

# Ozlem Tuncel

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

*Substantive:* authoritarian politics, political parties, electoral coordination, reversal of autocratization, elite behavior, post-rebel parties, post-conflict governance.

*Methodological:* applied statistics, GLM, panel regression models, text analysis, mixed-methodological approach, site-intensive methods, interviewing, archival research.

## TEACHING INTERESTS

*Substantive:* comparative politics, authoritarian politics, democratization, political parties & legislative politics, politics of peace after war, Turkish politics.

*Methodological:* research design, quantitative methods, qualitative methods, mixed-methodological methods, text analysis and NLP, fieldwork research.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA

**Instructor**, [Research Data Services](#), **June 2024 – present**

## EDUCATION

**Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D., [Political Science](#), **May 2024**

- Subfields: [Comparative Politics](#) (major), [Political Methodology](#) (minor)
- Dissertation: [Pre-Electoral Coalitions in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes](#)
- Committee: [Jennifer McCoy](#) (Chair), [Carrie Manning](#), [Charles Hankla](#)

**Boğaziçi University**, Istanbul, Turkey

M.A., [Political Science and International Relations](#), **August 2019**

- Thesis: [Rethinking state and civil society: Two educational policies during the Justice and Development Party era](#)
- Advisor: [Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu](#)

B.A., [Political Science and International Relations](#), **June 2016**

## BOOK

Carrie Manning, Ian Smith, & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (2023). [Parties, politics, peace: How former insurgent groups shape politics after war](#). *Routledge*.

- [MPSA Blog Post on \*Parties, Politics, Peace\*](#)

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

**Ozlem Tuncel**. (2024). Talking to elites: A guide for novice interviewers. *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*. **Accepted**.

Carrie Manning, Ian Smith, & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (2024). [Rebels with a cause: Introducing the Post-Rebel Electoral Parties Dataset](#). *Journal of Peace Research*, 61(2), 294-303.

**Ozlem Tuncel**. (2023). [Selective inclusion under competitive autocratic regimes: An example from the Turkish educational civil society](#). *Journal of Civil Society*, 19(2),

232-250.

**Ozlem Tuncel**, & Carrie Manning. (2023). [Building democracy after war? Post-rebel electoral parties and the construction of stable party systems](#). *Party Politics*, 29(6), 1039-1050.

**Ozlem Tuncel**. (2017). [AKP dönemi eğitim politikalarına ilişkin bir örnek: Değerler eğitimi](#) (An example from education policies of the AKP period: Values education). *Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar*, 33, 3-26.

BOOK  
CHAPTERS

Jennifer McCoy, Juan S. Gomez Cruces, **Ozlem Tuncel**, & Levente Littvay. (2025). [Reducing partisan animus in populist contexts: Limitations of shared common humanity and perspective-taking interventions](#). In Angelos Chrysogelos, Eliza Tanner Hawkins, Kirk A. Hawkins, Levente Littvay, and Nina Wiesehomeier (Eds.) [The ideational approach to populism, Volume II: Consequences and mitigation](#). *Routledge*.

Carrie Manning, & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (2023). [Peacebuilding and democracy after war: Taking stock](#). In John W. Harbeson and Donald Rothchild (Eds.) [Africa in world politics: Sustaining reform in a turbulent world order](#). 7th edition. *Routledge*.

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

**Ozlem Tuncel**, Carrie Manning, & Ian Smith. (2022). [Political integration and post-war elections](#). *Folke Bernadotte Academy*.

Jennifer McCoy, Ben Press, Murat Somer, and **Ozlem Tuncel**. (May 5, 2022). [Reducing pernicious polarization: A comparative historical analysis of depolarization](#). *Carnegie*.

Ronay Bakan & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (July 4, 2019). [Women's struggle in Turkey](#). *Yale Global*.

WORKING  
PAPERS

[Ousting an autocrat: Pre-electoral coalitions in electoral authoritarian regimes](#) (under review)

Understanding opposition strategies through opposition learning: Example of Turkish opposition parties navigating the new electoral field. (under review)

[Toward a new transition theory? Opposition dilemmas and how to resist and recover from democratic erosion](#). (with Jennifer McCoy and Murat Somer, APSA Preprints)

Strategic sampling of elites in elite interviewing. (working paper under EMW mentorship)

