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WORK EXPERIENCE

2002-present	The Washington Institute for Near East Policy Director/Senior Fellow, Turkish Research Program	Washington, D.C.		
	Write policy and strategy papers for an audience of policymakers, research institutes, military experts, journalists, and diplomats.			
•	Manage research on Turkey: supervise research team; locate and recruit in-house and visiting scholars; organize roundtable and panel discussions as well as regular conferences, workshops, and exchanges with senior U.S. officials and Turkish policymakers, journalists, and experts. Frequently comment on and write for major media outlets, including <i>Al-Jazeera, BBC, CNN, CNN-Turk, Der Spiegel, International Herald Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Newsweek, NPR, Wall Street Journal,</i> and <i>Washington Post.</i>			
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•	Travel regularly to Turkey, Europe, and Middle East to meet with policymakers.			
2005-2007, 2009- 2010	The Washington Institute for Near East Policy Director, Research Assistants/Interns Mentoring Program	Washington, D.C.		
•		arch staff members, including research assistants and interns. members, providing them with career guidance and mentoring; evaluate staff members' work, salary and performance reviews; organize professional career development events for staff		
2005-2012	Foreign Service Institute, Department of State <i>Turkey Advanced Area Course Chair</i>	Washington, D.C.		
•	Direct a 40-week a year program to train U.S. Government personnel prior to their posts in Turkey. Responsibilities include lecturing on Turkish politics and history, economy and foreign policy, as well as preparing evaluations for lecture attendees, recruiting guest lecturers.			
2005-present	Foreign Service Institute, Department of State <i>Guest Lecturer</i>	Washington, D.C.		
•	Lecture for <i>the European and Middle Eastern Program</i> on issues including Turkey's accession and the Kurdish question.	s European Union		
2003-present	National Defense University Guest Lecturer	Washington, D.C.		
	Lecture regularly on U.STurkish relations and Turkish politics for the NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course and Near East and South Asia Programs.			
2005-2011	Georgetown University Adjunct Assistant Professor, BMW Center for German and European Studies and Center for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies (CERES)	Washington, D.C.		
	Teach graduate seminars on nationalism and secularism in Turkey and the Ottomar	e Empire.		
Fall 2011	Smith College Global Studies Center, Neilson Visiting Scholar Taught seminars on Turkish-EU relations and Turkish foreign policy	Northampton, MA		
Summer-Fall	Bahcesehir University	Istanbul, Turkey		
2008	Visiting Professor Taught a seminar titled "U.STurkey Relations"			

Princeton, NJ

Ahmet Ertegün Visiting Professor Chair, Department of Near Eastern Studies Taught an undergraduate class on Turkish history, titled "Ethnic Cleansing of Ottoman Muslims in Europe and Turkish Nationalism."

Summer Istanbul, Turkey 2004-2008 Visiting Professor Taught seminars at the university's Summer Academy in International Law and European Law on Turkish

Spring 2003 **Yale University**

> Instructor, Department of History Taught a seminar titled, "Turkey: A Muslim Nation on Europe's Edge," the first course on modern Turkey offered at Yale in over three decades.

1998-2000 Yale University

Academic Assistant, Yale Council for Middle East Studies Organized the Council's public lecture series; coordinated its publicity efforts; worked as its Webmaster.

1997-2002 **Yale University**

Teaching Assistant, Department of History Led seminars for lecture courses. Ran discussions on readings; lectured; devised and graded exams. Taught seminars for the following courses: "History of the Modern Middle East," Fall 1997; "International Communist Movement," Fall 1998 and Spring 2001; "Mediterranean Boundaries," Spring 1999; and "WWII in Eastern Europe," Fall 1999.

1993-1995 **Bilkent University**

Research Assistant, Department of International Relations Assisted in teaching graduate and undergraduate courses. Coordinated in organizing two international conferences: "Minorities and Related Problems in the Balkans," October 1994; and "War in Bosnia and Herzegovina," April 1995.

