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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

- 2007** *Ph.D. in Political, Cultural and Historical Geography*,  
Institute of Geography, Paris IV-Sorbonne, France.  
Dissertation committee: Prof. Bertrand Badie, Prof. Beril Dedeoglu  
Prof. Ianois Mazis, Prof. Stephane de Tapia, Prof. André-Louis Sanguin (PhD  
Supervisor). Thesis: *La Question Chypriote: Une approche en Nouvelle  
Géopolitique*
- 2001** *DEA - diplôme d'études approfondi (Master's degree)* in International  
Relations at Université de Galatasaray, Istanbul, Turkey.  
Dissertation: *La position géopolitique de la Turquie dans la rivalité euro  
américaine*
- 1997** BA in International Relations at the American University of Paris, France.
- 1994** Graduation: McQueen High School, Reno Nevada, USA (AFS exchange  
student)
- 1993** Tarsus American College (An American boarding school in Tarsus, Turkey)

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Since 2011** Assistant Professor at the International Relations and European Studies  
(IRES) Department of Central European University (CEU), Budapest.
- Summer 2010** Visiting Lecturer at the International Relations Department of Franklin  
College, Lugano Switzerland
- 2007 – 2010** Visiting Lecturer and Honorary Research Fellow at the Political  
Science and International Studies Department, University of  
Birmingham, UK.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Birmingham Certificate for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education.**

**IRES/CEU** - The State, the Society and the Politics in the Middle East, European Integration, Political Islam, the EU, the Middle East and North Africa

**CEU MENA Initiative and Spring School on Global Experiences and Transitions**, the American University in Cairo, Egypt, May 25-28, 2012.

**SLOVAK ATLANTIC COMMISSION:** Lecture on *EU foreign Shaping: From Brussels to Tunis* organized in the framework of the Youth in Action Program of the European Commission, Slovak Institute in Budapest, Hungary, 24 February 2012.

**FRANKLIN COLLEGE** Ethno-territorial conflicts and critical mechanisms towards their resolution

**POLSIS-UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM** Europe in a Globalised World

## **PRINCIPAL RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

- Social Movements, Upheavals and (Trans-)formations
- The state, society and politics in the Middle East and North Africa
- Political Islam
- Cultural Political Economy
- Critical Realism
- Non-Western and alternative globalist geopolitical discourses
- Post-Neoliberalism
- European Union foreign policy

## **FUNDING ID**

**2013 Central European University Institute of Advanced Study Fellowship**

**2012 Central European University Research Support Scheme (2500 EURO)**

**2012 Central European University Academic Event Fund (5984.55 EUR)**

**2011 Višegrad Fund:** “Public Portrayal of Turkey in Višegrad Countries” project in collaboration with Anglo-American University in Prague (7000 EUR)

**2007-2009 Honorary Fellowship** at POLSIS University of Birmingham

**2003 Fondation de Robert Schuman, Paris, France:** PhD dissertation research grant (6600 EUR)

**1994-1997 The American University of Paris:** full undergraduate studies grant  
(app. 10000 USD annually)

**REVIEWER FOR:**

Political Geography  
Geopolitics  
African Journal of Political Science and International Affairs  
Routledge  
Central European University Press  
Estonian Research Council

**LANGUAGES**

*Turkish* (native speaker)

*English* (fluent: writing, reading, conversation)

*French* (fluent: writing, reading, conversation)

*Spanish* (intermediate level speaking and reading)

*Italian* (intermediate level speaking, reading and writing)

*Bosnian/Serbo-Croatian* (elementary level speaking, understanding)

*Arabic:* Beginner

**LIST OF PUBLICATIONS**

**Book:**

**2009** Akçali E. *Chypre : Un enjeu géopolitique actuel*, L'Harmattan, Paris (Reviewed by Pierre Vermeren in *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 15, No. 2, July 2010, pp: 299–303 and Gérard Groc in *Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, 129, May 17, 2011).

**Refereed Journal Articles:**

**2013 Forthcoming:** "Taming Arab Social Movements: Exporting Neoliberal Governmentality" *Security Dialogue* 44(5-6) October-December (with Halit Mustafa Tagma and Elif Kalaycioglu) **SSCI**

**2012:** Akçali, Emel, and Umut Korkut. 'Geographical Metanarratives in East-Central Europe : Neo-Turanism in Hungary.' *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 53, no. 5: 596-614.**SSCI**

**2011:** Akçalı E., ‘Getting real on fluctuating national identities: An insight from Northern Cyprus, *Antipode*, 43:5, pp: 1725-1747. **SSCI**

**2011** Dostal P., Akçalı E., Antonsich M., “Turkey’s Bid for European Union Membership: Between “thick” and “thin” conceptions of Europe”, *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, LII: 2, pp: 196-216. **SSCI**

**2010** Akçalı, E., ‘The ambivalent role of national monuments at the age of globalisation: The case of Atatürk's mausoleum in Turkey’, *Borderlands, e-journal*, Special Issue on Ambivalent Architectures, 9:2.

