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**Research Areas:**

Political Economy and Economic Sociology; Distributive Politics; Clientelism and Electoral Behavior;  
Universal Basic Income and Welfare Policies; Anthropology of the State; Mixed Research Methods

**Work Experience:**

- 2025 – 2027: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, “Policies, Politics and Welfare Redistribution (PoWER) Project,” Center for Conflict Studies, Marburg University (supervised by Prof. Miquel Pellicer and Prof. Eva Wegner)
- 2023 – 2025: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Istanbul Medeniyet University
- 2024: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of International Trade, Boğaziçi University
- 2023: Adjunct Assistant Professor, MBA Program, Graduate Institute, Fenerbahçe University
- 2020 – 2023: Lecturer, Department of Economics, Istanbul Medeniyet University
- 2020 – 2023: Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Istanbul Medeniyet University

**Education:**

- PhD, 2014 - 2022: Economics, Istanbul Medeniyet University (GPA: 3.92)
  - Thesis: *The Political Economy of Universal Basic Income: Analyzing Public Opinion through Twitter Data*
- PhD, 2011 - 2020: Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University (GPA: 3.88)
  - Thesis: *The Political Economy of Kurdish Voting Behavior: The Case of Istanbul's Bağcılar District*
- MA, 2008-2010: Modern Turkish History, Atatürk Institute, Boğaziçi University (GPA: 3.82)
  - Thesis: *The Practice of Renaming Places in Turkey: An Anthropological Perspective*
- BA, 2003-2008: Economics, Sabancı University (GPA: 3.65)
- 2016: Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences, Humboldt University

**Publications:**Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- Kuran, İ. “The AKP’s Clientelist Machine Politics on the Ground: The Case of Bağcılar,” *New Perspectives on Turkey* no: 71, 2024: 121-142, <https://doi.org/10.1017/npt.2023.32> (SSCI, Q1)
- Kuran, İ. “Are Dependency Theory and World-Systems Analysis Relevant Today?” *Politik Ekonomik Kuram*, 8 (2) 2024: 332-344, <https://doi.org/10.30586/pek.1431514> (TR Dizin)
- Kuran, İ. & Özer, E. “The Relationship between Religious Affiliation and Suicide: A Statistical Analysis at The Global Level,” *Elektronik Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 22 (88) 2023: 1506-1519. <https://doi.org/10.17755/esosder.1254651> (TR Dizin)
- Kuran, İ. & Özer, E & Sayıl, İ. “The Relationship between Political Attitudes and Life Satisfaction in Europe: An Econometric Analysis,” *Eskişehir Osmangazi Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 24 (2) 2023: 440-451. <https://doi.org/10.17494/ogusbd.1294283> (TR Dizin)
- Kuran, İ. “Gender-Based Violence in Bosnia from the Conflict to the Post-Conflict Setting,” *Avrasya Uluslararası Araştırmalar Dergisi*, 11 (35) 2023: 1064-1077. <https://doi.org/10.33692/avasyad.1232961> (TR Dizin)
- Kuran, İ. “Everyday Resistance in Folk Tales and Ballads: The Case of Ottoman Turkish Bandits,” *IMU Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi*, 7 (1) 2022: 21-34. <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/download/article-file/2897788>
- Kuran, İ. “Evrensel Temel Gelire Avrupa’da Kamuoyu Desteği: Ordinal Lojistik Regresyon Analizi [Public Support for Universal Basic Income in Europe: Ordinal Logistic Regression Analysis],” *IMU Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi*, 5 (2) 2020: 47-58. <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/download/article-file/2604625>
- Kuran, İ. “İktisadı Yeniden Düşünmek: Reformasyon Çağrısının Eleştirisi [Rethinking Economics: A Critique of the Reformation Calls],” *Birikim*, no. 348, 2018: 82-88. <https://birikimdergisi.com/dergiler/birikim/1/sayi-348-nisan-2018-348-nisan-2018/8825>
- Kuran, İ. “Osmanlı Gerileme Paradigmasının Yapısökümcü Analizine Bir Katkı [A Contribution to the Deconstruction of the Ottoman Decline Paradigm],” *Aurum Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 2 (1) 2017: 31-40. <https://journals.indexcopernicus.com/api/file/viewByFileId/262515.pdf>

