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Educational Background

- **2007** –Ph.D. degree, City University of New York, Political Science Program
- **Thesis Subject** : A Neo-Gramscian Approach to the Rise of Political Islam in Turkey
Abstract: There has been an upsurge in the success and effectiveness of Political Islam in Turkish civil society since the 1970s. However, contrary to the arguments of modernization theorists and orientalists, this increasing effectiveness is not the result of “essential” features of Islamic culture nor does it stem from an irreconcilable dichotomy between the progressive West and backward East. Nor is it, as postmodernists have argued, an outcome of a discursive shift in the 1980s as a result of the weakening of nation state and national identity. Instead, it is the result of capitalism’s historically specific evolution from the Fordist mode of production to what we call globalized production, which in turn activated an overhaul of the historical blocs within the Middle East and Turkey. This overhaul culminated in the creation of a new hegemonic bloc (i.e. transnational liberalism). This new hegemonic bloc’s favorite ideology has been Islam, which has been promoted by the Turkish dominant classes since the September 1980 coup as a cement to unify the country’s social forces around a conservative nationalist project.

2001 – M.A. degree, Syracuse University, International Relations

Thesis subject: Continuation of Underdevelopment in the Third World
Geographical Concentration: Russia and Middle East

- **1997** – B.A degree, International Relations Department of Istanbul University

Teaching Experience

- **Spring 2004 – Fall 2006** Adjunct lecturer at CUNY John Jay College, teaching “Comparative Politics” and “Introduction to American Politics”
- **Spring 2003** – Adjunct lecturer at F.I.T/SUNY, teaching “Introduction to World Affairs”
- **Spring 2002** – Adjunct lecturer at CUNY Queens College, teaching “Middle East in World Politics”

Publications

Fall 2005- My article titled "Iraqi Democracy: Is Civil War a Solution?" was published in CUNY Advocate October 2005 Issue.

<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/advocate/OCT05ISSUE/html/06iraq.htm>

Paper Presentations

Spring 2006 – Presented My Dissertation thesis "A Neo-Gramscian Approach to the Rise of Political Islam in Turkey" at Princeton University Graduate School Conference in Princeton on April 7-8 2006.

Fall 2003 – Presented my paper "Contested Hegemony of Capital "at **ISA West Annual Meeting in Las Vegas on October 10-11 2003**

- **Fall 2003** – Revised version of above paper presented in **ISA Mid-West Annual Meeting in St. Louis on November 7-8 2003**
- **Fall 2000** – Presented my paper, "IMF and World Bank structural adjustment policies in Mexico" at Syracuse University Maxwell School's 4th Symposium on Global Issues in Public Administration on October 26-27, 2000

Academic Achievements

- **2002 and 2006** – CUNY Tuition Fellowship Award
- **1998** – received a foreign graduate studies scholarship in U.S.A as one of the top three students in International Relations' masters program entrance examinations.
- **1995** – received a University scholarship after one of my essays on "Rising of Nationalism in the Middle East" was published in University's monthly journal
- **1994** – received a scholarship from BMW-Borusan Inc. as one of the top five students in the faculty of Economics
- **1993** – enrolled in Istanbul University's International Relations program after placing in the top 1-percentile of those who took National University entrance examinations in social sciences

Related Job Experience

2003 – Fulbright Conference on American Political Development, CUNY Graduate Center: organized the logistics of the conference and social activities of participating scholars.

- **2000** – co-editor of “Nexus,” a peace activist journal. (For information write to zdmooore@maxwell.syr.edu)
- **1996** – June to September, worked at Turkish daily newspaper “Dunya,” as a translator for the international economics news desk (for information write to tozalan@hotmail.com)

Related Activities

- **2000** – Research Assistant, Syracuse Zapatista Solidarity Project
- **1995** – Student representative, Inter-University elections for student councils