

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Qualifications

1987-1991	Study of Social Work and Sociology in Turkey at Hacettepe University (Ankara) and at the Middle East Technical University (Ankara) without completion
14/02/1991	Emigration from Turkey to Germany
01/10/1993 – 08/09/1999	Studied Social Sciences at the University of Osnabrueck
10/02/2002 – 15/07/2006	PhD Dissertation (in German) on the subject of " <i>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</i> "
07/10/2007	Date of PhD award, obtained from the University of Osnabrück / Germany, completed with <i>magna cum laude</i>

Current Positions

03/09/2018	Lecturer at the University of Innsbruck (Austria), Department of Political Science
01/06/2018	Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the Department of Political Science, University College London (UCL)

Work Experience

25/06/2017 – 25/06/2018	CARA Research Fellow at the Department of Political Science, University College London
01/03/2017 – 31/07/2017	Research Associate at the European Institute Contemporary Turkish Studies, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
30/01/2014 – 29/10/2016	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 (<i>Gesellschaft für Interkulturelle Integration e.V.</i> Köln)
09/2013 – 09/2014	Visiting Scholar at School of Oriental and African Studies, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of London to complete post-doctoral study on the political system of Turkey

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 at the University of Osnabrück with Martin Bennhold, Professor of Sociology of Law at the Department of Political Science

Teaching

ST 2016	International Law and Conflict Resolution (graduate, taught in English)
ST 2016	Theories of International Relations (undergraduate, taught in English)
WT 2015 - ST 2016	Political and Administrative System of Turkey (master, taught in Turkish)
WT 2015	Political Theory (master, taught in English)
ST 2014	Social Psychology (undergraduate)
WT 2015	Political History (undergraduate)
ST 2015	Political History II (undergraduate)
ST 2015	Political Psychology (undergraduate)
ST 2008	Lectures on the Emergence of Federal Republic of Germany: Its Perception and Reflection in the German Studies (held in German)

Research Interests and Research Projects

Political Theory, Theories of International Relations, International Law and Conflict Resolution, Self-Determination Conflicts, Comparative Politics, Turkey's Political and Administrative System, Foreign Policy and the Kurdish Politics

Research Projects (work in progress)

(a) *Explaining Self Determination Conflicts: A Comparative Study of Scotland, Iraqi Kurdistan and Catalonia*

A completed research proposal applied for Marie Curie Global Fellowship (in September 2018), with University of Edinburg as host institution (Professor Michael Keating), University of Central Florida as overseas partner organisation, and Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals

(b) Working Title of the proposed research project: *US Foreign Policy and the Kurdish Factor in the Middle East*

The regime change in Iraq in 2003, the ongoing civil war in Syria, and the emergence of ISIS are among the watershed events that have changed the balance of power in the Middle East. One important outcome of this has been a substantial increase in the level of cooperation between the USA and the Kurds. The project deals with the emergent American-Kurdish relations by examining their nature, implications and prospects against a background of the United States' approach to the Kurds in the past.

Grant (External Funding)

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 (one million) Euro
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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, with focus on Turkey and Kurdistan
- Since 2010 Founding member of Mesopotamia Foundation, a civil society initiative aiming at founding the first Kurdish university in Turkey with Kurdish, Turkish and English as languages of instruction

Selected Publications

German

- 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, 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 Doktoranden Seminar der Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Manuskripte 39, Berlin: Karl Dietz Verlag, 88-100

English

- Bezwan, Naif (2018a): 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 2018 (in press)
- Bezwan, Naif (2018b): 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 September in 2018
- Bezwan, Naif (2019): The Dual State and State Crime (work in progress) intended to be published in *State Crime Journal*

Turkish

- Bezwan, Naif, 2016: Sykes-Picot Paylaşım Atlaşması ve Kürdistan, İstanbul: Evrensel Yayınları (*Sykes-Picot Agreement and Kurdistan*)
- Bezwan, Naif, 2016: Kadir-i Mutlak Merkezin Kadim Çelişkisi: Türkiye’de Yerelleşme Dinamiklerinin

Önlenemeyen 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

Die Unabhängigkeitsreferenda von Schottland, Kurdistan, Katalonien. Ein Neuer Typ von Selbstbestimmungsbewegungen? To be 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*, held on 12 November 2018, University of Innsbruck

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 in Seville /Spain.

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 1 and 2, 2018

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

Interview on academic freedom <https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/ucl-global/2018/04/11/defending-academic-freedom-interview-with-dr-naif-bezwan/>

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 in September 2017

Public lecture on „*the Exceptional State: Peace, Putsch and Plebiscite in Turkey*“ held on 29 March, 2017 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

Public talk on Academic Freedom, Authoritarianism and Turkey, organized by Academics for Peace-UK, Birkbeck School of Law, London 17 March 2017, together with Étienne Balibar and Seyla Benhabib

Invited to hold one-week seminar on *the political system, political economy and foreign policy of Turkey* held 10-15 August 2015 at Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte / Brazil

Invited to conduct a one-week seminar on *the political system, political economy and foreign policy of Turkey*, held 16-25 at Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul – Porto Alegre / Brazil

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, held on 15-19 May 2015 in Ankara

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

Bezwan, Naif, 2006: 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 des Deutschen Bundestages

Die aktuelle Sicherheitslage im Irak: Hintergründe und Einstellung politisch relevanter Akteure (The current security situation in Irak: Backgrounds and Positions of relevant Actors), held on 7 June 2006 at the University of Osnabrück

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), held on 2 November, 2007 in Osnabrück at the symposium entitled "Reale Utopien. Perspektiven für eine friedliche und gerechte Welt

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

English and Turkish (Interviews and Public Engagement)

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/>

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 of December 13, 2006, p. 3

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-guvenlikci-politikalari-zorunlu-kiliyor>)

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

A K Partin'in Kürt Politikası Değişecek mi?, Interview 4, May 2017 (<http://www.basnews.com/index.php/tr/news/kurdistan/347793>)

Bezwan, Naif (2016): OHAL, Özel Bir Güvenlik Rejimine Doğru 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 Kurdistan 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)

London, September 2018

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