

**ACADEMIC
CURRICULUM VITAE**

1. Name - Surname: Sait AKŞİT

2. Title: Assoc. Prof. Dr.

3. Educational Background:

Degree	Department/Program	University	Year
Bachelor's	Business Studies	University of Wales, Swansea, UK.	1990-1993
Master's	International Relations	Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University	1996-1999
PhD	International Relations	Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University	2000-2006

4. Master's / PhD Thesis

4.1. Master's Thesis Title and Thesis Supervisor(s):

Master's Thesis Title: *The Political Economy of Transition and Integration Tendencies in Poland.*

Thesis Supervisor(s): Mustafa Türkeş

4.2. PhD Thesis /Medical Specialty Thesis Title and Advisor(s):

PhD Thesis Title: *Transformation and the Politics of Conditionality: A Comparative Analysis of Poland and Romania until the mid-1990s.*

Thesis Supervisor(s): Mustafa Türkeş, Galip Yalman

5. Academic Titles:

Date of Assistant Professorship: 15 May 2010

Date of Associate Professorship: 02 September 2015 (International Relations)

Date of Professorship:

6. Supervised Master's and PhD Theses:

6.1. Master's Theses

Aminat Onono Okehi, "Underdevelopment, A Case Study of Nigeria", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2025.

J Gus Siaway Jr., "International Politics on Feminism- Analyzing the Constant Efforts for Ensuring Gender Equality in The Liberian Society From 2006 To 2023", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2023.

- Emeka Stephen Chukwuezi, "An Appraisal of Nigerian Government Role to Reduce Poverty in Nigeria", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2023.
- Michael Joseph Lamin, "Energy Justice: The Unfair Electricity Distribution in Sierra Leone", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2023.
- Antoinette Namah Nimely, "Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria and Its Implication on The West African Region," Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2023.
- Tommy Otis Pritchard, "China's Economic Impact on Africa a Look at Liberia as A Case Study From 2003-2016", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2023.
- Julius T Jaesen II, "An Examination of The Impact of Negative Ethnicity on Development in Sierra Leone 2007-2021", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2023.
- Diana Candy Massaquoi, "The Impact of Peacebuilding Agenda on War-Torn Society A Case Study of Liberia from 2003-2016," Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2022.
- Callistus Uchechukwu Mbam, "To What Extent Does Un Support Regional Organizations in Actualizing Their Security Sector Reforms, A Study of Un-Ecowas Relations," Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2022.
- Austin T G Togba, "US-Liberia Relations A Look at U.S. Development Aid to Liberia from 2006-2017", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2022.
- Pekeler Gbuapaye, "The Root Causes of Migrants Attraction to Developing Countries: A Case Study of Liberia-West Africa", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2022.
- Vongai Motsi, "Critical Analysis of International Organizations in Solving Problems Faced by the Girl Child, Case Study of Zimbabwe", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2022.
- Sering Modou Njie, "Factors Influencing Foreign Policy Making of Small States: The Gambia 1994 – 2016", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2022.
- Gardeabaye Sylvester Glagbo, "The Impact of Oda on Democratic Governance in Fragile Societies, Liberia (2006-2017)", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2021.
- Mwangi Chege, "Implementation of Cultural Diplomacy to Boost Kenya's Global Perception", Near East University Institute of Graduate Studies, International Relations MA Program, 2021.
- Omar Fofana, "The Impact of Irregular Migration of Africans to Europe: A Case Study of The Gambia", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Relations MA Program, 2019.
- Hilary Goodluck-Abadi, "Causes and Impact of Emigration of Africans to Europe", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Relations MA Program, 2019.

Sarwat Qahar Hawez, "The Emergence of China as A Great Power in the Post 1990 Period: Challenges & Opportunities", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Relations MA Program, 2019.

Pamela Princess Eghongh Okojie, "The Impact of International Organizations in Fostering Gender Equality in Nigeria", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Relations MA Program, 2019.

Renas Ibrahim Mohammed, "The Role of International Criminal Court and Its Effectiveness on War Crimes in Africa: Case Analysis - Kenya", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Relations Master's Program, 2019.

Rodrick Chisale, "The Role of NGOs and MNCs in Globalisation: A SADC Perspective", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Relations Master's Program, 2018.

Memory Edlight Kanganga, "Trump's Discourse in Economic Securitisation Regarding to Immigration", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Relations MA Program, 2018.

Patience Lyop Pam Dachomo, "Nigeria-The Gambia Relations: A case study in Asymmetry Relations", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Relations MA Program, 2018.

