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Research and Teaching Interests	International Relations Theory, International Security, Intra-state (Civil wars) and Inter-state Wars, Third Party Intervention (Humanitarian Intervention), Terrorism, Foreign Policy Analysis and International Organizations. Quantitative Methods, Quantitative Content Analysis (text-as-data).
Academic Positions	<div><div><i>Instructor</i>06/2021 - current</div><div>Foundations Development Directorate, Sabancı University, Istanbul<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordinating and instructing courses Humanity and Society (SPS 101 and 102).- Principal Investigator, TÜBİTAK 3501 Career Development Grant — “Quantitative Analysis of Statements of the United States’ Presidents on Internal Armed Conflicts” (Awarded funding: 1,000,000 TRY). Funded by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), this project employs computational text analysis and machine learning techniques to examine U.S. presidential rhetoric on internal armed conflicts, focusing on linguistic indicators of resolve, support, and strategic intent.</div><div><i>Adjunct Instructor</i>02/2023 - 07/2024</div><div>Department of International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Instructing two sections of Analytical Methods for Social Sciences (IR 151).</div><div><i>Visiting Researcher</i>09/2019 - 02/2020</div><div>Michael Nicholson Centre for Conflict and Cooperation, the University of Essex, United Kingdom</div></div>
Education	<div><div><i>Ph.D.</i>, Political Science, Sabancı University, Istanbul09/2015 - 12/2020</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">- Third Party Attitudes on Civil Conflicts: How the External States React to Intrastate Conflicts?Committee Members: Prof. Meltem Müftüler-Baç (Advisor), Prof. Senem Aydın-Düzgüt, Prof. Yücel Saygın, Dr. Belgin Şan-Akça, Dr. Kerim Can Kavaklı</div><div><i>Master’s of Arts</i>, Political Science, Sabancı University, Istanbul2013 - 2015</div><div><i>Bachelor of Arts</i>, Economics, Sabancı University, Istanbul2009 - 2013</div></div>
Publications	<p>Kocacık Şenol, Melike Ayşe. “Text-as-Data in International Relations: Current Debates and Prospective Subjects to Use Text in International Relations Studies”, <i>Siyasal: Journal of Political Science</i>, 2025.</p> <p>Kocacık Şenol, Melike Ayşe. “Mapping Resolve in Crisis Bargaining Through Leader Public Statements: An Examination of the United States’ Statements about Bosnia and Kosovo”, <i>European Security</i>, 2025.</p> <p>Aksoy, Faruk, and Melike Ayşe Kocacık-Şenol. “Democratic Institutions, Secessionist Strategy and the Use of Violence: An Empirical Analysis.” In <i>Strategies of Secession and Counter-secession</i>, pp. 103-121. United Kingdom, ECPR Press/Rowmann & Littlefield International, 2020.</p>
Under Review	<p><i>Cheap Signals, Tangible Impacts: Diplomatic Statements and Civilian Targeting in the Armed Struggle of PKK and Turkey</i></p> <p><i>Too Small to be Peaceful, Too Large to be Violent? Democracy’s Effect on Secessionist Tactics</i>, Faruk Aksoy.</p>

Working Papers	<i>Populist Economic Governance: How Populist Parties Position Themselves in the WTO Ministerial Meetings?</i>	
	<i>Emerging Actors in Economic Global Governance: An Analysis of Turkey in the WTO</i>	
	<i>Dare to Talk?: An Empirical Analysis on the US Attitudes on European Civil Conflicts</i>	
	<i>“Let Them Take a Bus Instead”: How Intimidation Affects Turnout and Vote Choice?</i> , with Emre Toros, Mert Moral and Yasemin Tosun.	
	<i>Democratic Peace Theory in Their Mind: Political Psychology of Trump and Obama on Modern Democracies and Non-Democracies</i> , with Sercan Canbolat.	
Additional Training	Sabancı University Data Science Summer School, İstanbul	April 2024
	Summer Institute for Computational Social Science (SICSS), İstanbul	June 2019
	ECPR Methods Winter School, Quantitative Text Analysis, Bamberg	February 2019
Selected Conference Presentations	“Populist Economic Governance: How Populist Parties Position Themselves in the WTO Ministerial Meetings?”, <i>COMPTEXT</i> , 2025 , Vienna, Austria	
	“Dare to Talk?: An Empirical Analysis on the US Attitudes on European Civil Conflicts”, <i>Eurasian Peace Science Conference</i> , 2025 , Zagreb, Croatia.	
	“Ministerial Declarations and Decisions: Text-as-Data Approach to Asses the Converging Economic Policies in WTO”, <i>III. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi</i> , 2024 , İstanbul.	
	“Cheap Signals, Tangible Impacts: Diplomatic Statements and Civilian Targeting in the Armed Struggle of PKK and Turkey”, <i>13th European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Meeting</i> , 2023 , Glasgow.	
	“Democratic Peace Theory in Their Mind: Political Psychology of Trump and Obama on Modern Democracies and Non-Democracies”, <i>International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest Conference</i> , 2019 , St. Louis, USA.	
	“Ministerial Declarations and Decisions: Text-as-Data Approach to Asses the Converging Economic Policies in WTO”, <i>Joint Sessions of Workshops organized by European Consortium for Political Science (ECPR)</i> , 2019 , Mons, Belgium.	
Fellowship, Honors and Grants	“Playing Field Sets on Fire: Do Democratic Institutions Dilute Violence in Strategies of Secessionist Movements?”, <i>Joint Sessions of Workshops organized by European Consortium for Political Science (ECPR)</i> , 2018 , Nicosia, Cyprus.	
	TUBITAK Career Development Grant (3501), Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), 2025-7	
	International Studies Associations (ISA) Midwest Emerging Scholars Grant, 2019	
	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey - TUBITAK, Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, 2019	
	Travel Grant for Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Students, Sabancı University, 2019	
	ECPR Funding for Winter School in Methods and Tecqniques, 2019	
	Travel Grant for Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Students, Sabancı University, 2018	
	Full Merit Scholarship for Ph.D. in Political Science, Sabancı University, 2015	

Fulbright Scholarship for 2015-2016 Term

Full Merit Scholarship for Master's of Art. in Political Science, Sabancı University, 2013

Full Merit Scholarship for Bachelor of Art. in Economics, Sabancı University, 2009

Skills

Language : Turkish (Native), English (Advanced)

Computer Software: Stata (Advanced), R (Advanced), L^AT_EX, Python(Beginner).

References

Available upon request.