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PROFILE

Master’s student in International Affairs and Governance at the University of St. Gallen (HSG), with an academic background in International Relations and Social Work. Interests span geopolitics, international political economy, global governance, foreign policy, diplomacy, human rights, and China and the Asia-Pacific region.

EDUCATION

University of St. Gallen (HSG) · Switzerland | 2024–present
Master’s studies in International Affairs and Governance

Anadolu University · Türkiye | 2016–2020
International Relations; graduated with distinction

Hacettepe University · Ankara, Türkiye | 2002–2007
Studies in Social Work

RESEARCH

Master’s thesis (in progress) — Understanding Integration and Belonging: Refugees’ Everyday Experiences in Switzerland
Qualitative research on refugees’ everyday experiences of integration and belonging in Switzerland.

CIVIL SOCIETY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice President · SRL — Security Studies and Rule of Law
Human rights-related activities and civil society engagement.

Interpreter (Turkish/Kurdish–German) · HEKS Legal Advice Centre, St. Gallen | Apr 2024–present

Calligraphy Instructor · OST – Ostschweizer Fachhochschule | Since 2025
Teaching calligraphy classes at the University of Applied Sciences.

Interpreter and General Support · Asylum Center Amden, St. Gallen | Jan 2022–Jan 2023

Chinese Language Teacher · Police School, Ankara, Türkiye | Sep 2012–Jun 2014

Private Tutor · Gaziantep, Türkiye | Mar–Sep 2021

SELECTED AREAS OF INTEREST

International relations & geopolitics · Global governance & institutions · International political economy · Foreign policy & diplomacy · China & Asia-Pacific · Human rights & civil society · Migration & integration

LANGUAGES AND ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Languages: Kurdish (native), Turkish (fluent), German (C1), English (C1+), Chinese (advanced).

Additional activities: Calligraphy practice and teaching; intercultural and community-oriented activities.

Public academic profile · Personal contact details and references omitted.