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**Research interests:** comparative politics and public policy, multilevel climate governance, sustainability transitions, social justice

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## EDUCATION

- PhD in Politics and Public Administration February 2022-Ongoing  
University of Limerick, Department of Politics and Public Administration
- Funded by Limerick City and County Council & the National Transport Authority.
  - Supervisors: Dr. Conor Little Department of Politics and Public Administration, Prof. Stephen Kinsella, Department of Economics.
- Master's Degree in International Relations & European Studies (in English) September 2018- July 2020  
University of Florence, School of Political Sciences Cesare Alfieri
- Final Grade: 106/110.
  - Relevant Modules: Energy, Environment and European Security, Energy Poverty and International Policies, EU Politics and EU Law, Challenges in Global Economy.
  - Dissertation: "Sustainable Energy Transition and Decarbonization of the Road Transport in Turkey", Supervisor: Prof. Maria Grazia Pazienza, Co-Supervisor: Prof. Alberto Tonini.
- Bachelor of Science in International Relations (in English) September 2012- July 2016  
University of Hacettepe, Department of International Relations
- CGPA: 3.53/4.00, (High Honour Roll).
  - Study Abroad: La Sapienza University of Rome (2013-2014).
  - Relevant Modules: Theories of International Relations, Political History, Introduction to Economics, International Political Economy, Applied Research, Perspectives on Globalization.

## EDUCATIONAL AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

September 2023-September 2025, PhD Grant-Limerick City and County Council & National Transport Authority of Ireland  
September 2022- August 2023, Government of Ireland Higher Education Authority International Education Scholarship,  
February 2022- February 2023, University of Limerick, Graduate Bursaries 2030 Scheme  
June 2019- IBEI Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Summer School Grant in Global Politics and Development  
September 2018- June 2020, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Holder of "Invest Your Talent in Italy" Scholarship  
June 2016, Hacettepe University Graduated as High Honour Student  
September 2013- June 2014, Hacettepe University Erasmus+ Grant

## EXPERIENCES

- PhD Researcher and Tutor February 2022-Ongoing  
University of Limerick Limerick, Ireland
- Have been working on the theoretical conceptualization, research design/methodology, and empirical analysis for the conduct of research project 'Local Government and Sustainable Urban Mobility'.
  - Analysing the impact of local government autonomy (through Self-Rule Index) and policy preferences on public policy processes for sustainable urban mobility transitions based on cross-comparative case studies comprising of cities in Ireland (Dublin, Limerick) and Sweden (Umea, Linköping).
  - Collecting national and local level data for sustainable urban mobility.
  - Conducting semi-structured interviews with a range of stakeholders including policymakers, practitioners, and policy experts for data collection.

Project Research Coordinator  
Creative Climate Action Fund

January 2024-October 2024  
Limerick, Ireland

- Worked for research investigation, and coordination for implementation of the project 'Creating a Climate for Change in Limerick'.
- Conducted secondary research on national and local policy frameworks to enhance access to information on climate action, foster inclusive climate action, and individual behavioural change.
- Provided consultancy on citizen engagement and public participation methods to construct positive narratives on climate action and design creative arts-based methods to be used at community workshops.

Project Researcher  
SSH Centre

November 2023- June 2024  
Remote

- Have been selected as part of a team of early career researchers for the SSH CENTRE (Social Sciences and Humanities for Climate, Energy and Transport Research Excellence) Knowledge Brokerage Programme funded by Horizon Europe. The project aimed to support cross-sectoral collaboration and empower citizens to develop socially innovative solutions for the EU's climate transition, to strengthen SSH-STEM collaboration for transdisciplinary policy advice, and inclusive engagement across Europe.
- Worked on revising the local climate strategy of Valencia in cooperation with the city administration.
- Reviewed the grey and academic literature on citizen engagement methods for participatory and deliberative governance models in green transitions.
- Collaboratively produced a citizen user guide to promote inclusive citizen engagement for Valencia's Climate Mission 2030 based on empirical insights from Valencia and through analysis of best practices of participatory processes across European cities.

Associate Students Editor  
E-International Relations

May 2021-March 2022  
e-IR.info

- Assisted the editorial team to select the best submissions received from students.
- Proofread student essays to publish on the E-IR webpage.

