

# AYCAN KATITAS

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## EDUCATION

Department of Politics, University of Virginia  
*PhD Candidate, Foreign Affairs* Charlottesville, VA  
2021 (*expected*)

*Dissertation:* “Explaining Backlash Against Globalization:  
Essays on the Political Economy of Trade and Investment Flows in the United States”  
*Committee:* Sonal Pandya, David Leblang, Phil Potter  
*Fields:* International Relations (Major), Political Methodology (Minor)

European Interdisciplinary Studies, College of Europe  
*Master of Arts, Subfield: European Union as a Global Actor* Warsaw, POLAND  
2013  
*Thesis:* “Chinese Outward Direct Investment in Central and Eastern Europe  
and Its Impact on Economic Growth and Innovation: Evidence from Poland”

Department of International Relations and Political Science, Bogazici University Istanbul, TURKEY  
*Bachelor of Arts, Double Major: Political Science & Business Administration* 2012  
Dean’s High Honor List

Department of Political Science, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne  
*Study Abroad* Paris, FRANCE  
2010

## ACADEMIC INTERESTS

International Political Economy: political economy of international trade and foreign direct investment, public opinion on economic globalization, economic nationalism

Political Methodology: multilevel models, causal inference, computational social science

## WORKING PAPERS

“Foreign Direct Investment Neutralizes Perceived Economic Threat: Evidence from Chinese Investment in the U.S.” Presented at PolMeth 2017, MPSA 2018, APSA 2018, SPSA 2019 (*under review*)

“Campaigning for Protectionism: Evidence from Televised Political Advertising in the US”. Presented at Minnesota Political Methodology Graduate Student Conference 2018, ISA 2019, APSA 2019, IPES 2019

“Political Economy of Subnational FDI Flows: How the Great Recession Stimulated Greenfield FDI in the US” (with Soo Yeon Kim (National University of Singapore) and Sonal Pandya (Politics)). Presented at ISA 2019, MPSA 2019, APSA 2019

“Does Economic Nationalism Drive Opposition to FDI?: Evidence from Consumer Responses to Foreign Acquisitions” (with Sonal Pandya (Politics) and Raj Venkatesan (Business School)). Presented

at MPSA 2017, Presented at APSA 2018.

“Investment is in the Eye of the Beholder: Soft Power as a Determinant of Cross-Border Investment Activity”. Presented at ISA 2017.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Honorable Turner B and Lesly Shelton Award Fund, University of Virginia 2020-2021  
(award recognized excellence in the scholarly pursuit of political influences in communication shaping the modern world)
- NSF-PolMeth Funding to attend Polmeth XXXIV, XXXVI 2017, 2019
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Virginia 2019-2020
- Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia 2019-2020
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Research Grant, University of Virginia 2019
- StatLab Fellowship 2019-2020
- George C.& Carol F.M. Seward Scholarship, University of Virginia 2018-2019  
(awarded based on achievement and promise)
- Institute of Humane Studies Fellowship 2018-2019
- StatLab Fellowship, University of Virginia 2018-2019
- Quantitative Collaborative Bynum Research Award, University of Virginia 2018
- Albert Gallatin Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Virginia 2018
- UVA Graduate Student Teaching Award - A Department of Politics Nominee 2018
- Quantitative Collaborative Bynum Research Award, University of Virginia 2017
- Departmental Fellowship, Politics, University of Virginia 2014-2019
- Turkish Ministry of European Affairs Scholarship, College of Europe 2012-2013

## EMPLOYMENT

### Instructor of Record

- Political Economy of Globalization, University of Virginia Summer 2020, Fall 2021

### Research

- StatLab Consultant/Data for Democracy Fellow, University of Virginia 2018-2020
- Workshop Instructor, “Introduction to the Command Line”, University of Virginia 2019
- Research Assistant, Sonal Pandya & Raj Venkatesan (Darden Business School) 2016-Current  
Brands in Politics Project, University of Virginia
- Research Assistant, Sonal Pandya, University of Virginia 2015-Current
- Grader, Political Research with Quantitative Methods (Graduate Level) Fall 2015  
Nick Winter, University of Virginia
- Research Assistant, Triple-Hoos Project, University of Virginia Summer 2015
- Research Assistant, David Leblang, University of Virginia 2014-2015

### Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to American Politics, James Ceaser, University of Virginia, Fall 2019

- Politics of Latin America, Daniel Gingerich, University of Virginia, Spring 2018
- International Relations, Peter Furia, University of Virginia Fall 2017
- Theories of International Relations, Jeffrey Legro, University of Virginia Spring 2017
- Terrorism and Political Violence, Phil Potter, University of Virginia Fall 2015, 2016
- Domestic Politics of International Relations, Phil Potter, University of Virginia Spring 2016

#### Guest Lecturer

- “Eurozone Crisis and Brexit: Data Exercise,” Fall 2019, Spring 2020  
Backlash Against Globalization, University of Virginia
- “Is the international system shaped by shared norms or  
a particular distribution of values?” Theories of International Relations,  
University of Virginia Spring 2017
- “Decapitation,” Terrorism and Political Violence, University of Virginia Fall 2015

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- International Political Economy Society 2019, 2020
- American Political Science Association 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- International Studies Association 2017, 2019
- Midwest Political Science Association 2017, 2018, 2019
- Southern Political Science Association 2019
- Conference of the Society for Political Methodology 2017, 2019
- Minnesota Political Methodology Graduate Student Conference 2018
- UVA Huskey Research Exhibition, Oral Presentation 2018

#### SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Graduate Student Council Member,  
University of Virginia 2018-2019
- Instructor, August Teaching as a Graduate Student Workshop,  
University of Virginia Summer 2018
- Summer Transition Program, Graduate Student Teaching Assistant,  
University of Virginia Summer 2018
- QC Graduate Student Fellow, Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia 2016-2018
- Student Coordinator of the Lansing B. Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics,  
University of Virginia 2016-2018
- Member of the Politics Graduate Student Council, University of Virginia 2015-2016
- Summer Enrollment Specialist, University of Virginia Summer 2015

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research,  
*Modern Difference in Difference Designs* Summer 2020
- Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Princeton University  
Istanbul Satellite Campus Summer 2019
- Computation as a Research Tool - Python,  
University of Virginia Spring 2018
- Tomorrow's Professor Today, Selected Program Participant,  
University of Virginia 2017-2019
- ARCS Summer Education Series, *High Performance Computing Bootcamp*,  
University of Virginia 2017
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research,  
*Text as Data Workshop* Summer 2017

## LANGUAGE

- Turkish (Native), French (Advanced)

## COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, Python, Unix, BUGS, JAGS, GitHub, ArcGIS 10.4, Tableau

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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