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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2021 - Present Associate Professor of Sociology, College of Global Liberal Arts,  
Ritsumeikan University

2020 - 2021 Predoctoral Research Fellow, International Security Program, Belfer Center  
for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

### EDUCATION

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2014 - 2021 Ph.D., Sociology, Yale University  
**Dissertation:** Contending Futures in the 21st-Century Middle East:  
Ideology and the Emergent Political Formations of ISIS, Kurdistan-Iraq  
and Kurdistan-Syria - *Distinction*

2017 M.Phil., Sociology, Yale University

2016 M.A., Sociology, Yale University

2011 - 2014 M.A., Political Science, Sabanci University  
*Coursework completed, thesis not defended*

2004 - 2009 B.Sc. with Honors, Computer Engineering, Bogazici University

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements, Political Conflict, State-Building, Ideologies, Middle East Studies, Political Sociology, Comparative Social Science, Social Theory

### PUBLICATIONS

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2021 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “[Competing Revolutionaries: Legitimacy and Leadership in Revolutionary Situations.](#)” *The British Journal of Sociology* 72(4):1092-1112.

2020 **Rasit, Huseyin** and Alexander Kolokotronis. “[Decentralist Vanguard: Women’s Autonomous Power and Left Convergence in Rojava.](#)” *Globalizations* 17(5):869-883.

- 2020 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “[Imperialism, Revolution, and the Desire to Lecture the Kurds: How Should We \(Not\) Analyze U.S.-Kurdish Relations.](#)” Pp. 225-41 in *Kurdish Autonomy and U.S. Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change*, edited by V. Eccarius-Kelly and M. M. Gunter. New York: Peter Lang.
- 2017 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “[Not Another Story of Failed Liberation: Tensions in Bashur and Rojava in the Light of the Referendum,](#)” *openDemocracy*

### Work in Progress

- 2022 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “An Integrated Theory of Ideology” – Under Review
- 2022 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “Journalists of the Empire: Media Bias and International Affairs”
- 2022 **Rasit, Huseyin.** “Revolutionaries, Nationalists, Jihadists: Ideology and State-Building in Emergent Political Formations”

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2020 - 2021 | International Security Program Fellowship, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, \$34,000             |
| 2018 - 2019 | Yale MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship, \$18,000                                |
| 2018 - 2019 | DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Grant, €8500  |
| 2018        | Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund, \$15,000<br>– with Jonathan Wyrzten                  |
| 2018        | U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center Grant, \$10,000 – with Jonathan Wyrzten |
| 2018        | Yale MacMillan Center International Travel Grant, \$750  |
| 2017        | Yale Graduate Student Community College Teaching Fellowship, \$3000                                    |
| 2017        | SSHA Graduate Student Travel Award, \$500  |
| 2017        | CAMP Grant, Sociology Department, Yale University, \$500   |
| 2016        | Smith Richardson Foundation International Security Studies Fellowship, \$3,000                         |
| 2016        | Yale MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Grant, \$2,000  |
| 2005 - 2009 | Honor Scholarship, the Office of the Prime Minister of Turkey, \$20,000                                |

## HONORS

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- 2016 - 2018           Kanter Fellow, Rosabeth M. Kanter Fellowship, Yale University
- 2011 - 2013           Teaching Fellowship, Sabanci University
- 2009                   Honors, Bogazici University

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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### Conference Organizer

- 2018                   Interdisciplinary Conference on Kurdish Politics and Societies, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

### Panel Organizer

- 2019                   “Ideologies and Political Formations.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2019                   “Ideologies, Political Formations, and Conflict in Kurdistan.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017                   “Syrian Kurds: Contesting Boundaries.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

### Presenter

- 2021                   “Revolutionaries, Nationalists, Jihadists: Ideology and Politics in the 21st-Century Middle East.” TUFSS Interdisciplinary Research Unit for Global Democratic Change. – Invited talk.
- 2021                   “An Integrated Theory of Ideology.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2021                   “Revolutionaries, Nationalists, Jihadists: Ideology and Emergent Political Formations.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2020                   “Colonial/Imperial Gaze in Kurdish Studies.” Roundtable. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting.
- 2019                   “A Tale of Two Kurdistans: Ideological Structures and Political Formations in Kurdistan-Syria and Kurdistan-Iraq.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

- 2019 “A Tale of Two Kurdistans: Ideological Structures and Political Formations in Kurdistan-Syria and Kurdistan-Iraq.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 “Decentralist Vanguard: Women’s Autonomous Power and Left Convergence in Rojava.” Historical Materialism Athens Conference, Panteion University, Athens.
- 2018 “Decentralist Vanguard: Women’s Autonomous Power and Left Convergence in Rojava.” Historical Materialism Annual Conference, SOAS, London.
- 2018 “Decentralist Vanguard: Women’s Autonomous Power and Left Convergence in Rojava.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Competing Revolutionaries: Legitimacy, Leadership, and Strategy in Revolutionary Situations.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- 2017 “One Ethnic Group, Two Revolutions: Kurdistan-Iraq and Kurdistan-Syria in Comparative Perspective.” Rethinking Revolutions Workshop, LSE, London.
- 2016 “An Ethics of Violence Based on Practice: The Rojava Revolution in Syria.” Historical and Comparative Perspectives on Kurdish Politics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2016 “Collective and Discursive Identities: Toward a Realist-Constructionist Theory of Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Ritsumeikan University (2021 – Present)**

#### Instructor

- Sociological Theories: Classics and Contemporary, Globalizations and International Relations, Introduction to Global Liberal Arts, Global Sociology, Research Seminar

### **Yale University (2016 – 2021)**

#### Instructor

- Political Sociology, Foundations of Modern Social Theory

Teaching Fellow

- Social Policy and the Politics of Inequality in the United States, Foundations of Modern Social Theory

**Yale Young Global Scholars (2019)**

Lead Instructor (Summer 2019)

- International Affairs and Globalization; Politics, Law, and Economics

**Gateway Community College (2017)**

Part-time Acting Instructor

- Introduction to Sociology

**Sabancı University (2011 – 2013)**

Teaching Fellow

- Introduction to Social and Political Sciences, Comparative Politics, Political Economy (Fall 2011)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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2021 - 2022	Member of Project Task Force on Curriculum Reform at the College of Global Liberal Arts, Ritsumeikan University
2019 - 2021	Coordinator of Political Violence and Its Legacies Workshop, Yale University
2018	Organizer of Interdisciplinary Conference on Kurdish Politics and Societies. Yale University, April 6-8
2017	Yale Certificate of College Teaching Preparation

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2010 - 2011	Software Engineer, Banksoft, Istanbul, Turkey
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SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

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Stata, Java, C++, C

MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association, Middle East Studies Association, Social Science History Association, International Sociological Association

## LANGUAGES

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Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Kurdish (Beginner), Japanese (Beginner)

## REFERENCES

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