

EDUCATION

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY PhD Candidate in Science and Technology Policy Studies, TEKPOL	Ankara, TURKEY 2019- Present
ISTANBUL BILGI UNIVERSITY MA in International Political Economy (Top rank in class: 3.92/4.00)	Istanbul, TURKEY 2016-2018
HARVARD UNIVERSITY Graduate Diploma in Business Administration	Cambridge, USA 2001-2002
ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY Chemical Engineering	Istanbul, TURKEY 1995-2000
USKUDAR AMERICAN ACADEMY High School Diploma	Istanbul, TURKEY 1987-1994

WORK EXPERIENCE

METU-GUNAM <i>Research Scholar</i>	Ankara, TURKEY 02/2021- Present
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Turkish Photovoltaic Technologies Platform (Supported by TUBITAK 1004, The Center of Excellence Support Program).

UNILEVER <i>Regional Technical Project Leader, NAMET&RUB</i>	Istanbul, TURKEY 10/2008 - 02/2013
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- Managed deployment of global innovation projects for Hair Category in regional production and operation sites (Technical Project Leader for primary Personal Care category brands Elidor, Clear, Dove & Axe).
- Managed technical execution of Hair Category projects leading a group of 5 people representing Process, Formulation, Consumer Technical Insight and Packaging functions.
- R&D team leader to coordinate and run product & technology training sessions within PC Academy Unilever.
- Managed delivery of VIPs (Value Improvement Projects) to increase product GM and ensure category growth.
- R&D leader to liaise with Marketing team to determine 8Q business plans for Hair Category, to ensure brand and category growth, as prioritized by company top management.
- Led partnership with regional Supply Chain and R&D teams to ensure OTIF delivery of projects.
- Partnered with Quality team in product, raw material and process related Quality agenda.
- Led claim support studies for innovation and marketing communication projects.

KIMBERLY- CLARK <i>Senior Quality Engineer</i>	Istanbul, TURKEY 02/2007 - 10/2008
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- Supervised in-process and laboratory Quality Control operations in the factory, the regional supplier for the company.
- Supervised Quality Control operations for raw & packaging materials.
- Established computer-based Quality Control system, to improve control on the production line and prevent loss, while better analysing the collected data to implement improvements.
- Executed trial of new raw materials to support Regional Product & Technology Development team.

- ISO team member towards ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certification.
- Internal & external audit team member to ensure alignment with global Quality Management System.

NCH
Quality Control & Technical Support Engineer

Istanbul, TURKEY
06/2006 - 01/2007

- Managed Quality operations for multinational industrial maintenance & cleaning chemicals company.
- Coordinated technical support of the portfolio to internal and external clients.
- Led product & technology training agenda.
- Established and maintained technical documentation of the portfolio.
- Coordinated relations with chemical & packaging raw material vendors.
- Managed product alignment project to ensure global standards and product specifications.
- Coordinated regulatory assessment to ensure alignment with local regulations as a specialty chemicals producer.

IPSOS KMG (RETAILING INSTITUTE)
Key Account Executive

Istanbul, TURKEY
03/2004 - 05/2005

- Established and executed custom designed market research projects for leading FMCG companies.
- Managed field audit, data processing and deliveries to the clients.
- Managed Business Development agenda, to increase visibility of projects to new potential clients.

GENZYME
Quality & EHS Associate

Boston, USA
09/2002 - 03/2003

- Led project to review and update company Quality & EHS infrastructure to ensure global compliance.

ALKERMES
Quality Associate

Boston, USA
04/2002 - 09/2002

- Led project to update and align company Standard Operating Procedures as part of a Quality renovation project.

CERTIFICATES

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
Leading Strategic Innovation

Nashville, USA
02/2013 - 04/2013

BAHCESEHIR UNIVERSITY

- International Relations / Diplomacy School
- Political Science (JCI Scholarship)
- Leadership in Business, Bahcesehir University & Koc – Yonder

Istanbul, TURKEY
10/2013 - 11/2013
02/2009 - 05/2009
04/2010 - 05/2010

ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY / ESST

European Studies on Society, Science, and Technology

Istanbul, TURKEY
09/2005 - 02/2006

ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIPS & INTERESTS

- Presenter at Science, Technology and Society Conference, Istanbul Technical University, September 2019.
- Visiting lecturer on 'Innovation Management', Marmara University, May 2013.
- NLP Practitioner Diploma (Presented 'Emotional Intelligence & NLP Principles Workshop' at Ozyegin University, March 2012 and March 2014).
- President of Student Council (Uskudar American Academy).
- Member of Harvard University Alumni Association.
- Fluent English, Intermediate German (Goethe Institute), Beginner in Spanish (Ole Languages, Barcelona).