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SECTION I: PERSONAL DATA

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATION

- 2015 – 2023 Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology, University of Toronto.
Thesis title - *Policing and police reform in Turkey since 1980: Regime transitions and policing transformations*
(Supervisor: Dr. Matthew A. Light)
- 2013 – 2015 Master of Arts in Criminology, University of Ontario Institute of
Technology. Thesis title – *The policing of terrorism: A comparative analysis of Turkish and Canadian counter-terrorism responses* (Supervisor: Dr. Carla Cesaroni)
- 2002 – 2006 Bachelor of Arts in Security & Police Studies, Turkish National
Police Academy.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- January 2024 – Current Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal
Justice, East Texas A&M University, Commerce, TX, USA
- January 2021 – December 2023 Contract Lecturer, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies,
Lakehead University, Orillia, ON, Canada
- January 2020 – April 2020 Course Instructor, Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal
Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada
- September 2015 – December 2021 Teaching Assistant, Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal
Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada
- September 2013 – August 2015 Teaching Assistant, University of Ontario Institute of
Technology, Oshawa, ON, Canada

SECTION II: PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Published/In Press

San, S. (2022). Transnational policing between national political regimes and human rights norms: The case of the Interpol Red Notice System. *Theoretical Criminology*, 26(4), 601-619. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13624806221105280>

San, S., & Akca, D. (2021). How Turkey's democratic backsliding compromises the international dimension of democratization. *Digest of Middle East Studies*, 30(1), 34-52. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dome.12223>

San, S., Bastug, M. F., & Basli, H. (2021). Crisis management in authoritarian regimes: A comparative study of COVID-19 responses in Turkey and Iran. *Global Public Health*, 16(4), 485-501. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2020.1867880>

Onat, I., & **San, S.** (2021). Global displacement of ISIS activities and effectiveness of police arrests as a means of deterrence. In J. A. Goldstone, E. Y. Alimi, S. Ozeren, & S. Cubukcu (Eds.), *From territorial defeat to global ISIS: Lessons learned* (pp. 178-192). IOS Press. <https://doi.org/10.3233/NHSDP200083>

San, S. (2020). Counter-terrorism policing innovations in Turkey: A case study of Turkish National Police CVE experiment. *Policing and Society*, 30(5), 583-598. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10439463.2018.1561697>

Under Review/In Progress

San, S. (under review in *Connections: The Quarterly Journal*). Transformation of coercion under democratic backsliding: The case of Turkey.

San, S., Pereda, V., & Light, M. (in progress). Geopolitical incentive structures and policy responses to drug-related violence in Mexico and Turkey.

San, S. (in progress). Democratic policing in an emerging autocracy? The case of the Turkish National Police.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Online Magazine Articles – OP-EDs

San, S. (2021, June 16). Turkish spies are abducting Erdogan's political opponents abroad. *openDemocracy*. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/north-africa-west-asia/turkish-spies-are-abducting-erdogans-political-opponents-abroad/>

San, S. (2020, July 22). Erdogan's private police force: A new blow to Turkish democracy. *openDemocracy*. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/north-africa-west-asia/erdogans-private-police-force-a-new-blow-to-turkish-democracy/>

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conference Presentations

Pereda, V. & San, S. (2017, June). *Violence and private protection rackets in Mexico and Turkey*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association (LSA), Mexico City, Mexico.

San, S. (2017, March). *Turkey's drift toward authoritarianism: An analysis on terrorism and insecurity*. Paper presented at the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies Graduate Student Conference 2017, University of Toronto.

Professional Conference Presentations

San, S. (2008). *Turkey's counterterrorism experience*. Presented at the workshop on counterterrorism organized by the Southeast European Cooperation Initiative Center's (SECI) Anti-Terrorism Task Force. Bucharest, Romania.

