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EDUCATION

University of Houston

Ph.D. in Political Science

Houston, Texas

Expected Fall 2022

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

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

Çankaya University

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

Ankara, Turkey

June 2014

University of Valencia

Erasmus Exchange in English Language and Literature

Valencia, Spain

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

Research Assistant

Houston, Texas

Fall 2021 to Present

Department of Political Science, University of Houston

Research Assistant

Houston, Texas

Fall 2017 to Spring 2021

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

- "Ideational Commitment to UN Peacekeeping and Effectiveness," *revised & resubmitted at International Interactions*.
- "Public Support for UN Missions and Attacks on Peacekeepers: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of the Congo," *revised & resubmitted at Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*.
- "Do UN Missions Have an Expiration Date? Ideational Commitment to the UN and the Length of Missions," *under review*.
- "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.

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)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- The fifth Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, "Public Support for UN Missions and Attacks on Peacekeepers: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of the Congo," May 13, 2022, Houston, Texas.
- Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, "Do UN Missions have an Expiration Date? Ideational Commitment to the UN and the Length of Missions," January 13–15, 2022, San Antonio, Texas.
- Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, "Direct and Indirect Effects of How Peacekeepers are Composed on Civilian Victimization," February 6–7, 2021, Online Conference.
- Annual Meeting of APSA American Political Science Association, "The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections," August 29–September 1, 2019, Washington, DC.

- Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, "Why Do States Sell Sovereignty? Debt Crises and Land Forfeitures" with Patrick Shea, January 26–27, 2019, Fredericksburg, Texas.
- Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, "The Durability of Post-Civil War Peace Settlements: Do Rewards Work?," January 17–19, 2019, Austin, Texas.
- Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, "The Political Economy of Land Acquisitions" with Patrick Shea, January 17–19, 2019, Austin, Texas.
- Third Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, "Changing Identities: The Impact of EU Membership on Foreign Policies of Eastern European Countries," June 10–12, 2018, Tartu, Estonia.

SERVICE

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

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 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 by Bogdan Anastasiei, Udemy, 2021
- Text Analysis by Nikolay Marinov, University of Houston, 2020
- Data Analytics for Public Policy by Iñaki Sagarzazu, Hobby School of Public Affairs at UH, 2020

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- University of Houston, Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Spring 2017 - Present.
- 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