

Curriculum Vitæ
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Current Positions

Associate Professor (December 2020-present), Department of Media and Social Sciences,
University of Stavanger, Norway

- EU Research Funding Advisor (June 2023-present)

Visiting Fellow (May 2024-present), Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy

Research Associate (January 2024-present), Cluster of Excellence: The Politics of Inequality,
University of Konstanz, Germany

Past Positions

Postdoctoral Fellow (March 2019-December 2020), Department of Media and Social Sciences,
University of Stavanger, Norway

Visiting Academic

Cluster of Excellence: The Politics of Inequality, University of Konstanz, Germany (May-July 2023)
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Southampton, UK (April-July 2022)
Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, USA (May-August 2014)

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri, USA, 2018.

Concentrations: Comparative Politics, Public Policy

Dissertation: *An Attentional Theory of Issue-Carrying Capacity*

Advisors: Laron K. Williams (chair), L. Marvin Overby, Jonathan Kriekhaus and Lael Keiser

Graduate Coursework, Economics and Political Science, University of Milan, Italy, 2011 - 2013.

B.A., Economics, *Honors degree*, Isik University, Turkey, 2011.

Erasmus Exchange, Economics, University of Bologna, Italy, 2009 - 2010.

Research

Book

1. Alper T. Bulut and T. Murat Yildirim. "Political Stability, Democracy and Agenda Dynamics in Turkey", *Palgrave Macmillan* (series on Comparative Studies of Political Agendas), 2020.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

23. Zach Dickson and T. Murat Yildirim. "The Effects of COVID-19 Infection on Opposition to COVID-19 Policies: Evidence from the U.S. Congress", *Political Communication*, forthcoming.
22. T. Murat Yildirim and Laron K. Williams. "Problem Importance across Time and Space: Updating the Most Important Problem Dataset", *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, & Parties*, 2024.
21. T. Murat Yildirim. "The Republic at the Centennial: A New Dataset of the Entire Population of Legislators and Their Parliamentary Activities in Turkey", *Electoral Studies*, 2024.
20. T. Murat Yildirim. "Patterns of Stability and Change in Media Attention in Europe", *Policy & Politics*, 2024.
19. Gunnar Thesen and T. Murat Yildirim. "Electoral Systems and Gender Inequality in Political News: Analyzing the News Visibility of Members of Parliament in Norway and the UK", *American Political Science Review*, 2023.
 - featured in [John Smith Centre](#), [Journalisten](#), and [Forskning.no](#)
18. T. Murat Yildirim, Gunnar Thesen, Will Jennings, and Erik De Vries. "The Determinants of the Media Coverage of Politicians: The Role of Parliamentary Activities", *European Journal of Political Research*, 2023.
 - featured in [LSE Media](#)
17. Alper T. Bulut and T. Murat Yildirim. "Elite Influence on Attitudes about Gender Egalitarianism: Evidence from a Population-Based Survey Experiment", *Political Behavior*, 2023.
 - featured in [Washington Post's Monkey Cage](#)
16. T. Murat Yildirim and Alper T. Bulut. "Income Inequality and Opinion Expression Gap in the American Public: An Analysis of Policy Priorities", *Journal of Public Policy*, 2023.
 - featured in [LSE Phelan United States Centre](#), [USAPP Blog](#)
15. T. Murat Yildirim and Alper T. Bulut. "Gendered Perceptions of Personality Traits, Policy Stereotypes and Support for Right-Wing Populist Parties: Lessons from Turkey", *Social Politics*, 2023.
14. T. Murat Yildirim. "Rethinking Women's Interests: An Inductive and Intersectional Approach to Defining Women's Policy Priorities", *British Journal of Political Science*, 2022.
 - featured in [LSE Engenderings](#)
13. T. Murat Yildirim, Alper T. Bulut and Emel Ilter. "Agenda Dynamics and Policy Priorities in Military Regimes", *International Political Science Review*, 2022.
12. T. Murat Yildirim. "Stability and Change in the Public's Policy Agenda: A Punctuated Equilibrium Approach", *Policy Sciences*, 2022.

