

Education

- 08.2020- **Ph.D. in Political Science**, *University of Pittsburgh, Expected August 2025*, Pittsburgh/USA
GPA:3.92
- *Dissertation Title*: Negative Partisanship in Western Europe: Measurement, Causes, Consequences, and Remedies
- *Dissertation Committee*: Jae-Jae Spoon, Steven Finkel, Scott Morgenstern, Alexa Bankert
- 09.2017- **M.A. in Political Science**, *Sabanci University*, Istanbul/Turkey
08.2019 GPA:3.74
- *Thesis Title*: Economic Voting and Relative Importance of Domestic and International Reference Points
- *Thesis Committee*: Mert Moral, Selim Erdem Aytaç, and Senem Aydın-Düzgit
- 09.2012- **B.A. in Political Science and International Relations**, *Marmara University*, Istanbul/Turkey
06.2016 GPA:3.66
- Ranked second in the Faculty of Political Sciences

Research Interests

Political and Partisan Polarization, Negative Partisanship, Political Representation, Electoral Behavior, Civic Education, Survey Experiments and European Party Politics

Research Experience

- 11.2024- **USAID/Social impact**, *Arlington, Virginia/United States*
Present - Consultant, "Social Cohesion for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance", project for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) conducted by Social impact.
- 09.2022- **University of Glasgow**, *Glasgow/Scotland*
Present - Project Associate to ERC-funded research project "Democracy Under Threat and How to Save It (DEMED)"
- 09.2022- **University of Pittsburgh**, *Pittsburgh/United States*
Present - Research Collaboration with Steven Finkel on "Civic Education, Partisan Polarization and Democratic Support: A Cross-National Study"
- 09.2019- **Sabanci University**, *Istanbul/Turkey*
05.2020 - Research Assistant to Mert Moral for research project "Merging and Moving Ballot Boxes: Voter Intimidation in the June 2018 Parliamentary and Presidential Election"
- 01.2019- **Sabanci University**, *Istanbul/Turkey*
09.2019 - Research Assistant to Meltem Muftuler Bac for research project "Turkey's Migration Governance and Unexpected Political Consequences of the Syrian Refugee Crisis" (Migration Governance and Asylum Crises)
- 05.2018- **Sabanci University**, *Istanbul/Turkey*
09.2018 - Research Assistant to Ozge Kemahlioglu for research project "Congruence in Proportional Representation Systems: Non-Economic Issue Salience and Coalition Formation" (Migration Governance and Asylum Crises)

Publications

Melek H. Eroglu, Steven E. Finkel, Anja Neundorff, Aykut Öztürk, and Ericka Rascón Ramírez "Choosing Democracy Over Party? How Civic Education Can Mitigate the Anti-Democratic Effects of Partisan Polarization", Forthcoming at *British Journal of Political Science*

Articles Under Review

Melek H. Eroglu, "It's All About the (Relative) Hate: Out-Party Hostility and Its Consequences in Multiparty Democracies", Revised and Resubmitted at *Electoral Studies*, submitted January 2025.

Selected Working Papers

"Mitigating Multi-Party Dislike: Strategies to Reduce Hostility and Promote Democratic Behavior Towards Out-party: Survey Experiment in Germany"

- “Negative Partisanship and Its Threats to Democracy in Multiparty Systems”
- “Disliking Undemocratic Parties: A Sign of Democratic Commitment”
- “Voter Bias When Facing Defeat by a Least Preferred Party”
- “Voting Behavior of Negative Partisans in Multiparty Systems”
- “Strategic Polarized Voter: How Affective Polarization Influences Vote Choice in European Democracies”

Teaching Experience*

- 05.2024- **Instructor for the Political Science Research Methods (PS0700)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
07.2024 - Summer class for undergraduates
- 05.2023- **Instructor for the Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS0300)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
07.2023 - Summer class for undergraduates
- 01.2023- **Teaching Assistant to Iza Ding in Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS0300)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
05.2023 - Conducting weekly recitation sessions for a group of 100 undergraduate students
- Grading exams and assignments
- 09.2022- **Teaching Assistant to Jae-Jae Spoon in Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS0300)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
12.2022 - Conducting weekly recitation sessions for a group of 100 undergraduate students
- Grading exams and assignments
- 01.2022- **Teaching Assistant to Max Goplerud in Visualizing and Understanding Social Data (PS1702)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
05.2022 - Conducting weekly recitation sessions for a group of 25 undergraduate students
- Grading exams and assignments
- 01.2022- **Teaching Assistant to Jae-Jae Spoon in Analysis of Comparative Politics: Comparative Parties and Elections (PS1399)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
05.2022 - Grading exams and assignments
- 09.2021- **Teaching Assistant to Iza Ding in Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS0300)**, *University of Pittsburgh*
12.2021 - Conducting weekly recitation sessions for a group of 100 undergraduate students
- Grading exams and assignments
- 09.2019- **Teaching Assistant to Mert Moral in Methods and Scope of Political Analysis (POLS529)**, *Sabancı University*
05.2020 - Teaching weekly Stata and L^AT_EX lab sessions for 22 graduate-level students
- Grading weekly assignments
- 09.2018- **Teaching Assistant to Özge Kemahlioğlu in Research Methods (SPS311)**, *Sabancı University*
05.2018 - Led discussion sessions and assisted in preparing class activities focusing on theory building, measurement, sampling, and statistical analysis for 12 junior- and senior-level undergraduates
- 09.2017- **Teaching Assistant in International Political Economy (IR391)**, *Işık Özel, Sabancı University*
01.2018 - Guided the students for preparation and presentation of their research findings
- *Student evaluation forms are available upon request

Presentations

†: conference presentation. §: research workshop

- 2024 American Political Science Association (APSA)[†], Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)[†], Promoting Democratic Citizenship Workshop by DEMED/Istanbul §, The Case for Democracy by the International Republican Institute/Washington, DC §
- 2023 APSA[†], MPSA[†], European Union Studies Association (EUSA)[†].
- 2022 MPSA[†], University of Pittsburgh[§].

Skills

Software Stata, L^AT_EX, R, Qualtrics, Python, Microsoft Office

Methodology *University of Pittsburgh*: Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Text as Data, Experimental Research in Political Behavior
Sabancı University: Survey Research Methods, Advance Research Methods and Data Analysis in Political Science, Quantitative Research Methods, Formal Modelling I, Methods and Scope of Political Analysis.

Languages English (advanced), Arabic (beginner), Ottoman (beginner)
Turkish (mother tongue)

Trainings & Certificates

- 06.2019 *Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)*, Kadir Has University, İstanbul/Turkey- Sessions and lectures were taken place in tandem with the flagship event at Princeton University
- Screen Scraping, Data wrangling, Text Analysis, Data Visualization
- 12.2022 *Faculty Development Practicum on University Teaching*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh/United States

Honors & Awards

- 09.2024-06.2025 Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship), *University of Pittsburgh*
- 09.2023-06.2024 Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD) Fellowship, *University of Pittsburgh*
- 09.2012-06.2016 Honor award for the second rank student in the Faculty of Political Sciences, *Marmara University*

Academic Service

- 2024-2025 Maurice Falk Chair hiring committee member, *University of Pittsburgh*
- 2022 Social chair at the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), *University of Pittsburgh*
- 2021 Grad student representative, *University of Pittsburgh*
- 2018-2019 Facilitator in GR501 orientation, *Sabancı University*