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Critical scholar working on global environmental politics and political economy of developing countries with a focus on Turkey, Greece, and India. I speak Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (B2) and learn Greek (intermediate).

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Academic Positions

Center for Mediterranean Studies, Yaşar University, Turkey

Researcher and Teaching Fellow, 2019-2023 January

Taught UFND 6320 Environment and Development

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Switzerland

Researcher, 2018-2019

Teaching and Research Assistant, 2014-2018

Education

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, 2018

PhD, Political Science and International Relations, minor in International Law

Grade: Summa Cum Laude

Field Research: India and Turkey

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, 2012

MPhil, International Relations, Wolfson College

Sciences PO Paris, Paris, France, 2009

Erasmus Exchange

Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey, 2010

BSc, International Relations, minor in International Economics

Graduation as the top degree student in the department of International Relations among 60 students;
top degree student in the faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences among 361 students;
second-best degree student in the university among 2232 students

60th Year Anatolian High School, Izmir, Turkey, 2005

Graduation as the top degree student

Publications

Working Papers (Currently Writing)

- Gönenç, Defne, Vasileios Fouskas, Qingan A. Huang, and Sinan Ünlüsoy (2023). Political Economy of Turkey's Pivot to Asia.
- Gönenç, Defne and Özge Can (2023). Is Democratization and Environmental Protection Achievable through Civil Society Actors? A Discussion on Potentials and Limits of Civil Society from the Aegean Region of Turkey.
- Gönenç, Defne (2023). Decolonizing Climate Change: Indian Climate Policies.

Articles in Progress (Under Review)

- Evrensel, Ecem, Defne Gönenç, Sinan Ünlüsoy (2023). Turkey's Political Parties' Asia Policies: Vision, Contacts, Issues. Under Review.
- Gönenç, Defne and Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy (2023). Indian Foreign Policy in the Eastern Mediterranean. Under Review.
- Gönenç, Defne and Elçin Doruk (2023). Is Environment an Issue of Politics? A View from Environmental Civil Society in the Aegean Region of Turkey. Under Review.
- Can, Özge and Defne Gönenç (2023). The Impact of Cognitive Filters on Action Repertoires and Interactions: Local Environmental NGOs in the Aegean Region of Turkey. Under Review.
- Botetzagias, Iosif, Defne Gönenç, and Emre İşeri (2023). Communication on Climate Change in the Mediterranean by Non-State Actors: A Framing Analysis. Under Review.

Articles (Published)

- Gönenç, Defne, Emre İşeri, and Qingan Angus Huang (2022). Editorial to the Special Issue on "Asian Powers in the Eastern Mediterranean". *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 25 (1): 40-47.
- Çetin, Elif, and Defne Gönenç (2022). Environmental Justice as an Alternative to Resilience: India as an Example. *Gaziantep Üniversitesi Sosyal Bilimler Dergisi*, 21 (4): 2354-2370.
- Can, Özge and Defne Gönenç (2022). Ege Bölgesi'ndeki Çevreci Sivil Toplum Kuruluşları: Örgütsel Özellikler ve İlişkiler (Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations in the Aegean Region: Organizational Features and Relations). *Yönetim Bilimleri Dergisi*, 20 (44): 329-356.
- Gönenç, Defne (2022). Litigation as a Strategy for Environmental Movements Questioned: An Examination of Bergama and Artvin- Cerattepe Struggles. *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 24 (2): 303-322.
- Gönenç, Defne (2021). Conceptualizing Norm Fusion Through Environmental Rights. *Environmental Politics*, 30 (3): 442-461.
- Gönenç, Defne, and Günseli Durmaz (2020). The Politics of Neoliberal Transformation on the Periphery: A Critical Comparison of Greece and Turkey. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 20 (4): 617-640.

