

# CAN BODRUMLU

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## EDUCATION

<b>University of Washington</b> • WA, USA Ph.D. • Political Science • College of Arts & Sciences Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Methodology	2024 – present
<b>Sabancı University</b> • Istanbul, Turkey M.A. • Political Science • Faculty of Arts and Sciences Thesis title: “The Role of Bureaucratic Capacity on Public Service Provision” Thesis Advisor: Assist. Prof. Serkant Adiguzel	2022 – 2024
<b>Bogazici University</b> • Istanbul, Turkey B.A. (with Honors) • Political Science and IR • Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences	2017 – 2022

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Political Methodology, Quantitative Methods,  
Turkish Politics, Bureaucracy, Public Service Provision

## WORKING PROJECTS

- **Behind the Desk:** What Becomes of Bureaucrats Who Plan Mass Violence?
- **Under the Iron Gavel:** Probing the Quieting Effect of Authoritarian University Takeovers on Political Science Research (with Asli Cansunar)
- **What’s in a Name?** Naming Practices as Acts of Political Resistance (with Asli Cansunar, Nela Mrchkovska, and Ramses Llobet)
- **When the Government Fires the State:** How Bureaucratic Purges Weaken Public Service Capacity (*Under Review*)
  - UW Philo S. Bennett Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Democratic Politics (2025)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>Consultant</b> – Duke University • Assisted in the digitization of Ottoman court records for Prof. Timur Kuran’s research project.	Summer 2025
<b>Research Assistant</b> – Sabanci University • Assisted in the digitization of Turkish Trade Registry Gazette records for Prof. Serkant Adiguzel’s research project.	Summer 2024
<b>Research Assistant</b> – Bogazici University • Assisted two separate faculty-led research projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “<i>Judges, Victims, and Experts: Situating Knowledge in International Human Rights Adjudication</i>” (Assist. Prof. Fleur van Leeuwen): conducted literature review and prepared an annotated bibliography.</li><li>• “<i>Poverty Eradication in Sub-Saharan Africa</i>” (Assoc. Prof. Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu): contributed to literature review on governance and development policy.</li></ul>	2020, 2022

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Teaching Assistant</b> – University of Washington • POLS 204 Introduction to Comparative Politics (AU’25 - Prof. Asli Cansunar)	2025 – present
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> – Sabancı University • SPS 102 Humanity and Society (Core freshman course)	2022 – 2024

## FELLOWSHIPS

Don Lavoie Fellowship, The Mercatus Center at George Mason University	2025 – 2026
Richard B. Wesley Comparative Politics Fellowship, University of Washington	2025
Graduate School Fellowship, University of Washington	2024 – 2025
Graduate School Fellowship, Sabancı University	2022 – 2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Editor** – Duvar English

2023 – 2025

Remote

- Translated Turkish news articles into English, ensuring accurate communication of events to English-speaking audiences

**Project Intern** – Çavaria

June 2023 – Sep. 2023

Ghent, Belgium

- Reviewed the academic and civil society literature on development projects under the project titled, *“Decolonizing Trainings on Sexual and Gender Diversity”*

**Curriculum Editor** – Arkhé Project

June 2022 – Oct. 2022

İzmir, Turkey

- Created content for the education module of the economics program, coordinated students and lecturers during the one-week on-site program

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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**Bogazici University LGBTI+ Studies Club**

2017 – 2022

- Spearheaded event organization, campaign management, and member orientation as coordinator and board member (3 years)
- Supervised the project group established for the human rights violations on campus and facilitated the distribution of the report among faculty

SKILLS

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**Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (Advanced), Arabic (Beginner)**Programming:** R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X