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Personal Information:

Birth Year: 1988	Nationality: Syrian	Address: Tokyo/Japan
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Education:

- ❖ Ph.D. in Global Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (2021 – 2024). Dissertation title: “Unveiling the Complexities of Syrian Forced Migrants and Turkish Community’s Integration Using a Factor-based Approach.”
- ❖ Non-degree Research student: Peace and Conflict Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (2020 – 2021).
- ❖ MA of Urban Studies: Gaziantep University – Turkey (2018 – 2020). Thesis title: Syrian Immigrants as Urban Entrepreneurs: Small Business Ownership and the Sense of Place in Gaziantep .”
- ❖ MA of Japanese Studies: Aleppo University – Syria (2013 – 2015). Thesis title: “Social and Economic Development in Japan Post War.”
- ❖ BA of Economics: Tishreen University – Syria (2008-2013).

Fellowships and Scholarships:

- ❖ Research Fellowship, FFVT Program, Osnabrück University, Germany, Feb-March 2024.
- ❖ Graduate Scholarship, Japanese Government Scholarship MEXT (Monbukagakusho), Japan, Oct 2020-Sept 2024.
- ❖ Graduate Scholarship, Turkish Government Scholarship (Türkiye Bursları), Turkey, Sep-Dec 2016.

Awards:

- ❖ Best paper presentation, The Migration Conference, Hamburg, 23 – 26 August 2023
- ❖ Outstanding academic performance award, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 2023.

Teaching and Research Experience:

- ❖ Visiting Researcher, Osnabrück University, Germany, from February 2024 to March 2024.
- ❖ Part-time Lecturer, Bunkyo Gakuin University, Japan, from April 2022 – Present.
- ❖ Teaching Assistant, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, from April 2022 – Present.

Academic Projects:

- ❖ Co-investigator, MEXT Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A) “Connectivity and Trust Building in Islamic Civilization (Islamic Trust Studies), (B02): Trust Building Through Thought and Strategy”, 2021-2024.
- ❖ Co-investigator (items creator), Scientific research fund Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) “Development and Implementation of the CEFR-J-Based Multilingual Education Platform”, 2022.
- ❖ Collaborator (Field Supervisor), QUDRA-2, “Gaziantep Odakli Sosyal Uyum Arařtirmasi - Gaziantep Monitörü - Cohesion, Gaziantep Monitor”, 2022.

Academic Associations and Research Communities:

- ❖ Japan Association of Middle East Studies, from 2020 – present.
- ❖ Contemporary Middle East Political Studies in Japan, from 2020 – present.

Other Experiences:

- ❖ Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Manager, Children of One World (NGO), Turkey May 2020 – January 2021.
- ❖ Senior Program Officer, AAR Japan (INGO), Turkey from September 2018 – April 2020.
- ❖ Elected Chair of Provincial (Gaziantep) Case Management Group at UNHCR (inter-agency coordination unit), Turkey from January 2019 – November 2019.
- ❖ Program Officer, AAR Japan (INGO), Turkey from April 2016 – September 2018.
- ❖ Social Development Coordinator, SANKARI Foundation for Humanitarian Works NGO, Turkey from December 2015 to April 2016.
- ❖ Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant, Mobaderoon Network NGO, Syria and Lebanon from October 2014 to December 2015.

Academic Publications:

- ❖ Social Connectivity of Syrians Abroad: The Potential Role of Islam Through an Opinion Survey, (2025), In "イスラームからつなぐ" “Building Connections through Islam” Vol. 5, Tokyo University Press. (Co-authored with Aoyama Hiroyuki). (Peer-Reviewed, forthcoming in print).
- ❖ Quest for Citizenship: Examining the Interplay Between Legal Status and (Im)mobility Aspirations of Syrians in Turkey, Border Crossing, 14 (1), 45 – 58, 2024. (Co-authored with Mehmet Çiçekli). (Peer Reviewed).
- ❖ No More “Refugees.” Re-defining the Humans on the Move from a Humanistic Perspective, (2024), in O. Lytovka (Ed.), Navigating Borders: Perspectives on Migration and Identity, (7-21), Interdisciplinary Discourses. (Peer Reviewed).

- ❖ Simple Comparison Report of “Opinion Survey for Syrian and Turkish Communities in Turkey”, (2022), Contemporary Middle East Political Studies in Japan (CMEPS-J) Report No. 63.
- ❖ Simple Tally Report of “Opinion Survey for Syrian and Turkish Communities in Turkey”, (2022), Contemporary Middle East Political Studies in Japan (CMEPS-J) Report No. 61.
- ❖ Turkey’s Temporary Protection: Syrians’ Perspective, (2023), Language, Area and Culture Studies, 29 (1), 139 – 154. (Peer Reviewed).
- ❖ Investigating the Religion-Based Solidarity Shown by the Turkish Community to the Syrian Forced Immigrants During the COVID-19 Pandemic, (2022), MSGSÜ Social Science, 2 (26), 409-420. (Peer Reviewed).
- ❖ The Significance of the Pull Factors in Immigrants’ Entrepreneurship and Self-employment: The Case of Syrian Immigrants in Gaziantep, (2021), International Review of Migration and Refugee Studies, 2 (1), 1 – 18. (Peer Reviewed).

Academic presentations:

- ❖ Forced migration and sustainability development goals (SDGs): Reflections from the Syrian case, (2024), Toyo University, Faculty of Life Design, Guest Lectures, Tokyo, Japan.
- ❖ Desire to Stay or Go: Unveiling the Factors Influencing Syrians’ (Im)mobility Aspirations from Turkey to Europe, (2024), NCCR – on the move 7th Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
- ❖ Positionality and self-reflexivity: Insights from research on Syrian displacement, (2024), Brown Bag Session, Osnabrück University, Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS). Osnabrück, Germany.
- ❖ Levelling up the Discussion on Forced Migrants’ Integration: Findings from Quantitative Research on Turkey, (2024), Brown Bag Session, Osnabrück University, Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS). Osnabrück, Germany.
- ❖ Forced Migration - Multiculturalism Nexus in Religiously Fragmented Countries: Exploring the Case of Lebanon Through an Opinion Survey, (2023), 13th Annual Symposium of the Consortium for Asian and African Studies, Tokyo.
- ❖ A Tale of Two Regions: Perceptions Towards Syrian Forced Migrants in Lebanon through a Religious Lens, (2023), The Migration Conference, Hamburg.
- ❖ Religion-Based Social Solidarity and Forced Immigrants’ Recovery During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of Syrians in Turkey, (2022), 12th Annual Symposium of the Consortium for Asian and African Studies, Seoul.
- ❖ The Efficiency of the Temporary Solution: Syrians' Opinion Regarding Turkey's Temporary Protection System, (2022). The 38th Annual Conference of Japan Association for Middle East Studies, Tokyo.

Languages skills:

- ❖ Arabic: Mother tongue
- ❖ Japanese: Intermediate
- ❖ English: Advanced
- ❖ Spanish: Beginner
- ❖ Turkish: Advanced

Computer skills:

- ❖ Microsoft applications
- ❖ Kobocollect
- ❖ SPSS Statistics
- ❖ Power BI
- ❖ Basics of R and MySQL
- ❖ Adobe (Photoshop, Premiere)
- ❖ ArcGis
- ❖ QGIS
- ❖ AI for research purposes
- ❖ NVivo

All related documents and a list of references are ready to be presented upon your request.