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EDUCATION

PhD, Sociology, University of Virginia, 2011

Dissertation Title: Civil Society, Democracy, and Islam in Turkey: The Case of Civil Society Organizations

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Exams: Political Sociology (passed with distinction); Sociology of Culture (passed)

MA, Sociology, University of Virginia, 2005

BA, Psychology, Koç University, 2002 (with full scholarship and the highest honor)

BA, Sociology, Koç University, 2002 (with full scholarship and the highest honor)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Civic and political participation, social and political polarization, political culture, civil society organizations and media, democracy and the rule of law.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor, Boğaziçi University, 2026-present

Assoc. Prof., Istanbul Medipol University, 2021-2026

Asst. Prof., Istanbul Medipol University, 2015-2021

Instructor, Koç University, 2008-2015

Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia, 2003-2006

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Vice Dean, Istanbul Medipol University, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2021-2026

RESEARCH GRANTS

Dijitalleşme Bağlamında Sivil Toplum Kuruluşlarının Sosyal Medya Paylaşımlarının ve Kamuoyu Tepkilerinin İncelenmesi (2025 June-2026 December). Project supported by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), 3005 - Innovative Solutions in Social Sciences and Humanities Research Projects Funding Program, 1,294,030 TL (~27,500 USD).

Democracy and the Rule of Law in Turkey: The Impact of Identity on Perception. (2013-2015). (Principal Investigator) Project supported by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), 3501-National Young Researchers Career Development Program, 112,500 TL (~55,000 USD).

PUBLICATIONS

Publications in International Journals (SSCI)

Akboga, S., Sahin, O., & Arik, E. (2025). Polarisation over the Meaning of Democracy: The Case of Political Parties in Turkey. *Politics*, 45(3), 1-22. (**Q1**, research article)

Sahin, O., & **Akboga, S.** (2022). Gender Impartiality of Public Institutions, Religiosity, and Satisfaction with Democracy: Findings from Turkey. *Democratization*, 29(2), 276-295. (**Q1**, research article)

Akboga, S. (2023). Authoritarian Neoliberalism and Resistance in Turkey: Construction, Consolidation, and Contestation, edited by İmren Borsuk, Pınar Dinç, Sinem Kavak, and Pınar Sayan, *Democratization*, 30(1), 149-151. (**Q1**, book review)

Akboga, S., & Sahin, O. (2021). Satisfaction with Democracy in Turkey: Findings from a National Survey. *Politics*, 41(2), 207-223. (**Q1**, research article)

Akboga, S., & Arik, E. (2020). The Ideological Convergence of Civil Society Organizations and Newspapers in Turkey. *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 31(4), 793-810. (**Q2**, research article).

Sahin, O., & **Akboga, S.** (2019). Ethnic Identity and Perceptions of the Police in Turkey: The Case of Kurds and Turks. *Policing and Society*, 29(8), 985-1000. (**Q1**, research article)

Akboga, S. (2019). Women Presidents and Prime Ministers in Post-transition Democracies, edited by Verónica Montecinos. *Democratization*, 26(5), 892-894. (**Q1**, book review)

Akboga, S. (2016). The Expansion of Compulsory Education in Turkey: Local and World Culture Dynamics. *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*, 46(5), 789-810. (**Q2**, research article)

Akboga, A. (2014). Turkish Civil Society Divided by the Headscarf Ban. *Democratization*, 21(4), 610-633. (**Q1**, research article)

Publications in International Journals (Scopus/ESCI)

Akboga, S., & Einolf, J.E. (2025). Against de Tocqueville: How Membership in Civil Society Organizations Predicts Understandings of Democracy. *Journal of Civil Society*, online first, 1-20. (Scopus Q2/ESCI, research article)

Akboga, S., & Sahin, O. (2022). Identity and Perceptions of Procedural Justice in the Courts in Turkey: Ethnic and Political Factors. *The Journal of Humanity and Society*, 12(1), 37-60. (ESCI, research article)

Akboga, S., & Arik, E. (2022). The Communication Strategies of Ideologically Polarized Civil Society Organizations on Twitter: The Case of Turkey. *SN Social Sciences*. (Scopus Q2, research article)

Akboga, S., & Arik, E. (2020). Twitter as a Polarized Space for Civil Society Organizations in Turkey. *The Journal of Humanity and Society*, 10(3), 164-189. (ESCI, research article)