GRANTS,  
AWARDS, AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

2023. APSA First Generation Scholars in the Profession Accessibility Grant. (\$145)

2023. ISA-South Best Graduate Student Paper Award. (\$150)

2023. APSA Comparative Politics Section Support Grant. (\$500)

2023. APSA Travel Grant. (\$150)

2023. MPSA Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship. (\$500)

2022. ISA-Midwest Travel Grant. (\$250)

2022. ISA-Midwest Emerging Scholars Grant. (\$250)

2022-2023. [William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies \(APSA Centennial Center\)](#). (\$2,500)

2022-2023. The Craigie International Security Fellowship. (\$20,000)

2022-2023. [Georgia State University Library Dissertation Travel Award](#). (\$1000)

2022. GSU Political Science Department's Summer Research & Professional Development Fellowship for ICPSR Summer School. (\$2600)

2020-2021. [GSU Political Science Department](#) Best Graduate Paper Award.

2019. [Boğaziçi University](#): Dean's High Honors Degree.

2018. Northwestern University Buffett Institute for Global Studies for 2018 Keyman Conference: Education in Turkey, Chicago. (\$600)

2016. [Boğaziçi University](#): Dean's High Honors Degree.

ORIGINAL  
DATA

[Coalitions in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes \(CEAR\) Dataset](#).

[Post-Rebel Electoral Parties \(PREP\) Dataset](#) with Carrie Manning and Ian Smith.

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

2024, September. [APSA](#). Explaining the Success of Opposition Coalitions against Autocrats. In-person, Philadelphia, PA.

2024, August. [Emerging Methodologists Workshop](#). Strategic Sampling of Elites in Elite Interviewing. In-person, Philadelphia, PA.

2024, April. [MPSA](#). The Rise and Fall of Opposition Alliances in Turkey's 2018 and 2023 General Elections. & Talking to Elites: A Guide for Novice Interviewers. In-person, Palmer House, Chicago.

2024, March. [Emerging Methodologists Workshop](#). Systematic Recruitment and Sampling in Elite Interviews. Virtual.

2024, February. [POMEPS Virtual Research Workshop](#). Navigating the New Electoral Politics: The Rise and Fall of Opposition Alliances in Turkey's 2018 and 2023 General Elections. Online.

2024, February. [APSA Virtual](#). Navigating Fieldwork Research: Challenges and Insights from Graduate Students. Online.

2023, December. [PSA Turkish Politics Specialist Group Research Colloquia](#). Navigating the New Electoral Politics: The Rise and Fall of Opposition Alliances in Turkey's 2018 and 2023 General Elections. Online.

2023, November. [GSU PhD Working Group](#). Talking to Elites: A Guide for Novice Interviewers. In-person, Atlanta, Georgia.

2023, October. **ISA-South**. Pre-electoral coalitions in electoral authoritarian regimes. In-person, Atlanta, Georgia.

2023, August. **APSA**. Ousting an autocrat: Temporary alliances of opposition parties in competitive autocratic regimes. In-person, Los Angeles, California.

2023, April. **Authoritarian Political Systems Group**. Ousting an autocrat: Temporary alliances of opposition parties in competitive autocratic regimes. Online.

2023, April. **PSA**. Dynamics of pre-electoral coalition building in Turkey: Research design and preliminary results. Online.

2023, April. **MPSA**. Ousting an autocrat: Temporary alliances of opposition parties in competitive autocratic regimes. In-person, Palmer House, Chicago.

2022, November. **ISA-Midwest**. Temporary alliances of opposition parties in electoral autocracies. In-person, St. Louis, Missouri.

2022, June. **United Nations** Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Meeting. Political integration and post-war elections. In-person, UN Headquarters, New York.

2022, April. **MPSA**. Building democracy after war? Post-rebel electoral parties and the construction of stable party systems. Online.

2021, November. **GPSA**. The Electoral Path of Inclusion: Exploring the Role of Post-Rebel Electoral Parties in Post-Conflict State Building. In-person, Savannah, Georgia.

2021, May. **HEPP**. Reducing partisan affective polarization through common humanity and perspective-taking: An online survey experiment in the United States. Presentation at Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism and Polarisation (HEPP), online, Finland.

2021, April. **ISA**. The electoral path of inclusion: Exploring the role of post-rebel electoral parties in post-conflict state building. Online.

2021, March. **Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS)**. Poverty reduction policies in authoritarian regimes. Online.

2020, March. **Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS)**. The glimmer of hope in the bleak future of civil society under oppressive regimes: An example from the Turkish educational civil society. In-person, Atlanta, Georgia.

