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**Department of Political Science and International Relations**  
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## **EDUCATION**

University of California, Los Angeles, December 2003 Ph.D., Political Science  
Fields of Concentration: Comparative Politics, Methodology  
Dissertation: “Squatters Stand Up: Political Institutions and Demand Making in the Developing World”

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, December 1995 Master of Arts in Political Science

University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, May, 1993 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **Current:**

**State University of New York-New Paltz, Department of Political Science**

Fall 2005-Present Assistant Professor

Fall 2003- Spring 2005 Coordinator of Dual Diploma Program SUNY-Turkish Higher Educational Council (YÖK)

2001-2003 Adjunct

### **Past: (Part Time)**

**University of California-Los Angeles, Department of Political Science**

Teaching Assistant, 1997-99

Comparative Politics

World Politics

Feminist Perspectives on Women and Society

Graduate Student Researcher -International Studies and Overseas Programs, 1998-2000

Graduate Student Researcher, Prof. Carole Pateman, Department of Political Science, 1996

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Political Science**

Teaching Assistant, 1995-96

Race, Ethnicity and Religion in U.S. Politics

Statistics/ Statistics Lab Consultant

Copy Editor/Research Assistant- American Journal of Political Science, Kenneth J. Meier, Editor.

Research Assistant Prof. Mark Tessler, Center for International Studies, 1994-95

## **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

## Şerife İlgü Özler

"Politics of the Gecekondu in Turkey: The Political Choices of the Urban Squatters in National Elections" *Turkish Studies*, September 2000, Vol. 1 No: 2.

"Out Of The Plaza Into The Office: Social Movement Leaders In The PRD," *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*. Winter, 2009, Vol 25 No:1.

"State Economic Policy and Ecological Degradation: An International Comparative Analysis," co-author Brian Obach, *Global Environmental Politics*. February 2009 Vol 9 No: 1.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Entries for the *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, 2007, Paul Robbins (ed.), Sage Publications (Thousand Oaks, CA).

1. "United Nations"
2. "UN Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit 1992)"
3. "United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)"
4. "UN Framework Convention on Climate Change"

### WORK IN PROGRESS

"Relationship between Political Parties and Urban Popular Movements: The Case of Chile," Under review with *Latin American Perspectives*.

"A Comparative Study of Party System Institutionalization and Social Protest in Latin America" accepted for presentation at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil June 2009.

"Exploring Islam, Civil Society and Secularism: The Justice and Development Party in Turkey" accepted for presentation at the Western Political Science Association Meeting Vancouver, B.C. March 2009.

### HONORS AND AWARDS

Provost's Research and Creative Projects Awards Program, "Exploring Islam, Civil Society and Secularism: The Justice and Development Party in Turkey" 2008-2009

SUNY New Paltz, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, "The Relationship between Political Party System and Social Movements: A Test of the Political Opportunity Structure," June-July 2007.

Research Grant in Comparative Studies of Modern Turkey, Institute of Turkish Studies, 2004-2005, for travel to Turkey and Mexico

## **Şerife İlgü Özler**

Graham Fellowship, Department of Political Science, 2001-2002, UCLA.

Tamar D. Wilson Fund for the Study of Urban Poverty, 2000-2001, UCLA, for research in Chile

UCLA Summer Research Mentorship Program Fellowship, 2000, for producing a paper under the supervision of Barbara Geddes for research on Mexican democratization and the role of urban squatter population in this process

Tinker Field Research Grant, 2000, UCLA, for research in Chile

Latin American Center Mobility Fellowship, 2000, UCLA, for study at the University of Guadalajara and research in Mexico City

Latin American Center Small Grants, 1999-2000, UCLA, for research in Chile

Ford Foundation Grant, International Studies and Overseas Programs, 1999-2000, UCLA, Graduate Fieldwork Fellowship, for research in Mexico

Best Graduate Research Paper, “Women and Development: The Issues of Labor Force Participation and Quality of Life”, Center for Women’s Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 1996.

Center for International Studies, Research Grant, UW-Milwaukee, for fieldwork in Turkey, 1995.

### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

“The Relationship between Political Party System and Social Movements: A Test of the Political Opportunity Structure” accepted for presentation at the Western Political Science Association Meeting San Diego, CA March 2008.

“State Economic Policy and Ecological Degradation: An International Comparative Analysis” presented with co-author Brian Obach, Northeastern Political Science Association/International Studies Association joint meeting Philadelphia, PA November 2007,

“Relationship between Political Parties and Urban Popular Movements: The Cases of Mexico and Chile Compared” presented American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2006.

