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ACADEMIC / ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher 2025 – Present

Department of International Relations, Bilkent University
Great Realignment: Small-State Statecraft and the Global Order
(with Efe Tokdemir, Carnegie Corporation of New York Project)

Visiting Lecturer 2023 – Present

Bilkent University | IR 236: 20th Century World Politics (Spring 2026)
Kadir Has University | PSIR 468: European Integration (Spring 2025)
Kadir Has University | IR-INT 313: International Relations Theory (Summer 2024)
Kadir Has University | IR-INT 210: Introduction to International Relations (Summer 2023)

Publication Coordinator Jan 2022 – Present

Uluslararası İlişkiler – International Relations Journal

Researcher & Online Operations Coordinator Sep 2025 – Present

Global Academy

AFFILIATIONS

Supervisory Board – Substitute Member 2022 – Present

Global, Siyasal, Sosyal ve Ekonomik Araştırmalar Derneği (Global Academy)

Project Assistant Fellow Apr 2025 – Aug 2025

TÜBİTAK 1002 – The Effect of Leaders' Emotions in Determining Turkey's Policies Towards the EU
(PI: Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe, Kadir Has University)

Project Assistant Fellow Apr 2023 – Mar 2025

TÜBİTAK 3005 – The Europeanization of Sports in Turkey and the Place of Sports in Turkey-EU
Relations
(PI: Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe, Kadir Has University)

Jean Monnet Project Assistant Jun 2022 – Oct 2023

Chair: Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe, Kadir Has University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in International Relations 2019 – 2025

Kadir Has University, Istanbul | GPA: 3.94 | Full Scholarship

M.A. in Political Science 2017 – 2019

Sabancı University, Istanbul | GPA: 3.36 | Full Scholarship

Erasmus+ Exchange Feb – Jun 2016

Mannheim University, Germany

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ontological Security Theory, Emotions in International Relations, Turkish Foreign Policy, EU-Turkey Relations, Populism, De-Europeanization, Political Psychology, Foreign Policy Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Lacin Idil Oztig and **Erman Ermihan**. 2026. "From sacred spaces to imperial glory: a deconstruction of civilizational discourses in Türkiye and Saudi Arabia." *Globalizations*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14747731.2026.2658907>
- Ceren Melis Kıcıroğlu, **Erman Ermihan**, and Umut Can Adisönmez. 2026. "The Abject Other in Turkish Politics: Populist Securitization, Affect, and the Victory Party." *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14683857.2025.2611725>
- Ceren Melis Kıcıroğlu and **Erman Ermihan**. 2026. "The affective economy of aid: narcissistic security and the making of Türkiye's moral self." *Third World Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2026.2631775>
- **Erman Ermihan** and İrem Karamık. 2025. "Causal Mechanisms of Ontological (In)Security in Turkish Politics and Foreign Policy: Anxiety Transmittance from Sèvres to Lausanne." *Turkish Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14683849.2025.2461083>
- Nasuh Sofuoğlu, Samer Sharani, and **Erman Ermihan**. 2024. "The Self and the Other: Individual Emotions and Ontological Security in Turkish Foreign Policy." *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03043754241291121>
- **Erman Ermihan** and Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe. 2024. "Emotions and norms in the Syrian refugee crisis: the comparative responses of the EU and Turkey." *Journal of European Integration*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07036337.2024.2359586>
- **Erman Ermihan**. 2024. "End of jouissance, start of resentment: a Lacanian critical security approach to Turkey's relations with the West." *Critical Studies on Security*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21624887.2024.2312317>
- İrem Karamık and **Erman Ermihan**. 2023. "Quo Vadis, Turkish IR? Mapping Turkish IR's Footsteps within the Global." *All Azimuth* 12(2): 241–260. <https://www.allazimuth.com/2023/06/21/quo-vadis-turkish-ir-mapping-turkish-irs-footsteps-within-the-global/>
- İrem Karamık and **Erman Ermihan**. 2023. "Feeling Imagined Spaces: Emotional Geographies in the EU-Turkey Relations." *Uluslararası İlişkiler* 20(77): 71–88. <https://www.ir-journal.com/issues/spatial-imaginations-of-turkey-and-europe/feeling-imagined-spaces-emotional-geographies-in-the-eu-turkey-relations>
- **Erman Ermihan**. 2021. "Uluslararası İlişkilere Duygusal Bakış." *Akademik Düşünce Dergisi* (3): 89–92. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/akademikdusunce/article/909719>

Book Chapters

- Veli Özdemir and **Erman Ermihan**. 2026. "Politik Psikoloji: Duygular, Ontolojik Güvenlik ve Popülizmin Kesişimi." In *Uluslararası İlişkilere Giriş: Küresel Sistem, Aktörler ve Teoriler*, ed. Didem Buhari and Seçkin Barış Gülmez. Orion Yayınları.
- Ceren Melis Kıcıroğlu, **Erman Ermihan**, and Nuri Fudayl Kıcıroğlu. 2025. "Turkey." In *The Palgrave Geopolitical Atlas: State and Quasi-State Actors in Great Power Competition*, ed. Brian C. H. Fong, 193–208. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-95-1507-3>
- Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe and **Erman Ermihan**. 2023. "Türkiye'de Güvenlik Çalışmaları." In *Türkiye'de Uluslararası İlişkiler Çalışmaları: Alt Alanlar ve Bölgesel Odaklar*, ed. Ayça Ergun, Çiğdem Üstün, and Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe. Ankara: İmge Kitabevi.

