Mehmet GURSES  
Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Professional Appointment

Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 2019-present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 2013-2019

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

Publications

*Books*


Refereed Journal Articles


***Awarded Honorable Mention for Best Article in 2015, Political Research Quarterly***


**Book Chapters**


Invited Reviews


Other Publications


“Kurds as Peacemakers in the Middle East” (with David Romano) January 5, 2016.
Selected Works in Progress/Under Review

War and Religion in the Middle East (book manuscript)

Conference Papers and Presentations

“The Centrality of Negotiated Peace Agreements for Post-Civil War Democratization” (with David Mason) presented at the International Studies Association Virtual Convention, April 6-9, 2021.

“Civil War and Democratization: A Micro-Level Analysis” (with Ayse Betul Celik and Evren Balta) presented at the International Studies Association Convention, March 27-30, 2019 (Toronto, Canada).

“The Evolving Kurdish Question in Turkey” presented at the Workshop on New Turkey, April 1, 2019, (Salt Lake City, Utah).

“Trans-border Kurdish Conflict: Challenges and Opportunities” presented at the Middle East Studies Association, November 15-18, 2018 (San Antonio, TX).

“Civil War and Women’s Rights” (with Aimee Arias and Jeffrey Morton) presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2018 (Boston, MA).

“The Other Side of Civil War: Gender Equity and Activism Out of Violence” presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association, March 16-19, 2016 (Atlanta, GA).

“Civil War and Secularization: The Effect of Armed Conflict on Religion” presented at the annual meeting of Southern Political Science Association, January 7-9, 2016 (San Juan, Puerto Rico).


Who Governs? Ethnic and Regional Roots of Political Power in Turkey” (with Gunes Murat Tezcur) presented at the Association for the Studies of Nationalities, April 24-26, 2014 (Columbia University, NY).

“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 Aimée 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


“Peace Building in Iraq and Beyond” presented at the University of Kurdistan-Hewler (Erbil), Iraq, October 2-3, 2019.

“Turkey and the United States: A Partnership in Peril” presented at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, October 26, 2018.

“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.


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 Professorship of Current Affair, 2019-2020, $5,000.

College of Arts and Letters Seed Grant, 2019, $6,900.

Chastain-Johnston Middle East Studies Distinguished Professorship, 2016-2018, $20,000.

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


Research and Teaching Interests

Civil War, Post-Civil War Peacebuilding, Post-Civil War Democratization, Ethnic Conflict and Identity Politics, Middle East Politics; Religion and Politics

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

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate level
Political Violence and Revolution
Political Science Research Methods
Comparative Islamist Movements
Religion and Politics in the Middle East
Democracy and Democratization in the Middle East

Graduate level
Women and War
Research Methods and Inquiry
Quantitative Methods in Political Science
Democracy and Democratization

Professional Service


Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh Studies on Modern Turkey, International Advisory Board (2019-present)

I.B. Tauris Kurdish Studies Series, Advisory Board (2020-present)


Graduate Studies Director, Florida Atlantic University (2016-2020)
College of Arts and Letter Ph.D. Executive Committee (member), Florida Atlantic University (2018-present)
Graduate Studies Committee (member), Florida Atlantic University (2010-2016)