- Kuran, İ. “Toplumsal Bilimlerde Kriz mi? [A Crisis in the Social Sciences?]” *Toplum ve Bilim*, no.117, 2010: 2016-212. <https://iletisim.com.tr/dergiler/toplum-ve-bilim/3/sayi-117-2010/9987>

Books and Book Chapters:

- Kuran, İ. “Just Society by Allocating Money? Contending Models of Universal Basic Income and Their Limits,” Arun, M. O. (eds.), *A Quest for Justice: Theoretical Insights, Challenges and Pathways Forward*, Istanbul: Nobel, 2023. <https://www.nobelyayin.com/a-quest-for-justice-theoretical-insights-challenges-and-pathways-forward-20128.html>
- Kuran, İ. “From the Deficit to the Asset Frame: The Study of Ethnicity, Migration and Inequality in Türkiye,” Şenol, H. F. (eds.), *Diverse Perspectives and Issues on Inequality*, Istanbul: Nobel, 2023. <https://www.nobelyayin.com/diverse-perspectives-and-issues-on-inequality-19492.html>
- Kuran, İ. “Osmanlı Gerileme Paradigması Üzerine Eleştirel bir Analiz,” Şimşek, A. (eds), *Türk Tarihçiliğinde Tezler/Teoriler*, Istanbul: Yeni İnsan Yayınevi, 2020. <https://yeniinsanyayinevi.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Turk-Tarihçiliğinde-Tezler-Teoriler.pdf>
- Kuran, İ. *The Practice of Renaming Places in Turkey: Memory, Space, Identity*. Saarbrücken: Lambert Academic Publishing, 2012. <https://www.amazon.com/Practice-Renaming-Places-Turkey-Identity/dp/365920871X>

Book Reviews:

- “Andre Gunder Frank, Yeniden Doğu: Asya Çağında Küresel Ekonomi,” *IMU Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi*, 3 (1) 2018: 55-64. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/1494712>
- “David Graeber, Borç: İlk 5 Bin Yıl” *Bilimevi İktisat Dergisi*, no. 4, 2018. [https://www.bilimevi.com.tr/Bilimevi\\_iktisat\\_yayin-205](https://www.bilimevi.com.tr/Bilimevi_iktisat_yayin-205)

Other Publications:

- “Dünden Bugüne Dünya Sistemi ve Bağımlılık Teorileri – Hala Geçerli mi? – I [World System and Dependency Theories from Past to Present - Are They Still Relevant? – First Part]” *Yurtseverce*, June 26, 2021. <https://yurtseverce.com/2021/06/26/dunden-bugune-bagimlilik-ve-dunya-sistemi-teorileri-hala-gecerli-mi-i/>
- “Dünden Bugüne Dünya Sistemi ve Bağımlılık Teorileri – Hala Geçerli mi? – II [World System and Dependency Theories from Past to Present - Are They Still Relevant? – Second Part]” *Yurtseverce*, October 25, 2021. <https://yurtseverce.com/2021/10/25/dunden-bugune-bagimlilik-ve-dunya-sistemi-teorileri-hala-gecerli-mi-ii/>
- “New Normalcy and Shifting Meanings of the Practice of Veiling in Turkey,” *Journal of Alternative Perspectives in Social Sciences*, 2(1) 2010 [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/45146294\\_New\\_Normalcy\\_and\\_Shifting\\_Meanings\\_of\\_the\\_Practice\\_of\\_Veiling\\_in\\_Turkey](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/45146294_New_Normalcy_and_Shifting_Meanings_of_the_Practice_of_Veiling_in_Turkey)
- “Toplumsal Bilimlerde Kriz mi? [A Crisis in Social Sciences?]” *Bianet*, December 26, 2009. <https://m.bianet.org/bianet/bilim/119122-toplumsal-bilimlerde-kriz-mi>
- “Hangi Açılım? Demokratik Açılım Sürecinde Devlet Dilini Okumak [Which Initiative? Interpreting the State Discourse during the Democratic Initiative Process,]” *Bianet*, January 2, 2010. <https://bianet.org/yazi/hangi-acilim-demokratik-acilim-surecinde-devlet-dilini-okumak-119220>

