

Assist. Prof. Dr. GÜLAY UMANER DUBA

Curriculum Vitae

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Federalism and ethnic conflict; conflict resolution; Cyprus politics; Catalan Politics; territorial autonomy; secessionist movements; national minorities; electoral systems, autocratisation.

EDUCATION AND DEGREES

2010 University of Kent at Canterbury in UK, Department of Politics and Government, PhD in Politics and Government.

Thesis: ‘Federalism and Conflict Management in Multi-Ethnic Societies: The Case of Cyprus in Comparative Perspective’

1998 University of Kent at Canterbury in UK, Department of Politics and International Relations, MA in European Politics and Democracy Studies.

Thesis: ‘The Development of Political Parties of Eastern Europe and their roles in Democratic Transition since 1989: Hungarian Case’

1997 Eastern Mediterranean University in Cyprus, Department of International Relations, BA in International Relations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1999 – 2002: Lecturer (part-time) at Eastern Mediterranean University in Cyprus.

Courses given: Introduction to Political Science; Comparative Political Analysis; Sociology.

2006- 2008: Lecturer (part-time) in the department of International Relations, Eastern Mediterranean University in Cyprus.

Courses taught: Comparative Politics: The West; Normative Theory; International Organisations; Political Participation.

2012-2013: Lecturer in the department of International Relations, Cyprus International University in Cyprus.

Courses given: Political Science; Diplomatic History; Diplomatic Correspondence and International Negotiations; Comparative Politics; European Integration; International Conflict; Conflict Analysis and Resolution (MA)

-Faculty Coordinator at Cyprus International University (2012-2013).

2013-2015: Lecturer (part-time) in the department of Political Science and International Relations, Eastern Mediterranean University in Cyprus.

Courses taught: Introduction to Political Science, Territorial Politics, Introduction to Global Politics, History of Political Thought, Contemporary Political Thought.

2015-2019 : Visiting Researcher at University of Helsinki, Finland

June 2018-December 2018: Visiting Researcher at the Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, granted by Institut d'Estudis de l' Autogovern (IEA) in Spain

June 2018-December 2018: Visiting Researcher at Institut d'Estudis de l' Autogovern (IEA) in Catalonia, Spain granted by Institut d'Estudis de l' Autogovern (IEA)

2018- 2020: Lecturer (part-time) at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Course given: Specialisation in Peace and Conflict Research (MA)

June 2020- Present: Research Fellow within the Centre for Federal Studies (CFS) at the School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent in UK.

2020- 2021: Assist. Prof. Dr. at Middle East Technical University Northern Cyprus Campus.

Course Given: Contemporary Political Theory; History of Political Thought; War and Peace Studies; Contemporary Issues in War and Peace; Modern World History, International History 1914–1989; Graduation Project.

September 2021- Present: Assist. Prof. Dr. at Eastern Mediterranean University.

Courses taught: Politics and Society; Politics of Transition and Civil Society; Global Governance; World Politics and Diplomacy; Territorial Politics; Comparative Politics; Nationalism; Political History of Europe; International Organisations; Introduction to Political Science; Ethnic Politisation and Nationalism.

2022-2024: Vice Chair of the department of Political Science and International Relations Department, Eastern Mediterranean University.

April 2024 - August 2024: Acting Chair of the department of Political Science and International Relations Department, Eastern Mediterranean University.

November 2024 - Present: Director of the Center for Strategic Studies, Eastern Mediterranean University (DAÜ-SAM)

2022 - Present: Cyprus Academic Dialogue (CAD), Governing Board Member (Co-General Secretary).

PUBLICATIONS

Umaner Duba, G. (2026, April 14). *Recognition without recognition? The TRNC's strategy of visibility, performance, and structural integration*. De Facto States Research Unit, University of Tartu. <https://defactostates.ut.ee/recognition-without-recognition-the-trncs-strategy-of-visibility-performance-and-structural-integration/>

Yücel Vural & Gülay Umaner-Duba (2025) Shaping territorial solutions to the Cyprus conflict: the role of international organizations, *Regional & Federal Studies*, 35(2), 283–303.

Gülay Umaner Duba (2021) “Managing Ethno-National Diversity in Cyprus: Asymmetrical Federalism,” *Nationalities Papers*, 49(1): 180-198.

Gülay Umaner-Duba (2021) “Asymmetrical Federalism and Conflict Management in Cyprus,” *50 Shades of Federalism*.

<https://50shadesoffederalism.com/case-studies/asymmetrical-federalism-and-conflict-management-in-cyprus/>

Gülay Umaner-Duba (2020) “Forms and Limits of Accommodation in the Case of Catalonia: What Difference Can Shared Rule Make?” *Ethnopolitics*, 19(3): 270-291

Gülay Umaner Duba and Nur Koprulu (2017) “Rethinking National Identities in Divided Societies of Post-Ottoman Lands: Lessons from Lebanon and Cyprus” *European Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies*, [S.l.], 4(2): 113-127.

Gülay Umaner Duba, (2014) “Political accommodation of ethnic pluralism in Cyprus: Asymmetric federalism”, in Sara Marino (ed.) *Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Trajectories on Pluralism, Inclusion and Citizenship*, Inter-Disciplinary Press: Oxford, 2014.

