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RESEARCH FOCUS

Researcher working on democratic governance under digital conditions, institutional responses to generative AI, and comparative constitutional resilience. Current work examines how enforcement cultures, regulatory design, and institutional capacity shape democratic will formation in algorithmically mediated environments. Combines comparative constitutional analysis with institutional and governance research.

EDUCATION

- Graduate Certificate, CopyrightX, Harvard Law School / Berkman Klein Center (2019)
- LL.M., Information Technology Law, Istanbul Bilgi University (2013)
- LL.B., Ankara University (2007)

CURRENT & PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- Lecturer in Law (Undergraduate), Istanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University Faculty of Law (2015–Present)
- Lecturer in Law (LL.M. Programme), Istanbul Okan University Faculty of Law (2022–2023)
- Of Counsel, Aksan Law Firm (Legal 500), Istanbul (2018–2024)
- Legal Counsel, BTS & Partners (Legal 500), Istanbul (2010–2012)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Courses taught: selection)

AI Governance; Copyright Law; Cybercrime Law; E-Commerce Law; Entrepreneurship Law; Human Rights in the Digital Age; Information Technology Law; Intellectual Property Law; Internet Law; New and Disruptive Technologies Law; Personal Data Protection Law

RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES (selected; pro bono & voluntary)

- Legal Advisor, Association Internationale des Critiques d'Art – Turkey (2025–present)
- Project Partner, Artificial Intelligence Initiative Turkey (2018–present)
- Legal Project Partner, Creative Commons Turkey (2015–present)

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS & CERTIFICATES

- Full scholarship, Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute, University of Oxford, 2017
- Full scholarship, Internet Policy Research Methods Course, Annenberg / Kadir Has Univ., 2015
- 1st Place Award, KarakutuProjesi.org Whistleblower Journalism Project, 2015
- Full scholarship, LL.M. IT Law, Istanbul Bilgi University, 2013

BOOK CHAPTERS & TEXTBOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

- "Counter-Surveillance as Creative Practice: Privacy Activism and Algorithmic Resistance in European Digital Spaces" in "Algorithmic Mediations: Resistance, Control, and Synthetic Presence in Digital Culture", Ed. Prof. Erkan Saka, Palgrave Macmillan Press, (Expected Publication: 2026)

- "Protection of Personal Data in Medicine", İzmir Tınaztepe Univ. Press, 2022
- "Legal Challenges of Location Data Privacy", Siyasal Kitabevi, 2020
- "Licensing Agreements & Digital Rights Management", textbook, Anadolu University, 2019
- "Digital Activism or Uprising?" in "İnternet ve Sokak", Ed. Prof. Y. İnceoğlu, Ayrıntı, 2015
- "Digital Resistance", EU Democracy & Human Rights Program, 2014

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & NATIONAL JOURNALS (selected, in Turkish)

- "Encouraging Creativity: CC Licenses", Fikri Mülkiyet Hukuku Yıllığı 2017
- "User-Generated Content & IP Rights", Fikri Mülkiyet Hukuku Yıllığı 2016
- "New Adventure of Copyright Law: Social Media", Folklore/Literature, 2015
- "New Media and Evolving Legal Liabilities", Pi Dergisi, 2012

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (selected, in Turkish)

- "Internet Censorship in Turkey", Akademik Bilişim Conference, İstanbul University, 2024
- "NFTs and Copyright in Photography", Photography Summit, Akdeniz University, 2023
- "Practices of Spatial Media Using in the Digital Age", Galatasaray University, 2021
- "Internet Censorship in Turkey", Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, 2020
- "Open Licensing According to Turkish Law", Özyeğin University, 2016
- "Legal Protection of Computer Programs: Free Software", Ankara University, 2015
- "ECtHR Rulings, Law No. 5651 and Internet Censorship in Turkey", İzmir University, 2013
- "Privacy in Digital Media under IT Law", Muğla University, 2010
- "Personal Data Protection on the Internet", İstanbul Bilgi University, 2009

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & PANELS (in English)

- Workshop Participant, Open Gov. Engaged Citizens Conf., Tirana, Albania, 2015
- Workshop Participant, Personal Democracy Poland-CEE, Warsaw, Poland, 2015
- Panelist, Turkey: Recent Internet Law & Gezi Protests, Swedish Research Institute, Turkey, 2015
- Speaker, Online Freedoms & Access to Information, UN IGF, Istanbul, 2014
- Speaker, Anonymity by Design: Protecting While Connecting, UN IGF, Istanbul, 2014
- Speaker, Human Rights for the Internet: From Principles to Action, UN IGF, Istanbul, 2014
- Country Representative, Think Twice Conference (Pirate Parties International), Istanbul, 2014
- Panelist, Video Game Regulation in Turkey, Quo Vadis Conference, Berlin, Germany, 2013

MEMBERSHIPS (selected)

- Informatics Association of Turkey (2016–present)
- Internet Society – Turkey Chapter (Founding Member) (2014–present)
- Istanbul Bar Association – IT Law, IP Law and Data Protection Law Councils (2008–Present)

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (C1)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.