Akboğa, S., & Şahin, O. (2018). Türkiye’de Demokrasi Algıları: Cinsiyet, Etnik ve Dini Dinamikler [Perceptions of Democracy in Turkey: Gender, Ethnic, and Religious Dynamics]. *Journal of Economy Culture and Society*, 57(1), 1-28. (ESCI, research article)

Akboğa, S., & Arik, E. (2018). Türkiye’de Sivil Toplum Kuruluşlarının Medyada Görünürlüğü [Media Publicity of Civil Society Organizations in Turkey]. *The Journal of Humanity and Society*, 8(1), 37-65. (ESCI, research article)

Arik, E., & Akboga, S. (2018). Women’s Studies in the Muslim World: A Bibliometric Perspective. *Publications*, 6(4), 1-15. (Scopus Q1/ESCI, research article)

Publications in TR Dizin Journals

Parlak, E., & Akboğa, S. (2025). Türkiye’de Yerel Yönetimler ve Demokratik Katılım: Belediyelerin Twitter Paylaşımları Üzerinden Bir Analiz [Local Governments and Democratic Participation in Turkey: An Analyiss Based on Municipalities' Twitter Posts]. *İstanbul Ticaret Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 24(54), 1248-1285. (TR Dizin, research article)

Akboğa, S. (2020). Türkiye Siyasî ve Toplumsal Hayatında Başörtüsünün Değişen Anlamları [The Changing Meanings of the Headscarf in Turkish Political and Social Life]. *Liberal Düşünce*, 46(5), 789-810. (TR Dizin, research article)

Bozaykut Bük, T., & Akboğa, S. (2020). Kurumsal Sosyal Sorumluluk Çerçevesinde İşletme-Sivil Toplum Kuruluşları İş Birliklerinin Dinamikleri: Türkiye Örneği [The Dynamics of Business-Civil Society Organization Collaborations in the Framework of Corporate Social Responsibility: The Case of Turkey]. *Ankara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Fakültesi Dergisi*, 28(98), 83-101. (TR Dizin, research article)

Şahin, O., & Akboğa, S. (2019). Türkiye’de Devlet-Sivil Toplum Kuruluşları İlişkisi ve Sivil Toplum Kuruluşlarına Katılım [The Relationship between the State and Civil Society Organizations, and Participation in Civil Society Organizations in Turkey]. *Marmara University International Journal of Political Science & Urban Studies*, 7(2), 405-427. (TR Dizin, research article)

Akboğa Demir, S., and Arık, E. (2017). Sosyoloji Alanındaki Türkiye Adresli Bilimsel Yayınların İncelemesi [An Investigation of Publications in the Field of Sociology with an Address in Turkey]. *İnsan ve Toplum Bilimleri Araştırmaları Dergisi*, 6(3), 1876-1906. (TR Dizin, research article)

Book Chapters

Akboğa, S. (2024). Vatandaşlık ve Katılımcı Demokrasi. In Ahmet Talimciler (ed.), *Siyaset Sosyolojisi* (69-86). Akademisyen Kitabevi: Ankara.

Akboga, S. (2020). Women's Consumption from a Historical Perspective: Enabling or Constraining?. In Cahit Aslan and İsmail Sanberk (eds), *Sociology and Psychology Sciences Research* (21-33). Akademisyen Kitabevi: Ankara.

Akboga, S. (2019). Construction of the Turkish Nation During the 1930s: Turks as the Civilizers of the World. In İsmail Alagöz, Aslı Gezen, Abdullah Yılmaz, and Göktürk Erdoğan (eds.), *Social, Human and Administrative Sciences Research Papers* (367-386). New York: Gece Akademi.

Akboga, S. (2017). The Current State of Volunteering in Turkey. In Jacqueline Butcher and Christopher J. Einolf (eds.), *Perspectives on Volunteering: Voices from the South* (245-261). Switzerland: Springer. (WOS)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Türkiye’de Göçmenlere Yönelik Tutum ve Demokrasiden Memnuniyet [Attitudes Toward Immigrants and Satisfaction with Democracy in Turkey].” XI. Ulusal Sosyoloji Kongresi, September 2025, Bursa, Turkey.