11. Hande Eslen-Ziya and T. Murat Yildirim. "Perceptions of Gendered-Challenges in Academia: How Women Academics See Gender Hierarchies as Barriers to Achievement", *Gender, Work and Organization*, 2022.
10. Michael Wahman, Nikolaos Frantzeskakis and T. Murat Yildirim. "From Thin to Thick Representation: How a Female President Shapes Female Parliamentary Behavior", *American Political Science Review*, 2021.
 - featured in an [interview](#) with former President Joyce Banda of Malawi, and [APSA Political Science Now, The Conversation](#).
9. T. Murat Yildirim and Hande Eslen-Ziya. "The Differential Impact of COVID-19 on the Work Conditions of Men and Women Academics during the Lockdown", *Gender, Work and Organization*, 2021.
8. T. Murat Yildirim, Gulnur Kocapinar and Alper Ecevit. "Status Incongruity and Backlash Against Female Legislators: How Legislative Speechmaking Benefits Men, but Harms Women", *Political Research Quarterly*, 2021.
7. T. Murat Yildirim. "Politics of Constituency Representation and Legislative Ambition Under the Glare of Camera Lights", *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2020.
6. Sabri Ciftci and T. Murat Yildirim. "Ethnic Violence and Substantive Representation of Minorities in Parliament", *International Political Science Review*, 2020.
5. T. Murat Yildirim. "Gender and Agenda Diversity: Cognitive Differences in Representatives' Information Processing", *Policy Studies Journal*, 2020.
4. T. Murat Yildirim and L. Marvin Overby. "Abandoning Ankara: Voluntary Departures from the Grand National Assembly of Turkey", *Journal of Legislative Studies*, 2019.
3. T. Murat Yildirim, Gulnur Kocapinar and Alper Ecevit. "Staying Active and Focused? The Effect of Parliamentary Performance on Candidate Renomination and Promotion", *Party Politics*, 2019.
2. Sabri Ciftci and T. Murat Yildirim. "Hiding Behind the Party Brand or Currying Favor with Constituents: Why Do Representatives Engage in Different Types of Constituency-Oriented Behavior?", *Party Politics*, 2019.
1. Frank R. Baumgartner, Marcello Carammia, Derek Epp, Ben Noble, Beatriz Rey and T. Murat Yildirim. "Budgetary Change in Authoritarian and Democratic Regimes", *Journal of European Public Policy*, 2017.
 - Reprinted in: Christian Breunig, Christine S. Lipsmeyer, and Guy D. Whitten (Eds.). "Political Budgeting across Europe", *Routledge*, 2019.

Book Chapters

5. T. Murat Yildirim. "Gender Differences in the Prioritization of Corruption as the Most Important Problem in the US: 1939-2015" in Kubbe, Ina and Ortrun Merkle (Eds.), *Norms, Gender and Corruption: Understanding the Nexus*, *Edward Elgar Publishing*, 2022.
4. Liv Sunnercrantz and T. Murat Yildirim. "The Role of Experts in Populist Politics: An Overview" in Eslen-Ziya, Hande and Alberta Giorgi (Eds.), *Populism and Science in Europe*, *Palgrave Macmillan*, 2022.
3. T. Murat Yildirim. "Legislative Debates in the Turkish Grand National Assembly" in Bäck, Hanna, Marc Debus and Jorge Fernandes (Eds.), *The Politics of Legislative Debate*, *Oxford University Press*, 2021.

2. Nikolaos Frantzeskakis, Michael Wahman, and T. Murat Yildirim. "Legislative Debate in the Malawi Parliament" in Bäck, Hanna, Marc Debus and Jorge Fernandes (Eds.), *The Politics of Legislative Debate*, Oxford University Press, 2021.
1. Alper T. Bulut and T. Murat Yildirim. "The Turkish Policy Agendas Project". In Baumgartner, Frank, Christian Breunig and Emiliano Grossman (Eds.), "Comparative Policy Agendas: Theory, Tools, Data.", Oxford University Press, 2019.

