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Summary

With a background in international relations and 10 years experience in global trade, I recently earned a master's degree in international relations from New York University to pivot to a career in research on the Middle East. My master's thesis analyzed the failed peace process between the Turkish government and Kurdish insurgents in 2015. Fluent in Turkish and English, I have lived on three continents and visited more than 30 countries. I seek a role as a research analyst where I can combine my international work experience, strong research and writing capabilities, and subject matter expertise to analyze media, events, and literature to develop and publish new insights about the Middle East region.

I am a Turkish citizen, holding a US Green Card.

Experience

 **PHD Candidate, Political Science**
University of Delaware
Jul 2022 - Present (1 year)

Business Analyst

Freelance Consultant

Feb 2017 - Sep 2019 (2 years 8 months)

Certified translation for the Consulate General of Turkey

- Translated and certified official documents between Turkish and English
- Joined international events as an interpreter for Turkish business people visiting Hong Kong

Court interpreter for the Hong Kong Judiciary Department

- Joined cases ranging from criminal to civil as a court interpreter for Turkish defendants
- Translated and certified evidence for criminal cases

Project consultant to Viewider Limited

- Conducted market research to discover trends in the Turkish e-commerce market to guide product and marketing strategy

- Coordinated a cross-national e-commerce project in partnership with eBay

- Analyzed Turkish laws and regulations on e-commerce, including tax, customs, and freight

Project consultant to Isabella Wren Limited

- Developed data analytics and reporting tools that improved sales forecasting and raw materials planning

Customer Program Manager

Britannia Garment Packaging

Dec 2014 - Feb 2017 (2 years 3 months)

Global garment trim, label, and packaging supplier with headquarters in UK

- Managed vendor relationships, liaised with global key account managers, directed systems development, supervised 12 employees in Hong Kong & China
- Doubled the average net margin from 15% to 30% by implementing a pricing and margin reporting system that increased transparency to salespeople

Customer Service Manager

Britannia Garment Packaging

Jul 2012 - Dec 2014 (2 years 6 months)



Chief Of Staff

DizaynVip

Jan 2011 - Jul 2012 (1 year 7 months)

Boutique firm upgrading commercial vans into custom high-security luxury vehicles

- Established an orders management system and quality control processes to ensure accurate pricing, materials sourcing, and customisation, significantly improving customer satisfaction and reducing after-sales costs
- Introduced an ERP system to manage and consolidate fragmented data sets, reducing cost of production



Senior Customer Service Representative

SML Group Limited

Apr 2008 - Jan 2011 (2 years 10 months)

Leading trim manufacturer with headquarters in Hong Kong

- Managed global data consolidation project, unifying ERP data across 50+ separate company systems into Microsoft AX
- Implemented regular data analysis and reporting, enabling management to forecast sales, raw materials, and finished goods



Senior Consultant

Prestij Danismanlik

Feb 2006 - Mar 2008 (2 years 2 months)

Consultancy helping SMEs and public organizations to access state-sponsored funding and education

- Secured state aid for sales and marketing education for 12 SMEs
- Educated farmers about European Union and World Bank subsidies to support farming technology research & development



Event Management Specialist

Various Companies

2003 - 2005 (2 years)

ZEGO COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES CENTER, Istanbul, 2005

Public relations firm providing integrated communication services to maximize consistent media placements of its clients including nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations working to support and strengthen democratic institutions worldwide

Project Assistant

- Assisted with the management of media relations of an international event organized by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs led by Madeleine Albright (Major event: Congress of Democrats from the Islamic World)

MARMARA GROUP STRATEGIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION, Istanbul, 2003 - 2004
NGO organizing events, preparing reports, and providing analysis to determine solutions to problems of Turkey

Foreign Relations Analyst

- Managed all areas of events, from pre-planning, through the event day, and post-event activities, (Major event: 6th Eurasian Economic Summit)

Publication & Translation

Others

2002 - 2005 (3 years)

- A Causal Analysis of the Failed Turkish-Kurdish Peace Process in 2015

Master's thesis, New York University, 2021

- The evolution of direct effect doctrine in the framework of notion of 'right', the direct effect doctrine: Sword or shield?

Master's thesis, Istanbul Bilgi University, 2007

- Chechnya Diary, A War Correspondent's Story of Surviving the War in Chechnya, by Thomas Goltz, Istanbul Bilgi University Press, ISBN - 10: 9756176237

Book translation, English to Turkish, 2005

- Bir Kentsel Grafik Tasarım ve İletişim Projesi: Mekânın Ruhunu Ararken, Design2Context under University of Zurich

Documentary subtitle translation, Turkish to English, 2004

Education



New York University

Master of Arts - MA, International Relations and Affairs

Sep 2019 - May 2021

- Scholarship for academic excellence
- Attended a course taught in Buenos Aires, "The Armed Forces, Society and Transitional Justice"



University of Oxford, Department for Continuing Education

Art History, Criticism and Conservation

2017 - 2017



Istanbul Bilgi University

Master of Arts - MA, European Studies

Oct 2002 - Feb 2007

- Awarded 75% scholarship
- Joint degree in European Union Law with Leiden University in Netherlands



Istanbul Bilgi University

Bachelor of Arts - BA, International Relations and Affairs

Sep 1997 - Jul 2002

- Ranked third in the department for two years and awarded Scholarship of Honour



University of Delaware

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Political Science and International Relations

May 2022 - Present

Licenses & Certifications



Global Terrorism - United Nations



Education Excursion by Dutch Consulate-General - European Parliament



FIMA Video Workshops - Consulate General of Austria



Human Subjects Protections - Social-Behavioral-Educational Focus - All UD

Researchers/Faculty/Staff - CITI Program

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Skills

Product Development • Management • Negotiation • Marketing Strategy • Sales Management • Business Strategy • Sales • Strategic Planning • Marketing Management • Pricing

Honors & Awards



75% Scholarship - Istanbul Bilgi University

2002



Scholarship of Honour, 1999 to 2002 - Istanbul Bilgi University

1999

Ranked third in the department for two years and awarded Scholarship of Honour



Scholarship for Spring 2021 term (NYU) - New York University

Jan 2021

Selected to receive a scholarship for Spring 2021 due to academic excellence and service to the IR Program and community.