“Türkiye’de Demokrasiden Memnuniyeti Etkileyen Faktörler [Factors Affecting Satisfaction with Democracy in Turkey].” 1. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi, September 2022, Istanbul, Turkey. (with Osman Sahin)

“The Uses of Democracy by Political Parties on Twitter: The Case of Turkey.” 72th Political Studies Association Annual International Conference, April 2022, York, United Kingdom. (with Osman Sahin and Engin Arık)

“Türkiye’de Siyasal Bağlam ve Sivil Toplum Kuruluşlarının Sosyal Medyada Temsiliyeti [Political Context and the Representation of Civil Society Organizations in Social Media in Turkey].” 3. Uluslararası Sosyal Bilimler Kongresi, January 2020, Kayseri, Turkey.

“Türkiye’de Sivil Toplum Kuruluşları-Devlet İlişkisi ve Demokrasiden Memnuniyet [Civil Society Organizations-State Relationship and Satisfaction with Democracy in Turkey].” 10th International Non-Governmental Organizations Congress, November 2019, Balıkesir, Turkey.

“Türkiye’de Sivil Toplum Kuruluşlarının Twitter’da Görünürlüğü [The Visibility of Civil Society Organizations on Twitter in Turkey].” IX. Ulusal Sosyoloji Kongresi, September 2019, Ankara, Turkey.

“Türkiye’de Gazeteler ve Sivil Toplum Kuruluşları [Newspapers and Civil Society Organizations in Turkey].” 3rd. International Congress on Social Sciences, Humanities and Education, December 2018, İstanbul, Turkey.

“Culture of Volunteering and Philanthropy in Turkey.” Conference on EU-Turkey Civil Society Dialogue on Volunteering for Refugee Protection: Strengthening Refugee Assistance Services in Turkey, May 2017, Ankara, Turkey.

“Kurds' Perception of Judicial System in Turkey.” Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, April 2017, Chicago, USA. (with Osman Sahin)

“Effects of Gender, Ethnicity, and Religion on People’s Perceptions of Democracy in Turkey.” Midwest Political Science Annual Conference, April 2016, Chicago, USA. (with Osman Sahin)

“Expansion of Education in Turkey: Global and Local Dynamics.” World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, August 2014, Ankara, Turkey.

“State and Civil Society in Turkey.” The International Society for Third-Sector Research Meeting (ISTR), July 2012, Siena, Italy.

“Civil Society, Democracy, and Islam in Turkey: The Case of Civil Society Organizations.” Koç University Social Science Seminars, October 2011, İstanbul, Turkey.

“Civil Society, Islam, and Democracy in Turkey: The Case of Headscarf Ban.” The International Society for Third-Sector Research Meeting (ISTR), June 2010, İstanbul, Turkey.

“Civil Society, Democracy, and Kurdish Issue in Turkey.” World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, July 2010, Barcelona, Spain.

“Construction of Turkish Nation: Turks as the Civilizers of the World.” Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, February 2008, New York, USA.

“The Turkish State and Women in Headscarves: Oppression or Emancipation?” Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, February 2006, Boston, USA.

“Secularization in Turkey: Unintended Consequences.” Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, March 2005, Washington DC., USA.

“Education and Gender.” (with Prof. Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı and Batuhan Aydagül). Sabancı University Education Reform Initiative Conference, May 2003, İstanbul, Turkey.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Medipol University

Introduction to Sociology

Civil Society and Democracy

Political Sociology

Social Structure of Turkey

Koç University (Fall 2008-Spring 2015)

History of Turkish Revolution

Civil Society and Democracy

Işık University (Spring 2012)

Introduction to Sociology

University of Virginia (Fall 2003-Spring 2006)

Introductory Sociology

Cities and Cultures

Gender and Society

Introduction to Social Statistics

Intermediate Statistics

AWARDS AND HONORS

Teaching Award, Koç University, 2013.

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia, 2003-2006.

Graduate Fellowship, Bilgi University-Istanbul, 2002-2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Ad-hoc reviewer for *Social Forces*, *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*, *Third World Quarterly*, *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, *Turkish Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, *Social Problems*, *Political Sociology*, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, *South European Society and Politics*, *Democratization*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Civil Society, Information, Communication, and Society*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Political Psychology*, *Journal of Political Science and Public Opinion*.