- Gönenç, Defne, Dario Piselli, and Yixian Sun (2020). The Global Economic System and Access and Allocation. *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law, and Economics*, 20 (2): 223-238.
- Gönenç, Defne (2019). Türkiye’de Sivil Toplum ve Çevre Politikası (Civil Society and Environmental Politics in Turkey). *Mimarlık*, 409, 33-36.
- Gönenç, Defne (2019). Litigation Process of the Social Movements as a Driver of Norm Transformation? *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 32 (1), 43-60.
- Gönenç, Defne, and Alper Almaz (2018). Bir Süreç Olarak Hoşnutsuzların Çevreciliği: Hindistan’dan Sardar Sarovar Barajı Örneği (Environmentalism of the Malcontent as a Process: The Example of Sardar Sarovar Dam from India). *Alternatif Politika*, 10 (2), 156-180.
- Gönenç Defne, and Aysegul Kibaroglu (2017). İklim Güvenliği Kavramının Türkiye İklim Politikasındaki Yeri (The Concept of Climate Security in Turkey’s Climate Policies). *Alternatif Politika*. December 2017, Special Issue on Climate Change and Energy, 1-26.

Book Reviews

- Gönenç, Defne (2023). Review: The Political Economy of Austerity: Crisis, Social Movements, and the Environment by Rita Calvario, Maria Kaika, and Giorgos Velegrakis. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, online first. doi: 10.4324/9781003036265
- Gönenç, Defne (2022). Review: India in a Warming World: Integrating Climate Change and Development by Navroz K. Dubash. *Uluslararası İlişkiler*, 19 (75), 107-109.
- Gönenç, Defne (2021). Review: China & the USA: Globalisation and the Decline of American Supremacy by Vassilis Fouskas, Shampa Roy-Mukherjee, Qingan Huang and Ejike Udeogu. *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, 26 (3), 607 -608.
- Gönenç, Defne (2020). Review: Transforming Socio-Natures in Turkey: Landscapes, State and Environmental Movement by Onur İnal and Ethemcan Turhan. *Mediterranean Politics*, 27 (5), 682-684.
- Gönenç, Defne (2017). Review: Climate Justice: Vulnerability and Protection by Henry Shue. *Journal of Human Rights and Environment*, 8 (1), 168-171.
- Gönenç, Defne (2016). Review: A Liberal Actor in a Realist World. The European Union Regulatory State and the Global Political Economy of Energy by Andreas Goldthau and Nick Sitter. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 68 (9), 1611- 1612.

Book Chapters

- Aydın, Bengü ve Defne Gönenç (2021). Çevresel Bir Sorun Olarak Kirlilik (Pollution as an Environmental Problem). In Zerrin Savaşan and Hakan Ünay. *Uluslararası Çevre Hukuku ve Politikaları* (International Environmental Law and Politics). Ankara: Yetkin Yayıncılık. 399-432.
- Gönenç, Defne (2021). Çevresel Adalet (Environmental Justice). In Zerrin Savaşan, Çağlar Söker and Fırat Harun Yılmaz (eds.). *Çevre Hukuku ve Politikaları: Kavramlar, Teoriler ve Tartışmalar* (Environmental Law and Politics: Concepts, Theories and Debates). Ankara: Seçkin Yayıncılık. 83-107.

Book (non-academic)

- Gönenç, Defne ve Mete Gönenç (2019). *Çevre ve İktisat Politikası Gibi Bir Şey* (Something Like Environmental and Economic Policy). İstanbul: İkinci Adam Yayınevi.

Other Articles (non-academic)