Teaching Experience

University of Stavanger, Norway

Instructor of Record

BSS 120: Research Theory and Method (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

BST 290: Quantitative Research Methods (Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

BST 250: Comparative Politics (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

Université Catholique de Lille, France

Instructor of Record

ISTC: Political Geography (Fall 2021)^{Erasmus+ Mobility}

ISTC: Political Elites, Elections, and the Public (Spring 2024)^{Erasmus+ Mobility}

University of Missouri, USA

Instructor of Record

POL 2700: Comparative Political Systems (Spring 2018)

POL 2720: European Democracies (Fall 2017)

Pedagogical Training

UniPed: Higher Education Pedagogies, University of Stavanger, Norway, Fall 2023, Spring 2024 – (200 hours)

Supervisory Qualification Program, University of Stavanger, Norway, Spring 2023 – (100 hours)

Instructional and Communication Strategies for Effective College Teaching, University of Missouri, USA, Fall 2014 – (135 hours)

Communication and Culture for American College Teaching, University of Missouri, USA, Spring 2014 – (135 hours)

PhD Supervision

Enes Sari, University of Stavanger, Norway (main supervisor, since June 2022)

Selected Non-Refereed Publications

- “I See Punctuations Everywhere: How Do (other) Governments Prioritize Problems?” (review essay), *European Political Science*, March 2018, 17(1), 176-180.
- Review of “Electoral Protest and Democracy in the Developing World”, *Democratization*, 2017.
- Review of “Democracy Protests: Origins, Features and Significance”, *London School of Economics (LSE) Book Reviews*, 2017.
- Review of “Parliaments and Government Formation: Unpacking Investiture Rules” and “Ideologues, Partisans, and Loyalists: Ministers and Policymaking in Parliamentary Cabinets”, *Political Studies Review*, 2017.
- Review of “The Politics of Information: Problem Definition and the Course of Public Policy in America”, *Political Studies Review*, Vol.15, Issue 1, 2017.
- “Turkey’s Imaginary Need for Presidentialism: What would Erdogan’s latest project bring to the country?”, *London School of Economics (LSE) - Middle East Centre*, 28 October, 2016.
- Review of “Policy Agendas in British Politics” and “Agenda Setting, Policies, and Political Systems”, *Political Studies Review*, Volume 14, Issue 1, 2016.
- Review of “The Education of Nations: How the Political Organization of the Poor, Not Democracy, Led Governments to Invest in Mass Education”, *Political Studies Review*, Volume 13, Issue 1, 2015.

Conference Presentations

- T. Murat Yildirim and Knut Martin Solvig. “Revisiting the Rural-Urban Divide in Political Attitudes”, paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Political Studies Association* in Glasgow, UK, March 25-27, 2024
- T. Murat Yildirim and Hande Eslen-Ziya. “Taking Parenthood Seriously: How Parental Status Predicts the Career Trajectories of Women in Politics”, paper presented at the annual meeting of the *ECPR Joint Sessions Gender, Parenthood, and Political Representation* in Lüneburg, Germany, March 23-25, 2024
- T. Murat Yildirim. “Emotive Rhetoric in the British House of Commons”, paper presented at the annual *Norwegian Political Science Conference* in Stavanger, Norway, January 8-10, 2024
- T. Murat Yildirim and Gunnar Thesen. “The Role of Gender and Ethnicity in the Media Coverage of Politicians”, paper presented at the Workshop of *Linking Survey and Context Data to Analyze Elite and Mass Interactions* in Munster, Germany, September 21-22, 2023
- Zachary Dickson, Sebastian Ludwicki-Ziegler, Mark Shephard, and T. Murat Yildirim. “Offsetting Incongruence Through Constituency Mentions: Legislative Behavior and the Electoral Connection?”, paper presented at the General Conference of *European Consortium for Political Research* in Prague, Czech Republic, September 4-8, 2023
- T. Murat Yildirim and Gunnar Thesen. “The Media Coverage of Politicians and the Popularity of Search Queries in Google Trends”, paper presented at the 8th Conference of *ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments* in Vienna, Austria, July 6-8, 2023

