

Curriculum Vitæ

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Career Highlights

Dr. Mehmet Tahir Sandikkaya received his BS degree in electrical engineering in 2002, his MS and PhD degrees in computer science in 2005 and 2015 from Istanbul Technical University (ITU). He contributed research efforts on several projects at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) Technologicampus Gent in Belgium from 2008 to 2010. He served as a research assistant in ITU from 2002 to 2016. He visited Drakkar Research group during 2018 till 2019 at Grenoble Informatics Laboratory (LIG) of Grenoble Institute of Technology (Grenoble INP) in University of Grenoble-Alpes (UGA) as an invited research fellow. Currently, he is an Associate Professor in Computer Engineering Department of ITU. His research contributions include publication on computer security and privacy with a focus on authentication and protocol verification. His recent activities include cloud computing and cyber-physical systems (IoT) security, security measurements, and secure protocol design.

Academic Experience

Associate Professor Istanbul Technical University, 2026–

Assistant Professor Istanbul Technical University, 2018–2026

Visiting Researcher Grenoble Institute of Technology, 2018–2019

Lecturer Istanbul Technical University, 2016–2018

Research & Teaching Assistant Istanbul Technical University, 2010–2016

Researcher Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Technologicampus Gent, 2008–2010

Research & Teaching Assistant Istanbul Technical University, 2002–2008

Education

Bachelor of Arts Sociology, Anadolu University, 2024

Philosophiæ Doctor Computer Science, Istanbul Technical University, 2015

Master of Science Computer Science, Istanbul Technical University, 2005

Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering, Istanbul Technical University, 2002

Publications

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