2018, October. Northwestern University Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, **2018 Keyman Conference: Education in Turkey**. Rethinking state and civil society: Two educational policies during the Justice and Development Party era. In-person, Evanston, Illinois.

2018, May. Sabancı University, **Gender and Education Conference**. An example from education policies of the AKP period: Values education. In-person, Istanbul, Turkey.

2018, March. Boğaziçi University **Nazim Hikmet Culture and Arts Research Center, Graduate Conference**. Re-visiting state-civil society relations: Two cases of educa-

tional policies during the AKP period. In-person, Istanbul, Turkey.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA

*Teaching Assistant*

**Fall 2023, Spring 2024**

- POLS 8810: Uses of Intermediate Statistical Methods, [Michael Fix](#)
- POLS 8830: Advanced Quantitative Methods, [Ryan Carlin](#)

**ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods**, Ann Arbor, MI

*Teaching Assistant*

**Summer 2023**

- Introduction to the **R** Statistical Computing Environment, [Kerem Ozan Kalkan](#)

**Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA

*Teaching Assistant*

**Fall 2022, Spring 2023**

- POLS 8830: Advanced Quantitative Methods, [Ryan Carlin](#)
- POLS 8805: Introduction to Quantitative Analysis, [Michael Herb](#)

*Instructor*

**Spring, 2021**

- POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government

*Teaching Assistant*

**Fall, 2020**

- POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government

**Boğaziçi University**, Istanbul, Turkey

*Teaching Assistant*

**Spring 2017 - Summer 2019**

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Department of Political Science, Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA

*Graduate Student Representative in Faculty Hiring Committee*

**2023**

*DEI Committee Graduate Student Representative*    **October 2022 - October 2023**

**Graduate Student Association, Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA

*Conference Chair, ASOPS*

**May 2022 - May 2023**

*Conference Co-Chair, ASOPS*

**May 2021 - May 2022**

*International Student Delegate*

**May 2020 - May 2021**

**Party at the Mailbox**, Atlanta, GA

*Data Analyst*

**December 2020 - January 2021**

	<p><b>Center for European Studies Student Forum (CESSF)</b>, Istanbul, Turkey  <i>President</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>2014-2016</b></span></p>	
	<p><b>Sabancı University, Istanbul Policy Center</b>, Istanbul, Turkey  <i>Intern</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>June 2016 – August 2016</b></span></p>	
SERVICE	<p>Reviewer for <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, <i>Democratization</i>, <i>International Journal of Public Opinion Research</i> (x2), <i>Die Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP)</i>.</p> <p>Discussant/Chair at MPSA 2024, ISA-South 2023, MPSA 2023, ISA-Midwest 2022, ISA 2021, ASOPS 2021 &amp; 2020.</p>	
FIELDWORK	<p>2018 &amp; 2022-2023. Istanbul and Ankara in Turkey</p>	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<p><b>Purdue University – Video Research Institute</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>June, 2024</b></span></p> <p><b>ICPSR</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2022 &amp; 2023</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (2022) <i>Panel data and longitudinal analysis</i> (received A), <i>Data science and text analysis</i> (received A) and <i>Causal inference for the social sciences</i> (audited).</li> <li>• (2023) <i>Machine Learning</i> (EITM Certification, received A).</li> </ul> <p><b>Data Matters</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>December, 2020</b></span></p> <p><b>Research Data Services at GSU</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Summer &amp; Fall, 2019</b></span></p> <p><b>DataCamp</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>June, 2020</b></span></p>	
SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified <a href="#">the Carpentries</a> Instructor</li> <li>• Software: <b>R</b>, Stata, <math>\text{\LaTeX}</math>, Markdown, NVivo, Tableau, Qualtrics; experience with Python, and QGIS.</li> <li>• Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (beginner).</li> </ul>	
REFERENCES	<p><a href="#">Jennifer McCoy</a>  Regent's Professor of Political Science  Georgia State University  ✉ <a href="mailto:jmccoy@gsu.edu">jmccoy@gsu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mike Fix</a>  Professor of Political Science  Georgia State University  ✉ <a href="mailto:mfix@gsu.edu">mfix@gsu.edu</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Carrie Manning</a>  Professor of Political Science  Georgia State University  ✉ <a href="mailto:cmanning2@gsu.edu">cmanning2@gsu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="#">Charles Hankla</a>  Associate Professor of Political Science  Georgia State University  ✉ <a href="mailto:chankla@gsu.edu">chankla@gsu.edu</a></p>

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