

## Appointment

2024– **Harvard University**  
College Fellow, Department of Government

## Education

2018–2024 **Washington University in St. Louis**  
Ph.D. in Political Science

2016–2018 **Sabancı University**  
M.A. in Political Science

2011–2016 **Boğaziçi University**  
B.A. in Political Science and International Relations

2015 **Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris)**  
Erasmus+

## Research Interests

International relations, political violence, quantitative research methodology.

## Publications

- [3] İpek Ece Şener (2025). **Peace Negotiations and Civilian Targeting**, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 69(9): 1580-1607., <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027241308270>
- [2] Afq bin Oslan and İpek Ece Şener (2025). **Displacement, not Obstruction: Why Insecure Leaders Need Not Fear Free Media**, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*. 6(2): 135-160., <http://doi.org/10.1561/113.00000120>
- [1] Peter Kalulu, Aubrey Fisher, Grace Whitter, İpek Ece Şener, Michelle Doering, David Carter, Matthew Gabel, Jimin Ding, Michael Esposito, Caitlin McMurtry, Pradeep Sopory and Mark Huffman (2025). **Trust, Trust Repair, and Public Health: A Scoping Review**, *Frontiers in Public Health*. 13:1560089, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2025.1560089>

## Revise and Resubmit

**The Peacekeeping Dilemma: Understanding the Challenges of UN Peacekeeping in Modern Conflicts**

(with William G. Nomikos and Rob Williams)

Revise and Resubmit at *World Politics*

**Strike When they Aren't Looking: Great Power Crises and Threats to Rule**

(with David Carter)

Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Peace Research*

## Under Review

**Let Activists Protest and Speak: How Peaceful Actors Curb Militant Support**

Job Market Paper

## **How Foreign Policy Crisis Shapes Public Opinion on Social Media**

(with Amaan Charaniya, Rex Deng, Jin Kim, Gechun Lin, William G. Nomikos)

APSA Foreign Policy Division Best Paper Award

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## **Working Paper**

**Peacetime Ideology, Wartime Agitation: How Militants Tailor Propaganda to Conflict Intensity**

**Trust on Trial: Measuring Trust in Government through Public Health Court Cases**

(with Scott Abramson, David Carter, and Dot Sawler)

**Invest or Incite? Inside the Great Power Toolbox**

(with Afq bin Oslan)

**The Impact of Court Packing on the Turkish Constitutional Court Decisions**

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## **Skills**

Software R, Python, Stata, SPSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

Language Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Arabic (reading)

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## **Grants and Awards**

- 2023 **Conflict Processes Section Travel Award**, *American Political Science Association*, \$150
- 2023 **PolMeth Conference Attendance Support**, *National Science Foundation*, \$1600
- 2022 **Global Studies Small Research Grant**, *Global Studies, WUSTL*, \$2000
- 2022 **First Generation Scholars in the Profession Travel and Accessibility Grant**, *American Political Science Association*, \$200
- 2022 **Travel Grant**, *American Political Science Association*, \$150
- 2021 **Research Grant**, *Weidenbaum Center, WUSTL*, \$10,000
- 2021 **Research Seed Grant**, *Department of Political Science, WUSTL*, \$3,000
- 2018 **McDonnell International Scholars Academy Ph.D. Scholarship**, *WUSTL*, Full Tuition, Monthly Stipend, Travel Allowance
- 2017 **Full Scholarship**, *Sabancı University*, Full Tuition, Accommodation, Monthly Stipend

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## **Invited Talks**

- 2025 **University of Florida**, *Gainesville, FL*
- 2025 **Western University**, *London, ON*
- 2025 **New York University Abu Dhabi**, *Abu Dhabi*
- 2025 **Cornell University**, *Ithaca, NY*
- 2025 **Trinity College Dublin**, *Dublin*
- 2024 **University of Michigan**, *Ann Arbor, MI*
- 2024 **Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance**, *Munich*
- 2023 **Bilkent University**, *Ankara*
- 2023 **Kadir Has University**, *Istanbul*
- 2023 **University of Strathclyde**, *Glasgow*

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## Teaching Experience

- 2025 **Instructor**, GOV 1705: *Politics of War and Peace in the Middle East*, Harvard University
- 2024 **Instructor**, GOV 94IS: *Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Middle East*, Harvard University
- 2021&2023 **Teaching Assistant**, Pol Sci 102: *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, WUSTL.
- 2022 **Teaching Assistant**, Pol Sci 317: *Conflict and Security in International Relations*, WUSTL
- 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Pol Sci 337: *Climate Change and Conflict*, WUSTL.
- 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Pol Sci 339: *Political Violence*, WUSTL.
- 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Pol Sci 505: *Theories of Individual and Collective Choice I*, WUSTL.
- 2016-2018 **Teaching Assistant**, SPS303: *Law and Ethics*, Sabancı University.
- 2017 **Facilitator**, GR501: *Academic Practices and Development*, Sabancı University.
- 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, POLS202: *History of the Political Thought*, Boğaziçi University.

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## Conference and Workshop Attendance

- 2025 **Empirical Studies of Conflict**, *Annual Meeting*, October 9-10, Washington D.C.
- 2025 **APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition**, September 11-14, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2024 **Peace Science Society International**, *Annual Meeting*, November 7-9, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2024 **Empirical Studies of Conflict**, *Annual Meeting*, October 18-19, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 **Peace Science Society International**, *Annual Meeting*, November 9-11, St. Louis, MO
- 2023 **APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition**, August 31-September 3, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 **Society for Political Methodology**, *Annual Meeting*, July 9-11, Palo Alto, CA
- 2022 **Peace Science Society International**, *Annual Meeting*, November 3-5, Denver, CO
- 2022 **Bridging the Gap**, *New Era Workshop*, October 7-9, Denver, CO
- 2022 **APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition**, *September 15-18*, Montreal, Québec, Canada
- 2022 **APSA MENA Conference**, July 28-30, Amman, Jordan
- 2022 **ISA Annual Convention**, March 28-April 2, Nashville, TN
- 2021 **ISA Midwest**, *Annual Regional Conference*, November 19-21, St. Louis, MO
- 2021 **Peace Science Society International**, *Annual Meeting*, November 19-20, Online

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## References

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Washington University in St. Louis

### William Nomikos

Assistant Professor of Political Science  
University of California Santa Barbara

### Deniz Aksoy

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Washington University in St. Louis

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