Media Appearances

San, S. (2021, July 28). Interview with Nick Morgan. *Why the West should take Turkey's international abductions more seriously*. Ahval News. https://ahval.io/turkish-abductions/why-west-should-take-turkeys-international-abductions-more-seriously?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1627473907

San, S. (2020, October 16). Interview with Rahul Kalvapalle. *A former police officer, U of T's Serdar San now studies the Turkish regime that cost him his job*. U of T News. <https://www.utoronto.ca/news/former-police-officer-u-t-s-serdar-san-now-studies-turkish-regime-cost-him-his-job>

SECTION III: FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2022-2023 | Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Council of Ontario Universities. Value: \$15,000.00 |
| 2022-2023 | Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies Tony Doob Doctoral Scholarship. Value: \$ 1,500.00 |
| 2021-2022 | Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies Tony Doob Doctoral Scholarship. Value: \$ 1,500.00 |
| 2020-2021 | Scholars-At-Risk Fellowship. Value: \$10,000.00 |
| 2020-2021 | University of Toronto, Faculty of Arts and Science. Doctoral Completion Award. Value: \$9,933.33 |
| 2020-2021 | Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies Graduate Program Award. Value: \$5,975.00 |
| 2019-2020 | Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Council of Ontario Universities. Value: \$15,000.00 |
| 2015-2019 | University of Toronto Tuition Fellowship, Faculty of Arts and Science. Value: \$76,961.00 |
| 2015-2019 | University of Toronto Fellowship, Faculty of Arts and Science. Value: \$27,874.00 |
| 2018 | University of Toronto Faculty of Arts and Science Program-Level Fellowship. Value: \$1,000.00 |
| 2017 | University of Toronto Faculty of Arts and Science Program-Level Fellowship. Value: \$500.00 |
| 2013-2015 | International Graduate Education Scholarship. Turkish National Police. This scholarship funds graduate education abroad for Turkish police officers. The award covers the recipient's educational expenses for two years. |
| 2002-2006 | Undergraduate Education Scholarship. Turkish National Police Academy. This scholarship covers all expenses during undergraduate education such as tuition, stipend, accommodation, and health insurance. |
| 1999-2002 | High School Education Scholarship. Turkish National Police College. This scholarship funds a four-year high school education for future ranking police officers. It is intended to lead to matriculation at the Turkish National Police Academy. |

AWARDS

- 2016 Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) Outstanding Graduating Sociology Student Award in 2015/2016.
- 2007-2013 Merit bonuses. Granted salary awards fifteen times by the Turkish National Police for my success in specific operations and overall professional achievement.
- 2010 Letter of Appreciation. This letter of appreciation was granted to me by the chief of TNP Intelligence Department for my service performance and my contributions to regional and international security and police cooperation against terrorism.
- 2008 Letter of Appreciation. This letter of appreciation was granted by the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Robert S. Mueller III in February 2008 for my assistance in a joint investigative effort against international terrorism.

SECTION IV: TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT

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| CJ 2314 | Criminal Investigation (Fall 2024) – East Texas A&M University |
| CJ 2328 | Police Systems (Spring 2024) – East Texas A&M University |
| CJ 501 | Seminar in Police and Law Enforcement (Fall 2024) – East Texas A&M University |
| CJ 505 | Terrorism (Spring 2024; Summer 2024) – East Texas A&M University |
| CJ 515 | Homeland Security (Fall 2024) – East Texas A&M University |
| CJ 525 | Read Teaming (Summer 2024) – East Texas A&M University |
| CRIM 4090 FAO | Right Wing Extremism (Fall 2022) – Lakehead University |
| CRIM 4090 FDE | Organized Crime & Corruption (Fall 2022) – Lakehead University |
| CRIM 4070 | Trafficking (Winter 2023) – Lakehead University |
| CRIM 4030 | Comparative Criminology (Winter 2022; Winter 2023) – Lakehead University |
| CRIM 4015 | Criminal Profiling (Spring 2021; Winter 2022; Summer 2022; Winter 2023; Summer 2023; Fall 2023) – Lakehead University |
| CRIM 3138 | Policing (Winter 2021; Winter 2022) – Lakehead University |
| CRIM 3010 | Special Topics: Terrorism and Criminal Justice (Winter 2022) – Lakehead University |
| CRI490H1S | Advanced Topics in Criminology and Sociolegal Studies: Terrorism and Criminal Justice (Winter 2020) – University of Toronto |