- T. Murat Yildirim and Zachary Dickson. “Emotive Rhetoric in the British House of Commons”, paper presented at the 8th Conference of *ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments* in Vienna, Austria, July 6-8, 2023
- Zachary Dickson and T. Murat Yildirim. “All talk? Elite congruence online and in the US Congress”, paper presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the *Comparative Agendas Project* in Antwerp, Belgium, June 27-29, 2023
- T. Murat Yildirim and Laron K. Williams. “Updating the Most Important Problem Dataset”, paper presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the *Comparative Agendas Project* in Antwerp, Belgium, June 27-29, 2023
- Zachary Dickson and T. Murat Yildirim. “The Limits of Partisan Motivated Reasoning in Congress”, paper presented at the 80th Annual *Midwest Political Science Association Conference* in Chicago, IL (USA), April 13-16, 2023
- T. Murat Yildirim and Laron K. Williams. “Policy Priorities, Issue Importance and the Legislative Agenda”, paper presented at the 80th Annual *Midwest Political Science Association Conference* in Chicago, IL (USA), April 13-16, 2023
- Zachary Dickson and T. Murat Yildirim. “COVID-19 Infection and Skepticism Toward Protection Measures among Legislators”, paper presented at Annual Meeting of the *European Consortium for Political Research* in Innsbruck, Austria, August 22-26, 2022
- T. Murat Yildirim and Alper T. Bulut. “Reconsidering the Public Consequences of Private Inequalities”, paper presented at *European Conference on Politics and Gender* in Ljubljana, Slovenia, July 6-8, 2022
- T. Murat Yildirim. “A Century of Political Elites in Turkey: A New Dataset”, paper presented at the 7th Conference of *ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments* in Paris, France, June 30-July 2, 2022
- Zachary Dickson and T. Murat Yildirim. “Youth Enfranchisement and Legislative Responsiveness in Scotland”, paper presented at *European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions* in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, April 19-22, 2022
- T. Murat Yildirim and Gunnar Thesen. “The Media Coverage and Public Visibility of Members of Parliament in the UK”, paper presented at the 72nd Annual *Political Studies Association Conference* in York, United Kingdom, April 11-13, 2022
- Zachary Dickson and T. Murat Yildirim. “Legislators’ Responsiveness to Public Priorities on Twitter in the US and the UK”, paper presented at the 79th Annual *Midwest Political Science Association Conference* in Chicago, IL (USA), April 7-10, 2022
- T. Murat Yildirim and Gunnar Thesen. “Revisiting Gender Differences in the Media Coverage of Legislators”, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Nordic Political Science Association* in Reykjavík, Iceland, August 10-13, 2021
- T. Murat Yildirim, Gunnar Thesen, Will Jennings and Erik De Vries. “The Effect of Parliamentary Activity on the Media Visibility of Politicians in the UK and Norway”, paper presented at the 6th Conference of *ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments* (virtual), July 1-2, 2021
- Gunnar Thesen and T. Murat Yildirim. “Gendered Policy Agendas”, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the *European Consortium for Political Research* in Wroclaw, Poland, September 4-7, 2019
- T. Murat Yildirim, Alper T. Bulut and Emel Ilter. “Agenda Dynamics and Issue Attention in Military Regimes”, paper presented at the Workshop of *Policy Advocacy and the Media in Non-democracies* in Heidelberg, Germany, August 1-3, 2019