- Ak, İrem and Defne Gönenç (2021). Ege Bölgesi'nin Çevreci Sivil Toplumu: Gündem ve Sorunlar. *Yeniden Akdeniz: Ekoloji*, 105-108. <https://www.izmeda.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ekoloji-s02-WEB-SPREAD.pdf>
- Gönenç, Defne (2019). Hindistan: İklim Adaletinde Yeni Dünya Lideri Mi? (India: The New World Leader of Climate Justice?) Uluslararası İlişkiler Analiz Portalı. <http://uianaliz.org/haber/54/17/hindistan-iklim-siyasetinde-yeni-dunya-lideri-mi?fbclid=IwAR0R21dzkw1WULH0tC20eJBGnzDm0p9ce3LLmnsqpvfIDtVihOO92jYr88c>
- Gönenç, Defne (2019). How Can We Use Blockchain for an Eco-Socialist Transformation. ENTITLE. <https://entitleblog.org/2019/07/25/how-can-we-use-blockchain-for-an-eco-socialist-transformation/>
- Weekly contributor at GAZE-TEMİZ (2016-2018). All articles can be found: <http://gaze-temiz.com/Mobil/YazarDetay.aspx?KayitID=145>
- Gönenç, Defne (2017). À quand la fin du mercure? The Conversation. https://theconversation.com/a-quand-la-fin-du-mercure-84806?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=facebookbutton
- Gönenç, Defne (2017). Flood Narmada Valley with Anti-Dam Resistance. New Internationalist. <https://newint.org/web-exclusive-2017/08/03-narmada-valley-dam-resistance>
- Gönenç, Defne (2017). Artvin'in Kendisi Altın (Artvin is Gold Itself). Yeşil Gazete. <https://yesilgazete.org/blog/2017/07/02/artvinin-kendisi-altin-defne-gonenc/>
- Gönenç, Defne (2017). İklim Değişikliği Adaletin Sınırlarını Zorluyor (Climate Change is Forcing the Limits of Justice). Yeşil Gazete. <https://yesilgazete.org/blog/2017/04/26/iklim-degisikligi-adaletin-sinirlarini-zorluyor-defne-gonenc/>
- Gönenç, Defne (2017). The Sardar Sarovar Dam: Drowning out citizens but who benefits? SouthAsia@LSE. London. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2017/02/13/the-sardar-sarovar-dam-drowning-out-citizens-but-who-benefits/>
- Gönenç, Defne (2017). Serbest Ticareti İstemiyoruz (We do not Want Free Trade). Cumhuriyet. 24 Ocak. http://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/koseyazisi/664775/Serbest_ticareti_istemiyoruz.html
- Gönenç, Defne (2017). Hava Kirliliği Tehdidi (The Air Pollution Treat). ATAUM E-Bulten, Year 9, Issue 100, pp.9, Ankara. <http://ataum.ankara.edu.tr/ebulten/9.htm>
- Gönenç, Defne (2016). Turkey's largest environmental legal case. openDemocracy. United Kingdom. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/defne-gonenc/turkey-s-largest-environmental-legal-case>
- Gönenç, Defne (2016). The Turkey-EU Refugee Deal and How to Really Solve "The Problem". openDemocracy. United Kingdom. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/arab-awakening/defne-gonenc/turkey-eu-deal-for-refugee-crisis-and-how-to-really-solve-problem>
- Gönenç, Defne (2016). Should Human Rights be included in the New Climate Agreement?, Vol. V, Issue 3, pp.19-24, Centre for Policy and Research on Turkey (ResearchTurkey), London, Research Turkey.
- Gönenç, Defne (2015). The lesson from the Greek crisis should be that economics exists for the good of society, not for its own sake. LSE Blog, 12 August 2015. <http://bit.ly/1IGFs5L>
- Gönenç, Defne (2013). Kaya Gazı AB'yi İkiye Böldü (Shale Gas has divided the EU into two), ATAUM E-Bulten, Year 6, Issue. 61, pp.4, <http://www.ataum.ankara.edu.tr/ebulten/4.htm>
- Gönenç, Defne (2013). Avrupa Destekli Madene Kırgız Tepkisi (Kirghiz Reaction to the Mine Subsidized by Europe), ATAUM E- Bulten, Year 5, Issue. 57, pp.17 <http://www.ataum.ankara.edu.tr/ebulten/17.htm>

Teaching Activities

Teaching Fellow, Department of Science Culture, Yaşar University, 2022 onward

“Environment and Development” and “Çevre ve Kalkınma” open to all Yaşar University students

Teaching Assistant, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 2015-2018

“Development and Sustainability”

“Political Ecology”

“Issues in Water Management”

“Gendering Sustainability”

“Biodiversité: entre science et politique”

“Political Science and International Affairs”

Research Projects/ Grants

- Coordinating Partner, “Turkey, Asia, and the EU in a Changing World Order”, conducted by Yaşar University Center of Mediterranean Studies in cooperation with East London University, financed by Centre for Turkey Studies (German Foreign Ministry), 2022.
- Researcher, “Non-Governmental Organizations in the Mediterranean Climate Governance”, led by Prof. Emre İşeri, financed by Yaşar University, 2022.
- Researcher, “Development and Effectiveness of the Environmental Civil Society in the Aegean Region”, led by Assist. Dr. Özge Can, financed by Yaşar University, 2020-2021.
- Researcher, “Transparency: Qualities and Technologies of Global Gemstone Trading”, led by Assist. Dr. Filipe Calvao, financed by Swiss National Science Foundation, 2018-2019.