EDUCATION

1996-2003	Yale University	New Haven, CT	
	Ph.D. in History, Spring 2003.		
	M.Phil. in History, Fall 1999		
	MA in History, Fall 1997.		
	Dissertation title: Crafting the Turkish Nation: Kemalism and Turkish Nationalism in the 1930s.		
	Concentrations: modern Turkish history, Islam and secularization, contemporary Middle East and the		
	Balkans, ethnic cleansing.		
1995-1996	Central European University	Budapest, Hungary	
	Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for the Study of Nationalism	Prague, Czech Republic	
	Concentration: Minorities and nationalism.		
	Traveled to Bosnia for research on a grant awarded by the Open Society Institute in Budapest, to study		
	Bosnian nationalism.		
1993-1995	Bilkent University	Ankara, Turkey	
	MA, Department of International Relations		
	MA thesis title: Minorities and Their Impact upon Balkan Security.		
	Concentration: International security, minorities in the Balkans and the Middle East.		
1989-1993	Marmara University	Istanbul, Turkey	
	BA, Department of International Relations		
	Graduated as class valedictorian in 1993. Completed program in art history and archaeology in 1989 to		
	obtain professional tour guide license from the Turkish Ministry of Tourism		
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2005-2006, **Princeton University** 2006-2007

Yeditepe University

foreign policy, U.S.-Turkish, Turkish-EU relations and U.S. politics.

New Haven, CT

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Ankara, Turkey

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

The New Sultan: Erdogan and the Crisis of Modern Turkey (I.B. Tauris, forthcoming spring 2017).

The Rise of Turkey: The Twenty-First Century's First Muslim Power, (University of Nebraska Press: 2014)

Turkey's New Political Landscape: Implications of the June 2011 Elections (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2011)

U.S.-Turkish Relations after Eight Years of AKP Rule: Can Washington Rebuild A Ruptured Partnership? Scott Carpenter and Soner Cagaptay (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2010)

Türk Kimdir: Modern Türkiye'de İslam, Sekülerleşme ve Milliyetçilik. [Who is a Turk: Islam Secularization and Nationalism in Modern Turkey] (Istanbul: Istanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi, 2009).

Editor, The Future of Iraqi Kurds (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2008).

Secularism and Foreign Policy in Turkey: New Elections, Troubling Trends (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2007).

Türkiye'de Laikliğin ve Dış Politikanın Geleceği: Seçimler ve Endişe Verici Gelişmeler (Secularism and Foreign Policy in Turkey: New Elections, Troubling Trends) (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2007).

Islam, Secularism and Nationalism in Modern Turkey: Who is a Turk? (London: Routledge, 2006).

Turkey at a Crossroads: Preserving Ankara's Western Orientation (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2005).

• Articles in Edited Books

"Defining Turkish Power: Turkey as a Rising Power Embedded in the Western International System", Paul Kubicek, Emel Parlar Dal, Tarik Oguzlu, ed., Turkey's Rise as an Emerging Power (Routledge, 2015).

"The Turks and Islam", Kemal Silay, ed., (Bloomington: Indiana, 2012).

"Turkish Identity and Minorities in Turkey," Metin Heper and Sabri Sayarı, eds., *Handbook of Modern Turkey* (London: Routledge, 2010).

"Religion, Ethnicity and Language and the Defining of Turkishness," Asher Susser, ed., *Turkey and Israel:* A Comparative Analysis, (Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, 2008).

"Türklüge Geçis: Modern Türkiye'de Göç ve Din," (Transition to Turkishness: Migration and Religion in Modern Turkey) in Haldun Gulalp ed., *Citizenship and Ethnic Conflict*, (Istanbul: Metis, 2007).

"Passage to Turkishness: Immigration and Religion in Modern Turkey," Haldun Gulalp, ed., *Citizenship and Ethnic Conflict: Challenging the Nation-State*, (London: Routledge Press, 2006).

"Turkey's New Role and U.S. Policy Towards the South Caucasus after dual NATO and EU Enlargement," Gayane Novikova, ed., *The South Caucasus as a Part of Wider Europe*, (Yerevan: Amrots Group, 2005).

