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EMPLOYMENT

Hertie School

DAAD Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre for International Security

Berlin, Germany

February 2023 - Present

Uppsala University

Visiting Researcher at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research

Uppsala, Sweden

March 2023 - Present

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. (2023). Do UN Missions Have an Expiration Date? Ideational Commitment to UN Peacekeeping and the Length of Missions. *International Peacekeeping*. DOI: 10.1080/13533312.2023.2246362.
- Giray, Burak and J. Tyson Chatagnier. (2023). Election Accomplished: Democracies and the Timing of Peacekeeper Drawdowns. *Political Research Quarterly*, 0(0). DOI: 10.1177/10659129231190614.
- 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

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Introducing UN Peacekeeping Activities and Public Services (UNPAPS) Dataset".
- "Infrastructure Building, Local Support, and One-Sided Violence: A Mediation Analysis in UN Peacekeeping Operations".
- "Timing and Tactics: UN Peacekeeping Operations' Engagement with Local Populations on Twitter" (with Lisa Hultman).
- "UN Peacekeeping as an Opportunity to Modernize an Army".
- "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

- **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)
- **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

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

- Referee [Web of Science researcher profile]
 - *International Peacekeeping*
 - *Conflict Management and Peace Science*
- Discussant
 - SPSA 2022, Panel: International Conflict and Security
 - The Junior Scholars in International Security (JSISE) Workshop, January 31, 2023

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) "Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience" (PRIME) Fellowship 2023/24
- 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

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

KEY SKILLS

Programming Language Languages

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

REFERENCES

Available upon request

Last updated September 14, 2023.