.

Departmental Review Committee, Özyeğin University.

## **ADDITIONAL**

Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (advanced), Ottoman Turkish (advanced reading)

Technical Skills: Stata, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## **ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association, APSA

Midwest Political Science Association, MPSA

European Consortium for Political Research, ECPR

## **REFERENCES**

John Gerring, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin (*ygerring@austin.utexas.edu*)

Michael Latner, Director of Research on Democratic Reform, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard Law School ( *mlatner@law.harvard.edu* )