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## *Academic Appointments*

**Texas A&M University**, College Station, TX

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

August 2024 - Present

## *Education*

**The Pennsylvania State University**, State College, PA

Ph.D. in Political Science

2024

**Koc University**, Istanbul, Turkey

M.A. in International Relations

2018

B.A. in International Relations

2016

## *Peer-Reviewed Publications*

5. Onder, Ilayda B., Nazli Avdan, and Aaron Hoffman. 2025. "Credit Claims and the Survival of Terrorist Organizations." *International Interactions*. [Accepted Pending Replication]
4. Onder, Ilayda B. 2025. "How Civilian Loyalties Shape Rebel-led Victimization of Rebel Constituencies." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 69 (4): 701-730.
3. Loyle, Cyanne E., and Ilayda B. Onder. 2024. "The Legacies of Rebel Rule in Southeast Turkey." *Comparative Political Studies* 57 (11): 1771-1803.
2. Onder, Ilayda B. 2023. "Target Hardening and Non-State Armed Groups' Target Selection: Evidence from India." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 36 (8): 1105-1126.
1. Onder, Ilayda B. 2023. "Signaling Resolve through Credit-claiming." *International Interactions* 49 (5): 755-784.

## *Manuscripts Under Review*

6. Commanders of the Mujahideen: Introducing the Jihadist Leaders Dataset (with Maria Amjad, Mark Berlin, Sara Daub, and Joshua Fawcett Weiner). *Revise & Resubmit*.
5. How Statements of Denial by Armed Actors Shape Public Perceptions and Emotions (with Mark Berlin). *Revise & Resubmit*.
4. How Transnational Jihadists Reshape Competitive Violent Markets (with Mark Berlin).
3. Rebel International Legitimacy-Seeking, Pre-War Social Origins, and Forced Recruitment.
2. Populism and Counterterrorism Preferences (with James A. Piazza).
1. When Do Rebel Governors Become Rebel Diplomats? (with Yu Bin Kim).

## Working Papers

4. Constituencies and Recruitment Pools: Unpacking Militant Cooperation and Rivalry
3. Arms, Words, and Expertise: Typologies of Militant Cooperation
2. Inter-Group Learning in Militant Alliance Networks
1. Performative Rebel Governance and Legibility

## Research in Progress

12. Part-Time Rebels: A Principal-Agent Theory of Rebel Recruitment
11. Testing Repression-Centric Theories of Conflict with Granular Data on Rebel Recruitment
10. Promotion to Leadership Roles in Rebel Organizations
9. Rebel Internal Governance
8. Leadership Succession and Beheadings (with Maria Amjad, Mark Berlin, and Joshua Weiner)
7. Rebel Diplomacy and Female Fighters (with Yu Bin Kim)
6. Credit-Claiming in the Age of Publicity and Surveillance (with Nazli Avdan, Aaron Hoffman)
5. Border Fortification and Insurgent Cross-Border Movement (with Jared Edgerton)
4. Subnational Variation in Insurgent Conscription (with Emily Myers)
3. Rebel Communication Strategies for Capitalizing on Women (with Lindsey Goldberg)
2. Rebel Territorial Control and Kidnapping (with Mark Berlin and Timothy Jones)
1. Inter-Organizational Mobility in Multi-Actor Conflict (with Finn Klebe)

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2024–2025	Civil War Paths Fellow, University of York	
2025	Scowcroft Faculty Research Grant Award, Texas A&M University	\$2,400
2024	Lombra Outstanding Graduate Research Award, Penn State University	\$1,000
2020-2023	Summer Graduate Research Award, Penn State University	\$16,000
2022	Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student, Penn State University	\$1,500
2021	RGSO Dissertation Support, Penn State University	\$2,000
2021	Program in Empirical International Relations, Penn State University	Release Time

## Teaching

Fall 2024	Introduction to Political Science Research, Texas A&M University
Spring 2024	International Relations Theory, Penn State University
Fall 2023	Quantitative Political Analysis, Penn State University

## *Conference, Workshop, and Colloquium Presentations*

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American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference	2023, 2024
International Studies Association (ISA) Conference	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference	2019, 2023
Peace Science Society (International) Conference	2020, 2021, 2023
NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference	2024
Political Networks Online Colloquium	2023
Online Peace Science Colloquium	2021
Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop	2023
Texas Triangle IR Conference	2025

## *Invited Talks and Workshops*

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New Frontiers in Research on Terrorism and Civil Wars, University of Houston      March 2025

## *Service*

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### **Departmental Service**

2024–Present	Graduate & Curriculum Committee, Texas A&M University
2023–2024	Advisory Committee Graduate Student Representative, Penn State University
2019–2022	Graduate Student Assoc. of Political Science Vice President, Penn State University

### **Workshop Organizer**

2024–Present	Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop
2023–2024	Junior Scholars in International Security Workshop

### **Reviewer**

*Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Political Science Research and Methods, Security Studies*

## *Professional Associations*

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American Political Science Association (APSA)  
International Studies Association (ISA)  
Peace Science Society (International)

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