Project Development Trainee  
ETA Florence Renewable Energy Consultancy

September 2019-December 2019  
Florence, Italy

- Conducted policy research on the EU's renewable energy market and renewable energy legislation.
- Documented stakeholder mapping for the Turkish biomass industry; drafted reports and disseminated information within the context of the European Biomass Conference and Exhibition (EUBCE) 2020.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tutored for the undergraduate modules at the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Limerick:

- Public Policy and the Environment (Spring 2024, 2023, 2022)
- Introduction to Public Administration (Spring 2023)
- Public Administration and Social Justice (Autumn 2023, Autumn 2024)
- Comparative European Politics (Autumn 2022)

## TRAINING and QUALIFICATIONS

Case Study Research: Method and Practice  
European Consortium of Political Research

October 2023  
Online

- The online course delves into the key components of qualitative case studies and process tracing for the purpose of making causal claims about effects or mechanisms.

R Introduction  
University of Limerick

February 2023  
Limerick, Ireland

- The workshop aims to make participants familiar with the underlying concepts and principles, enable them to write basic scripts, and understand and re-use scripts written by others. It lays the foundations for further self-guided engagement with programming.

Quantitative Research Methods I&II  
University of Limerick

September 2022-May 2023  
Limerick, Ireland

- Introduction to quantitative methods using Stata. The course content includes the theory of how a sample can be used to describe a population, some elementary probability theory, basic questionnaire design and survey implementation, statistical inference, analysing association in tables, linear regression, and correlation.

Social Science Research Methods  
University of Limerick Methods Summer School

June 2022  
Limerick, Ireland

- Attended the Quantitative Methods Training for PhD-level research which consisted of sessions on basic data analysis and statistical inference, with an introduction to the Stata software package and regression modelling of binary, multi-category, and ordinal outcomes.

Eu-SPRI Mini Course

'Technology, Policy, and Pathways to Possible Worlds – Imagining the Year 2050 Now'  
University of Sussex- Science Policy Research Unit

December 2020  
Online

- Attended six lectures that explored how trends unfolding in different domains – environment, policy/institutional, economy/production – might lead to alternative futures and evolve under novel socio-techno-economic paradigms.

## LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native Speaker), English (Proficient), IELTS: 7.5 (2020), Reading: 8.5, Writing: 7.5, Listening: 7, Speaking: 7  
TOEFL IBT: 101 (2016), Italian (Upper-Intermediate), CILS B1 (2015).

## TECHNICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

Good command of Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Outlook),  
Advanced skills in qualitative research analysis, Basic statistical analysis STATA (intermediate),  
Experience in support for the organization of meetings and conferences.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Book Chapter (in progress):*

Callanan M., Cevheribucak G., Köppe S. (2026). Innovation in a corset – Dublin's social investment under restricted autonomy. In G. Scalise & A. Hemerijck (Eds.), *Social Investment Laboratories*, Oxford University Press.

*Peer-reviewed journal articles:*

Cevheribucak, G. (2024). Effects of multilevel governance on the design and implementation of sustainable mobility plans. *Gestión y Análisis de Políticas Públicas*, 34, 95-108. <https://doi.org/10.24965/gapp.11264>

Cevheribucak, G. (2021). Energy Transition and Sustainable Road Transportation in Turkey: Multiple Policy Challenges for Inclusive Change. *Frontiers in Sustainable Cities*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frsc.2021.631337>

*Other publications:*

Cevheribucak, G. (2024, December 17). *Local Governance of Sustainable Urban Mobility Transitions: Challenges and Opportunities for Inclusive Action*. <https://www.urbanet.info/local-governance-of-sustainable-urban-mobility-transitions>

Cevheribucak, G., Etienne E., Moreno C., Robiou du Pont Y., Tiwari A. (2024). *A User Guide to Engage Citizens in the Valencia Climate Alliance-Local Climate Strategies: Insights from Social Sciences & Experiences of 8 European Cities*. SSH Centre Open Knowledge Platform. <https://zenodo.org/records/14536645>

## CONFERENCES

-Presented at the European Consortium of Political Research General Conference- Panel on Local Government and Inclusive Policies held at University College Dublin (August 2024).

-Presented at the American Political Science Association Virtual Research Meeting- Research Group Workshop: Frontiers in Comparative Urban Politics Research (February 2024).

-Presented at the PSAI Postgraduate Conference at Queen's University Belfast: Local Government and Sustainable Urban Mobility (December 2022).

-Chaired Climate and Development Study Group Parallel Sessions at the Development Studies Association of Ireland (DSA) General Conference (November 2022).

-Co-organized the Work-in-Progress seminar held at the University of Limerick- Department of Politics and Public Administration.

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Consultant, EIT Urban Mobility	[2025 – Present]
Member, Local 2030 Knowledge and Scientific Network	[2024 – Present]
Member, American Political Science Association (APSA)	[2024 – 2025]
Member, European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)	[2024 – Present]
Member, Development Studies Association of Ireland (DSAi)	[2022 – Present]
Member, Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAi)	[2022 – Present]