"Can Americans, Turks, and Kurds Get Along in Northern Iraq? A Vision," Michael Knights, ed., *Operation Iraqi Freedom and the New Iraq*, (Washington D.C: The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2004).

• Articles in Journals

Some examples include the following:

"Turkey at a Crossroads" IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook 2016 (September 2016).

"The Kurds in Turkey. A Gloomy Future" Kurdistan: An Invisible Nation. ISPI (June 2016)

"Ankara Moves Closer to Washington: How the Arab Spring Warmed U.S.-Turkish Relations," Middle East Studies (MES) at Marine Corps University, vol. 3, Issue 1 (January 2012).

"Turkey's Waning Appetite for Europe" Jane's Islamic Affairs Analyst (January 2009).

"How does the PKK Think? What does it Want?" Middle East Quarterly XIV, no. 1 (Winter 2006).

"Race, Assimilation and Kemalism: Turkish Nationalism and the Minorities in the 1930s," *Middle Eastern Studies* 40, no. 3 (May 2004).

"United States and Turkey in 2004: Time to Look North," Turkish Policy Quarterly 2, no. 4 (Winter 2004).

"Terror Arrives in Istanbul: Suggestions for Turkey, Europe, and the United States," *Turkish Review of Middle East Studies* 14 (2003).

"Citizenship Policies in Interwar Turkey," Nations and Nationalism 9, no. 4 (October 2003).

"The November 2002 Elections and Turkey's New Political Era," *Middle East Review of International Affairs* 6, no. 4 (December 2002).

"Reconfiguring the Turkish Nation in the 1930s," Nationalism and Ethnic Politics 8, no. 2, (Summer 2002).

"Population Resettlement and Immigration Policies of Interwar Turkey: A Study of Turkish Nationalism," *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin* 26, no. 2, (Fall 2002).

"Kim Türk, Kim Vatandaş? Erken Cumhuriyet Dönemi Vatandaşlık Rejimi Üzerine bir Çalışma," (Who is Turkish, Who is a Citizen? A Study on the Citizenship Regime of Early Turkish Republic) *Toplum Bilim*, (Istanbul), no. 98 (Fall 2003).

"Otuzlarda Türk Milliyetçiliği'nde Irk, Dil, ve Etnisite," (Race, Language and Ethnicity in Turkish Nationalism in the 1930s) in *Milliyetçilik* [Nationalism] ed. Tanıl Bora, *Modern Türkiye'de Siyasi Düşünce* (Political Thought in Modern Turkey) vol. 4, (Istanbul: İletişim, 2002).

"Kemalist Dönemde Göç ve İskan Politikaları: Türk Kimliği Üzerine bir Çalışma," (Population Resettlement and Immigration Policies Under Kemalism: A Study of Turkish Nationalism) *Toplum Bilim*, (Istanbul), no. 93 (Summer 2002).

• Book Reviews

"March to Modernity," Washington Post, 14 March 2005.

"Turkey and the European Union," International Journal of Turkish Studies 10, nos. 1-2 (Fall 2004).

"Political Leaders and Democracy in Turkey," Middle East Quarterly 21, no. 2 (Spring 2004).

• Newspaper and Magazine Articles

In addition to regular columns in CNN' s Global Public Square, and Hürriyet Daily News, the oldest, most influential and prominent English version of Turkish news in print, I have contributed to more than three hundred publications. The following is a representative sample:

"Russia-Turchia, Prove di Disgelo" [Russia-Turkey, Thaw Trial] Limes, 2 November 2016.

"If Tensions Increase with the West, Erdogan Might Find a Friend in Putin" The Guardian, 23 July 2016

"The Coup Attempt is Bad News for Turkey's Democracy" Washington Post, 18 July 2016.

