

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Training

1987-1991	Study of Social Work and Sociology in Turkey at Hacettepe University, Ankara and at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara
14/02/1991	Emigration from Turkey to Germany
01/10/1993 – 08/09/1999	Studied Social Sciences at the University of Osnabrück
10/02/2002 – 15/07/2006	PhD Dissertation (in German) on the subject of "The Turkish Understanding of the State, Nation and Democracy and the Kurdish National Question in the Process of the Turkish Republic's Accession to the European Union"
07/10/2007	Date of PhD award, obtained from the University of Osnabrück / Germany (rewarded with <i>magna cum laude</i>)

Posts Held

05/03/2020 – present	Senior Scientist at the Department of Political Science, University of Innsbruck
01/06/2018 – present	Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the Department of Political Science, University College London (UCL)
05/09/2019 – 05.03.2020	Senior Lecturer at the Department of International Law and Relations, University of Graz
04/03/2019 – 05/09/2019	Senior Scientist at the University of Klagenfurt (Austria), Faculty of Humanities
03/09/2018 – 01/02/2019	Senior Scientist at the University of Innsbruck (Austria), Department of Political Science
25/06/2017 – 25/06/2018	CARA Research Fellow at the Department of Political Science, University College London (UCL)
01/03/2017 – 31/07/2017	Research Associate at the European Institute Contemporary Turkish

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Studies, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

01/2014 – 10/2016	Associate Professor at Mardin Artuklu University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Department of Political Science and International Relations
03/2012 – 09/2014	Chairman of the Society for Intercultural Integration, a non-profit charity (Gesellschaft für Interkulturelle Integration e.V., Cologne)
09/2012 – 09/2013	Visiting Scholar at School of Oriental and African Studies, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of London
09/2011 – 10/2012	Visiting Research Fellow at King's College London School of Law
10/2010 – 08/2011	Research Stay in London
02/1993 – 08/2008	Work as an official translator for the Kurdish, Turkish and German languages
09/1997 – 08/1999	Academic assistant, University of Osnabrück with Prof. Bennhold, Professor of Sociology of Law at the Department of Political Science

Teaching and Administrative Experience

Summer Semester 2020	Fridays for Future. Zur Politischen Ökologie des globalen Klimawandels (Graduate, in German), University of Innsbruck
Summer Semester 2020	Konzepte der inklusiven Bildung und Erziehung im internationalen Vergleich (graduate, in German), University of Klagenfurt
Winter semester 2019/20	Foundations and Issues of intercultural Education, University of Graz (graduate level, in English)
Summer Semester 2019	Independence Referendums and their Implications: The Cases of Quebec, Scotland, Iraqi Kurdistan and Catalonia, University of Klagenfurt (undergraduate level, in German)
Summer Semester 2019	Ethnopolitical Conflicts and Conflict Transformation: Modes Of Accommodation and Lessons, University of Klagenfurt, (undergraduate and graduate level, in German)
Summer Semester 2019	Risk and Resilience (Seminar in cooperation with Sparkasse of federal state Carinthia), Austria
Summer Semester 2016	International Law and Conflict Resolution, University of Mardin (graduate level, in English)

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Summer Semester 2016	Theories of International Relations, University of Mardin, (undergraduate level, in English)
WS2015/ WS 20123	Political and Administrative System of Turkey (graduate level, in Turkish)
Winter Semester 2015	Political Theory (graduate level, in English)
Summer Semester 2014	Social Psychology (undergraduate level, in Turkish)
Winter Semester 2015	Political History (undergraduate level, in Turkish)
Summer Semester 2015	Political History II (undergraduate level, in Turkish)
Summer Semester 2015	Political Psychology (undergraduate level, in Turkish)
Summer Semester 2008	Lectures on the Emergence of Federal Republic of Germany: Its Perception and Reflection in the German Studies (German)

Research Interests

Political Theory, Theories of International Relations, International Law and Conflict Resolution, Self-Determination Conflicts, International Migration, Political Ecology, Comparative Politics, The Late Ottoman Empire, Turkey's Political and Administrative System, Foreign Policy and the Kurdish Politics, the Middle East.

