**EDUCATION**

1. **University of Oxford, St Antony’s College,** Oxford, UK
   1. DPhil Candidate in Social Policy, December 2017 (Expected)

**Dissertation:** Bureaucrats and Social Policy Change in Developing Countries

Recipient of the highly competitive Clarendon Scholarship awarded for academic excellence

1. **Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies,** Washington, DC
   1. Visiting Research Fellow, September 2015–June 2017
2. **Bilkent University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration,** Ankara, Turkey
   1. Visiting Fellow, September 2013–January 2014
3. **Harvard University, Department of Sociology,** Cambridge, MA
   1. Visiting Fellow, September 2010–May 2011
4. **Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs,** Princeton, NJ
5. Dual Masters in Public Affairs (Development Studies) and Urban Planning (MPA/URP), 2007

Recipient of Marion J. Levy Fellowship awarded for creative thinking and excellence in development studies

1. **Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service,** Washington, DC
2. B.S. in Foreign Service,*Magna Cum Laude,* 2001
3. **Major:** International Politics **Concentration:** International Law, Institutions and Ethics
4. **Certificate:** Justice and Peace Studies **Thesis:** “Aid as a Peacemaker: A View from Burundi”

# **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2012-2016 Clarendon Scholarship awarded by the University of Oxford for doctoral study

2013& 2016 Carr&Stahl Travel Fund awarded by St Antony’s College, University of Oxford

1. 2006-2007 Marion J. Levy Fellowship awarded for creative thinking and excellence in development studies
2. 2005-2006 Graduate Scholarship awarded by Woodrow Wilson School for graduate study
3. 1997-2001 International Student Scholarship awarded by Georgetown University for undergraduate study

1997 Placed 1st in the nationwide examination ÖSS for university admissions in Turkey

1. **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**
2. **Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies,** Washington, DC; Spring 2016&2017
3. Professorial lecturer for a graduate course on basic education policy in developing countries; fully responsible for course development, instruction, and assessment
4. **Bilkent University, Department of Politicial Science and Public Administration,** Ankara, Turkey; Fall 2013
5. Lecturer for an undergraduate course on public policy; fully responsible for all aspects of course development, instruction, and assessment
6. **Peace Support Operations Training Center,** Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Sept–Oct 2008
7. Trainer on military’s role in post-conflict reconstruction; fully responsible for training development and instruction
8. **Mother Child Education Foundation**, Izmir, Turkey; March – June 2005
9. Teacher of two functional adult literacy classes

### RESEARCH & CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

# **UNICEF,** state of palestine

Lead Consultant, Conducting a study on out-of-school children; July 2016-Ongoing

# **Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Comcec)**

# Consultant, Prepared a report on institutions of social safety nets in OIC Members; March-April 2014

# **Technical Assistance for Civil Society Organisations (Tacso),** turkey

Consultant, Evaluated the technical assistance provided to civil society in Turkey, June-August 2013

# **Development Workshop,** turkey

# Consultant, Prepared a policy report on child labor in agriculture and education; March-June 2012

# **UNICEF,** turkey

# Lead Consultant, Conducted a study on out-of-school children; May 2011–March 2012

# **Bernard van Leer Foundation,** netherlands

# Consultant, Evaluated the work of Special Representative of UNSG on Violence against Children; Sept 2011-Feb 2012

# **Mother Child Education Foundation,** turkey

# Consultant, Conducted analysis for a study on the quality of early childhood education in Turkey; Feb-March 2012

# **UNICEF,** turkey

# Consultant, Needs assessment and planning on Roma children’s access to education; August-Nov 2011

# **Harvard Kennedy School Carr Center for Human Rights Policy,** USA

# Consultant, Prepared case studies on military response operations to mass atrocities; March-May 2011

# **Bernard van Leer Foundation,** netherlands

# Consultant, Prepared a background paper on early learning and violence prevention in Turkey; August-Oct 2010

# **Ministry of National Education,** turkey

# Consultant, Prepared a strategy report on primary education in Turkey; Nov-Dec 2007

# **UNICEF,** south sudan

# Consultant (WWS Policy Workshop), Evaluated UNICEF's education programming in South Sudan; Sept-Dec 2006

# **Oxfam, GB,** indonesia

# Consultant, Prepared a report on decentralization in Indonesia and a policy document on mainstreaming governance into Oxfam GB’s programming; June-Aug 2006

# **European Stability Initiative,** turkey

# Consultant, Conducted a study on the regional development efforts in Southeastern Turkey; Jan-Feb 2005

### Civil Society Organisations for Peace in Northern Uganda, uganda

Consultant, Conducted a study on inter-ethnic relations and identity in Uganda; March-April 2004

# **POLICY EXPERIENCE**

# **European Commıssion (EC),** delegation to turkey

Sector Manager - Institution Building, Civil Society, Democratization; Ankara, Turkey; Nov 2008-June 2010

* Initiated and lead the development process of the first-ever strategy on the EC’s support to civil society strengthening in Turkey
* Ensured the effective design and sound management of civil society grant programs and government projects funded by the EC for the promotion of human rights in Turkey. Portfolio included the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for non-profit organizations and Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education Project with the Ministry of National Education, among others
* Prepared analyses and reported regularly on developments related to democratization and human rights in Turkey

# **Istanbul Policy Center at Sabanci University,** Education reform initiative

Program Manager; Istanbul, Turkey; June 2007-Oct 2008

* Conceived and created the first Education Monitoring Report in Turkey, which monitors the progress of the Basic Education Reform initiated in 1997
* Prepared a series of policy papers about education access and quality, including student selection systems, early school leavers, gender equality in education, equity in the education system and public education finance
* Managed the Rights in Education project, which facilitated the formation of an advocacy coalition and introduced a rights-based discourse in the education sector through training workshops, publications and websites

