

**Education:**

Anadolu University, Turkey (Associate's Degree in Public Relations and Publicity)

Ege University, Turkey (BA in English Language and Literature)

University of Warwick, UK (MA in International Political Economy)

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland (MA in Development Studies with a specialization in Human and Social Development)

University of California- Berkeley (Professional Diploma Program in Business Administration and Project Management)

Upon her graduation from IHEID in Geneva, Switzerland (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) back in 2013, Sebnem was successfully accepted into the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership Program (FEMIP) at the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg. She worked on large-scale infrastructure projects (in excess of EUR 25 Million) financed by the EIB, and provided policy and engagement backup on EIB's initiatives on Employment, Renewable Energy, Transportation, Meso-Finance, Brain Gain and Democratic Transition in the North Africa. Subsequently, she started working on aquaculture in her home country. She built the business development team for her company, which has grown exponentially with a revenue of \$11M in Turkey in five years. Sebnem was shortlisted by Sciences Po special program in Paris "*Women of the Mediterranean: The next generation of leaders*" in 2015.

In 2016, Sebnem moved to San Francisco. After taking classes on artificial intelligence from *Stanford University*, she has grown more interest in technology and innovation. She decided to combine her background in public policy with technology and wanted to pursue a career path in public policy at hi-tech companies. Since February 2018, she has been working for *Good Cause Group*. Through her grant prospect research, she has supported several projects ranging from climate change, digital education, animal welfare, income inequality and access to education. Her work with Stanford University's climate change project has gained publicity since its publication in a well-known newspaper in Turkey.

Sebnem also worked for a top 100 artificial intelligence start-up *Iris Automation* in San Francisco, which builds collision avoidance systems for autonomous drones. Along with the top hi-tech companies such as Google Wing and Amazon Prime, she represented *Iris Automation* in Small Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles Coalition meetings. During her diploma program at UC Berkeley, she started working for *Transportation Sustainability Research Center (TSRC)* of UC Berkeley and she collaborated with the research group of TSRC on the legal and regulatory assessment for the potential of urban air mobility (UAM) and on the study on mobility on demand and automated driving systems: a framework for public sector assessment. She has recently completed a study on mode split across different transportation modes (e.g., shared mobility riders versus public transit riders), potential impacts in travel behavior as a result of COVID-19, availability and adoption across vulnerable populations (e.g., low-income households, people with disabilities, older adults, and underbanked households), differences in the use of shared mobility and active modes by ethnicity and race and factors that encourage the use of high-occupancy and shared modes .

In September 2019, co-founded her own company *EgeYem* in Izmir, Turkey. Recently, she worked for Policy Initiatives team at *Spin Electric Scooters (Ford Mobility)*. She participated in the Paris and Lyon launch of Spin and presented key findings on the sustainability policy to senior management to inform key business decisions and she has been writing articles on sustainable transportation (micromobility, autonomous drones, microtransit and autonomous delivery vehicles), some of which were published by Diplo Foundation in Geneva and Baslangic Noktasi Istanbul. Sebnem presented various research projects on sustainable transportation at international public policy conferences such as APPAM (Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management) and IPPA (International Public Policy Association). As a keen advocate of sustainable transportation, she is now leading the public policy team at *AmpUp*, which is a hi-tech start up in San Francisco Bay Area, which builds peer to peer networks for electric vehicles and charging technology solutions for businesses. Throughout her academic life, Sebnem has received many prestigious scholarships from top-notch institutions such as UC Berkeley, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva and DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and she has lived in six different countries until now and she can speak seven languages.

