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Education

Binghamton University (SUNY), NY

Ph.D., Political Science

Expected May 2025

Dissertation: *Legitimacy, Survival, and Beyond: Strategic Competition Between States and Islamic Movements*

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Committee: Ekrem Karakoc (Chair), David L. Cingranelli, Olga Shvetsova

M.A., Political Science

2020

Istanbul Sehir University, Istanbul

M.A., Political Science and International Relations

2019

Marmara University, Istanbul

B.A., Political Science and International Relations

2016

Work Experience

Binghamton University (SUNY)

2024 – 2025

Adjunct Lecturer

Binghamton University (SUNY)

2019 – 2024

Graduate Assistant

Academic Interests

Research Interests: Religion and Politics, Islamic Movements, Political Regimes, Political Violence, State Capacity, Terrorism, Public Opinion

Regional Focus: Middle Eastern and North African Politics

Methodology: Mixed Research Methods, Survey Analysis, Geospatial Analysis

Research Projects

Under Review

Democracy, Sharia, and Beyond: Political Regime Preferences in Tunisia (first author, with Ekrem Karakoc, Marwa Shalaby)

Works in Progress

State Capacity and Political Violence by Non-State Armed Groups: Evidence from Iraq

Dual Legitimacy: Exploring the Influence of Islamic Movement Affiliation on Support for Democracy

National Religious Interference Practices and Political Violence (with Oner Yigit)

Impact of Emigration on Political Regime Preferences (with Ekrem Karakoc and Abdinnasir Jimale)

Skills and Languages

Skills

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Python, ArcGIS, SPSS,

Methods

Geospatial Analysis, Survival Analysis, Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), Categorical Data Analysis, Field Research, Archival Methods, Multilevel Methods

Languages

Turkish (Native), Kurdish (Native), Arabic (Fluent - Classical; Modern Standard), English (Fluent), Persian (Intermediate)

Teaching and Research Experience

Instructor of Record

Introduction to Comparative Politics <i>Binghamton University</i>	Fall 2023, 2024
Religion and Politics <i>Binghamton University</i>	Fall 2024
Politics and Movies <i>Binghamton University</i>	Winter 2023
Religion and Politics in the Middle East <i>Binghamton University</i>	Spring 2023
Middle Eastern Politics (<i>Upcoming</i>) <i>Binghamton University</i>	Spring 2025
Introduction to Comparative Politics (<i>Upcoming</i>) <i>Binghamton University</i>	Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to World Politics <i>Binghamton University</i>	Fall 2019, 2020
Introduction to American Politics <i>Binghamton University</i>	Spring 2020, 2021

Research Assistant

Human Rights Data Project (CIRIGHTS) Prof. David Cingranelli	2020
Parties, Partners, Principals, and Agents: Coalition Politics and Individual Preferences in Institutional Context Prof. William Heller	2022
Data Cleaning, Modeling, and Visualization Tasks Prof. Ekrem Karakoc	2022
Project on Military Recruitment by State and Non-state Actors Prof. Kanisha D. Bond	2021

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2024
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)	2024
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2021, 2022, 2024
ASN World Convention	2023
MENA Graduate Student Workshop, Cornell University	2021

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

The Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH) Fellowship	Spring 2024
Harpur College Graduate Investment Initiative Award	Spring 2023
Binghamton University Dissertation Year Award	Fall 2022
Istanbul Sehir University Full Scholarship (Tuition)	Fall 2016 – Summer 2019

Additional Training

ICPSR, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for Political and Social Research University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	2022
Modern Standard Arabic Program Qasid Institute, Amman, Jordan	2014
Modern Standard Arabic Program Language Center, University of Jordan, Amman	2011
Summer School on Modernization and Islamic Movements Istanbul, Turkey	2017
Weekly Workshop on Modern Islamic Movements Istanbul, Turkey	2016–2017
Middle East Winter School ORSAM and Sehir University, Istanbul	2016

Datasets

Varieties of Islamic Movements Dataset, MENA	In Progress
Geospatial State Capacity Dataset for Iraq (District-Level Public and Security Infrastructure)	2021

Professional Affiliations

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
American Political Science Association (APSA)
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

References

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