Won But Declined:

- Coordinator, “Comparative Climate Communication in the Eastern Mediterranean: Actors and Discourses in Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey” in cooperation with Aegean University (Prof. Iosif Botetzagias) and Eastern Mediterranean University (Prof. Metin Ersoy), financed by Climate Social Science Network (Brown University), 2023.

Fellowships/ Individual Grants/Scholarships

Full Scholarship by Seoul National University Human Rights Centre to participate in Winter Course on Human Rights and Asia, Seoul, 2014

First holder of IHEID Alumni Scholarship, Geneva, 2013 **(For PhD)**

European Commission Jean Monnet Scholarship towards university fees and living expenses, Cambridge, 2010-2011 **(For MPhil)**

Full Scholarship by the State Department of the U.S. for Study of the US Institute for Student Leaders, Rochester, 2008

Won But Not Taken:

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Doctoral Mobility Scholarship, 2017-2018

Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, 6-months exchange fellowship, 2017

Albert Gallatin Fellowship in International Affairs, 2017-2018

University of Cambridge Overseas Trust Scholarship towards University fee, 2010-2011

Academic Conferences

- ATINER - 16th Annual International Conference on Global Studies: Business, Economic, Political, Social and Cultural Aspects (**Athens, 2022**)
- EWIS, European Workshops in International Studies, workshop convener (**Thessaloniki, 2022**)
- ATINER – 15th Annual International Conference on Mediterranean Studies (**Athens, 2022**)
- 2022 AFOMEDI International Conference - Current Status and Direction of the Mediterranean Studies in Asia – organized by the Institute for Mediterranean Studies Busan University (**Busan, South Korea, 2022**)
- Co-Organizer and participant of Asian Powers in the Eastern Mediterranean Conference, organized by Center for Mediterranean Studies Yaşar University, STAMP University of East London, and International Business School of Guangdong University of Finance & Economics (**Izmir, 2021**)
- ATINER – 14th Annual International Conference on Mediterranean Studies (**Athens, 2021**)
- Political Science Association Annual International Conference (**Belfast, 2021**)
- ATINER - 14th Annual International Conference on Global Studies (**Athens, 2020**)
- Organizer and participant of 1st Biannual Conference on Mediterranean Studies: Renewable Energy and the Environment (**Izmir, 2020**)
- 2nd NEHT International Workshop Environmental Histories of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey (**Ankara, 2019**)
- 11th European International Studies Association Conference (EISA) (**Barcelona, 2017**)
- Swiss Political Science Association Conference (**St. Gallen, 2017**)
- 5th Degrowth Conference (**Budapest, 2016**)
- 7th Uluslararası İlişkiler Konferansı (UIK) (**Izmir, 2016**)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Graduate Student Conference (**Innsbruck, 2014**)

Non-Academic Employment

European Investment Bank, Luxembourg, 2012-2013

Climate Change Trainee at the Projects Department, Division of Social and Environment Affairs

Agricultural Climatization & Technical Research CO., Ankara, 2012

Assistant to CEO

General Consulate of Turkey, Marseille, 2009

Intern

Cumhuriyet Newspaper, Izmir, 2008

Intern

Aegean Free Zone, Izmir, 2007

Intern at Promotion and Public Relations Department

Institutional Responsibilities

Co-founder, IHEID-CERN Salsa Club

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 2014

Member of the Executive Board of Cambridge International Studies Association

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, 2010-2011

Under Secretary General

Model United Nations Turkey, Ankara, 2009-2010

Member of the Executive Board of METU Foreign Policy & International Relations Club

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, 2007-2008

Director General

EUROsimA, European Union Simulation Conference, Ankara, 2007-2008

Other Activities

B1 Greek Language Summer Course Certificate, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2022

Salsa teacher at Biotech Campus, Geneva, 2019

SOAS, University of London, Master Certificate in Applied Environmental Economics, 2016

Visiting Research Fellow at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi, 2015

European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) Winter and Summer School participant, Introduction to NVivo, Content Analysis, and Methods of Modern Causal Analysis based on Observational Data, Bamberg

Project Cycle Management Training at Republic of Turkey Ministry for European Union Affairs, Ankara

IT Skills

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), STATA, SPSS

Hobbies

Dancing (Salsa, cha cha, bachata), playing piano, theatre, reading, animals, eating good food, swimming