Grant (External Funding)

2018	"Capacity Building for Academics", European Endowment for Democracy, 131,260.00 Euro, through CDPR London
2017	European Instrument for Democracy & Human Rights funded project on "Supporting Critical Knowledge Reproduction and Dismissed Academics in Turkey, in Cooperation with the Dublin-based Frontline Defenders, 1.000.000 Euro, through CDPR London

Membership and Editorial and Referee Roles

Since 2012	Editorial Board Member of Kürt Tarihi (Kurdish History)
Since 2015	Editorial Board Member of Academic Journal Conjuntura Austral of Universidade Federal Do Rio Grande Do Sul, Porto Alegre / Brazil

Affiliation, Administration and Management

Since 2017	Member of the Board of Trustee for charity Democracy and Peace Research Center, London
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Since 2010	Founding member of Mesopotamia Foundation, a civil society initiative aiming at founding the first Kurdish University in Turkey with Kurd, Turkish and English as languages of instruction
Since 2013	Member of Board, Gesellschaft für Interkulturelle Integration e.V., Cologne

Selected Publications

German

Bezwan, Naif (2020). Risiko und Resilienz. Zu den gesellschaftlichen Mechanismen des Wirkens und Gegenwirkens (to be published in November 2020).

Bezwan, Naif 2008a: Die politischen und konstitutionellen Systeme der Türkei, Irans und Syriens unter besonderer Berücksichtigung ihres Vorgehens in der Kurdistanfrage (The political and legal systems of Turkey, Iran and Syria with particular focus on their policies towards Kurdistan Issue) in: Gottschlich, Daniela et al. Reale Utopien, Perspektiven für eine friedliche und gerechte Welt, Münster: PapyRossa: Münster, S. 186-199.

Bezwan, Naif (2008b). Türkei und Europa. Die Staatsdoktrin der Türkischen Republik, ihre Aufnahme in die EU und die kurdische Nationalfrage (*Turkey and Europe: State Doctrine of the Republic of Turkey, Its Accession to the EU and Kurdish National Question*), Baden- Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft.

Bezwan, Naif (2003). Repräsentation und Volkssouveränität. Zur Idee und Wirklichkeit eines Begriffspaars in den Theorien moderner Demokratie (*Representation and popular sovereignty. On the idea and reality of a conceptual pair in the theories of Modern democracy*), in: Demokratie als Idee und Wirklichkeit, Erstes Doktorandenseminar der Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Manuskripte 39, Berlin: Karl Dietz Verlag, S. 88-100.

English

Bezwan, Naif (Mai 2021). The State and Violence in Kurdistan. A Conceptual Framework (to be published in a special issue of Kurdish Studies Journal).

Bezwan, Naif (November 2020). Considering the Status of the Non-Muslim Communities in the Ottoman Empire. A Non-Orientalised Decolonial Approach (to be published in a special issue of the magazine "Estudos Internacionais, Revista De relações Internacionais Da PUC Minas").

Bezwan, Naif (2020). The Political and Administrative Regime of Turkey: Historical Legacies and Current Designs, in: Foreign Policy of Brazil and Turkey: A Comparative Study (edited by André Luiz Reis da Silva and Naif Bezwan). The book is scheduled for publication in November 2020

Bezwan, Naif (2018). Addressing the Kurdish Self-Determination Conflict. Democratic Autonomy and Authoritarianism, in: Democratic Representation in Plurinational States: The Kurds in Turkey (edited by Ephraim Nimni and Elçin Aktoprak), Palgrave Macmillan.

Turkish

Bezwan, Naif (2016). Sykes-Picot Paylaşım Antlaşması ve Kürdistan, İstanbul: Evrensel Yayınları (*Sykes-Picot Agreement and Kurdistan*).

Bezwan, Naif (2016). Kadir-i Mutlak Merkezin Kadim Çelişkisi: Türkiye'de Yerelleşme Dinamiklerinin Önlenebilen Yükselişi (*An Ancient Contradiction of an Omnipotent Center: Inescapable Dynamics of Decentralization in Turkey*) in *Kurdology Conference proceedings II*, İstanbul: İsmail Beşikçi Vakfı.

Bezwan, Naif (2015). İki Tarz-ı Devlet: Bir Suç ve Güvenlik Rejimi Olarak Olağanüstü Yönetimleri in *1990'lı Yıllarda Kürtler ve Kürdistan (Dual State: Emergency rules as regimes of security and crime, in Kurds and Kurdistan in the 1990's)*, İstanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları.

