

**DR. GÜLŞEN SEVEN**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Political Science and Public Administration**, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 2017.

- Dissertation Title: Reflections on the Relationship between Political Theory and Political Practice: Assessing Realist Challenge to Liberal-Normative Political Theory.

**Visiting Doctoral Fellow, Department of Politics and International Studies**, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, 2012.

**M.S., Media and Cultural Studies**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 2008.

**B.S., Sociology (Double Major)**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 2006.

**B.S., Political Science and Public Administration**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 2005.

**EMPLOYMENT**

April 2021 – Present **Vice Dean**, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Science, TED University, Ankara, Turkey.

2018 – Present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, TED University, Ankara, Turkey.

2017 – 2018 (Spring Term) **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, TED University, Ankara, Turkey.

2017 – 2018 (Spring Term) **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of International Relations, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.

2017 – 2018 (Fall Term) **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Başkent University, Ankara, Turkey.

2013 – 2015 **Research Fellow** for the project “The Democratic Legitimacy of Strong Constitutional Entrenchment in Comparative Perspective” funded by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) and hosted in Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.

**RESEARCH**

My primary research interest is in modern European political theory, with a particular focus on the history and theory of modern political thought, theories of democracy and legitimacy, and history of political concepts including, but not limited to, concepts of authority, especially charismatic authority, political leadership, legitimacy, political judgement, and prudence. Besides themes in contemporary political theory, I am interested in the relationship between law and politics, especially the role of judiciary and courts in democratization.

## **Research Outcomes: Publications and Presentations**

### **Books**

- *The Democratic Legitimacy of Limits to Constitutional Amendment* (with Lars Vinx) (Under contract with Cambridge University Press to be printed as part of Cambridge Studies in Constitutional Law Series).

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

- “The Hegemonic Preservation Thesis Revisited: The Example of Turkey,” *The Hague Journal on The Rule of Law*, 2017, Vol. 9, Issue 1, pp. 45-82. DOI 10.1007/s40803-016-0044-8.
- “An Interview with John Dunn,” *International Political Anthropology*, 2012, Vol. 5, Issue 2, pp. 179-97.
- “Janus’tan Leviathan’a İmgelerle AKP’nin Anayasa Serüveni,” in *Toplum ve Bilim*, 2022,159, pp. 29-46.

### **Book Chapters**

- “On Michael Oakeshott’s Political Realism,” in *Michael Oakeshott on Authority, Governance and the State*, ed. Eric S. Kos, 2019, Palgrave Macmillan. DOI 10.1007/978-3-030-17455-2.
- “What can Contemporary Realists Learn from Montaigne? On the Significance of the Author of the *Essais* for Michael Oakeshott and Raymond Geuss,” Forthcoming in *Oakeshott’s Skepticism, Politics and Aesthetics*, ed. Eric Kos, 2021, Palgrave Macmillan.
- “Carl Schmitt’s Exceptional Critique of Rationalism,” (with Aylin Özman) forthcoming in *Critics of Enlightenment Rationalism Revisited*, eds. Gene Callahan and Kenneth McIntyre, Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Book Reviews**

- Book review of “Nietzsche’s Great Politics” by Hugo Drochon, 2016. In *Political Studies Review*, 2017, Vol. 16, Issue 1, p. 15. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1478929917724105>
- Book review of “Politics and the Concept of the Political: The Political Imagination” by James Wiley, 2016. In *Political Studies Review*, 2017, Vol. 15, Issue 3, p. 439. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1478929917706663>
- Book review of “Political Realism and Wisdom” by Andras Lanza, 2015. In *Political Studies Review*, 2017, Vol. 15, Issue 2.
- Book review of “Politics and the Search for the Common Good” by Hans Sluga, 2014. In *Political Studies Review*, 2016, Vol. 14, Issue 4, pp. 570-571. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1478929916663767>
- Book review of “Charisma and Patronage: Reasoning with Max Weber” by Andrew McCulloch, 2014. In *Political Studies Review*, 2016, Vol. 14, Issue 2, p. 278. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1478929916630917h>
- Book Review of “Political Philosophy: What it is and Why It Matters?” by Ronald Beiner, 2014. In *Political Studies Review*, 2016, Vol. 14, Issue 2. pp. 237-238. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1478929916630914d>
- Book Review of “Democratic Theorists in Conversation: Turns in Contemporary Thought” by Jean-Paul Gagnon, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014. In *Political Studies Review*, 2016, Vol. 14, Issue 2, p. 244. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1478929916630914m>
- Book Review of “Justice, Legitimacy and Diversity: Political Authority between Realism and Moralism” by Emanuela Ceva and Enzo Rossi (eds), Routledge, 2013. In *Political Studies Review*, 2014, Vol. 12, Issue 1, p. 91.
- Book Review of “Political Leadership, Nations and Charisma” by Vivian Ibrahim and Margit Wunsch (eds), Routledge, 2012. In *Political Studies Review*, 2013, Vol. 11, Issue 3, pp. 397-98.
- Book Review of “Euroclash: The EU, European Identity and the Future of Europe” by Neil Fligstein, OUP, 2008. *Europolis Journal of Political Theory and Analysis*, 2008, Vol.4, pp. 381-383.

## Projects

- **Dutch Embassy, Human Rights Fund**, for the project “Raising Human Rights Defenders”. August 2021-August 2022. Project Team Member along with: Şebnem Akipek Öcal (principal investigator), Aylin Özman, and Selin Akyüz Tursun.

## Conference Activity and Participation

### Invited Talks

- 2018 “Doing Realist Political Theory Conference”, University of Munster, Munster, Germany. “Vocations of Realistic Political Theory”. 4-6 July 2018.
- 2018 “New Directions in Realist Political Theory Workshop”, University of Reading, Reading, UK. “Realistic Theory of Political Judgement”. 26 June 2018.
- 2017 “Genealogy and Political Theory Workshop”, Amsterdam, Netherlands. “The Relevance of Genealogy for Political Realism”. 29 September 2017.

### Conferences, Workshops and Panels Organized

- 2018 Convenor of a workshop on “Vocations of Realistic Political Theory”, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. 21-22 April 2018.
- 2017 Co-convenor (with Prof. Ferenc Horcher, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pazmany Peter Catholic University) of a workshop on “Vocations of Realistic Political Theory” as part of MANCEPT 2017 Political Theory Workshops, 7-9 September, 2017.

### Selected Talks and Conference Papers Presented

- 2022 A Panel on "Contemporary Turkish Politics in Perspective: Ideology, State and Discourse", Democritus University of Thrace, Komotini, Greece. "A Reflection on Constitutions and Constitutionalism in Turkey." 18 May 2022.
- 2019 “10<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Michael Oakeshott Association”, Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon, Portugal. “Appeal of Montaigne: Michael Oakeshott and Raymond Geuss on the Character of Political Judgement”. 19-22 September, 2019.
- 2017 “International Conference of the Michael Oakeshott Association”, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary. “Michael Oakeshott’s Political Realism”. 17-19 August, 2017.
- 2016 “Political Realism and Practical Morality Workshop”, Budapest, Hungary. “Political Realism and A Theory of Good Reasons”. 18-19 November 2016.
- 2015 NJLP Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands. “Realistic Democracy: Lessons from Michael Oakeshott and John Dunn”. 25-26 June 2015.