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CURRENT POSITION

Bogazici University, Faculty of Law Assistant Professor of Constitutional Law | September 2023 – Present

EDUCATION

King's College London PhD in Law | October 2018 – September 2023

- Thesis: *Constitutional Identity as an Essentially Contested Concept*.
- Supervised by Prof. Lorenzo Zucca, Examined by Yaniv Roznai and Bosko Tripkovic; Approved without corrections.

Birkbeck College, University of London LLM in Constitutional Politics, Law and Theory | September 2016 – August 2017

- Thesis Completed with Distinction.

Istanbul University, Faculty of Law LLB | September 2009 – July 2014

BOOKS

- *The Contested Nature of Constitutional Identity: Normativity, Complexity and Change*, **Edward Elgar Publishing** (Under contract, expected delivery 2026).
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Constitutional Theory
- Constitutional Identity
- Comparative Constitutional Law

- Political Theology
 - History of Constitutional Thought
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RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- 'Constituent Power and Constitution-Making in Turkey: A Historical and Analytical Study' (Project supported by Bogazici University).
 - 'Managing Proliferation without Forcing Consensus: A Concept–Conception Framework for Coordinated Constitutional Knowledge Representation'.
 - 'Scenes from Marriages: Constitutions between Will and Reason'.
 - 'The Popular and the Public: Constitutional Democracy and the Logic of Populism'.
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PUBLICATIONS

- 'Theological Foundations of Constitutional Thought: Carl Schmitt's Analogy between the Exception and the Miracle', *İstanbul Hukuk Mecmuası – Istanbul Law Review*, 83 (4), 2025, pp. 1644–1662.
 - 'Islamic Constitutionalism in Theory and Practice: The Case of Islamic Republic of Iran', *Istanbul Medeniyet Law Review*, Vol. 10, Issue 1, 2025.
 - 'Agamben's Critique of Human Rights', *Suleyman Demirel Law Review*, Vol. 9, No. 2, 2019.
 - 'Human Rights in Film: A Thought Experiment on Theoretical Basis', *Human Rights Review*, Issue 15, 2018.
 - 'The New Identity of Muslims in Europe: Rawls' or Schmitt's Perspective', *Suleyman Demirel Law Review*, Vol. 7, No. 2, 2017.
 - 'Reformation of Islamic Law: Can Sharia Disentangle from Fiqh?', *Suleyman Demirel Law Review*, Vol. 6, No. 2, 2016.
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PRESENTATIONS

- 'The Vanishing Promise: Constituent Power and the Crisis of Meaning in Constitutionalism', **ICON-S Annual Conference**, Brasilia, 2025.
- 'Constitutional Identity as an Essentially Contested Concept: Universal–Particular Tension, Past–Future Dynamism', **ICON-S Annual Conference**, Brasilia, 2025.
- 'The Nexus between Constitutional Identity and Constitutional Preambles', **ICON Annual Conference**, Madrid, 2024.
- 'The Place of Constitutional Identity in Constitutional Law', **ISAR Conference**, Istanbul, 2023.

- 'The Role of Essentially Contested Concepts in Migration of Constitutional Ideas: The Case of Constitutional Identity', **Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference**, London, 2022.
 - 'Genealogy of Constitutionalism', **Liverpool Constitutional Theory Workshop**, Liverpool, 2019.
 - 'Theology and Constitutional Theory', **King's College Doctoral Group**, London, 2019.
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WORK & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bogazici University, Assistant Professor | September 2023 – Present

- Courses: Introduction to Law, General Principles of Constitutional Law, Turkish Constitutional Law.

Queen Mary University of London, Teaching Fellow | August 2021 – February 2022

- Seminars on International Law and Politics.

King's College London, Teaching Assistant | August 2021 – February 2022

- Seminars on International Law and Human Rights.

King's College Student Law Review, Senior Editor | 2019 – 2023

IBA Law Firm, Attorney at Law | 2015 – 2016

VISITING POSITIONS

- **University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law** Visiting Scholar | July – September 2025
 - - Project: *Constituent Power and Constitution-Making in Turkey: A Historical and Analytical Study* (Supported by Bogazici University Research Fund).
 - Conducted research and collaborated with **Lars Vinx**.
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MEMBERSHIPS & AWARDS

- **Teaching Excellence Award**, Bogazici University, 2024.
 - **Overseas PhD Scholarship**, Republic of Turkey Ministry of National Education.
 - **ICON-S** (The International Society of Public Law), Founding Member of the Turkish Chapter.
 - **Istanbul Bar Association**, Member since 2014.
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LANGUAGES

- **Turkish**: Native.
 - **English**: Fluent (C2).
 - **Arabic**: Intermediate (B1).
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REFERENCES

- **Prof. Lorenzo Zucca**, King's College London.
- **Prof. Bosko Tripkovic**, University of Glasgow.
- **Prof. Yaniv Roznai**, Reichman University.