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Political Science and International Relations BA  
International Public Policy MSc  
Development Studies PhD

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## PERSONAL PROFILE

I work in the field of political economy and development. My case study focus is on middle income or emerging capitalisms, notably Turkey and Cyprus. The complex interplay between global capitalism, state, power bloc, and domestic capital accumulation as well as the impact of these relationships on the privatisation process are central aspects of inquiry therein. More and more, I am interested in examining contemporary examples of alternatives to privatisation and commercialisation, which I see as vital to expand democratic control of state and public enterprises.

## EDUCATION

### **PhD in Development Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK, 2011-2016**

Thesis Title: The Acceleration of the Privatization in Turkey: Why in the Last Decade? Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Marois

Awards:

- TRNC Ministry of National Education and Culture bursary (2011-2016)
- Travel grant from School of Oriental and African Studies to do presentation at the *4th International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy Conference* (2013)

### **MSc in International Public Policy, University College London, London, UK, 2010-2011**

❖ Pass with Merit

Dissertation Title: The Social Cost of Neoliberal Transitions: A Comparative Analysis of Turkey and Argentina. Supervisor: Dr. Christopher Boyle

Awards:

- TRNC Ministry of National Education and Culture bursary (2010-2011)

## **BA in Political Science and International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Kalkanli, Cyprus, 2005-2010**

- ❖ Awarded Distinction

Graduation Project: The Neoliberal Experiment of Argentina with Special Emphasis on Poverty, Inequality and Social Expenditures

### Awards:

- Dean's Honour List: 2007-2008 (Fall)
- Dean's High Honour List: 2006-2007 (Spring), 2007-2008 (Spring), 2009-2010 (both Fall and Spring)

## **Visiting Student, International Relations, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, 2008-2009**

Core Courses: Contemporary Issues in the Global Political Economy, Globalization and State, International Security Since 9/11, and Marxism and International Relations

### Awards:

- European Community Scholarship (€17000) from European Union to study one year abroad at Sussex University

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Publications:**

- Zaifer, A. (2018) 'Variegated Privatization: Class, Capital Accumulation and State in Turkey's Privatization Process in the 1980s and 1990s', *Critical Sociology* (Online First) <https://doi.org/10.1177/0896920518803697> [SSCI]
- Zaifer, A. (2018) 'The Acceleration of Privatization: Understanding State, Power Bloc, and Capital Accumulation in Turkey', *Review of Radical Political Economics* (Online First) <https://doi.org/10.1177/0486613417740698> [SSCI]
- Zaifer, A. (2017) 'Privatization: A Comparative Review of the Theoretical Literature', *Journal of Economic & Management Perspectives*, 11 (3), pp. 258-269. [SCOPUS]
- Zaifer, Ahmet (2014) Translation of a Book Chapter to Turkish 'Terrains of Neoliberalism: Constraints and Opportunities for Alternative Models of Service Delivery' by Ben Fine and David Hall. In: McDonald, David and Ruiters, Greg, (eds), *Alternatives to Privatization: Public Options for Essential Services in the Global South*. Routledge: New York.
- Zaifer, A. (2013) Review of '*Bilmedigimiz Kapitalizm: Gizli Elin Kurumsallasmasi*' (in Turkish) by Ayse Cebeci, *Praksis*, 30 (1), pp. 275-284.

## **Presentations:**

- Zaifer, A. (2016) Labour Resistance to Privatization in Turkey: Limits and Barriers. School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK, *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Historical Materialism Conference*, 10-13 November 2016.
- Zaifer, A. (2016) Constructing Alternatives to Privatisation: insights from the Turkish case. Lisbon School of Economics & Management, Lisbon, Portugal, *7<sup>th</sup> International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy Conference*, 7-9 September 2016.
- Zaifer, A. (2015) The Acceleration of Privatisation in Turkey: Why in the Last Decade? Middle East Technical University, Northern Cyprus Campus, Guzelyurt, Cyprus, *Economy and Policy Seminar Series 2015-2016*, 16 December 2015
- Zaifer, A. (2013) Mapping the Turkish Bourgeoisie. School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK, *3<sup>th</sup> Neoliberalism, Globalization, and States Research Cluster Discussion Meeting*, 27 November 2013
- Zaifer, A. (2013) Why the 2001 Crisis Accelerated Privatization in Turkey. International Institute for Social Studies, Hague, Netherlands, *4<sup>th</sup> International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy Conference*, 9-11 July 2013
- Zaifer, A. (2013) Turkiye'de Ozellestirme Sureci: 1984-2014. Izmir, Turkey, *6<sup>th</sup> Kucukkuyu Academic Scholars Meeting*, 18-20 February 2013
- Zaifer, A. (2011) The Social Cost of Neoliberal Transitions: A Comparative Analysis of Turkey and Argentina. University of New Brunswick & St. Thomas University, Fredericton, Canada, *Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences*, 3 June 2011

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

### **Lecturer, University of Kyrenia, September 2016-Ongoing**

Job Title: Lecturer in the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

Core Activities: Preparing and delivering undergraduate modules in international relations, business and economics (e.g. Introduction to Political Science, International Economics, Public Administration, Introduction to Business)

### **Lecturer, Girne American University, February 2016-August 2016**

Job Title: Lecturer in the Department of International Relations

Core Activities:Preparing and delivering undergraduate and masters modules in international relations and economics (e.g. Introduction to Political Science, Comparative Politics, Third World Politics)

**Lecturer and Academic Tutor, Kaplan International College  
London, London, UK, May 2013-September 2015**

Job Title: Tutor in the Department of Business, Law and Social Sciences

Core Activities:

- Preparing and delivering undergraduate and pre-masters modules in business and social sciences (e.g. Business Environment, Business Enterprise, European Liberal Democracy)
- Developing formative and summative assessments, marking and providing feedback to students
- Using and developing the college virtual learning environment (VLE)
- Invigilating exams

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Oriental and African  
Studies, Department of Development Studies, London, UK,  
October 2013-September 2015**

Job Title: Tutor of the Globalisation and Development Course (Postgraduate Course Unit)

Core Activities:

- Teaching tutorials
- Marking coursework (two essays of no more than 3000 words each, each worth 25%)
- Providing advice on academic concepts and assignments within office hours
- Undertaking student administrative tasks related to the course including answering emails
- Keeping course records and monitor student attendance and absence

**Research Assistant, School of Oriental and African Studies,  
Department of Development Studies, London, UK, January  
2013-May 2013**

Job Title: Researcher in Municipal Services Project-Public Bank Survey Project (led by Thomas Marois)

Core Activities:

- Doing bibliographical research
- Writing project reports

## **Teaching Assistant, Middle East Technical University, Kalkanli, Cyprus, February 2010-June 2010**

Job Title: Seminar Leader on First Year Politics Courses

### Core Activities:

- Leading seminars
- Marking quizzes and non-assesd examinations

## **OUTREACH and MEMBERSHIPS**

- ❖ Member of Neoliberalism, Globalization, and States Research Cluster at School of Oriental and African Studies (2011-present)
- ❖ Member of International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (2011-present)
- ❖ Member of London Middle East Institute (2011-present)
- ❖ Member of London International Development Centre (2013-present)
- ❖ Member of Centre for Policy and Research on Turkey (2014-present)
- ❖ Gaile (Weekly Political Supplementary) Editorial Board (March 2016-ongoing)

## **REFERENCES**

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