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## EMPLOYMENT

### Technical University of Munich

Postdoctoral Researcher at the Munich School of Politics and Public Policy's  
Chair of European and Global Governance

Munich, Germany

May 2024 - Present

### Hertie School

Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre for International Security

Berlin, Germany

February 2023 - April 2024

### Uppsala University

Visiting Researcher at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research

Uppsala, Sweden

March 2023 - February 2024

### University of Houston

Research Assistant at the Hobby School of Public Affairs  
Teaching Assistant at the Department of Political Science

Houston, Texas

August 2021 - December 2022

August 2017 - July 2021

## EDUCATION

### University of Houston

Ph.D. in Political Science

Houston, Texas

Fall 2022

Dissertation: "UN Peacekeeping Operations: Conflicting Interests and Effectiveness"

Committee: J. Tyson Chatagnier (Chair), Patrick Shea, Nikolay Marinov, J. Michael Greig

### Social Sciences University of Ankara

M.A. in International Relations

Ankara, Turkey

Spring 2016

### Çankaya University

B.A. in Translation Studies & Double Major in Political Science

Ankara, Turkey

Spring 2014

### University of Valencia

Erasmus Exchange in English Language and Literature

Valencia, Spain

Spring 2012

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

UN Peacekeeping Operations • Conflict and Peace Processes • International Organizations • Text Analysis

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Giray, Burak and J. Tyson Chatagnier. (2024). Election Accomplished: Democracies and the Timing of Peacekeeper Drawdowns. *Political Research Quarterly*, 77(1), 3-16. DOI: 10.1177/10659129231190614.
- Giray, Burak. (2024). Do UN Missions Have an Expiration Date? Ideational Commitment to UN Peacekeeping and the Length of Missions. *International Peacekeeping*, 31(1), 1-28. DOI: 10.1080/13533312.2023. 2246362.

- Giray, Burak. (2023). Ideational Commitment to UN Peacekeeping and Effectiveness. *International Interactions*, 49(3), 372-400. DOI: 10.1080/03050629.2023.2184813.
- 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*, 28(4), 305-332. DOI: 10.1515/peps-2022-0028.

## WORK UNDER REVIEW

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- "UN Peacekeeping on Social Media: Strategic Communication with Local and International Audiences" (with Lisa Hultman), *Under review*
- "The Vital Role of Peacekeepers in Medical Assistance and COVID-19 Response", *Under review*
- "Building Peace and Reducing Violence: UN Peacekeepers' Double Role in Conflict Zones", *Under review*
- "UN Peacekeeping as an Opportunity to Modernize an Army" (with Jared Oestman), *Under review*
- "Repaying Debt with Land: Debt Diplomacy, Domestic Politics, and Land Transactions" (with Jonas Bunte and Patrick Shea), *Under review*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- "Naming, Praising, and Understanding: What Troop-Contributing Countries Actually Do in UN Peacekeeping Operations"
- "The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections"

## POLICY REPORTS

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- 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.

## INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

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- "**The Future of Peace Operations and Military Interventions**", Swedish Defense University, Stockholm, Sweden. November 29-30, 2023.
- Guest Lecture, "**Troop-Providers' Primary Interests and UN Peacekeeping Effectiveness**", United Nations Student Association of Barcelona, Spain. November 27, 2023.
- "**Civilian Dimension of Peacekeeping and Human Rights Promotion**", Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden. November 23-24, 2023.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS

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- 24th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, 2025 (Paper)
- Annual Meeting of ISA International Studies Association, 2025 (Paper)
- Annual Meeting of EPSA European Political Science Association, 2024 (Paper)

- 12th Eurasian Peace Science Conference, 2024 (Paper)
- Annual Meeting of MPSA Midwest Political Science Association, 2023 (Paper)
- 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)
- Third Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, 2018 (Paper)

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Technical University of Munich

Munich, Germany

*Lecturer*

- Module (SOT86707) - International Security, Fall 2024 (G), Spring 2025 (G)
  - Theoretical Understanding of Interstate and Intrastate Conflicts
  - Conflict Resolution Strategies for Peace
- Module (POL60701) - Digital Transformations in Europe, Fall 2024 (G)
  - Textual Data Analytics in EU Contexts
- Module (SOT86705) - Disruptions in Governance and Technology, Spring 2024 (G)
  - Digitalization of Civil Conflicts and Peace Operations
  - UN Peacekeeping in a Multipolar World

### Hertie School

Berlin, Germany

*Lecturer*

- GRAD-E1450, Origins of Conflict and Pathways to Peace, Spring 2024 (G)

### University of Houston, Department of Political Science

Houston, Texas

*Lecturer*

- 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

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- Referee [Web of Science researcher profile]
  - *Journal of Politics*
  - *International Peacekeeping*
  - *Conflict Management and Peace Science*
- Discussant
  - Workshop on Conflict Dynamics, October 9-10, 2024, Technical University of Munich, Raitanhaslach, Germany
  - SPSA 2022, Panel: International Conflict and Security
  - The Junior Scholars in International Security (JSISE) Workshop, January 31, 2023, *Online*

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- Technical University of Munich, Leonhard Lorenz-Stiftung, 2025, €3,150
- Technical University of Munich, HfP Seed Funding for Outstanding Postdoctoral Projects, 2025, €5,300
- The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) "Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience" (PRIME) Fellowship 2023/24
  - Remuneration at TV-L E13 pay scale
  - A monthly overseas bonus of €1,728 (Sweden phase)
- University of Houston, Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Spring 2017 - Fall 2022
- University of Houston, 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, \$1,000
- Çankaya University, Undergraduate Tuition Fellowship

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- Survey Design, ECPR Methods School (virtual), March 24-28, 2025
- 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 the University of Houston, 2020

## KEY SKILLS

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### Programming Language Languages

R for Statistical Computing, STATA  
English (Fluent), Turkish (Native), Spanish (Intermediate),  
German (Lower Intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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*Available upon request*

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