

Lebenslauf/Curriculum Vitae

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Prof. Dr. Ayhan Kaya

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Place, Date of Birth: Turkey, 01.03.1968
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Occupation: Professor and Senior Lecturer at Istanbul Bilgi University; Jean Monnet Chair of European Politics of Interculturalism, Department of International Relations; Director of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence; and Founding Director of the European Institute
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Education

Department	University	Start-End
Ethnic Relations PhD (Social Anthropology)	University of Warwick	1994-1999
Ethnic Relations MA (Social Anthropology)	University of Warwick	1993-1994
International Relations MA	Marmara University	1991-1993
International Relations BA	Marmara University	1986-1991

Academic and Administrative Positions

2025	Berlin SWP-CATS Fellow
2024-2025	Sabbatical Year at Humboldt University Berlin, Berlin Institute of Migration
2020-2021	Rector's Advisor for Science and Research Activities, Istanbul Bilgi University
2019-2021	Leading the Secretariat of A-NEST (Academic Network of European Studies in Turkey) coordinated by the EU Delegation to Turkey
2008-2024	Founding Director, European Institute, Istanbul Bilgi University
2013-present	Founding Director, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence
2016-2017	Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Florence, Italy
2017 (spring)	Adjunct Lecturer, New York University NYU Florence, BA course on Post-War Migration to Europe and the USA
2001-present	Faculty member, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Istanbul Bilgi University; full Professor since 2008; Associate Professor from 2003-2008; Assistant Professor from 2001-2003
2015-present	Member of the University Research Committee, Istanbul Bilgi University
2011-Present	Lecturer in Balkan Summer School on Religion and Public Life, Plovdiv University, Bulgaria, http://portals.uni-plovdiv.net/en/web/logos.etn/bssrpl
2008-2016	Member of the University Academic Board, Istanbul Bilgi University
2010-2013	Member of the University Executive Board, Istanbul Bilgi University
2008-2016	Member of the Academic Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Istanbul Bilgi University.
2009-2013	Adjunct Lecturer, Northwestern University, BA course on Islam and the West, held in the Summer School organized by Istanbul Bilgi University (2009-2012) and Sabancı University (2013).
2013	Aziz Nesin Chair, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt-Oder, MA course on Contemporary Political Debates in Turkey and the EU
2011-present	Jean Monnet Chair of European Politics of Interculturalism, Istanbul Bilgi University
2011-12	Willy Brandt Professorship, Malmö University, Sweden
2007-2013	Co-Coordinator of Bilgi-Viadrina Double Degree Program in European Studies
2003-2006	Member of the Executive Board of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Istanbul Bilgi University
2005-2006	Coordinator of the BA Program in European Union Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University
2005-2006	Visiting lecturer in PhD Program in Sociology at Mimar Sinan University, PhD course on Managing Diversity in Turkey

- 2006-2007 Director of the Centre for European Studies, Istanbul Bilgi University
- 2003-2007 Director of the Centre for Migration Research, Istanbul Bilgi University
- 2002-2004 Chairperson, Department of International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University
- 1998-2001 Full-time lecturer, Marmara University, Department of Political Science and International Relations (courses on Sociology, Ethnicity and Culture in Global Order, Political Theory);
- 1998-2001 Part-time lecturer, Istanbul Yeditepe University, Department of Social Anthropology, BA and MA classes on Modernity in Turkey, and Colonialism and Nationalism
- 1992-1998 Research assistant, Marmara University, Institute of Social Sciences and Department of International Relations

Prizes, Awards, Professional Memberships, and Scholarships

Prizes

- Success Story Prize for Jean Monnet Chair of European Politics of Interculturalism, awarded by the European Commission, 2016
- Turkish Academy of Sciences “Best Textbook Prize 2013” for Introduction to European Union (*Avrupa Birliğine Giriş* in Turkish) co-edited with S. Aydın, Ö. Onursal and Yaprak Gürsoy.
- Turkish Association of Social Sciences Award, 2003: Best Book, *Sicher in Kreuzberg: Berlin'deki Küçük İstanbul, Diasporada kimliğin oluşumu* (Sicher in Kreuzberg: Little Istanbul in Berlin, Constructing Diasporas) (Istanbul: Büke Yayınları, 2000).
- Honoured Student of the Institute of Social Sciences, Marmara University (1991)

