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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

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

EDUCATION

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

Political Conflict, Revolutions, State-Building, Ideologies, Media and Propaganda, Middle East
Studies, Comparative Social Science, Computational Social Science, Social and Political Thought

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

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 Vanguards: Women’s Autonomous Power and Left Convergence in Rojava.](#)” *Globalizations* 17(5):869-883.

Book Chapters

- 2020 **Rasit, Huseyin.** "[Imperialism, Revolution, and the Desire to Lecture the Kurds: How Should We \(Not\) Analyze U.S.-Kurdish Relations.](#)" Pp. 225-241 in *Kurdish Autonomy and U.S. Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change*, edited by V. Eccarius-Kelly and M. M. Gunter. New York: Peter Lang.

Book Reviews

- 2022 **Rasit, Huseyin.** "[Under the Banner of Islam: Turks, Kurds, and the Limits of Religious Unity.](#)" *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 23(2):251-253.

Others

- 2017 **Rasit, Huseyin.** "[Not Another Story of Failed Liberation: Tensions in Bashur and Rojava in the Light of the Referendum.](#)" *openDemocracy*

Work in Progress

- 2023 **Rasit, Huseyin.** "An Integrated Theory of Ideology" – Under Review
- 2023 **Rasit, Huseyin.** "Journalists of the Empire: Capitalism, Imperialism, and Misinformation" – in preparation
- 2023 **Rasit, Huseyin.** "Revolutionaries, Nationalists, Jihadists: Ideology and State-Building in the Middle East" – in preparation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ritsumeikan University (2021 – Present)Instructor

- Classical Social and Political Thought, Contemporary Social and Political Thought, Political Sociology, Globalizations and International Relations, Foundations in Research Skills, Computational Methods for Social Sciences, Research Seminar, Introduction to Sociology, Global Sociology, Introduction to Global Liberal Arts

Doshisha University (2023 – Present)Instructor (Part-Time)

- Introduction to Social, Political and Economic Thought

Yale University (2016 – 2021)Instructor

- Foundations of Modern Social Theory, Political Sociology

Teaching Fellow

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

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

Sabanci University (2011 – 2013)Teaching Fellow

- Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Introduction to Social and Political Sciences

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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 – 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 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 AND AWARDS

2016 - 2018 Kanter Fellow, Rosabeth M. Kanter Fellowship, Yale University

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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.” TUFs 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.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Online. – Invited.

2020 “An Integrated Theory of Ideology.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Online.

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.
- 2018 “Competing Revolutionaries: Legitimacy and Leadership in Revolutionary Situations.” Comparative Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Vanguards of Anti-Statism: Anarchism, Leninism, and the Ideological Search for a New Mode of Public Power in Rojava.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 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.” Kurdish Summer School, Kurdish Institute, Paris.
- 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 “An Ethics of Violence Based on Practice: The Rojava Revolution in Syria.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Collective and Discursive Identities: Toward a Realist-Constructionist Theory of Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2022 - Present Member of the Steering Committee, Center for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Ritsumeikan University
- 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

2010 - 2011 Software Engineer, Banksoft, Istanbul, Turkey

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Stata, Java, C++, C, Python

LANGUAGES

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

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, Japan Association of International Relations, Middle East Studies Association, Social Science History Association, International Sociological Association

REFERENCES

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