**Presentations:**

- October 24, 2024: “Mutluluk ve Siyasi İlgi Arasındaki İlişki Üzerine Ampirik Bir Analiz [An Empirical Analysis on the Relationship between Happiness and Political Interest],” *II. Political Psychology Symposium*, İstanbul Medeniyet University.
- July 8-10, 2024: “Determinants of Trade Union Membership in Europe,” *The 5th International European Social Survey (ESS) Conference*, Lisbon, Portugal.
- May 2-3, 2024: “Mapping the Public Debate on Universal Basic Income: Evidence from Twitter Data,” *Turkey Computational Social Sciences (TCSS) Conference 2024*, Koç University, İstanbul, Turkey.
- September 28, 2022: “Public Opinion Towards Universal Basic Income: An Analysis of Twitter Data,” *Basic Income Earth Network 2022 Congress*, Brisbane, Australia.
- September 24, 2022: “Kurdish Voting Behavior in İstanbul (2010-2015): A Statistical Analysis,” *National Congress of Turkish Political Science Association*, Bilgi University, İstanbul, Turkey.
- March 6-7, 2020: “A Class-Based Analysis of Kurdish Voting Behavior in İstanbul,” *International Workshop: Inequalities, Peace, Conflict and Justice in Turkey*, Lund University Center for Middle Eastern Studies & Friedrich-Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, İstanbul, Turkey.

- May 27-29, 2010: “Memory and Space: Interpreting the Practice of Renaming Place Names in Turkey,” *III. Graduate Student Conference*, Atatürk Institute, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey.

**Teaching:**

- Spring 2025: Economic Sociology & Welfare Economics (Department of Economics); *Introduction to Macroeconomics* (Department of Business Administration, IMU);
- Fall 2024: *Political Economy & Siyasal İktisat* (Department of Economics, IMU); *Introduction to Microeconomics* (Department of Business Administration, IMU); *Research Methods* (MA Program in Islamic Economics, IMU)
- Spring 2024: *Political Economy* (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, IMU); *Investment Management* (MBA Program, IMU); *International Negotiation* (Department of International Trade, Boğaziçi University)
- Fall 2023: *Introduction to Social Sciences* (Core Curriculum, IMU) & *Politik Ekonomi* (Department of Economics, IMU); *International Business and Economic Diplomacy & Uluslararası İş Dünyası ve Ekonomik Diplomasi* (MBA Program, Fenerbahçe University)
- Spring 2023: *Political Economy & Siyasal İktisat* (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, IMU)
- Fall 2022: *Introduction to Social Sciences* (Core Curriculum, IMU) & *Political Economy* (Department of Economics, IMU)
- Spring 2021: *Political Economy & Siyasal İktisat* (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, IMU)
- Fall 2021: *Introduction to Social Sciences* (Core Curriculum, IMU) & *Political Economy* (Department of Economics, IMU)
- Spring 2021: *Political Economy & Siyasal İktisat* (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, IMU)
- Fall 2020: *Political Economy* (Department of Economics, IMU)
- 2016-2019: Teaching Assistant for *Macroeconomics* (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018 and Fall 2019) and *Principles of Economics II* (Spring 2017 and Spring 2018) in the Department of Economics at IMU (under the supervision of Prof. Ferda Halıcıoğlu)
- Fall 2007: Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Probability and Statistics* in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Sabancı University (under the supervision of Prof. Uluğ Çapar)

**Administrative Work:**

- 2021- 2025: Erasmus Coordinator, Department of Economics, IMU
- 2021- 2025: Bologna Commission Member, Department of Economics, IMU
- 2021 - 2024: Erasmus Coordinator, Faculty of Political Sciences, IMU
- 2015 - 2024: Webmaster, SOSYOPARK, IMU
- 2015 - 2021: Webmaster, Department of Economics, IMU

**Scholarships and Awards:**

- 2011-2016: The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey PhD Scholarship
- 2008-2010: The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey MA Scholarship
- 2006-2008: Sabancı Bank PLC Scholarship
- 2005-2006: Sakıp Sabancı Encouragement Scholarship
- 2003-2005: Sabancı University Merit Scholarship

**Additional Skills:**

- Programs: STATA (advanced) & R (familiar)
- Language: Turkish (native) & English (fluent)