"Why the Islamic State Targets Muslim Countries like Turkey" *Washington Post*, July 6, 2016
"Turkey's Istanbul Attack Vengeance Will Be Like 'Rain from Hell" *CNN*, June 29, 2015
"Where Does Erdogan Want to Take Turkey?" *US News & World Report*, 15 June 2015
"The War of All Against Turkey," *Wall Street Journal*, 21 March 2016.
"Is Turkey Coming in from the Cold in Europe?" *CNN*, 28 March 2016.
"Turkey Is in Serious Trouble," *The Atlantic*, 5 October 2015.
"The Next Step in Erdogan's Dance with the Kurds," *The Wall Street Journal*, 3 June 2015.
"Turkey's Middle-East Dream Becomes a Nightmare," *The Wall Street Journal*, 3 September 2014.
"After Erdogan, Turkey's Future Will Be Liberal," *The New York Times*, 14 August 2014.
"The Islamist Feud behind Turkey's Turmoil," *The Wall Street Journal*, 29 December 2013.
"The E.U. Needs Turkey," *The New York Times*, 23 December 2013.

"Turkey Seeks to Lock In Long-Term Security," Washington Post, 8 November 2013.

"The Middle Class Strikes Back," The New York Times, 5 June 2013.

"Turkey Fears Russia Too Much to Intervene in Syria," The Atlantic, 6 May 2013.

"The Right Way for Turkey to Intervene in Syria," The New York Times, 11 October 2012.

"Syria Becomes a Wedge between U.S. and Turkey," The Washington Post, 5 October 2012.

"Ties to Neighbors, Not Their Dictators," The New York Times, 16 November 2011.

"From Ataturk to Erdogan, reshaping Turkey," The Washington Post, 15 August 2011.

"Turkish Lessons for the Arab Spring," The Wall Street Journal, 14 June 2011.

"Hair today, prime minister tomorrow," Monocle, 24 August 2010.

"Turkey's Clash of Civilizations," The Wall Street Journal, 8 June 2010.

"Lose-lose for Turkey and Israel", The Jerusalem Post, 4 June 2010.

"Abandoning Ataturk" Newsweek, 19 September 2009.

Turkey's Initiative for Syrian-Israeli Peace Radikal, 4 June 2008.

"What Muslim World?" Foreign Policy, 3 June 2009.

"Una unión mal enfocada" [Misfocused Union], ABC, 6 April 2009.

"Turkish-Israeli Ties after the Deluge" Jerusalem Post, 14 February 2009.

"Is Turkey Still a Western Ally?" Wall Street Journal Europe, 22 January 2009

"Turkey Bows to the Dark Side" Los Angeles Times, 19 August 2008.

"Turkish Déjà vu" International Herald Tribune, 18 July 2008.

"Turkish Secularism is Withering" Newsweek, 3 September 2007.

"Ein Tuch das Trennt" [A Scarf that Separates], Financial Times Deutschland, 22 August 2007.

"How will the Turkish Military React?" Real Institute El Cano (Spanish Royal Institute), 16 July 2007.

"Europe's Terror Problem: PKK Fronts inside the EU" Policy Watch # 1057, (co-authored, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy [TWI], 2005).

"Eastern Heading" The New Republic Online, 11 September 2004.

"U.S. Must Address Turkey's War Fears," The Baltimore Sun, 3 November 2002.

EVENTS

Conference Papers and Academic Presentations

The follow is a representative sample:

Guest Lecturer: "Energy, Economics and Security Challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean: Diplomatic Solutions," U.A.E National Defense College, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E., January 19, 2015

Panel Speaker: "Turkey and Iran", Next Generation Seminar, Near East South Asia Center For Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington DC, September 11, 2013

Guest Lecturer: "Turkish Model: Turkey's Role in the Arab Spring", Lecture Series, Marine Corps War College, January 12, 2012

Guest Lecturer: "The Dynamic Between Turkey's Political System and the Military" Regional Studies Course, Marine Corps War College, May 9, 2011

Guest Lecturer: "Israeli-Turkish Relations and Beyond," Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies Chair, Indiana University, Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and the Borns Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University, January 26, 2010

Guest Lecturer: "Is Turkey Slipping Away from the West?" Command and General Staff College and School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, April 2009