Tuba Hoxha, "Kosova Sorunu ve Güvenlik Çalışmaları Kapsamında Kosova'da Etnik Milliyetçilik", Gediz University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Political Economy MA Programme, 2016

Nazmi Güçlü, "Avrupa Birliği'ne Giden Süreçte Turgut Özal Dönemi Türkiye'nin AET Politikası", Gediz University Graduate School of Social Sciences, International Political Economy MA Programme, 2015

6.2. PhD Theses

Ishaku Vwamnyang Bapak, "Insurgency and Human Insecurity: A Study of Boko Haram in North-East Nigeria 2009 – 2022", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, Political Science and International Relations PhD Program, 20

İbrahim Ayberk, "An Investigation of Leading Turkish Cypriot Trade Unions' Attitudes Towards Their Patron State and The Immigrants Coming from Turkey", Near East University Graduate School of Social Sciences, Political Science and International Relations PhD Program, 2019.

7. Publications

7.1. Articles Published in International Peer-Reviewed Journals (SCI, SSCI, AHCI, ESCI, Scopus)

Ishaku, Bapak, Sait Aksit, and Kangdim Dingji Maza. 2021. "The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Counter-Radicalization in Nigeria: The Case of Boko Haram" Religions 12, no. 11: 1003.

Kangdim Dingji Maza, Umut Koldas, and Sait Aksit. "International Organizations and Conflict Management: A Contextual Analysis of the African Union (AU)", Journal of African Union Studies (JOAUS), Vol. 10, Iss. 2, 2021, pp. 5–26.

Kangdim Dingji Maza, Umut Koldas, and Sait Aksit. "Challenges of Countering Terrorist Recruitment in the Lake Chad Region: The Case of Boko Haram" *Religions*, 2020, 11, no. 2, 96.

Kangdim Dingji Maza, Umut Koldas, and Sait Aksit. "Challenges of Combating Terrorist Financing in the Lake Chad Region: A Case of Boko Haram". *SAGE Open*, 2020, 10(2).

İbrahim Ayberk, Sait Akşit, Ali Dayıoğlu "Bir De Facto Devlet Olarak Kuzey Kıbrıs'ta Sivil Toplum: Toplumsal Tepki, Kıbrıs Türk Sendikaları ve Türkiye'yle İlişkiler", *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi* 16 (64), 2019, pp. 127-144.

Sait Akşit, "The Turkish Cypriot Presidential Election of April 2010: Normalisation of Politics", *South European Society and Politics*, Vol. 17, No. 2, 2012, pp. 175-194.

Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva & Işık Gürleyen, "The Turkish Parliamentary Elite and the EU: Mapping Attitudes towards the European Union", *South European Society and Politics*, Vol. 16 No. 3, 2011, pp. 395-407.

7.2. Articles Published in Other International Peer-Reviewed Journals

Oluyemi, Opeoluwa Adisa, & Sait Akşit. "The Wagner Group and The Evolving Security Landscape in Africa: Geopolitical Implications and Strategic Concerns." *International Journal of Law, Politics and Humanities Research*, 8(6), 2025, pp. 222-238. <https://doi.org/10.70382/caijlphr.v8i6.041>

7.3. Papers Presented at International Scientific Conferences and Published in Conference Proceedings

Sait Akşit, "An Alternative or Embedded in the Mainstream: Political Economy of Turkey's Involvement in the Balkans", *FLACOS-ISA Joint International Conference: Global and Regional Powers in a Changing World*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 23-25 July 2014.

Sait Akşit, "Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Case Study in the Dialectics of the Political Economy of Conflict and Transformation", *Conference on Good Neighbourhood Relations in the Balkans: From War to Eternal Peace on the 100th Anniversary of the Balkan Wars*, organised by Department of International Relations, Hacettepe University, İstanbul, Turkey, 4-7 October 2012.

7.4. National/international Books or Book Chapters

a. Books

Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva, Çiğdem Üstün, (der.), *Turkey Watch: EU Member States' Perceptions On Turkey's Accession to the EU*, Ankara, Zeplin İletişim, 2009.

Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva, Çiğdem Üstün (der.), *AB Ülkelerinden Türkiye'nin Üyeliğine Bakış*, Ankara, Zeplin İletişim, 2009.

b. Book Chapters

Sait Akşit, "Turkey's Transatlantic Relations, Eastern Mediterranean, and the Changing Nature of Turkish-Greek Disputes", in Eda Kuşçu Sönmez & Çiğdem Üstün (eds.), *Turkey's Changing Transatlantic Relations*. Lanham, Lexington, 2021, pp. 191-216.

Emanuele Massetti and Sait Akşit, "Turkey: Provincial Elections as a Barometer of National Politics", in Arjan H. Schakel and Régis Dandoy, *Regional and National Elections in Eastern Europe. Territoriality of the Vote in Ten Countries*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017, pp. 261-285.

Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva, "Domestic Politics and Perceptions of Turkey-EU Relations", Annette Freyberg-Inan, Mehmet Bardakci, Olaf Leiße (eds.), *Growing Together, Growing Apart: Turkey and the European Union Today*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016, pp. 55-72.

Sait Akşit, "Avrupa Birliği'nde Dış Politika Yapımı ve Düşünce Kuruluşları", Suat Öksüz, Çiğdem Üstün, Sait Akşit, Nursel Aydın-Avşar, Nazlı Aytağ-Gün (haz.) *Politika Yapımında Düşünce Kuruluşları: Ulusal ve Uluslararası Bazı Örnekler*, İzmir, Gediz Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2015, pp. 44-57.

Sait Akşit, "The Turkish Cypriot Presidential Election of April 2010: Normalisation of Politics" in Anna Bosco and Susannah Verney (eds.) *Elections in Hard Times: Southern Europe 2010-11*, Oxford: Routledge, 2014, pp. 47-66.

Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva and Işık Gürleyen, "The Turkish Parliamentary Elite and the EU: Mapping Attitudes towards the European Union", Gamze Avcı, Ali Çarkoğlu (ed.), *Turkey and the EU: Accession and Reform*, Oxford: Routledge, 2012, pp. 187-199.

Sait Akşit, Çiğdem Üstün, "Introduction: Change in EU's and Turkey's Neighbourhood Policies", Atila Eralp, Çiğdem Üstün (der.), *Turkey and the EU: The Process of Change and Neighbourhood*, Ankara, Zeplin İletişim, 2009.

Sait Akşit, Çiğdem Üstün, "Introduction: In Search of an EU-wide Debate on Turkey", Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva, Çiğdem Üstün, (der.), *Turkey Watch: EU Member States' Perceptions On Turkey's Accession to the EU*, Ankara, Zeplin İletişim, 2009.

Özgehan Şenyuva, Sait Akşit, "Turkey Seen from the EU: Conclusions", Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva, Çiğdem Üstün, (der.), *Turkey Watch: EU Member States' Perceptions On Turkey's Accession to the EU*, Ankara, Zeplin İletişim, 2009.

Sait Akşit, Çiğdem Üstün, "Giriş: Avrupa Gündeminde Türkiye", Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva, Çiğdem Üstün, (der.), *AB Ülkelerinden Türkiye'nin Üyeliğine Bakış*, Ankara, Zeplin İletişim, 2009.

Özgehan Şenyuva, Sait Akşit, "Avrupa'dan Türkiye'ye Bakış: Genel Değerlendirmeler", Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva, Çiğdem Üstün, (der.), *AB Ülkelerinden Türkiye'nin Üyeliğine Bakış*, Ankara, Zeplin İletişim, 2009.

Sait Akşit, "Turkey and Multilateral Cooperation in the Black Sea Region", Igor Munteanu (koordinatör), *The Black Sea Region: A Security Minefield or A Partnership Road? A Plea towards Enhanced Solidarity and Cooperation in the EU Neighbourhood, Intra-Regional Perspectives on the Black Sea*, Cartier, Nisan 2009, Kışinev, ss. 90-101.

7.5. Articles Published in National Peer-Reviewed Journals

Vongai Motsi & Sait Akşit, "The International Organizations and The Problems Of The Girl Child In Zimbabwe", *YDÜ SOSBİDER*, 2022, 15(2), pp. 174-202.

Sait Akşit, "Doğu Avrupa'da Radikal Neo-liberal Dönüşüm" (Radical Neo-liberal Transformation in Eastern Europe), *İstanbul Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi*, Vol. 41, 2009, pp. 61-86.

Mustafa Türkeş and Sait Akşit "International Engagement, Transformation of the Kosova Question and Its Implications", *The Turkish Yearbook of International Relations*, 38, 2007, pp. 79-114.

7.6. Other Publications

Reports

Mustafa Türkeş, İnan Rüma, Sait Akşit, Arıkan Açar, Kriz Sarmalında Bosna-Hersek: “Devlet Krizi” (Cycles of Crises in Bosnia Herzegovina: the State Crisis), Boğaziçi University-TUSİAD Foreign Policy Forum Research Report, İstanbul, Turkey, 2012, DPF 2012-RR 02.

Sait Akşit, Özgehan Şenyuva, and Çiğdem Üstün, MYTHS AND ELITES, Turkish Elite Survey 2009: Initial Findings, Centre for European Studies-Middle East Technical University: Ankara, 2009.

Sait Akşit ve Costas Melakopides (Yazarlar), Graham Avery (Editör), “The Influence of Turkish Military Forces on Political Agenda-Setting in Turkey, Analysed on the Basis of the Cyprus Question”, Brifing Çalışması (Briefing Paper), Avrupa Parlamentosu Dış İlişkiler Komitesi, 18 February 2008. <http://www.euoparl.europa.eu/activities/committees/studies.do?language=EN> web sitesinden ulaşılabilir.