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

University of Toronto

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| CRI225H | Criminal Law (Fall 2015; Summer 2018) |
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| CRI350H1 | Criminological Research (Winter 2017; Winter 2018) |
| CRI393H1 | Human Rights & Security (Winter 2019) |
| CRI383H1 | Immigration, Ethnicity & Crime (Winter 2017; Fall 2017; Fall 2018; Fall 2019; Fall 2020) |
| CRI370H1 | Youth Justice (Winter 2021) |
| CRI392H1 | Regulating Citizenship (Fall 2021) |
| SOC323H5 | Law & Society (Fall 2018) |
| CRI335H1 | Policing (Winter 2016; Fall 2016; Winter 2018) |
| SOC310H5 | Youth Justice (Fall 2016) |

University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT)

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| SSCI-1470U-001 | Impact of Science and Technology on Society (Summer 2015) |
| SSCI-1200U-001 | Introduction to Social Policy (Winter 2015) |
| SOCI-1000U-001 | Introductory Sociology (Winter 2014; Summer 2014; Fall 2014) |
| SSCI-1300U-001 | Social Problems (Fall 2013) |

SECTION V: PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015-2018 Research Assistant, Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada – I have worked as a research assistant for Dr. Matthew A. Light's projects on the constraints on the growth of private policing and the influence of gun culture and exogenous political events on gun control policies in post-Soviet Georgia.

POLICING EXPERIENCE

2007-2013 Inspector/Counter-terrorism and international cooperation specialist - Turkish National Police Intelligence Department, International Relations Section, Ankara, Turkey - I worked on international terrorism and serious transnational crime cases, often involving security cooperation with foreign police services through information-sharing and joint operations.

2006-2007 Deputy Inspector/Shift supervisor - Karabuk Police Department 3 Nisan Police Station, Karabuk City, Turkey - I served as shift leader at a local police station in Karabuk city, Turkey. In this position, I coordinated police patrols, processed criminal complaints brought by citizens, interviewed witnesses, and helped administer the police station.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society (TSAS)

International Studies Association (ISA)

Canadian Practitioners' Network for the Prevention of Radicalization and Violent Extremism (CPN-PREV)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Reviewer for *Digest of Middle East Studies*; *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*; *Government and Opposition*; *International Criminal Justice Review*; and *Journal of Policing, Intelligence, and Counterterrorism*.

SECTION VI: CERTIFICATES, COURSES AND SKILLS

CERTIFICATES

Effective Online Teaching Practices – Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)
(In progress)

Teaching Fundamentals Certificate – University of Toronto (2020)

Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Comparing Theory and Practice by Universiteit Leiden on
Coursera (2015)

Basic Intelligence Training Certificate - Turkish National Police Intelligence Academy (2008)

COURSES

Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society (TSAS) Summer Academy
(2019)

Crisis Management Seminar - Turkish National Police Intelligence Academy (2013)

Analytical Data Preparation and Review (Basic Level) Course - Turkish National Police
Intelligence Academy (2012)

Basic Intelligence Course - Turkish National Police Intelligence Academy (2008)

International Relations in Security Course - Turkish National Police Intelligence Academy (2007)

General Development Training - Turkish National Police (2007)

SKILLS

Language Skills

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| English | Full professional proficiency |
| Turkish | Native proficiency |
| German | Elementary proficiency |

Computer Skills

SPSS, Microsoft Office

SECTION VII: REFERENCES

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