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EDUCATION

University of Washington • WA, USA Ph.D. • Political Science • College of Arts & Sciences Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Methodology	2024 – present
Sabancı University • 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
Bogazici University • 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?
 - The Kizhanatham Jagannathan Graduate Research Grant (2026-27), UW
- **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*)
 - Philo S. Bennett Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Democratic Politics (2025), UW

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Consultant – Duke University	Summer 2025
• Assisted in the digitization of Ottoman court records for Prof. Timur Kur'an's research project.	
Research Assistant – Sabancı University	Summer 2024
• Assisted in the digitization of Turkish Trade Registry Gazette records for Prof. Serkant Adiguzel's research project.	
Research Assistant – Bogazici University	2020, 2022
• Assisted two separate faculty-led research projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <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.• <i>Poverty Eradication in Sub-Saharan Africa</i> (Assoc. Prof. Zeynep Kadırbeyoğlu): contributed to literature review on governance and development policy.	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant – University of Washington	2025 – present
• POLS 204 Introduction to Comparative Politics (AU'25 - Prof. Asli Cansunar) • POLS 331 Government and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa (W'25 - Prof. Asli Cansunar)	
Teaching Assistant – Sabancı University	2022 – 2024
• SPS 102 Humanity and Society (Core freshman course)	

FELLOWSHIPS

Don Lavoie Fellowship, The Mercatus Center at George Mason University	2025 – 2026
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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
Undergraduate Fellowship, Bogazici University Foundation	2017 – 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Advanced), Arabic (Beginner)

Programming: R, Stata, L^AT_EX