- T. Murat Yildirim. “Gender, Race and Partisanship: An Analysis of the Most Important Problems in the US, 1939-2015”, paper presented at the 12th Annual Meeting of the *Comparative Agendas Project* in Budapest, Hungary, June 6-8, 2019, — and at the Annual Workshop of *Empirical Studies in Political Analysis* in Adana, Turkey, January 16-18. 2019
- Michael Wahman, Nikolaos Frantzeskakis and T. Murat Yildirim. “Parliamentarians for Hire? Co-optation and Active Opposition in African Legislatures”, paper presented at the 12th Annual Meeting of the *Comparative Agendas Project* in Budapest, Hungary, June 6-8, 2019, — and at the 114th Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association* in Boston, MA (USA), August 30 - September 2. 2018
- Jin Mun Jeong and T. Murat Yildirim. “Female Leaders and Foreign Policy”, paper presented at the 114th Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association* in Boston, MA (USA), August 30 - September 2. 2018
- T. Murat Yildirim. “Gender and Agenda Diversity: Gender Differences in Representatives’ Information Processing,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Western Political Science Association* in San Francisco, CA (USA), March 29-31. 2018
- T. Murat Yildirim, Gulnur Kocapinar and Y. Alper Ecevit. “Represent, but Don’t Speak Unless Spoken to: How Parliamentary Speechmaking Benefits Men, but Harms Women”, paper presented at the Annual Workshop of *Empirical Studies in Political Analysis* in Gaziantep, Turkey, January 24-26. 2018
- T. Murat Yildirim. “Behind the Cameras: The Effect of Legislative Television on Constituency-Oriented Behavior in Parliament,” paper presented at the 10th Annual Meeting of the *Comparative Agendas Project*, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 15-17. 2017
- T. Murat Yildirim, Hao Wang, Beatriz Rey and Ben Noble. “Information Processing Capacity and Budgetary Change in Authoritarian Regimes,” paper presented at the 10th Annual Meeting of the *Comparative Agendas Project*, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 15-17. 2017
- T. Murat Yildirim, Gulnur Kocapinar and Alper Ecevit. “Parliamentary Performance and Renomination: Does Parliamentary Activism Foster the Chance of Renomination?,” paper presented at the 75th Annual *Midwest Political Science Association Conference* in Chicago, IL (USA), April 6-9. 2017 — and at the 10th Annual Meeting of the *Comparative Agendas Project*, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 15-17. 2017
- T. Murat Yildirim and L. Marvin Overby. “Abandoning Ankara: Voluntary Departures from the Grand National Assembly of Turkey,” paper presented at the 75th Annual *Midwest Political Science Association Conference* in Chicago, IL (USA), April 6-9. 2017
- Sabri Ciftci and T. Murat Yildirim. “Representation and Ethnic Conflict: Kurdish Insurgency and Parliamentary Behavior in Turkey,” paper presented at the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the *Middle East Studies Association*, Boston, MA, November 17-20. 2016
- Chris Raymond, T. Murat Yildirim and L. Marvin Overby. “Calling it Quits: Legislative Retirements in Comparative Perspective,” paper presented at the 3rd General Conference of the *ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments* in Munich, Germany, July 1-3. 2016
- T. Murat Yildirim and Hao Wang. “Determinants of Budgetary Stability: An Analysis of Public Budgeting in Seven Countries,” paper presented at the 74th Annual *Midwest Political Science Association Conference* in Chicago, IL (USA), April 7-10. 2016
- T. Murat Yildirim and Sabri Ciftci. “Hiding Behind Party Brand or Currying Favor with Constituents? Constituency Oriented Behavior in Turkey,” paper presented at the 74th Annual *Midwest Political Science Association Conference* in Chicago, IL (USA), April 7-10. 2016

- T. Murat Yildirim. “New Tools in Turkish Public Policy: Policy Agendas Project Turkey,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa*, Washington D.C., October 29-31. 2015
- Frank R. Baumgartner, Marcello Carammia, Derek Epp, Ben Noble, Beatriz Rey and T. Murat Yildirim. “Authoritarian Budgets: Punctuated Equilibrium in Turkey, Brazil, Malta and Russia,” paper presented at the 8th Annual Meeting of the *Comparative Agendas Project*, Lisbon, Portugal, June 22-26. 2015 — and at the *Conference of Budgeting Across Europe*, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (USA), December 9-11. 2015