### PROGRAM DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE

### Catholic Relief Services (CRS), uganda

Consultant, Peacebuilding Program; Kampala, Uganda; Dec 2003-Oct 2004

* Supported the Program Coordinator in the management of a USAID grant for assisting local civil society organizations working on human rights and peacebuilding in conflict and post-conflict areas
* Systematized project monitoring and reporting systems for local partner organizations through individualized, participatory processes
* Prepared an evaluation report on the social effects of microfinance projects funded by CRS in western Uganda

### Southeastern Turkey Regıonal Development Admınıstratıon, turkey

#### Gender & Child Specialist, Social Development Unit; Urfa, Turkey, Oct 2002-Oct 2003

* Coordinated with local authorities, civil society organizations and private sector sponsors the establishment of five education centers for disadvantaged children
* Supervised the activities of 20 community centers for disadvantaged, displaced women in four provinces
* Designed, conducted and analyzed household surveys as part of the needs assessment for new projects

# **Search for Common Ground (SFCG)**, USA

Program Associate, Central Africa Program; Washington, DC, June 2001-Aug 2002

* Prepared funding proposals and reports to USAID, EC and private foundations for peacebuilding initiatives in Burundi, DR of Congo, and Angola
* Coordinated monthly “Great Lakes Policy Forum” that brought over 50 government and international NGO representatives together for advocacy and cooperation purposes

# **PUBLICATIONS**

* Beleli, Özsel. 2013. “Seasonal Agricultural Migration in Turkey and Young Children.” *Early Childhood Matters,*121.
* Beleli, Özsel. 2012. “Out of School Children Country Report: Turkey.” UNICEF.
* Beleli, Özsel. 2012. *Seasonal Agricultural Work and Children*. Ankara: Development Workshop Cooperative.
* Beleli, Özsel and Didem Çakmaklı. 2008. “Bangladeş Kırsal Eylem Komitesi Eğitim Programı.” In *Kız Çocukların Eğitime Erişiminde Dünyadan Örnekler*. İstanbul: AÇEV.
* Beleli, Özsel. 2008. *Education Monitoring Report 2007*. İstanbul: Education Reform Initiative.
* Beleli, Özsel. 2007. “Yüzde Yüz Okullaşmanın Yolu.” *Yaşadıkça Eğitim*, 97.
* Beleli, Özsel. 2005. “Regional Development and Institutional Change: The Experience of the Southeastern Anatolia Project.” *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, 4(3).
* Anyuru, Max and Özsel Beleli. 2005. *The Need for National Reconciliation: Perceptions of Ugandans on National Identity*. Kampala: Civil Society Organizations for Peace in Northern Uganda (CSOPNU).
* Melone, Sandra, Georgios Terzis, and Özsel Beleli. 2002. “Using the Media for Conflict Transformation.” In *Berghof Handbook for Conflict Transformation*. Berlin: Berghof Publications.
* “Elections in Turkey: Longing for Democracy”, Fair Observer, 15 June 2011.
* “Ideas or Interests: Understanding the Engine Behind Turkey’s Foreign Policy” Fair Observer, 23 March 2011.
* Author of “Smart Cities” column in Solfasol from May 2011 to April 2013, an Ankara-based monthly Turkish-language newspaper.

# **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

* Beleli, Özsel. 2017. “When Social Policies Leap rather than Diffuse: Bureaucrats and the Transfer of the Conditional Cash Transfer Model to Turkey and Indonesia.” Annual Convention of International Studies Association, Baltimore.
* Beleli, Özsel. 2016. “Political Determinants of Bureaucratic Autonomy: Social Policymaking in Turkey.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
* Beleli, Özsel. 2016. “Political Determinants of Bureaucratic Autonomy: Social Policymaking in Turkey.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Junior Scholars Symposium, Chicago.
* Beleli, Özsel and Sally Chin. 2011. “Military Responses to Mass Atrocities.” Annual Convention of International Studies Association, Special Workshop on Responsibility to Protect: Measures and Capacities, Montreal.
* Beleli, Özsel. 2008. “Human Rights Based Advocacy and Organizational Change.” Annual Meeting of Comparative and International Education Society, New York.
* Beleli, Özsel. 2007. “Education Governance Reform in Turkey.” ELA Conference on Decentralization and School Autonomy, Lisbon.
* Kılıç, Zeynep, Burcu Meltem Arık, and Özsel Beleli. 2007. “Civil Monitoring Groups for Girls’ Education.” World Congress of World Council of Comparative Education Societies, Sarajevo.

# **SELECTED TRAINING PROGRAMS**

* Participated in the Bucerius Summer School on Global Governance, Bucerius Foundation, Germany, August 2009
* Participated in trainings on Human Rights and Child Rights, European Commission, Belgium, March 2009
* Received a certificate in micro-finance, KARDS Strategic Community Development Center, Kenya, August 2004
* Participated in training on Psycho-Social Assistance with Refugees, Red Crescent Society, Turkey, March 2003
* Received a certificate in Negotiation Skills in Humanitarian Operations*,* US Institute of Peace, USA, May 2002
* Received a certificate in Advanced Conflict Management and Problem-Solving Workshops, University of Maryland, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, USA, Winter 2002

# **SKILLS**

* Fluent in Turkish and English; intermediate written comprehension skills in French
* Proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint; intermediate proficiency in Stata, NVivo, Atlas.ti, ArcGIS.