

### Short biography

**Dr Ergün Özsoy** was born in Turkey and completed his school education in Ordu, Eskişehir and Ankara. He graduated from Hasanođlan Atatürk Anatolian High School and completed his Bachelor's degree in Turkish Language and Literature at the Faculty of Education, Gazi University.

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After working at Ankara University for 20 years, Dr Özsoy moved to Germany with his family in 2013. He currently teaches courses on Turkish language and culture as well as on the common history of Turks and Germans at the University of Augsburg and the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. He lives in Augsburg and spends a lot of time in Turkey.