Mehmet GURSES  
Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Professional Appointment

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 2013-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 2007-2013

Education

Ph.D. 2007. University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, Political Science

B.A. Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey (1997)  
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

Additional Training

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (Advanced Maximum Likelihood), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, July 24- August 18, 2006.


Workshop on Israel and the Middle East, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, 12-23 July, 2015.
Publications

Books

2014. *Conflict, Democratization and the Kurds in the Middle East: Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria* (co-edited with David Romano) Palgrave Macmillan.

Refereed Journal Articles


*Book Chapters*


*Invited Reviews*


*Selected Works Under Review/in Progress*

“Civil War and Secularization: The Effect of War on Religion” (in progress)

“Forging Democracy: How Conflict Creates Opportunities for Gender Equity and Activism” (in progress)
“Religion and Reconciliation after Civil War” (with Nico Rost) (under review)


“Oil and Democratization: Lessons from Kurdistan, Iraq” (in progress)


“European Union and Democracy Promotion: Myth or Reality?” (with Aimee Arias) (under review)

Conference Papers and Presentations


“Islamists and Women’s Rights: Lessons from Turkey” presented at the Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa, October 30- November 1, 2014 (Washington, D.C.)


“Religion and Reconciliation after Civil War” (with Nico Rost) presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2014 (Washington, D.C.)


“Is Islam a Cure for Ethnic Nationalism? Evidence from the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey” presented at Middle East Studies Association, October 10-13, 2013 (New Orleans, LA)

“Transnational Ethnic Kin: Ending the War, Promoting the Peace” presented at Eurasian Peace Science Conference, May 24-25, 2013 (Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey).

“An Obstacle or Opportunity for Peace: The Case of Kurds in Iraq and Turkey” presented at the Association for the Studies of Nationalities, April 19-21, 2012 (Columbia University, NY).


“Peace is Possible: Toward a Better Understanding of Ethnic Reconciliation” (with Nicolas Rost) presented at the Eurasian Peace Science Conference, January 7-8, 2011 (Istanbul, Turkey).

“Understanding the Complexities of Minority Rights in the European Union” (with Aimee Kanner) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 21-25, 2010 (Chicago, IL).


“Repression, Democracy, and the Duration of Peace after Civil War” (with David Mason) presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008 (Boston, MA.)


“Weak States, Repression, and Civil War” (with David Mason) presented at the annual meeting of Southern Political Science Association, January 10-12, 2008 (New Orleans, LA).


“Democracy as a Face-Saving Instrument: Evidence from Latin America” presented at the A Symposium: Prospects for Democracy in Latin America, April 5-6, 2007 (Denton, TX).


“Wealth Source and Regime Type: Economic Origins of Democracy and Authoritarianism” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7 - April 10, 2005 (Chicago, IL).

“Mediating Civil War Settlements and the Duration of Peace” (with Nicolas Rost and Patrick McLeod) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10, 2005 (Chicago, IL).


“Foreign Powers, Civil War, and Rebel Victory” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, March, 2004 (Corpus Christi, TX).

Selected Invited Talks

“Chaos in Iraq: Implications and Opportunities for the Kurds and the Region” presented at Florida International University, Miami, FL, October 28, 2014.


“Kurdish Studies & Politics” May 6, 2013, Columbia University, NY.

“From War to Democracy: Transborder Kurdish Conflict and Democratization” presented at Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 22, 2013.

“Who is Winning the Conflict in Syria?” presented at Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, November 16, 2012.

“State Building and the Kurdish Issue in Postwar Iraq and Beyond” presented at Center for International Policy Studies at University of Ottawa, Canada, March 7, 2012.

“Global Security, Radical Islam and the Challenges to the United States and Israel” Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, March 1, 2010.

Florida Society for Middle East Studies (FSMES). “Turkey: The Linchpin of the Middle East: Will the Islamist party’s electoral success turn Turkey into another Iran?” October, 2007.

Awards/Grants

External Grants

Mert Family Peace Grant, 2014, $15,000.

Atas Family Peace Grant, 2014, $5,000.

Association for the Studies of the Middle East Africa (ASMEA) Research Grant, 2014, $2,000.

Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence Faculty Research Award, 2013, 3,000 Euros.

Florida Society for Middle East Studies Grant, 2008, $30,000.

Internal Grants

Lifelong Learning Society (Jupiter) Faculty Research and Travel Grant, 2012. $2,000.


Political Science/ICPSR Clogg Scholarship, 2006, $1,000.

University of North Texas ICPSR Scholarship, 2006, $1,000.

Pender Scholars Award, University of North Texas, Fall, 2005- Spring, 2006, $1,000.

Bayesian Time Series Models Scholarship, University of North Texas, Fall, 2004-Spring, 2005, $1,000.

Sam B. McAlister Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science, University of North Texas, 2005.

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics (Democracy and Democratization, Civil War, Post-Civil War Democracy, Ethnic Conflict, Middle East Politics)

Quantitative Methodology (Ordinary Least Squares, Maximum Likelihood Estimation [Logit, Probit, Duration Models], Time Series Analysis)
Teaching Experience

4932-Political Violence and Revolution
3703-Political Science Research Methods
3003-Comparative Politics
4424-Comparative Islamist Movements
4932-Democracy and Democratization in the Middle East
6934-Research Methods and Inquiry (Graduate level)
6934-Democracy and Democratization (Graduate level)

Professional Service


Morrow Fund Committee (chair), Florida Atlantic University (2014-present)
Morrow Fund Committee (member), Florida Atlantic University (2010-2014)
Assessment Committee (member), Florida Atlantic University (2012-2014)
Graduate Studies Committee (member), Florida Atlantic University (2010-present).

Other Skills

Fluent in Turkish and Kurdish, basic knowledge of Arabic
Statistical Software: advanced knowledge of STATA, basic knowledge of SAS and R.