“From Movement Leaders to the Party Cadre in Mexico City” presented Latin American Studies Association Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2006.

“Political Institutions and Civil Society in Mexico, ” presented Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2004.

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“The Transformation of Political Institutions in Chile and What it Means for the Urban Squatters in Santiago,” presented Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Dallas, 2003.

“Urban Squatters and Government in Developing Nations: A Game Theoretic Model,” presented American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, 2001.

“From Clients to Constituents: Urban Squatters in Mexican Democratization,” presented Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2001.

“Political Institutions and Change in Poverty Policy In The Less-Developed Countries: A Test of The Veto Players Model,” presented Society for Comparative Research International Graduate Student Retreat, Los Angeles, 1999.

“Politics of the Gecekondu: The Political Choices of the Urban Squatters in Turkish National Elections,” presented Western Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, 1999.

"Women and Development: The Issues of Labor Force Participation and Quality of Life," presented Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, 1996.

### *Other conference participation*

Chair and organizer, “Role of Non-State Actors in International Relations” New York Political Science Association Meeting, Marist, NY, April 2007.

Chair and presenter: “The United Nations As a Classroom: Educational Opportunities at the UN/Cooperation with the UN,” *New York State Political Science Association Meeting*, New York, NY, April 2006.

Presenter, “Time of Transition- From Graduate School to College Teacher or Community Professional,” *New York State Political Science Association Meeting*, New York, NY, April 2006.

Chair and Discussant, Panel Discussion: “Development and its Impact on Southeastern Anatolia,” *Turkey, Culture, Change and Development Conference*, The Mediterranean Initiative of Cornell University, September 26-October 7, 2005, Ithaca, New York.

Discussant, Panel Session: “Issues in Latin American Democratization,” Western Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, 1999.

Chair, Panel Session: “Challenges to Mainstreaming International Relations Theory,” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, 1999.

## LECTURES

## **Şerife İlgü Özler**

“Acting Locally and Winning Nationally in Turkish Politics: Pathways from the Periphery for the Ruling Islamist Justice and Development Party” SUNY/CID International Speakers Forum, SUNY Center for International Development, April 19, 2007, Albany, NY.

“Terrorism and How It Affects Your Life” lecture given to Lambda Upsilon Lambda student organization, SUNY New Paltz, September 20, 2005.

“Turkey, the United States and the Prospect of War With Iraq,” lecture given at faculty Brownbag, SUNY-New Paltz, March 2003.

Guest Speaker, Working Group on Political Economy, Seminar Series, Koç University, İstanbul, Turkey, January 2003.

“Squatters Stand Up: Political Institutions and Demand Making in Developing Nations,” lecture for Honors Center Speaker Series, at SUNY-New Paltz, February 2002.

“The Impact of Local Actors on National Politics: the Mexican Experience,” panel lecture for the Human Settlements Association in Istanbul, Turkey, May 2001.

“Political Actions of Squatters in Developing Nations,” lecture for the Istanbul Technical University, department Humanities and Social Sciences, Civil Society Practices, May 2001.

“1995 Elections in Turkey,” lecture given in the UW-Milwaukee Lecture Series on Elections, February 1996.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Legislative Volunteer, *Delegation Leader for Amnesty USA's* lobby efforts Fall 2006-now.

Refereed article (2008) for the *Journal of World-Systems Research*. American Sociological Association (Raleigh, North Carolina).

Refereed article (2004-5) for the journal *Environment and Planning A: Spatial Organisation and Restructuring of Cities and Regions Throughout the Globe*. Pion Publishers (London).

Refereed article (2003) for the journal *World Politics: A Quarterly Journal of International Relations*, Johns Hopkins University Press (Baltimore, MD)

Visiting Researcher at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, May-July 2000.

Visiting Researcher at the Catholic University, Santiago, Chile, October-December, 2000.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Comparative Politics

## **Şerife İlgü Özler**

Middle East Politics and Institutions  
Turkey and the European Union  
Latin American Politics  
Introduction to International Politics  
Global Civil Society  
United Nations Semester  
Senior Seminar in International Relations  
Model United Nations  
Social and Economic Development

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Active Member, *Latin American Studies Program*, 2003-now.

Chair, *SUNY-YÖK Dual Diploma Degree Program Advisory Board*, 2005-now.

Faculty Advisor to student groups:

1. Amnesty USA,
2. Turkish Student Association,
3. SUNY Model EU

### **LANGUAGES**

Turkish-native language

English-fluent

Spanish- fluent

Statistical and basic formal modeling based research and analysis