Other Publications & Reports

- Karel Franco Valansi and **Erman Ermihan**. 2026. "Ontological Insecurity and Emotional Governance in Turkish Foreign Policy." *GA Reports*. <https://shorturl.at/3BDH8>

- **Erman Ermihan** and Nasuh Sofuoğlu. 2025. "The European Union's Enlargement Dilemma: Is Nihilistic Responsibility the New Normal?" *EU-VALUES Blog*, 5 September 2025. <https://www.eu-values.eu/blog/the-european-unions-enlargement-dilemma-is-nihilistic-responsibility-the-new-normal>
- **Erman Ermihan**. 2025. "AKP Döneminde Türkiye-AB İlişkileri: Duygular ve Dış Politika." *Global Panorama*, 29 October 2025. <https://www.globalpanorama.org/2025/10/akp-doneminde-turkiye-ab-iliskileri-duygular-ve-dis-politika-erman-ermihan/>
- **Erman Ermihan**. 2024. "Göçmen and IOM." *Secopedia*. <https://www.secopedia.org/katkida-bulunanlar/erman-ermihan/>
- Abdullah Arslan, **Erman Ermihan**, and Kleopatra Moditsi. 2021. *Audi Alteram Partem: Enhancing Trust-Building in Greek-Turkish Relations Through Youth Empowerment*. Greek-Turkish Relations Project, November 2021. https://www.nobelyayin.com/e_tanitim/bridging-the-gaps.pdf
- **Erman Ermihan**. Chapters: Bihishti, Special Clerical Court, Iranian Parliament, Association of Combatant Clerics. In *Modern Iran Encyclopedia*, ed. Umut Başar. IRAM Publications.

UNDER REVIEW & WORKING PAPERS

- "Emotions as an Intervening Variable in Neo-Classical Realism: A Study on Leadership Effects in Russia and Turkey" (with Doğuş Sönmez – under review)
- "The Politics of Bodily Refusal and Dance in Turkey" (with Veli Özdemir and Ceren Melis Kıcıroğlu – under review at Intersections)
- "Digital Sovereignty, Emotions, and Ontological Security in Turkish AI Policy" (with Ayhan Gücüyener Evren and Jacopo Franceschini – revise and resubmit)
- "Emotions and Affect in UN Peacekeeping: R2P Operations" (with İpek B. Karaman-Yılmazgil and İrem Karamık – revise and resubmit at International Peacekeeping)
- "Qatar and UAE Foreign Policies: A Comparative Analysis" (with Ali Bakır and Laçın İdil Öztığ - work in progress)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Conferences

- "Emotions in Multilateral Diplomacy: The Instrumentalization of Affect in the United Nations' Responsibility to Protect Operations" (with İpek B. Karaman-Yılmazgil and İrem Karamık). BISA EPIR Working Group Virtual Workshop, March 31, 2025.
- "Nihilistic Responsibility in EU Enlargement: Ontological Security, Value-Based Action, and Strategic Ambiguity" (with Nasuh Sofuoğlu). EU Values Conference, July 1–2, 2025.
- "Emotional Norms in EU-Turkey Science Diplomacy: Trust, Recognition, and Affective Gaps in the AKP Era (2002–2025)." Science Diplomacy Forum (SCIDIPPRO), Yeditepe University, Istanbul, November 5–7, 2025.
- "Event in IR and the Visual Narratives" (with İrem Karamık). 3rd Ankara Social and Humanities Sciences Congress, January 31, 2026.
- "Between Nihilism, Responsibility, Ontological Security: The EU's Foreign Policy Towards the Balkans." Ontological Security Research and Training Workshop, September 30–October 3, 2023.
- "End of Jouissance, Start of Resentment: A Lacanian Approach to Turkey's Relations with the West." EISA PEC 2023, September 5, 2023.
- "Identity Limbs Cut and Reserved: Ontological Security and Place through Economic and Lifestyle Migration between Europe and Turkey" (with Nasuh Sofuoğlu and Samer Sharani). IMISCOE Annual Conference 2023, July 4, 2023.
- "Migration in Turkey-EU Relations: Re-Thinking Borders Through Panopticon" (with Cansu Paslıoğlu). IMISCOE Annual Conference 2023, July 4, 2023.
- "Biden's Democracy Summit: The US Ontological (In)Security, Domestic Politics and the Weakening Liberal International Order" (with Hasan Basri Barit). INTPOLSEC 2023, October 21, 2023.
- "Between Emotions and Foreign Policy: The Case of EU-Turkey Relations During the AKP Government." PSA 2023, April 3–5, 2023.
- "The Self and the Other: Individual Emotions and Ontological Security in Turkish Foreign Policy" (with Aslı Şebnem Haliman, Nasuh Sofuoğlu, and Samer Sharani). EISA PEC 2022, August 31, 2022.
- "Emotions and Norms in the Syrian Refugee Crisis: The Comparative Responses of the EU and Turkey" (with Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe). ECPR 2022, April 21–23, 2022.
- "Continuity in Change: Anxiety in Turkish Politics Through Sèvres and Lausanne Syndromes" (with İrem Karamık). PSA 2022, April 11–13, 2022.
- "No Lockdowns, No Masks: Social Movements During COVID-19" (with Büşra Mahmutoğlu and Gizem Kaya). MPSA 2022, April 7–10, 2022.

