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## EDUCATION

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### 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

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

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### 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

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- "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," *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

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- "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

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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.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS

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- **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

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**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

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

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- 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

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- 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

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

## REFERENCES

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*Available upon request*

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