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EDUCATION

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| Master of Arts 2018-2020 (expected) | Freie Universität Berlin, English Studies: Literature, Language, Culture Honors: Deutschlandstipendium Activities: FU Review Welcome@FUBerlin - Buddy Program |
| B.A. with High Honors 2013-2017 | Bilkent University, English Language and Literature Honors: Full scholarship, <i>summa cum laude</i> (Class rank: 2 of 34), Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) Scholarship recipient Activities: Think Colorfully LGBTQ and Women's Rights Club – Board Member (2013-2014), Administrative Coordinator (2014-2015) Quidditch Society – Founding Member Bachelor Thesis: <i>"What is this behind this veil": Reading Plath through Julia Kristeva</i> |
| Erasmus Exchange Feb 2016-Jul 2016 | University of Groningen Studied with Erasmus+ grant, completed the semester <i>cum laude</i> (8.4/10) Activities: Erasmus Student Network Groningen Groningen University Turkish Student Association |
| B.A. with Honors 2006-2010 | Dokuz Eylül University, Public Administration Activities: 5 th National Student Congress of Political Science and Public Administration Public Administration and Scientific Thought Club Undergrad Student Forums Photography Club Bachelor Thesis: <i>Comparison of Administrative Systems in Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four and Huxley's Brave New World</i> |

EXPERIENCE

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| Editorial Intern Aug 2016-Dec 2016 | Dipnot Publishing House Redaction of the second edition of <i>Kürdistan Sosyalist Solu Kitabı [The Book of Kurdistan Socialist Left]</i> Worked as an assistant editor on <i>Fransız Devrimi'nin Sosyalist Tarihi [A Socialist History of the French Revolution]</i> |
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| | Also worked on the digitization of printed books |
| Copy Editing Intern Jun 2015-Sep 2015 | Baydem Publishing House Copy editing medical textbooks and the publishing house's website |
| Project Assistant 2010-2013 | Association for the Development of Social Life Worked on several projects aimed at improving the life quality of underprivileged groups. |
| Voluntary Teacher Sep 2011-Aug 2012 | Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey I taught kids (aged 7-16) creative reading and writing, and finance. |
| Summer Intern Sep 2009-Oct 2009 | Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey As part of the Sabancı University Civic Involvement Projects NGO Internship Programme Worked in the Educational Department – edited educational booklets prepared for kids. Also worked in Measurement and Evaluation Department – data entry |
| Summer Intern Jun 2008-Aug 2008 | District Governorship of Kuşadası Worked in the Bureau of Associations as an intermediary between the governor's office and the associations in Kuşadası. |

OTHER SKILLS

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| IT and Programming: | Office Programs, Scrivener, Scapple, Citavi, EndNote, SDL Trados, HTML, Basic Python |
| Languages: | Turkish (Native) English (Fluent) Spanish (Good) German (Reading knowledge, A2 level interactive skills) French (Reading knowledge, A2 level interactive skills) Greek (Basic) Latin (Basic) |

OTHER TRAININGS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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| Nov 2018 Berlin, Germany | Volunteer staff at DICE Conference + Festival |
| 2016 – 2017 İzmir, Turkey | İzmir Girls' High School Social Responsibility Project by Solidarity with the Disabled Club |
| March 2015 – 2018 İzmir, Turkey | Volunteer for İzmir Down Syndrome Association |
| Sep 2013 – 2017 Ankara, Turkey | Volunteer for Rotary Social Projects |
| Sep 2013 – Present İzmir, Turkey | Active Member and Volunteer at Association for the Development of Social Life |

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| Sep 2011 – 2018 İzmir, Turkey | Volunteer and Social Project Manager at Modern Visually Impaired Association |
| 2013 - 2015 Ankara, Turkey | Active member of ANKA LGBT, an independent LGBT youth organization |
| May 2011 Antalya, Turkey | Training for Youth Participation in Decision-Making organized by TACSO |
| May 2011 İzmir, Turkey | "Turkish-Japanese Cultural Exchange" programme co-organized by PeaceBoat and TREX EVS |
| March 2011 Milano, Italy | Youthpass for Training Course "Il Padrino" (ID: 3JQN-CYES-5ZWA-H6N2) |

INTERESTS

I am interested in photography, especially in photojournalism. I got my photographs published in national magazines and newspapers, and collaborated in photography exhibitions. I am also an avid cyclist and hiker.