- "Holding Onto Resentment: Emotional Articulations in the EU-Turkey Relations After the July 15 Coup Attempt." ISA 2022, March 28–April 2, 2022; MPSA 2021, April 14–18, 2021.
- "Quo Vadis Turkish IR? Mapping Turkish IR's Footsteps within the Global" (with İrem Karamık). 6th Annual All Azimuth Workshop, November 6–7, 2021.
- "With or Without You: The Shift in Discourses of Identity in the EU-Turkey Relationship." A-NEST Conference, February 25, 2021; MCES 2020, February 7–8, 2020.

National Conferences

- "Bir Ara Değişken Olarak Duygular: Rusya ve Türkiye'de Liderlik Etkisi Üzerine Neo-Klasik Realist Bir İnceleme" (with Doğuş Sönmez). XI. UIK Kongresi, Eskişehir, May 7–10, 2026.
- "AKP Döneminde (2002–2025) Mizah, Caps ve Duygular Siyaseti" and panel presentation (with Ceren Melis Kıcıroğlu and Helin Sarı Ertem). Ulusal Sosyal Bilimler Kongresi, September 24–26, 2025.
- "Olumlu Narsisizm ve Dış Yardımlar: Türkiye'nin Afrika ile İlişkilerine Dair Psikanalitik Bir İnceleme" (with Ceren Melis Kıcıroğlu and Helin Sarı Ertem). SITD III. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi, September 28–29, 2024.
- "Uluslararası İlişkilerde Duyguların İzini Sürmek: Bir Yöntem Olarak Duygusal Söylem Analizini Geliştirmek." International Relations Studies and Education Congress, May 23–26, 2024.
- "Benlik ve Öteki: Türk Dış Politikasında Bireysel Duygular ve Ontolojik Güvenlik" (with Nasuh Sofuoğlu). SITD II. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi, October 7–8, 2023.
- Multiple presentations at I. National Political Science Congress, September 24–25, 2022 (with Cansu Paslıoğlu and Elif Ezgi Keleş).
- "Ne Seninle Ne de Sensiz: Türkiye-AB İlişkilerinde Kimlik Söylemlerindeki Değişimler." UIK Dış Politika Akademisi V, May 9–12, 2019.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

- IR 236: 20th Century World Politics – Bilkent University (Spring 2026)
- PSIR 468: European Integration – Kadir Has University (Spring 2025)
- IR-INT 313: International Relations Theory – Kadir Has University (Summer 2024)
- IR-INT 210: Introduction to International Relations – Kadir Has University (Summer 2023)

Teaching & Research Assistantship

- Sabancı University – Teaching Assistant (Sep 2017 – Aug 2019)
- Kadir Has University – Department Assistant, International Relations (Oct 2021 – 2025)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Editorial

- Publication Coordinator, Uluslararası İlişkiler – International Relations Journal (2022 – Present)
- Reviewer: Uluslararası İlişkiler / International Relations

Memberships

- Siyasi İlimler Türk Derneği (SITD)
- International Relations Council of Turkey (UIK)

Congress Organization

- XI. UIK Kongresi – Panel presenter, moderator, and organization committee member (2026)
- IX.–X. International Relations Studies and Education Congress – Assistant (2022–2024)
- Dokuzuncu Uluslararası İlişkiler Çalışmaları ve Eğitimi Kongresi – Assistant (2021)
- Responsibility, Nihilism, and Ontological (In)Security Conference – Organization team (2022)
- International Relations Graduate Summer School – Co-organizer (2023)
- Academicus Summer School – Organization team (2022)

Other Academic Activities

- Academicus – Academic Blog, Co-Founding Member (2021 – Present)
- Paradigma – Podcast Series, Co-Founding Member (2020 – Present)
- Secopedia – Project Assistant (2020 – 2025)
- Foreign Policy Academy, UIK – Assistant (May 2023)
- Security Academy (XV–XVIII), UIK – Assistant (December 2021 – December 2023)
- SICSS 2021 Istanbul – Computational Social Science Institute (May–June 2021)

LANGUAGES & COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages

Turkish: Native
English: Advanced (YOKDIL 92.5 – 2026)
German: Intermediate
French: Beginner

Computer Skills

Microsoft Office – Intermediate
LaTeX – Intermediate
R – Intermediate
Stata – Beginner
WordPress / Anchor (Podcast) – Intermediate

SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE PROFILES

LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/in/erman-ermihan-81244b56](https://www.linkedin.com/in/erman-ermihan-81244b56)

Twitter/X: twitter.com/erman1995

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@1995erman>

REFERENCES

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