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EDUCATION

University of Houston   **Houston, Texas**
Ph.D. in Political Science   *Fall 2022*

Dissertation: "UN Peacekeeping Operations: Conflicting Interests and Effectiveness"
Committee: J. Tyson Chatagnier (Chair), Patrick Shea, Nikolay Marinov, J. Michael Greig

Çankaya University   **Ankara, Turkey**
B.A. in Translation Studies & Double Major in Political Science   *Spring 2014*

University of Valencia   **Valencia, Spain**
Erasmus Exchange in English Language and Literature   *Spring 2012*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Effectiveness, Supply-side, and Legitimacy of UN Peacekeeping • Conflict and Peace Processes • International Organizations • Text-mining • Social Media Data

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston   **Houston, Texas**
Research Assistant   *Fall 2021 to Present*

Department of Political Science, University of Houston   **Houston, Texas**
Research Assistant   *Fall 2017 to Spring 2021*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

○ Giray, Burak. 2022. *Public Support for UN Missions and Attacks on Peacekeepers: Evidence From the Democratic Republic of the Congo.* Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

○ "Ideational Commitment to UN Peacekeeping and Effectiveness," *revised & resubmitted at International Interactions*.

○ "Do UN Missions Have an Expiration Date? Ideational Commitment to UN Peacekeeping and the Length of Missions," *invited to revise & resubmit at International Peacekeeping*.

○ "Election Accomplished: Democracies and the Timing of Peacekeeper Drawdowns" (with J. Tyson Chatagnier), *under review*.

○ "Repaying Debt with Land: Debt Diplomacy, Domestic Politics, and Land Transactions" (with Jonas Bunte and Patrick Shea), *under review*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

○ "Introducing UN Peacekeeping Activities and Public Services (UNPAPS) Dataset".

○ "UN Peacekeeping as an Opportunity to Modernize an Army" (with Eugenia Artabe).

○ "The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections".

POLICY REPORTS

○ Argüelles, Maria P. Perez, Savannah L. Sipole, Karen Banda, Gail Buttorff, Renee Cross, **Burak Giray**, Jim Granato, Mark Jones, Samad Karimov, Richard Murray, Pablo M. Pinto, Bob Stein, Agustín Vallejo, and M. C. Sunny Wong. (July 25, 2022). *Social Vulnerability & Natural Disasters: 5 Years after Hurricane Harvey*. Hobby School of Public Affairs Report.

○ Argüelles, Maria P. Perez, Gail Buttorff, Renee Cross, **Burak Giray**, Jim Granato, Mark Jones, Richard Murray, Pablo M. Pinto, Savannah L. Sipole, Bob Stein, Agustín Vallejo, and M. C. Sunny Wong. (August 25, 2022). *The Storm that Changed Houston: Reflections on Houstonians' Preparedness and Resiliency on Hurricane Harvey's Fifth Anniversary*. Hobby School of Public Affairs Report.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS

○ **Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science**, 2022 (Poster)

○ **Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association**, 2022 (Paper), 2019 (Paper), 2018 (Paper)

○ **Texas Triangle International Relations Conference**, 2021 (Paper), 2019 (Paper)

○ **Annual Meeting of APSA American Political Science Association**, 2019 (Paper)

○ **Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies**, 2018 (Paper)

TEACHING INTERESTS

International Relations • Comparative Politics • International Organizations • International Security • Civil War & Terrorism

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Houston, Department of Political Science   **Houston, Texas**
Instructor of Record

○ POLS 3389, European Union Politics, Spring 2021 (U)

Laboratory Assistant

○ POLS 6481, Quantitative Methods II, Spring 2020 (G)

○ POLS 3316, Statistics for Political Scientists, Spring 2020 (U)

○ POLS 6480, Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2019 (G)

Teaching Assistant

○ POLS 4343, Causes and Politics of War, Spring 2019 (U)

○ POLS 3313, Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2018 & Fall 2018 (U)

○ POLS 6332, Formal Models in International Relations, Fall 2018 (G)

○ POLS 3331, American Foreign Policy, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 (U)

SERVICE

○ Referee [Publons profile]
   - *Conflict Management and Peace Science*
○ Discussant
   - SPSA 2022, Panel: International Conflict and Security

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

○ STaRT@Rice (Statistical Training and Research Techniques), Rice University, October 7-11, 2022.
○ CIRTL Associate Level, Summer 2022.
○ CIVICA Data Science Summer School, July 9-30, 2021.
○ Text Mining, Scraping and Sentiment Analysis with R, Udemy, 2021.
○ Data Manipulation with Dplyr in R, Udemy, 2021.
○ Text Analysis, University of Houston, 2020.
○ Data Analytics for Public Policy, Hobby School of Public Affairs at UH, 2020.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

○ University of Houston, Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Spring 2017 - Fall 2022.
○ The Cullen Graduate Student Success Fellowship (CGSSF), 2021, $500.
○ APSA Travel Grant, 2019, $250.
○ The Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2018, $300.
○ University of Houston, PhD Scholarship Student Excellence, Fall 2016, $1000.
○ Çankaya University, Undergraduate Tuition Fellowship.

KEY SKILLS

Programming Language	R for Statistical Computing, STATA
Languages	English (Fluent), Turkish (Native), Spanish (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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