**2009** Akçalı E. and Antonsich M., “Nature knows no boundaries”- A critical reading of UNDP environmental peacemaking in Cyprus” *The Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, special issue on Geographies of Peace and Conflict, 99:5, pp: 940–947. **SSCI**

**2009** Akçalı, E. and Perinçek, M., ‘Kemalist Eurasianism: An emerging Geopolitical discourse in Turkey’, *Geopolitics*, 14:3, pp: 550-569. **SSCI**

**2007** Akçalı, E., ‘The Other Cypriots and Their Cyprus Questions’, *The Cyprus Review*, 19 :2, pp: 57-82.

**2005** Akçalı, E. ‘Le partenariat stratégique entre Israël et la Turquie: la nouvelle donne géopolitique au Proche-Orient’ (The strategic partnership between Israel and Turkey: a new geopolitical deal in the Middle-East), *Bulletin de l’Association des Géographes Français*, 8 :1, pp: 5-14.

#### **Chapters in Edited Books:**

**2014 Forthcoming:** “A New Vision of Borders and Good Neighbourliness” in James Ker-Lindsay (Ed.) *Resolving Cyprus: New Approaches to Conflict Resolution* (London: I.B.Tauris)

**2010:** *EU, Political Islam and Polarization of Turkish Society*, in Pace M. (ed.) *Europe, the USA and Political Islam: Strategies for engagement*, Basingtoke: Palgrave, Macmillan, pp: 40-57.

**2010:** *Reading the Cyprus conflict through mental maps: An interdisciplinary approach to ethno-nationalism*, in Guelke A. (ed.) *The Challenges of Ethno-Nationalism: Case Studies in Identity Politics*. Palgrave Macmillan, pp: 41-59.

**2009:** *The European Union’s Competency in Conflict Resolution: The Cases of Bosnia, Macedonia (FYROM) and Cyprus examined* in Diez, T. and Tocci, N. (eds.) *Cyprus: A Conflict at the Crossroads*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp: 180-197.

**2008:** *Turkey’s Harmonisation with EU Norms: Progress or Regress?* In Sperling, J. and Papacosmas V. (eds.) *Turkey and Europe: High Stakes, Uncertain Prospects*. Nicosia: University of Nicosia Press, pp: 53-72.

**2006:** *Emperyalizm, Küresellesme ve Avrupa Birliği* (Imperialism, Globalization and the European Union) in Kalayci, I. (ed.), *AB yazıları* (Opinions on European Union). Ankara: Nobel, pp: 515-532.

**2005:** *AB'nin Kıbrıs politikası* (The European Union's Cyprus policy) in Kalayci, I. (ed.), *Kıbrıs ve Geleceği* (Cyprus and its future). Ankara: Nobel, pp: 149-160.

### **Book Reviews:**

**2013:** Yael Navaro-Yashin, *The Make-Believe Space- Affective Geography in a Postwar Polity* (Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2012) in *Social & Cultural Geographer* 15 (3). **SSCI**

**2013** G.D. Brockett, *How happy to call oneself a Turk: Provincial newspapers and the negotiation of a Muslim national identity.* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2011) in *Nations and Nationalism* 19 (1) **SSCI**

**2012** R. Bryant, *The past in pieces: Belonging in the New Cyprus*, (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010) in *Nations and Nationalism* 18 (4) **SSCI**

**2012** S. J. Holliday *Defining Iran: politics of resistance*, (Ashgate, 2011) in *Nations and Nationalism* 18 (2) **SSCI**

**2008** N. Tocci *The EU and Conflict Resolution, Promoting peace in the Backyard*, (Oxford: Routledge, 2007), in *Mediterranean Politics*, 13(3) **SSCI**

### **Other Journal Articles**

**2012** Akçalı E, "Orhan Pamuk and Infuriating Turkish Bourgeoisie", *Cyprus Centre for European and International Affairs Newsletter-In Depth* Volume 9, issue 5.

**2011** Akçalı E. "Erdogan's ambiguous Northern Cyprus policy: Calculation or overreaction?", *Cyprus Centre for European and International Affairs Newsletter-In Depth* Volume 8, issue 2.

**2009** Akçalı E., 'Il dibattito ad Ankara', *Aspenia*, 45: 194-199.

### **Non-academic publications:**

Akçalı, E., *Filistin Devleti'ne doğru?* (Towards the Palestinian State? – An observation on the Palestine field trip) *Cumhuriyet*, December 9, 1998.

Akçalı, E., *Bosna burası mi baba?* (Is it here Bosnia? –essay on women's lives after and during the war in Bosnia) *Cumhuriyet Dergi* (Cumhuriyet Magazine), September 27, 1998.

Akçalı, E., *Sosyalizm son ütopyaydı* (Socialism was the last utopia Interview with Francis Fukuyama), *Cumhuriyet*, February 11, 1999.

Akçali, E., *Filistin liderinden Türkiye'ye çağrı* (A call from the Palestinian leader to Turkey - Interview with Yasser Arafat), Cumhuriyet, December 9, 1998.