Awards

- Berlin Stiftung für Wissenschaft und Politik – CATS Fellowship between January and July 2025
- Prof. Ayhan Kaya was elected as a member of the British Academy in July 2024.
- 2024-2025 Sabbatical Year at Humboldt University Berlin, Berlin Institute of Migration and Integration (BIM)
- 2024 DAAD Fellowship for Short-Term Research Stay at Humboldt University, Berlin
- *Aziz Nesin Chair* awarded by European University Viadrina, European Studies Programme, Frankfurt-Oder, Germany 2024 June
- TÜBİTAK Award for the ERC AdG, 2019-2024
- *ERC Advanced Grant (2018)*. Project title: “Nativism, Islamophobia and Islamism in the Age of Populism: Culturalisation and Religionization of What is Social, Economic and Political in Europe”. The project will last for 5 years between 2019 and 2024. European Research Council Advanced Grant, ERC AdG, Call: ERC-2017-ADG, Type of Action: ERC-ADG, Acronym: ISLAM-OPHOB-ISM,

Number: 785934, Duration: 60 months, GA based on the H2020 ERC MGA, Mono - 4.0, Start Date: 01 Jan 2019 – End Date 31 December 2023. Requested EU Contribution: €2,276,125.00

- *Best Teaching Award* at Istanbul Bilgi University, 2017-2018 Academic Year, awarded 5 April 2018.
- Sabbatical leave from Istanbul Bilgi University during 2016-2017, spent at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence
- Jean Monnet Fellowship awarded by the European Commission, spent at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, 2016-2017
- 2219 TUBITAK Postdoc Research Grant Abroad (2017) (Yurtdışı Doktora Sonrası Araştırma Burs Programı-BİDEB) was awarded, but returned the fund due to late announcement.
- *Best Teaching Award 2013*, awarded by Istanbul Bilgi University, 09 January 2014
- *Aziz Nesin Chair* awarded by European University Viadrina, European Studies Programme, Frankfurt-Oder, Germany 2013
- *Jean Monnet Chair in European Politics of Interculturalism 2011-2014*, awarded by the European Commission
- *Willy Brandt Professorship 2011-2012*, awarded by Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM), Malmö University, Sweden
- *Euroactiv News Portal European Award 2009*, awarded by Turkey Euractiv
- *Jean Monnet Module Europe and Migration 2008-20013*, awarded by the European Commission
- Research Award on *Internally Displaced People in Turkey*, 1001 Program awarded by the Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Council (TÜBİTAK) in 2007
- Winner of the *Turkish Academy of Sciences Prize in Social Sciences 2005* (TÜBA-GEBİP Prize)
- Winner of the *Sedat Simavi Prize in Social Sciences 2005* (together with Ferhat Kentel, for “Euro-Turks” Book 2005), awarded by the Turkish Association of Journalists
- *International Visitors Programme Participant in “Multiculturalism in a Democratic Society”*, organized by USA Department of State and Phelps Stokes Foundation, Washington DC (21 April – 15 May 2003)
- *Meawards*, awarded by the Population Council, Cairo (2001-2003), for the scientific project on *Circassian Diaspora in Turkey*

Professional Memberships

- Elected International Fellow of the British Academy (Elected on 17 July 2024)
- Member of the MERCATOR-IPC Award Selection Committee, Istanbul (2019-present)
- Elected Member of the Science Academy, Turkey (2012-present)

- Member of the ARIS Executive Board, American Research Institute in Istanbul (2012- present)
- Member of the Turkish Social Democratic Foundation (SODEV) (2015-present)
- Centre for European Studies Membership (CES), University of Columbia (2013-present)
- Member of the Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies Membership (UACES), London (2010)
- Member of the Turkish Political Science Association (2008-present)
- Member of the Turkish Association for Socio-Economic and Political Studies (TÜSES), Member of the Executive Board (2005-2008)
- Member of the “Committee of Experts on Countries of Emigration” (MG-PE) Council of Europe, 2005
- Member of Law and Society Organization Membership, USA, 2006

Scholarships

- Istanbul British Council Research Grant (1997 Summer)
- German Academic Exchange Grant, DAAD (1996)
- University of Warwick Home Students Only Fee (1996-1997)
- British Government Overseas Research Student Fellowship (1995-1997)
- European Union Jean Monnet Fellowship (1994-1995)