8. Art and Design Activities

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9. Projects

Researcher, Kıbrıs Türk Toplumunu Siyasi Seçilmişler Gözüyle Kamu Reformu Sözlü Tarihi, project supported by Near East University (SOS-2017-2-001), 2018.

Research Fellow, The EU and subregional multilateralism in Europe's sea basins: Neighbourhood, Enlargement and Multilateral Cooperation (EU4Seas) project financed under the EU's 7th Framework Programme (FP7-SSH-2007-1no. 225382 EU4SEAS) Center for European Studies, Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Middle East Technical University. Dec. 2009- May 2010

Project Manager, SInAN - Strengthening and Integrating Academic Networks project supported by the Central Finance and Contracts Unit of the Republic of Turkey under the ‘Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue Between EU and Turkey: Universities Grant Scheme’ (Reference: CFCU-TR 0604.01/03-92), Center for European Studies, Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Middle East Technical University. Sept. 2008- Nov. 2009

Principal Investigator of the project “Bridging Perceptions of Security: Integrating the Black Sea Region” supported by the NATO Collaborative Linkage Grant for 2007-2009. 2007-2009

Assessor during the technical evaluation/assessment of the applications and interviews with pre-selected candidates in 2008 under the “Community Scholarships Programme” of the EC toward Turkish Cypriot Community in Cyprus (EUROPEAID FWC Commission 2007 – Lot n° 2 Request N°: 2007/142335– PHARE – Cyprus 06); Agriconsulting Europe SA-Tractebel Development Engineering, Société Anonyme. April-May 2008

Research Fellow, CESCER - Enhancing the Research Capacity of the Center for European Studies Center for European Studies Comparative European Research project financed by the EU's Sixth Framework Programme under the Instrument: Specific Support Action within the Thematic Priority: Citizenship and Governance in a knowledge-based society (Project no. 517956), Center for European Studies, Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Middle East Technical University. Mar. 2006- April 2008

10. Administrative Responsibilities

Chair, Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Near East University, 2017-to date

Chair, PhD Program on Political Science and International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Near East University, 2017-to date

Director, Strategy and Energy Policies Research Center, 2021-to date

Board Member, Institute of Graduate Studies, Near East University, 2020-to date

Board Member, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Near East University, 2019-2020

Committee Member, Near East University, Ethics Council, Social Sciences Ethics Committee, Feb. 2017 – Sept. 2019

Chair, Graduate Programme on International Political Economy, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Gediz University, 2015-2016

Deputy Chair, Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Gediz University, 2013-2016

Board Member, Centre for Transition and Transformation Research, Gediz University, 2014-2016.

11. Memberships in Scientific and Professional Organizations

A-NEST Academic Network for EU Studies in Turkey

ECPR Standing Group on Southeast Europe

ECPR Standing Group on Southern Europe

ECPR Standing Group on the European Union

12. Awards

2002-2006 Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA) Ph.D. Fellow, Fellowship Programme for Integrated Doctoral Studies in Turkey and Abroad in Social Sciences and Humanities.

2000 European University Institute grant for participation in the Summer School, "Territories and Identities in the Balkans" organised by the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence-Italy.

1999 Polish Ministry of National Education Scholarship for field research in Poland on "The Political Economy of Transition and Integration Tendencies in Poland".

1990-1993 British Council, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Scholarship to study for a BSc. degree at the University of Wales, Swansea, UK.

13. Undergraduate and Graduate Courses Taught in the Last Two Years

Academic Year	Semester	Course Name	Weekly Hours		Number of Students
			Theoretical	Practical	
2023 - 2024	Fal	INR311-Turkish Foreign Policy I	3	0	26
		IR401-Analysis of International Relations I	3	0	11
		INR518 IR Theory	3	0	16
		UİL311- Türk Dış Politikası I	3	0	8
	Spring	INR314 International Political Economy	3	0	12
		INR315-Turkish Foreign Policy II	3	0	23
		INR504-Europe and the Wider World	3	0	8
		UİL315- Türk Dış Politikası II	3	0	4
2024 - 2025	Fall	INR311-Turkish Foreign Policy I	3	0	16
		IR401-Analysis of International Relations I	3	0	21
		INR518 IR Theory	3	0	8
		UİL311- Türk Dış Politikası I	3	0	14
	Spring	INR315-Turkish Foreign Policy II	3	0	14
		INR624 Europe and the Wider World	3	0	11
		UİL315- Türk Dış Politikası II	3	0	5
		UİL482- AB'nin Dış İlişkileri	3	0	3