

Sukru Cildir

General Information

Current Post

- Lecturer in International Relations at Kocaeli University (Turkey)

Academic Qualifications

- 2021, PhD in International Relations, Lancaster University, The United Kingdom
PhD Thesis: *"Oil in Saudi Iranian Relations Under the US Hegemony: 1990-2020"*
- 2015, Master of Arts (MA), International Relations, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey
Grade Point Average: 3,42 / 4,00
MA Thesis: *"Turkey's Approach to Humanitarian Intervention in the Post-Cold War Era: The Cases of Bosnia and Kosovo"*
- 2011, Bachelor Degree, TOBB University of Economics and Technology (TOBB ETU), Ankara, Turkey
Grade Point Average: 3,39 / 4,00
- 2006, Gonen Anatolian Teacher High School, Isparta, Turkey
Grade Point Average: 5,00 / 5,00

Academic Achievement

- 2014, Full Scholarship for PhD study in the UK from the Turkish Ministry of Education
- 2006, Full Scholarship for BA degree from TOBB ETU
- 2006, being 2nd percentile among approximately one and half million students in Turkey

Professional Experiences

- 10/2018-12/2018, Policy School Tutorship, Lancaster University, Lancaster, the UK
Project: Inequalities in the UK
- 02/2017-04/2017, Policy School Tutorship, Lancaster University, Lancaster, the UK
Project: Industrial Strategy
- 09/2013- 09/2016, Coordinator, Ankara Center for Thought and Research (ACTR) or (ADAM), Ankara, Turkey
Project: "The School of Thought"

- 01/2012- 09/2016, Research Assistant, the Department of International Relations, Yildirim Beyazit University, Ankara, Turkey

Internships- Cooperative Education

- 05/2011- 07/2011, Department of Research for International Relations and Foreign Policy, Ankara Center for Thought and Research (ACTR), Ankara, Turkey
- 09/2009- 12/2009, Foreign Policy Institute (FPI), Ankara, Turkey
- 09/2008- 12/2008, EU Relay Office, Denizli Chambers of Industry (DCI), Denizli, Turkey

Presentations-Seminars-Teachings

- "Understanding Ontology, Epistemology and Methodology in IR and Political Science", *Seminars for Phd Students*, Lancaster University, 09.07.2020.
- "Historical Sociology of International Relations", *Seminars for Phd Students*, Lancaster University, 07.08.2019.
- "The US Hegemony in Saudi-Iranian Relations: How to understand the utilization of oil in this relations", *BRESMES Conference 2019*, 25.06.2019. (Presentation in Leeds, UK)
- "Assessing the Role of Oil in Saudi Foreign Policy during the Cold War: An Analysis of Historical Sociology", *11th ECPR Conference*, 06-09.09.2017. (Presentation in Oslo, Norway).

Research

My research interests are in general in the discipline of International Relations. My current research covers the oil politics between Iran and Saudi Arabia. In my PhD study, I explored the role of oil in Saudi-Iranian relations from the perspective of Historical Sociology.

Publications

"Oil and the USA in Saudi-Iranian Rivalry", in *International Relations in a Multi-Polar Middle East* (SEPAD E-Conference), 29 June – 01 July 2020.

"OPEC as a Site of De-Escalation?", in Simon Mabon (ed.), *Saudi Arabia, Iran and De-escalation in the Persian Gulf*, SEPAD, 24.06.2020.

"How Saudi-Iranian oil rivalry has been shaped by American power", *The Conversation*, 14 November 2019, <https://theconversation.com/how-saudi-iranian-oil-rivalry-has-been-shaped-by-american-power-124123>

"Oil in Saudi-Iranian Relations", *SEPAD*, 26 August 2019, <https://www.sepad.org.uk/announcement/oil-in-saudi-iranian-relations>

“Saudi Arabia’s ‘liberal’ Crown Prince is a year into his tenure – how is he doing?”, *The Conversation*, 25 July 2018, <https://theconversation.com/saudi-arabias-liberal-crown-prince-is-a-year-into-his-tenure-how-is-he-doing-99743>

“1969 Libya Askeri Darbesi”, *Ortadoğu Analiz*, cilt:8, sayı:76, 30.09.2016; (“1969 Military Coup in Libya”, *Ortadoğu Analiz*, Vol: 8, No.76, 30.09.2019), https://www.orsam.org.tr//d_hbanaliz/15_sukrucildir.pdf

Turkey’s Approach to Humanitarian Intervention in the Post-Cold War Era: The Cases of Bosnia and Kosovo, MA Thesis, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, June 2015. <http://etd.lib.metu.edu.tr/upload/12618919/index.pdf>

Journals of Reviewing Articles

- *Contemporary Review of the Middle East*
- *Journal of Asian and African Studies*