Guest Lecturer: "Turkey's Accession into the European Union," Georgetown University in Turkey, McGhee Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies; Alanya, Turkey, July 23, 2008

Halle Speaker: "Islam, Secularism, and Nationalism in Turkey: Who is a Turk?" The Claus M. Halle Institute for Global Learning, Emory University, October 17, 2006

Speaker; "Who is Turkish, Who can become Turkish? Citizenship and Nationality in Interwar Turkey," Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge; MA., March 6, 2003

Panelist: "State and Turkishness in Interwar Turkey," in panel, titled, National Identity, Modernity, and the State in Interwar Turkey. "Middle East Studies Association 36th Annual Conference," Washington DC, November 23-26, 2002

Guest Speaker: "Islam in Power in Turkey?" School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington D.C., November 13, 2002.

Presentations, Lectures, Seminars, and Panels

The follow is a representative sample:

Panelist: "Turkey Back from the Polls: What Do the Results Tell Us About Our Ally?" The Congressional Study Group on Turkey, June 11, 2015

Panelist: "Security Dialogues I- The Rise of Non-State Actors in a Disintegrating Region," The Atlantic Council Energy and Economic Summit 2014, Istanbul, Turkey, November 19, 2014

Panelist: Westminster Debate: 'Dynamics of 'New Turkey': Domestic and Foreign Challenges,' CEFTUS, House of Commons, U.K. Parliament, London, UK, October 14, 2014

Book Presentation: "The Rise of Turkey," Ralph J. Bunche Library, US Department of State, Washington, DC, January 27, 2014

Lecture, "Islam and Secularism in Modern Turkey," Department of Religion Interfaith Lecture Series, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY, August 13, 2013

Presentation: "Turkey, Gas Markets and the Geopolitical Picture," Harvard University's Kennedy School, Boston, MA, October 21, 2011

Keynote Speaker: "Which way is Turkey going?" Turkey Assessment Group, European Parliament, Brussels, and September 29, 2010

Guest Speaker: "U.S.-Turkish Relations under the Obama Administration," Turkish-American Business Forum, New York City, May 26, 2009

Presentation: "Turkish Foreign Policy," Estonian foreign ministry policy planning staff, January 14, 2009

Presentation: "Turkish Politics under the AKP," Staff of European Union Commissioner for Enlargement; Brussels, Belgium, October 7, 2008

Keynote Speaker: "How does the PKK Think? What does it want?" Operational Working Group on PKK Terrorism Financing Activities, Prague, Interpol, Czech Republic, June 1-2, 2006

Panel Speaker: "Persistent Secularism in Turkey: Is the AKP a Threat?" Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis (IFPA), Washington DC, February 9, 2006

Presentation: "Turkey at a Crossroads," The Congressional Study Group on Turkey, December 9, 2005

Panelist: "Turkey's New Neighborhood Policy" in panel on regional cooperation at the "NATO Conference on Black Sea Security," George C. Marshall Center European Center for Security Studies, Munich, Germany, December 6-8, 2004

Guest Speaker: "Turkey between Brussels and Baghdad," Council on Foreign Relations, NYC, June 17, 2004

Seminar: "Turkey: Big Picture," The World Bank, Washington DC, February 5, 2004

High-level Roundtable Conference: "Turkey and the EU," Dutch Foreign Ministry, Amsterdam, Netherlands, November 6-7, 2003

Presentation: "U.S. Policy towards the Middle East and Turkey," Executive Committee of Justice and Development Party (AKP), Ankara, Turkey, June 3, 2003

Congressional and Other Legislative Testimonies

House of Representatives, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats: "The Future of Turkish Democracy," July 15, 2014

House of Representatives, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats: "Turkey at a Crossroads: What do the Gezi Park Protests Mean for Democracy in the Region," June 26, 2013

House of Representatives, Committee on Foreign Affairs Hearing on Turkey's New Foreign Policy Direction:

"Implications for U.S.-Turkish Relations," July 28, 2010

House of Representatives, U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): "Turkey after July 2007 Elections: Domestic Politics and International Relations," July 26, 2007

House of Representatives, Committee on International Relations, Hearing at the Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia: "Is There a Clash of Civilizations? Islam, Democracy, and U.S.-Middle East Policy," September 14, 2006

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Security of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic: "Turkey in Europe—Europe in Turkey?" Prague, Czech Republic, April 18, 2006

House of Representatives, Committee on International Relations, Hearing at the Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, Washington DC, May 11, 2005

House of Representatives, Committee on International Relations, Hearing at the Subcommittee on Europe: "The Future of Turkey and U.S. -Turkish relations," Washington, DC, October 1, 2003

Private Briefings for U.S. Government Officials

Some examples include the following:

Vice President of the U.S. Joe Biden, Briefing on Turkish-U.S. Relations, October 13, 2016

"Turkey After the Failed Coup" Policy Planning Staff, State Department, August 25, 2016

"Turkey's ISIS Policy", Brett McGurk, Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, State Department, September 7, 2016

Senator Bob Menendez, Washington DC, December 15, 2015

Senator Tim Kaine, Washington DC, December 9, 2015

John R. Bass, U.S. Ambassador to Ankara, Washington DC, October 9, 2014

Key Briefer, "Eastern Mediterranean Engagement Series", Office of Southern European Affairs, October 31, 2013

Vice President of the U.S. Joe Biden, Briefing on Turkish-U.S. Relations, November 29, 2011

U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, December 16, 2010

Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Briefing on Turkish-US Relations, August 12, 2010

James Jeffrey, U.S. Ambassador to Ankara, September 16, 2009

Ross Wilson, U.S Ambassador to Ankara, October 1, 2008

Gen. (ret.) Joseph Ralston, U.S. Coordinator for Encountering the PKK, April 11, 2007

Counselor to the Secretary of State Philip Zelikow, September 27, 2006

Deputy U.S. Coordinator for Encountering the PKK, Admiral Robert Moeller, September 6, 2006

Consul General in Istanbul Deborah Jones, July 12, 2005

Deputy Chief of Mission appointee to the U.S. Embassy in Ankara Nancy McEldowney, May 24, 2005

U.S. Ambassador to Ankara Eric Edelman, Washington DC, June 24, 2003

HONORS & GRANTS

- 2014 "Ten Most Important Books of the Year," Foreign Policy Association
- 2014 Board of Directors, American Friends of Turkey, Inc.
- 2013 2013-2014 Humphrey Fellowship Candidate Review Committee (Europe) Member
- 2012 Beyer Family Fellow
- 2012 American-Turkish Society-Young Society Leaders Fellow, Class of 2012-13
- 2006 "Personnalités d'Avenir," French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2006 Halle Speaker, Emory University
- 2002 Soref Fellowship, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy.
- 2001 Robert M. Leylan Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities, Yale University
- 2000 Henry Hart Rice Fellowship, Yale Center for International and Area Studies
- 2000 Smith-Richardson Fellowship, International Security Studies, Yale University
- 1997 Smith-Richardson and Mellon Language Grants, Yale University
- 1996 Six-year graduate study fellowship, Yale University, included tuition waiver
- 1996 Two-year Open Society Institute (Budapest) scholarship towards study at Yale University

ADVISORY/EDITORIAL BOARD POSITIONS

Center for Turkey Studies, London, U.K., Member of Board of Advisors Assembly of Turkish-American Associations, Washington DC, Member of President's Advisory Board American-Turkish Council, Washington DC, Honorary Member to the Executive Board Journal of Turkish Studies, Editorial Board Member Azerbaijan Turkey America Foundation, Member of the Board of Trustees American Turkish Friendship Council, Atlanta, Member of the Board of Trustees

LANGUAGES

Native- Turkish Fluent- English, German, and Azerbaijani Proficient- French (reading and conversational), Ottoman Turkish (reading), Spanish (conversational), Hebrew, Bosnian-Serbo-Croatian