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### PROFILE

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Associate Professor of Political Science specializing in comparative politics, political economy, and political behavior of both elites and voters. I utilize statistical and mixed methods. I have experience in designing surveys and survey experiments.

### APPOINTMENTS

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2024 – ... Boğaziçi University, Political Science, Associate Professor  
2019 – 2024 Boğaziçi University, Political Science, Assistant Professor  
2016 – 2019 Özyeğin University, International Relations, Assistant Professor  
2015 WZB Berlin Social Science Center, visiting researcher

### ONGOING PROJECT AFFILIATIONS

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2025-... World Elite Database (WED), <https://worldelitedatabase.org>, Turkey team coordinator

### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2016.  
M.A. Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, 2009.  
B.A. High honors, double major in Political Science and History, Boğaziçi University, 2007.

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2022 Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA) Outstanding Young Scientist Award  
2015 Dissertation Completion Fellow, Mellon-ACLS  
2012 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (NSF)  
2011 Dissertation Prospectus Development Fellow, Social Science Research Council (SSRC)  
2007-09 Graduate Fellow, Turkish Institute for Scientific and Technological Research (TUBITAK)

### INTERNAL UNIVERSITY AWARDS

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2025 Boğaziçi University, Outstanding Achievement in Teaching Award  
2023 Boğaziçi University, Outstanding Achievement in Research Award

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

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- 2026 Yagci, A. H., Yılmaz, C. & Çetin, U. “Rival or Villain? The Evolution of Language Depicting the Opposition during Authoritarianization” *Government and Opposition* (accepted for publication)
- 2025 Oyvatt, Cem, Hasan Tekgüç, and Alper H. Yagci. “Pious people, patronage jobs, and the labor market: Turkey under Erdoğan’s AKP.” *Public Choice*: 203: 465-491.
- 2023 Yagci, Alper H., Mehmet Harma, and Hasan Tekgüç. “Who Wants Left-Wing Policies? Economic Preferences and Political Cleavages in Turkey,” *Mediterranean Politics*, 28(1): 1-26.
- 2022 Şaşmaz, Aytuğ, Alper H. Yagci [corresponding author], and Daniel Ziblatt. “How Voters Respond to Presidential Assaults on Checks and Balances: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Turkey.” *Comparative Political Studies* 55(11), 1947-1980.
- 2022 Balta, Evren, Cristobal Rovira Kaltwasser, and Alper H. Yagci. “Populist Attitudes and Conspiratorial Thinking.” *Party Politics* 28(4), 625-637.
- 2020 Yagci, Alper H. and Cem Oyvatt. “Partisanship, Media and the Objective Economy: Sources of Individual-Level Economic Assessments,” *Electoral Studies* 66.
- 2019 Yagci, Alper H. “Policy Knowledge, Collective Action and Advocacy Coalitions: Regulating GMOs in Turkey,” *Journal of European Public Policy* 26(6), 927-945.
- 2019 Kevin Young and Alper H. Yagci, “Status Quo Conservatism, Placation, or Partisan Division? Analysing Citizen Attitudes Towards Financial Reform in the United States,” *New Political Economy* 24(3): 313-333.
- 2018 Yagci, Alper H. “The Political Economy of Coups D’etat: A General Survey, and a Local Theory for Turkey,” *Turkish Studies* 19(1): 72-96.
- 2017 Yagci, Alper H. “The Great Recession, Inequality, and Occupy Protests Around the World,” *Government and Opposition* 52(4): 640-670.

## BOOKS

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- 2024 Tekgüç, H. and Yağcı, A. H. (eds.). *Piyasa, Sandık ve Başkan Arasında: Türkiye’de Ekonomik Dönüşüm ve Tıkanma* (İletişim Yayınları).

## OTHER BOOK CHAPTERS

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- 2023 Yağcı, Alper H. “Turkey’s Political Economy in International Context,” in Harun Arıkan and Zeynep Alemdar. (eds.), *Turkey’s Challenges and Transformation. Politics and Society in the Centennial of the Republic* (Palgrave Macmillan), 55-76.
- 2023 Yağcı, Alper H. “Cumhurbaşkanlığı Hükümet Sistemi ve Güvenlik Siyasetinin Kurumsal Anatomisi,” in Özlem Kaygusuz, Behlül Özkan (eds.), *Devletin Güvenliği Adına: Türkiye’de Milli Güvenlik Siyaseti*, (İletişim Yayınları), 390-420.
- 2023 Yağcı, Alper H. “Cumhurbaşkanlığı Hükümet Sisteminin Tasarımı Ve İktidarın Muhafazası,” in Emre Erdoğan, Ali Çarkoğlu and Mert Moral (eds.), *Türkiye Siyasetinin Sınırları: Siyasal Davranış Kurumlar ve Kültür* (İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları), 617-34.

## **PUBLICATIONS IN TR-DIZIN (TURKISH) JOURNALS**

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- 2023 Yağcı, Alper H. “2018-23 Döneminde Türkiye’de Ekonomik Değişim ve Seçmen Eğilimleri”, *Mülkiye Dergisi*, 47(4).
- 2022 Yağcı, Alper H. “Actual and Popularly Attributed Placement of Political Attitudes on the Left-Right Scale: Results from a Representative Survey of Turkey. *Siyasal: Journal of Political Sciences* 31(2):235–253.
- 2022 Yağcı, Alper H. Türkiye’de Bireylerin Sol-Sağ Ayrımına Göre Konumlanması: Dünya Değerler Araştırması 1990-2018 Verilerinin İncelenmesi. *Marmara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi*, 10(1), 21-50.

## **REFEREE SERVICE**

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*American Political Science Review (APSR), World Politics, Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Studies in Comparative International Development, Political Behavior, Electoral Studies, International Studies Quarterly, Acta Politica, Interest Groups & Advocacy, Policy & Society, Journal of Comparative Policy Studies, International Migration, Mediterranean Politics, South European Society and Politics, Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, New Perspectives on Turkey, Turkish Studies, Uluslararası İlişkiler, Mülkiye Dergisi* (member of the editorial board)

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

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Education Reform Initiative, Istanbul Policy Center (Istanbul, Turkey), 2009.

Research Consultant.

Boğaziçi University-TUSIAD Foreign Policy Forum (Istanbul, Turkey), 2006-08.

Research Assistant.

## **RELATED SKILLS**

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Statistical analysis: Stata, R

Network analysis: R

Programming: Python

## **LANGUAGES**

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Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), Portuguese (advanced), Ottoman script (basic reading comprehension)