Akçali, E., *Gelecek Güzel Olacak* (Future is going to be all-right - Interview with the Egyptian feminist writer Neval el Seddavi), Cumhuriyet Dergi (Cumhuriyet Magazine) October 25, 1998.

Akçali, E., *Bosna Balkanlar'ın İsviçresi olacak* (Bosnia is going to be the Switzerland of the Balkans- Interview with Alija Izetbegovic, Cumhuriyet, September 14, 1998.

## **PRESENTED PAPERS AND CHAIRED PANELS AND WORKSHOPS**

**2013** Chair: Workshop on “After Neoliberalism? The Future of Postneoliberal State and Society in Asia, Inter-Asian Connections IV- Istanbul, October 1-6, (Koç University, The Social Science Research Council, Yale University, The National University in Singapore, The Hong-Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences and Göttingen University).

**2013** Panel Participation: “EU-Turkey Relations in 2013: Increasing the Momentum and Facing Regional Challenges” TESEV Foreign Policy Program, in collaboration with Central European University, with support of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Budapest Office and the Open Society Foundation Istanbul Office, September 25, CEU Budapest.

**2013** Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual World Convention, Columbia University, New York on April 17-21 April, paper presented on “the Social Media and its role on the politics of Self-Determination in Northern Cyprus”.

**2013** Chair: Workshop on the Population growth and gender politics in the MENA Region, European University Institute in Florence for the 14<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Meeting, Mersin- Turkey on March 19-21.

**2012** Symposium: The Public Portrayal of Turkey in Visegrad Countries, the Anglo-American University, Prague, the Czech Republic, November 8-9.

**2012** EU Middle East Forum (EUMEF), Socio-Economic Malaise as a Security Threat, Which Model or Reforms for Egypt? 16<sup>th</sup> New Faces Conference, Cairo, Egypt, 28 June-1 July.

**2011** “An inter-disciplinary approach to ethno-nationalism”, paper presented at the Maps, Geopolitics and Foreign Policy Panel at WISC Conference, Porto, Portugal, August 17-20.

**2011** Discussant at a Round-table organized at CEU, Budapest on the uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia, video available on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncWFr851\G0>

**2009** “How viable is environmental peacemaking”, paper presented at What Threatens? Building Bridges in Security and Conflict Studies Conference (Political Science Department, University of Birmingham, UK, September 22).

**2009** “Maps in minds and maps in hearts: An inter-disciplinary approach to conflict resolution”, paper presented at the 7th Convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association Conference (School of International Relations, St.-Petersburg State University, Russia. September 2- 4).

**2009** “Eurasianism as the New Geopolitics of Kemalism in Turkey”, paper presented at the National Identity in Eurasia: Identities and Traditions Conference (New College, University of Oxford, UK, March 22-24).

**2008** “Eurasianism in Turkey”, paper presented at The Actuality and Historical Significance of 1968 for the Third World Conference (Koç University Istanbul, Turkey, December 18-19).

**2008** “Integrating the Multiculturalism Debate to Conflict Resolution: The Case of Cyprus”, paper presented in Cyprus and Divided Societies Workshop (Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, May 20-21).

**2008** “Insights from Cyprus for ‘New Geopolitics’”, paper presented for the ‘New Geopolitics’ workshop in European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Joint Sessions (Rennes, France, 11-16 April).

**2007** “The use of Mental Maps in Ethno-nationalist conflict studies” paper presented at the Beyond the Nation? Critical Reflections on Nations and Nationalism in Uncertain Times Conference (Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland, September 12-14).

**2006** “Symbolization of Borderscapes in Cyprus: Division, partition or invasion?” Paper presentation at International Geographical Union (IGU), Political Geography Group Conference, Borderscapes: Spaces in conflict/Symbolic spaces/ network of peace (Trento, Italy, June 11-14).

**2006** “EU’s competency in Conflict Resolution: The Cases of Bosnia, Macedonia (FYROM) and Cyprus examined”, paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Joint Sessions, (Nicosia, Cyprus, April 25-30).

**2005** “Challenges of Turkey’s Harmonization with European norms”, paper presented at the Conference on EU-US-Turkey relations, (University of Nicosia, May 14-15).

**2005** “State-building, the experience of Turkey and the impact of the EU after the Helsinki summit”, paper presented at the Conference on Nationalism and Statebuilding, (Intercollege, Nicosia, Cyprus, March 18-19).

**2004** “Destruction and Reconstruction in Bosnia”, paper presented at the Workshop on Nationalism and nations in post-Ottoman space (St-Anthony’s College, Oxford, UK, May 29-30).

**2004** “Israel-Turkey: Strategic Partnership”, paper presented at the Association of French Geographers’ Conference on Israel-Palestine, (Sorbonne University-Geography Institute Paris, France, January 12).

**2003** “Perception of Muslims in Europe and Islam in the Balkans”, paper presented at the Conference on Democracy and Human Rights in Multiethnic Societies, (Konjic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, July 7-12).