Selected Presentations, Seminars and Interviews

Invited to Global Conference on the Human Right to Quality Education due to 100th Anniversary of World University Service - organised, among others, by Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research to be held in Vienna, on 14/16 May 2020.

Invited to workshop on Diversity, Conflict and Democracy in the Contemporary Middle East, to be held in Berlin on 17/18 April 2020.

invited to INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AUTHORITARIANISM, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN ACADEMIA AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES IN TURKEY held on JANUARY 30, 2020 in Brussels organised European Endowment for Democracy and Centre for Democracy and Peace Research.

Invited to a panel discussion to be held on 14th December 2019 in Vienna on *academic freedom* to be broadcasted on Radiokulturhaus Wien organized by the Austrian Commission of UNESCO.

Invited to the Second Conference on the *100th Anniversary of the End of the Ottoman Empire* at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais / Brazil to hold opening lecture, make a presentation and carry out a seminar on Turkey and the Middle East, organized by the Middle East and Maghreb Studies Group, September 2019.

Wie lässt sich die autoritäre Regimeformation in der Türkei erklären? Umstände, Ursachen und Lehren (Explaining the Authoritarian Turn in Turkey. Circumstances, Causes and Lessons, at Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, 4 July 2019.

Invited to hold a Seminar on: *Self-determination Conflicts of New Generation? On the Referendums of Québec, Scotland, Iraqi Kurdistan and Catalonia*, at the University Bozen, Italy, 3 March 2019.

Die Unabhängigkeitsreferenda von Schottland, Kurdistan, Katalonien. Ein Neuer Typ von Selbstbestimmungsbewegungen? Held at the Department of Political Science, University of Innsbruck, 12 December 2018.

An Expert Commentary on minority protection at the request of Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid of the German Federal Parliament (Bundestag), co-authored with Professor Doctor Gudrun Hentges, University of Cologne, November 2018.

Invited to Workshop on *Mass Violence and the Kurds: From Late Ottoman Empire to Modern Turkey*, presentation on *the Turkish Dual State und State Crime in Kurdistan*, held at the Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam on 15 November 2018.

Seminar on *Zur Aktualität des Doppelstaates. Überlegungen zu den autoritären Regimeformationen in der Türkei und in Russland*, University of Innsbruck, 12 November 2018.

Presentation on *Neither Self-Rule Nor Mandatory Rule: The Peculiar Case of the Kurds after the Collapse of the Ottoman Empire and Contemporary Consequences* to be held at the 5th World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES) Seville, July 16th to the 22nd, 2018.

Invited to Serbest Kurdish Studies Conference, presentation on *Transforming the Politics of Non-Recognition: The International Community and the Kurdish Pursuit of Self-Determination* held at Buffett Institute for Global Studies at Northwestern University, June 2018.

Invited to a seminar on „*The Geopolitics of the Political. Turkish Foreign Policy towards the Middle East* held at University of Trieste, May 2018.

Interview on Academic Freedom, UCL University of London, (<https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/ucl-global/2018/04/11/defending-academic-freedom-interview-with-dr-naif-bezwan/>), 2018.

Panel speaker on *Academic Freedom* organized by the London-based Council for at-Risk Academics (CARA) at the Royal Society, 29 November 2017.

Panel speaker on *Modalities of Control and Repression of the Academic Profession in an Historical Perspective* held by Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, September 2017.

Public lecture on „*the Exceptional State: Peace, Putsch and Plebiscite in Turkey*“ in the context of Public lecture series 2016-17: Anthropology of Turkey and Beyond at School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Contemporary Turkish Studies, 29 March, 2017.

Public talk on *Academic Freedom, Authoritarianism and Turkey*, organized by Academics for Peace-UK, Birkbeck School of Law, together with Étienne Balibar and Seyla Benhabib, London March 2017.

Invited to hold one-week seminar on *The political system, political economy and foreign policy of Turkey*, Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte / Brazil, August 2015.

Invited to conduct a one-week seminar on *The political system, political economy and foreign policy of Turkey*, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul – Porto Alegre / Brazil, August 2015.

Presentation on the subject of Democratic Autonomy as a means of Conflict Transformation and Self-government made in the two-day International workshop on *New Modalities for Democratic Autonomy for Minorities that do not entail Dismembering States: The Case of the Republic of Turkey*, jointly organised by Queen's University Belfast and Ankara University, and funded by British Council, Ankara, May 2015.

