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Current Position:

- ❖ Juan de la Cierva Postdoctoral researcher at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, since December 2026.

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).

Teaching and Research Experience:

- ❖ Lecturer, Toyo University, Japan, from April 2025 to September 2025.
- ❖ Research Fellow, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, from October 2024 to September 2025.
- ❖ Visiting Researcher, Osnabrück University, Germany, from February 2024 to April 2024.
- ❖ Lecturer, Bunkyo Gakuin University, Japan, from April 2022 to September 2025.
- ❖ Teaching Assistant, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, from April 2022 to October 2024.

Academic Projects:

- ❖ Principal investigator, SAFE – Supporting At-risk researchers with Fellowships in Europe. “Bridging or Dividing? Mosques as Non-State Actors for (Forced) Migrants’ (Dis)Integration in Spain” 2025-2027.
- ❖ 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 Araştırması - Gaziantep Monitörü - Cohesion, Gaziantep Monitor”, 2022.

Academic Publications:

- ❖ “Book review of Gabriel GARROUM PLA (2025): Urbicide in Syria: A postcolonial understanding of civil war, Manchester, Manchester University Press, 250 pp.” *Revista De Estudios Internacionales Mediterráneos*, Vol. 40, 2026, pp. 343-345. <https://doi.org/10.15366/>
- ❖ “Social Connectivity of Syrians Abroad: The Potential Role of Islam Through an Opinion Survey.” *Building Connections Through Islam*, vol. 6, *イスラームからつなぐ6 思想と戦略*, Tokyo University Press, 2025. (Peer-Reviewed).
- ❖ “Quest for Citizenship: Examining the Interplay Between Legal Status and (Im)mobility Aspirations of Syrians in Turkey.” *Border Crossing*, vol. 14, no. 1, 2024, pp. 45–58. (Peer-Reviewed). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.33182/bc.v14i1.2850>
- ❖ “No More ‘Refugees’: Re-defining the Humans on the Move from a Humanistic Perspective.” *Navigating Borders: Perspectives on Migration and Identity*, edited by O. Lytovka, pp. 7–21, *Interdisciplinary Discourses*, 2024. (Peer-Reviewed). ISBN: 978-1-7395597-3-1
- ❖ “Simple Comparison Report of ‘Opinion Survey for Syrian and Turkish Communities in Turkey.’” *Contemporary Middle East Political Studies in Japan (CMEPS-J) Report No. 63*, 2022.
- ❖ “Simple Tally Report of ‘Opinion Survey for Syrian and Turkish Communities in Turkey.’” *Contemporary Middle East Political Studies in Japan (CMEPS-J) Report No. 61*, 2022.
- ❖ “Turkey’s Temporary Protection: Syrians’ Perspective.” *Language, Area and Culture Studies*, vol. 29, no. 1, 2023, pp. 139–154. (Peer-Reviewed). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15026/120487>
- ❖ “Investigating the Religion-Based Solidarity Shown by the Turkish Community to the Syrian Forced Immigrants During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *MSGSU Social Science*, vol. 2, no. 26, 2022, pp. 409–420. (Peer-Reviewed). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15026/120487>
- ❖ “The Significance of the Pull Factors in Immigrants’ Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment: The Case of Syrian Immigrants in Gaziantep.” *International Review of Migration and Refugee Studies*, vol. 2, no. 1, 2021, pp. 1–18. (Peer-Reviewed).

Other Experiences:

- ❖ Consultant, IOM Pakistan, Pakistan/Remote, from May 2025 to August 2025.
- ❖ Consultant, ASK FOR Consultancy and Commercial Limited Company, Turkey/Remote from July 2021 to April 2024.
- ❖ Inclusion Consultant, Hand in Hand for Aid and Development (NGO), Turkey/Remote from October 2021 to January 2022.

- ❖ Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Manager, Children of One World (NGO), Turkey, from May 2020 to January 2021.
- ❖ Senior Program Officer, AAR Japan (INGO), Turkey, from September 2018 to April 2020.
- ❖ Elected Chair of Provincial (Gaziantep) Case Management Group at UNHCR (inter-agency coordination unit), Turkey, from January 2019 to November 2019.
- ❖ Program Officer, AAR Japan (INGO), Turkey, from April 2016 to 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.

Awards and Scholarships:

- ❖ Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Knowledge Transfer Fellowship, from February 2024 to April 2024.
- ❖ Best paper presentation, The Migration Conference, Hamburg, 23 – 26 August 2023.
- ❖ Outstanding academic performance award, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 2023.
- ❖ Graduate Scholarship, Japanese Government Scholarship MEXT (Monbukagakusho), Japan, from October 2020 to September 2024.
- ❖ Graduate Scholarship, Turkish Government Scholarship (Türkiye Bursları), Turkey, from September to December 2016.

Academic Presentations:

- ❖ The Threat Filter: A Comparative Mediation Analysis of Political Ideology and Religious Valuation in Spain, (2025), Annual Spanish Congress of Sociology, Bilbao, Spain.
- ❖ Towards Market Inclusion and Social Flourishing in Post-Alassad Syria, (2025), Macromarketing Conference 2025, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- ❖ 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), 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), 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.

Language Skills:

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| ❖ Arabic: Mother tongue | ❖ English: Advanced | ❖ Turkish: Advanced |
| ❖ Japanese: Intermediate | ❖ Spanish: Intermediate | |

Computer skills:

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| ❖ Microsoft applications | ❖ Adobe (Photoshop, Premiere) |
| ❖ Kobocollect | ❖ Basics MySQL |
| ❖ Qualtrics | ❖ ArcGis |
| ❖ SPSS Statistics | ❖ QGIS |
| ❖ Power BI | ❖ NVivo |
| ❖ Basics of R | ❖ Atlas.ti |