

# İlyas Kayra Ak

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## About Me

Fresh graduate from Political Science and Public Administration at Middle East Technical University (METU) with a GPA of 3.81. Currently pursuing MA in International Relations at TOBB ETU.

Main academic interests include: political economy, history and discussions of modernization, nationalism, and Constructivist IR.

Have completed internships at the Ministry of Treasury and Finance, and the Ministry of Trade; and lived in Spain as part of the Erasmus exchange program. Fluent in Turkish, English, and Spanish, and possess beginner-level knowledge of Italian and Greek.

## Experience

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| <b>Intern, ANKASAM</b><br>Contributing to translation and reviewing process of written articles                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 12/2025 – 02/2026       |
| <b>Undergraduate Researcher, AdımODTÜ</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participating in an undergraduate-level research project on urban public transportation problems in Ankara conducted within the university.</li></ul>                                                                                    | 2025 – 2026             |
| <b>Intern, General Directorate of Customs, Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Turkey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conducted security inspections using Excel,</li><li>Performed research and prepared trade-related reports.</li></ul>                                                                    | 09/2025 – 10/2025       |
| <b>Participant, Ankara Chamber of Commerce</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participated in the "Foreign Trade Training Program", receiving education on Incoterms, Customs procedures, Insurance, and Modes of Transportation.</li><li>Had to discontinue the program due to health-related reasons.</li></ul> | 06/2025 – 08/2025       |
| <b>Intern, Internal Audit Coordination Board, Ministry of Treasury and Finance of the Republic of Turkey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Balanced audit unit data using Excel,</li><li>Prepared materials for departmental presentations.</li></ul>                                                            | 24/06/2024 – 22/07/2024 |
| <b>Student, Foreign Policy Institute</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Attended seminars and participated in studies on Turkish Foreign Policy.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                        | 24/07/2023 – 25/08/2023 |
| <b>Editorial Subunit Member,</b><br><i>Hariciye Journal, METU Foreign Policy and International Relations Society</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wrote articles for a student-run academic journal,</li><li>Worked as a social media content creator.</li></ul>                                                | 2023 – 2025             |

## Education

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| <b>Masters, TOBB ETU</b><br>International Relations                                                              | 2026 – 2028 |
| <b>Erasmus Exchange Program, University of Deusto</b><br>International Relations, Fall Semester                  | 2024 – 2025 |
| <b>Bachelor's Degree, Middle East Technical University (METU)</b><br>Political Science and Public Administration | 2021 – 2026 |
| <b>High School, Eskişehir Anatolian High School</b>                                                              | 2016 – 2020 |

**Languages & Skills**

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**English**

Advanced (C1)

**Italian**

Beginner (A2)

**Research & Academic Writing**

**Spanish**

Fluent

**Microsoft Excel**

Intermediate

**Greek**

Beginner (A1)