Explaining the Mass Killing in Dersim, International conference on genocide, University of Sulamania, in the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq, April 2015.

Die historischen und ideologischen Grundlagen der türkischen Kurdistanpolitik: Vom Lausanner Vertrag bis zum Prozess des Beitritts der Türkei zur Europäischen Union, Stellungnahme für den Ausschuss für Menschenrechte und humanitäre Hilfe, Deutscher Bundestag (German Federal Parliament), 2006.

Die aktuelle Sicherheitslage im Irak: Hintergründe und Einstellung politisch relevanter Akteure (The current security situation in Irak: Backgrounds and Positions of relevant Actors), University of Osnabrück, June 2006.

Die Lösung der Kurdistanfrage und ihre Bedeutung für die Demokratisierung des Mittleren und Nahen Ostens (Die Solution of Kurdistan issue and its impact on the democratization of the Middle East), Osnabrück at the symposium entitled "Reale Utopien. Perspektiven für eine friedliche und gerechte Welt, November 2007.

Analyse der deutschen Außenpolitik zu Kurden (Analysis of German Foreign Policy Towards the Kurds), invited by Navend /Center for Kurdish Studies in Bonn, 22 July 2006.

Interviews and Public Engagement

Interview on on the Perils and Powers of Academic Freedom. Spotlight on Dr. Bezwan (<https://trainingszentrum-menschenrechte.uni-graz.at/de/neuigkeiten/detail/article/on-the-perils-and-powers-of-academic-freedom-spotlight-on-dr-bezwan/>)

Exiled Academics, Interviewed by Long Dang of Index on Censorship <https://www.indexoncensorship.org/2018/07/work-of-the-kurdish-and-turkish-diaspora-essential-to-strengthen-turkey-democratic-opposition-exiled-academic-says/>, 2018.

Interviewed by Tim Judah, in Financial Times Weekend Magazine, 30 July 2018, p. 23-25.

Interviewed by Katrin Bennhold, *From Kurdistan to Texas, Scots Spur Separatists*, published in New York Times, September 11, 2014.

Interviewed by Katrin Bennhold about *Turkey's process of accession into the European Union* published in International Herald Tribune, December 13, 2006.

Bezwan, Naif (2018): *Operasyon Başkanlık Rejiminin Tahkimi İçin Yapılıyor*, Interview, 22 January 2018 (<https://www.evrensel.net/haber/343840/bezwan-operasyon-baskanlik-rejiminin-tahkimi-icin-yapiliyor>).

Bezwan, Naif (2017): *Tek Parti Rejimi İktidarı Güvenlikçi Politikaları Zorunlu Kılıyor*, 22 December 2017 (<https://www.evrensel.net/haber/341305/tek-parti-iktidari-quvenlikci-politikalari-zorunlu-kiliyor>).

Bezwan, Naif (2017): *Afrin Hazırlığının Nedeni Muhalefeti Bastırmak*, Interview, 7 July 2017, (<https://www.evrensel.net/haber/325645/naif-bezwan-afrin-hazirliqinin-nedeni-muhalefeti-bastirmak>).

AK Partin'in Kürt Politikası Değişecek mi?, Interview 4, May 2017, <http://www.basnews.com/index.php/tr/newskurdistan/347793>.

Güvenlik Rejimine Dogru İlerliyor, Deng Dergisi, Eylül 2016, Sayı 163, Sayfa: 21-21.

Bezwan, Naif (2014): *Kobanê İŞİD İçin Sonun Başlangıcı Oldu*, Interview (18 Aralık 2014), İstanbul: Evrensel Gazetesi.

Bezwan, Naif, (2014): *Hükümet Sorunu Çözmüyor; Yönetiyor*, Interview (29 Mayıs 2014), İstanbul: Evrensel Gazetesi.

Bezwan, Naif, (2012:) *Türkiye Cumhuriyeti ve Kürdistan Meselesi: Eski Rejim ve Yeni Anayasa Arasında*, Özgür Gündem, Türkiye /İstanbul.

Linguistic Proficiency

Kurdish (native language), Turkish (native command), German (native command)
English (excellent command), French (high standard)