Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION	**Harvard University, MA, US** Ph.D., Political Economy and Government	2020-Present
	Boston University, MA, US M.A., Political Science (started as a PhD student, transferred to Harvard)	2020
	Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey B.A., Economics B.A., Political Science	2017
	Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey American High School	2012
FORTHCOMING	Social Media Narratives across Platforms in Conflict: Evidence from Syria (with Erin Walk, Elizabeth Parker-Magyar, Kiran Garimella, Fotini Christia). Journal of Politics. Accepted manuscript.	
PREPRINTS	Aiding Harmony: How International Aid Shapes Local Policy Preferences and Behavior toward Refugees (with Melani Cammett)	2024
	How Populist Incumbents Use Strategic Communication to Survive Economic Crises: The Surprising Effectiveness of Incumbent Economic Appeals (with Andrew O'Donohue)	2024
	Language-Agnostic Bias Detection in Language Models with Bias Probing (with Abdullatif Köksal, Omer Faruk Yalcin, M. Tahir Kilavuz, Anna Korhonen, Hinrich Schütze). EMNLP. Preprint.	2023
WORKING PAPERS	How Does Exposure to Discordant Media Sources Affect Political Attitudes and Behavior? Experimental Evidence from Turkey (with Jeremy Bowles, Horacio Larreguy, Shelley Lui)	
WORK IN PROGRESS	Debunking Misinformation to Foster Inclusion of Refugees: A Comprehensive Approach towards Integration and Empowerment	
SELECTED PRESENTATIONS	Debunking Misinformation to Foster Inclusion of Refugees: A Comprehensive Approach towards Integration and Empowerment	APSA 2024
	Aiding Harmony: How International Aid Shapes Local Policy Preferences and Behavior toward Refugees	APSA 2023
	How Does Exposure to Discordant Media Sources Affect Political Attitudes and Behavior?	APSA 2022
	Social Media Narratives across Platforms in Conflict: Evidence from Syria	APSA 2021

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE	**Harvard University, MA, US**	
	as Teaching Assistant	
	Evaluating the Impacts of Public Policies: How to Design and Implement Randomized Controlled Trials (by Michael Hiscox)	Spring 2024
	Data (by Matt Blackwell)	Fall 2023
	Survey Research Methods (by Chase Harrison)	Fall 2023
	Spatial Models of Social Science (by Jill Kelly)	Fall 2022
	International and Global Affairs (by Matthew Bunn)	Fall 2022
	as Research Assistant	
	Post-war intergroup relations (by Melani Cammett)	Fall 2024
	as Academic Workshop Coordinator	
	Comparative Politics Speakers Series Coordinator	2022
	Boston University, MA, US	
	as Teaching Assistant	
	Quantitative Research Methods (by Taylor Boas)	Fall 2019
	as Summer Research Fellow	
	Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future	Summer 2019
WORK EXPERIENCE	**Survey Consultant**	
	For Internews, UK	2021-2023
	Designed and conducted surveys and focus groups for media outlet audiences to enhance content strategies and audience engagement.	
	For Galata Survey, Turkey	2022-2023
	Consulted to enhance their survey methodologies, including the application of new survey techniques, experimental design, and randomization.	
	Research Coordinator	
	For 23 Talent Association, Turkey	2022-2023
	Designed and conducted surveys to improve strategies to understand and explain Youth.	
GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS	The Harvard Merit/Term-time Research Fellowship, $20,415	2025
	JPAL Governance Initiative, $49,170	2024
	The Weatherhead Center Dissertation Writing Grant, $20,415	2024
	The Weatherhead Research Cluster on Migration Doctoral Fellows Program, $7,000	2023
	JPAL Governance Initiative w/ Horacio Larreguy, Jeremy Bowles, Shelley Lui, $58,765	2023
	The Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy, $5,000	2022
	Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) Research Grant, $2,500, $2,500	2022, 2023
	GSAS Division of Social Sciences Fund, $2,000	2022
	Dean's Fellowship, Boston University	2018-2020
	Dean's High Honor List, Bogazici University	2017
SKILLS	*Software:* LaTeX, R, Python, SQL	
REFERENCES	Available upon request.	