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Training

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> UNC-Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC 27599

EDUCATION Ph.D., Political Science August 2024 - Present

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

M.A., Political Science May 2021

Central European University

Thesis: Secularism as an Antidote to Religious Terrorism: The Case of

B.A., International Relations June 2020

Bilkent University

Additional University of Oslo & PRIO International Summer School, Oslo, Norway 2019

- Course taken: Peace Research

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Budapest, Hungary 2019

Courses taken: R Basics, Qualitative Data Analysis, Longitudinal Research Designs-Qualitative Approaches, Math Refresher Erasmus-Exchange Student at Sciences-Po, Paris, France

EXPERIENCE July 2022 - Aug 2024 Project Assistant

International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Ankara, Turkiye

Worked on the EU-funded "Drafting of a National Integrated Border Management (IBM) Strategy and Updating of the National Action Plan to Implement Türkiye's IBM Strategy (EU4IBMTR)" project. (Budget: €2 Million)

Seconded to the Ministry of Interior to collaborate with senior officials in crafting key documents in preparation for the country-level integrated border management strategy and action plan.

Compiled, analyzed, and presented data on migration management and border security.

Assisted in planning, coordinating, and implementing capacity-building workshops and thematic focus group meetings, while maintaining effective and extensive liaison with competent ministries and project stakeholders.

Dec. 2021 - Feb. 2022 Research Assistant

Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul, Turkiye

- Gathered, analyzed, and visualized social, economic, and demographic data on Turkey. Some parts of the work accessible online here.

Conducted web scraping in R to extract text from selected local newspapers' online platforms and analyzed them using quantitative text analysis techniques.

- Prepared daily summaries of national and international press articles.

June 2019 - Sept. 2020 Research Assistant

Research Assistant to Prof. Berk Esen, Ankara, Turkiye

Collected, coded, and analyzed background information on 4,500 candidates in the 2019 Turkish Municipal Elections and 70 political elites from the Justice and Development Party (AKP). This involved using MS Excel, open-source data, and hand-coding for a social network analysis of the Turkish electoral system.

Conducted literature review on Turkish foreign aid. This was part of a different study investigating the distribution patterns of the assistance.

2018

Intern Feb. 2019 - May 2019

Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research, Ankara, Turkiye

- Collected syllabi for 50 graduate-level International Relations (IR) Theory courses taught at universities across the Middle East and Mediterranean region for the Global IR project. The results of this project were presented at the "4th All Azimuth Workshop on Dialogue in Core-Periphery IR". (Advisor: Prof. Ersel Aydınlı)

- Edited and translated articles on political methodology from English to Turkish for publication in the All Azimuth journal. Additionally, I involved in drafting written materials for the center.

Summer Intern June 2018 - Aug. 2018

Issam Fares Institute, Beirut, Lebanon

- Conducted academic research and compiled documents listing and summarizing prior works on energy security and nuclear energy in Turkey. This was in preparation for a study examining the implications of the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant on the Turkish energy market. (Advisor: Dr. Ali Ahmad)
- As a member of the organizing team for the "International Panel on Exiting Violence," sponsored by the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and held in Beirut, managed the transportation and accommodations of the participants.

FI	ELLOWSHIPS
&	Awards

Departmental Assistantship Award, UNC-Chapel Hill	2024
International Relations Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill	2024
Full Tuition Waiver for Master in Transnational Governance, EUI [declined]	2021
CEU Scholarship for Master's Studies, Central European University	2020-2021
Bilkent University Comprehensive Scholarship, Bilkent University	2015 - 2020
First Prize in Transdisciplinary Senior Project Competition, Bilkent University	2019
Romanian Embassy Essay Contest, First Prize, Bilkent University	2019
Erasmus+ Student Mobility Grant	2018
Summer Internship Grant, Crossing Paths	2018

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R | R Studio | R Markdown | Quarto, LATEX, MS Office (Excel | PowerPoint | Word), NVivo

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate)