Betul Ozturan

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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND	Ph.D. Political Science Boston College, Boston, MA	2022-Present	
	Ph.D. Political Science Brandeis University, Waltham, MA	2021-2022	
	 M.A International Security Studies Charles University, Prague, Czechia Supervisor to the thesis: Prof.Dr. Vit Stritecky 	2021 GPA: 4.00	
	 Double Degree Program with University of Konstanz M.A. Political Science and Public Administration with specialization in Methods of Research University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany Supervisor to the thesis: Prof.Dr. Anke Hoffler 	2021 GPA: 4.00	
	• Thesis topic: Presenting POLVITED(Political Violence in Turkey Event Dataset): Estimating the Accurate Numbers of Political Violence in Turkey by Merging Conflict Event Datasets		
	B.A. Political Science and International Relations Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey • Minor in Economics Dean's Honor	2018 Dean's Honors, GPA: 3.34	
	• Exchange student at The American University in Cairo	SPA:3.66	
	Non-degree: ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan • Machine Learning: Applications in Social Science Research	2022	
	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), Istanbul Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey • Partner event of the SICSS at Duke University	ul, Turkey	
	Summer School in Russian Energy Policy & International Energy Cooperation 2019 MGIMO, Moscow, Russia		
PUBLISHED PAPERS	Ozturan, Betul. 2025. "From conflict to consensus: Power-sharing and the path to democracy." Clough Center Journal 3: 93–99.		
WORKING PAPERS	Ozturan, Betul. 2024. "Mapping Political Violence in Turkey: When Terrorism and Civil War Converge." APSA Preprints. doi: 10.33774/apsa-2024-wg865.		
	How Students and the Public Define Terrorism, and How Education Affects Those		

Definitions, $R \mathcal{E} R$ at Terrorism and Political Violence, co-author with Prof.Krause

and Prof. Young

& PRESENTA-TIONS

CONFERENCES The Role of Power and Identity: Rebel Group Legitimacy and Post-Conflict Governance in Bosnia The 2025 CRS Annual Conference, Kent, UK, September 2025

> Rebel Relations in a Civil War and Post-War Power-Sharing Institutions APSA 2025 Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada, September 2025

> When Do Terrorism and Civil War Converge? APSA 2025 Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada, September 2025

> Review Article the pre-ISA workshop for the Special Issue in Civil Wars, Chicago, March 2025

> How Education Changes Individuals' Definitions of Terrorism (co-author with Prof. Krause and Prof. Young) ISA 2024 Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 2024

> Estimating the Accurate Numbers of Political Violence in Turkey by Merging Conflict Event Datasets, ISA 2024 Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2024

> Understanding Ethnic Violence APSA 2023 Annual Convention, Los Angeles, CA, September 2023

> Estimating the Accurate Numbers of Political Violence in Turkey by Merging Conflict Event Datasets, Harvard Political Violence Workshop, Spring 2022, The 79th Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2022, and Boston College Graduate Workshop, Fall 2021

> COVID-19 Twitter Database: Turkey Sample, with Burak Ozturan & Yunus Emre Tapan, ECPR General Conference, Virtual, August 2020

RESEARCH **EXPERIENCE**

PhD Researcher at Political Violence Project

2022 - Present

Prof.Dr.Peter Krause, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

• Data management and analysis using R, Python, Natural Language Processing, and Machine Learning

PhD Researcher at Western Jihadism Project

2021

Prof.Dr.Jytte Klausen, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

• Data collection, management, and analysis using SQL, Excel, Python, and Gephi

Field Trip to Kiev Fall 2019

Prof.Dr.Stefan Eckhardt, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany

• Conducted interviews with local and international government officials on the conflict on Donbas region

Dec 2019 - Dec 2020 Research Assistant at Development Research Group Prof.Dr.Anke Hoeffler, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany

• Data collection and data management using R, assisted a forth-coming book chapter

Research assistant at Zukunftskolleg

August-October 2019

Dr. Nihan Toprakkiran, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany

• Organized and planned a research on the response of Turkish migrants in Germany to populism at home and abroad

Research Assistant to ENTRA Project

April- October 2019

Prof.Dr.Claudia Diehl, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany

 Coordinated the communication with the survey respondents during the three waves of survey

Research assistant to "Natural Disasters and Politics of Foreign Aid" April-Oct 2017 Asst.Prof.Bann Seng Tan, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

• Tasked with the coding of news related to natural disasters

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Introduction to International Relations

Spring 2025

Prof.Dr. Peter Krause, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, USA

Introduction to International Relations

Spring 2024

Prof.Dr. Jennifer Erickson, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, USA

Global Governance

Spring 2023

Prof.Dr. Jennifer Erickson, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, USA

Internet and Politics

Spring 2022

Prof.Dr. Steven Wilson, Brandeis University, Waltham, USA

Python Block Course

October 2019

Prof.Dr. Karsten Donnay, The University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany

• The course has aimed to give the introduction to Python for Social and Economic Data Science M.A. students. I have guided over 50 students and have graded daily assignments

Introduction to Turkish Politics

October 2017

Prof.Dr. Hakan Yilmaz, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

• I have conducted weekly sessions to discuss with the seminar's students and answer their questions

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- The Clough Center Fellow, Boston College (\$6.000) 2024
- Graduate Student Travel Award, ISA (\$400)

2022

- Connected PhD Fellowship, Brandeis University (\$6.000) to participate at ICPSR Summer School to learn Machine Learning
- Roche-Slapin Fellowship, Brandeis University (\$25.000) 2021
- PhD Scholarship, Brandeis University (\$54.000)

2021

2024

- $DAAD\ Scholarship\ (\sim \$24.400)$ 2020-2021 for Double Degree Studies at the University of Konstanz and Charles University
- Dean's Honor List, Boğaziçi University

2018

• National Scholarship, Ministry of Youth and Sports and University Scholarship, Boğaziçi University (~\$36.000) 2014-2018 for being in the 18 among 2 million senior students (99.percentile) in the national examination

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, R, SQL

Research: Survey Methodology, Machine Learning, Bayesian Statistics, Text Analysis, Social Network Analysis

Languages: Turkish (native), English(C2), German(B1), Russian(B1), Arabic(A1)