Gülay Umaner Duba (2013) “Conditions for a Successful Federal Model in Cyprus: The Evaluation of the Annan Plan and Future Prospects”, *The Cyprus Review*, Volume 25, Number 2 (Fall 2013), pp. 89-110.

Gülay Umaner Duba, (2011) “Annan Planı Krizi” in Haydar Çakmak (ed.), *Türk Dış Politikasında 41 Kriz (1924-2012)*, Kripto Basın Yayın: İstanbul.

RECENT CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Gülay Umaner Duba, “Ethnic Mobilisation in Autocratisation: Kurdish Strategies under Turkey’s Authoritarian Shift” 28th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Seoul, 12-16 July 2025.

Gülay Umaner Duba and Hatice Savoglu “Turkey’s Peace Broker Role in Regional Conflicts: The Case of Russia and Ukraine” 28th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Seoul, 12-16 July 2025.

Gülay Umaner Duba and Nur Koprulu, “Rethinking the Opportunities and Constraints of Consociationalism in Divided Societies: Lessons from Lebanon After a Year of Escalation in the Middle East” BRISMES 2025, Newcastle, 1-3 July 2025.

Gülay Umaner Duba and Julie Alev Dilmac, “A Boundary or a Bridge? Border Dynamics and Ambivalences of the Green Line in Cyprus” BRIT, UCLAN, Cyprus, Pyle, 26-28 May 2025

Gülay Umaner Duba and Julie Alev Dilmac, “Bridging and Dividing: The Socio-Political Dynamics of Green Line in Cyprus”, ASEN, Nationalism and Borders, 23-25 April 2025, CEU, Budapest.

Gülay Umaner Duba, “Ethnicity in the Age of Autocracy: Examining Kurdish Minority in Turkey and Democratic Backsliding” IPSA 75th Anniversary Conference in Lisbon, 11-13 September 2024.

Gülay Umaner-Duba, “Change and continuity in voting behaviour: An Analysis of the 2021 Catalan Regional Election” ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague, 4-8 September 2023.

Gülay Umaner-Duba, “Revisiting the Definition of Greenline in Cyprus”, Europe in Discourse III: Tracing Identity through Values, History and Borders, Athens, September 23-25, 2022.

Gülay Umaner-Duba, “Understanding plural federalism in Cyprus” UNICAD, February 27, 2022, Cyprus University of Technology, Paphos, Cyprus.

Gülay Umaner-Duba “Constitutional Asymmetry as a Device for Diffusing Conflict in Multinational Contexts,” Current Legal Issues in Post-Conflict and Transitional Societies, International Summer School, September 1-3, 2021.

Gülay Umaner-Duba “The Forms and Limits of Accommodation in the Case of Catalonia: What Difference Can Shared Rule Make?” Diversity and Democratic Governance: Legacies of the Past, Present Challenges, and Future Directions? University of Sarajevo, IPSA 12–15 June 2019.

Gülay Umaner-Duba & Nur Köprülü, “Rethinking Federalism in Cyprus: The Consociational Impediments and Federal Opportunities (Remedies)” Cyprus Academic Dialogue, In collaboration with Neapolis University, 16 – 17 February 2019, Nicosia – Paphos – Cyprus.

Gülay Umaner-Duba, “Multinational Federalism and Accommodation of Secessionist Movements in Comparative Perspective: The Case of Catalonia”, Institut d'Estudis de l' Autogovern, Barcelona, 14 September 2018.

Gülay Umaner-Duba and Emine Eminel Sulun “Structural Dimensions and Normative Limitations of Federal Security Culture in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Lessons to Draw for Cyprus”, presented at IPSA, Democratisation and Constitutional Design in Divided Societies, June 24-27, 2017, Nicosia, Cyprus.

Gülay Umaner-Duba & Nur Köprülü “Rethinking on Consociational Democracy in Belgium and Lebanon: Opportunities and Constraints” Exclusion amid Inclusion: How Power-Sharing Engages Non-Dominant Minorities, Queen's University Belfast, 9-10 November 2017.

Gülay Umaner-Duba and Nur Koprulu “Rethinking On National Identities in Divided Societies - Lessons From Cyprus And Lebanon” presented at ICSS, 20-21 January 2017, Helsinki.

Gülay Umaner-Duba “Finland Education System” Keynote Speech at the opening session, presented at ICSS, 20-21 January 2017, Helsinki.

Gülay Umaner-Duba “Political Accommodation of National Minorities in Multi-Ethnic/National Countries in Comparative Perspective: The Case of Cyprus”

presented at IPSA July 23-28, 2016, Poznan, Sharing Sovereignty: A Cross-national Perspective on Identity, Regionalism and Autonomy.

Gülay Umaner-Duba and Emine Eminel Sülün “Intercommunity Trust Building Processes in Divided Societies: The Case of Cyprus” presented at ISA's 56th Annual Convention February 18th-21st, New Orleans, 2015, Ethnic Diversity, Trust and The Possibilities for Conflict.

Gülay Umaner-Duba “Accommodation of Ethnic Pluralism in Cyprus: Asymmetric federalism” 9th Global Conference on Pluralism, Inclusion and Citizenship 14th-16th March 2014 Prague, Czech Republic.