

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 secure programming, 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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Projects

- SKAAP. Use of Static Code Analysis Output as a Proxy Indicator for Obfuscation. Istanbul Technical University, 2026. Jun. 2026–Jun. 2027 (expected)
- OGİSİL. Identification of Injected Vulnerabilities in Agent-Driven Autonomous Development Operations and Resolution of the Self-Audit Dilemma. Istanbul Technical University, 2026. Apr. 2026–Apr. 2029 (expected)
- SWAIN. Sustainable Watershed Management Through IoT-Driven Artificial Intelligence. CHIST-ERA of EU, 2021. Mar. 2021–Mar. 2025
- NİCASGÜZED. A Mechanism to Mitigate Security Weaknesses Encountered During Authentication of IoT Devices. Istanbul Technical University, 2021. Jun. 2021–Mar. 2024
- SMOC. Improving the Performance of Distributed State Machine Performance on Cloud Systems. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, 2019. Dec. 2019–Dec. 2021
- NİÇEHA. Multi-Factor Lightweight Authentication for IoT. Istanbul Technical University, 2018. Oct. 2018–Jul. 2021
- HoneyWalt. Building an Extendable IoT Honeypot. Embassy of France in Ankara & Istanbul Technical University, 2018. Aug. 2018–Feb. 2019
- FEnCY. Pollutant Fingerprint Detection based Functional Integrated Geographic Information Management Software for Ergene Basin. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, 2016. Jan. 2016–Jun. 2019
- Cloud Fortification. Operational Optimization of a Cloud System Serving Software Development Platform. Republic of Turkey - Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology, 2013. Oct. 2013–Jun. 2015

- Secure Cloud. Developing a Secure Cloud Computing Structure. Istanbul Technical University, 2011. Apr. 2011–Apr. 2013
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- Decofinder. Design & implemenation of an AI-based chipboard & edge band decor search and matching engine. *The edge band search and matching engine is adopted in the furniture industry*, 2021. Investor-funded, Jul. 2021–Mar. 2022
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