Invited Talks

- On the Most Important Problem, University of Bergen, Norway, November 2023
- Policy Priorities in the US Public across Time and Space, University of Konstanz, Germany, June 2023
- How Media Coverage of Politicians Shapes the Public’s Interest in Them: Evidence from Five European Countries, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, June 2023
- How Income Predicts Nonresponse in Policy Priority Questions and Why It Matters, Sabanci University, Turkey, November 2021
- Income and Opinion-Expression Gap in the American Public, University of Reading, UK, October 2021
- The Substantive Representation of Women, Bahcesehir University, Turkey, March 2021

Datasets

The Most Important Problem Dataset (MIPD), v2
MIP responses from 800+ surveys [1939-2020]

The Policy Agendas Project, Turkey
Front-Page Coverage of Newspapers [1980-2001]
Public Budgeting: Outlays and Appropriations [1923-2017]
Parliamentary Activities [1920-2018]

Awards and Support

- Pedagogical Development Fund, Faculty of Social Sciences, NOK 35,000 – University of Stavanger, 2023
- Strategic Research Fund, Faculty of Social Sciences, NOK 60,000 – University of Stavanger, 2022
- David M. Wood Excellence in Political Science Research Award, University of Missouri, 2018
- Jeffrey D. Byrne Award, University of Missouri, 2017
- Research Grant, \$2,000 – Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, Washington D.C., 2015

- Research Grant, \$4,608 – Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, 2015
- Research Grant, \$1,040 – Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, 2014
- Study Grant, €12,400 – Commune di Milano, Italy, 2012
- High-Merit Scholarship (full tuition waiver) – The Higher Education Council, Turkey, 2006-2011

Languages

Turkish (native)
 English (fluent)
 Italian (intermediate)
 Norwegian (intermediate)

Academic Service

Discipline

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Electoral Studies; European Journal of Political Research; Frontiers in Political Science; Gender, Work and Organization; International Journal of Public Administration; International Political Science Review; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of Politics; Journal of Political Science Education; Journal of Public Policy; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Open Research Europe - the European Council; Party Politics; Perspectives on Politics; Political Research Quarterly; Policy Sciences; Policy Studies Journal; Public Management Review; Representation; Sage Open; Scandinavian Political Studies; South European Society and Politics; the British Journal of Politics and International Relations; the International Journal of Press/Politics; Third World Quarterly; Turkish Studies; Women's Studies International Forum; Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*

Panel Chair: *Norwegian Political Science Conference (2024)*
ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments (2021)
The Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (2019)
Midwest Political Science Association (2023)
Workshop: Policy Advocacy and the Media (2019)

Discussant: *The Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (2023)*
Workshop: Linking Survey and Context Data to Analyze Elite and Mass Interactions (2023)
ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments (2023)
Nordic Political Science Association (2021)
European Consortium for Political Research (2019)
Western Political Science Association (2019)
Midwest Political Science Association (2017, 2023)

University

Member

Postdoctoral Researcher Search Committee, the Center for Gender Studies, University of Stavanger, 2022

(November)
Master's Thesis Defense Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, 2022
(September)
PhD Fellow Search Committee, Department of Media and Social Sciences, University of Stavanger, 2021
(April, November)

External Examiner

Quantitative Research Methods II (master), Department of Social Sciences, University of Tromsø,
(2023-present)
Quantitative Research Methods I (master), Department of Social Sciences, University of Tromsø,
(2023-present)
Quantitative Research Methods, Department of Social Sciences, University of Tromsø,
(2022-present)
Social Science Research Methods, Department of Social Sciences, University of Tromsø,
(2022-present)

Founding Member

Research Group on Populism, Anti-Gender and Democracy, University of Stavanger, 2020

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association