

# Muhammet Özkaraca

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## EDUCATION

**Central European University**, Vienna, Austria

Sep 2020 – Jun 2021

### *Master of Political Science*

- Thesis: "Secularism as an Antidote to Religious Terrorism: The Case of Turkey" (Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Matthijs Bogaards)
- Selected Coursework: Programming in R, Process Tracing, Social Network Analysis, Terrorism A Comparative Politics Perspective
- Graduated with High Honor (GPA: 3.73/4.00)
- CEU Master's Scholarship

**Bilkent University**, Ankara, Turkey

Sep 2015 – Jun 2020

### *Bachelor of Arts in International Relations*

- Senior Project: Turkish Foreign Aid Toward Africa, End or Mean?
- Selected Coursework: United Nations Peacekeeping Theory and Practice, International Terrorism and Transnational Crime, International Security, International Organizations, Global Europe
- Graduated with High Honor (GPA: 3.86/4.00)
- Bilkent University Comprehensive Scholarship
- Exchange Semester at Sciences Po-Paris

## EXPERIENCE

**Bilkent University**, Ankara, Turkey

Jun 2019 – Sep 2020

### *Research Assistant to Asst. Prof. Berk Esen*

- Participated in three separate research projects on Turkish domestic and foreign policy.
- Collected, coded and analysed background information on candidates in Turkish Municipal Elections and the Justice and Development Party (AKP)'s political elites using the MS Excel program for the purpose of undertaking a social network analysis of the Turkish electoral system.
- Conducted academic research and compiled documents listing and summarising previous articles published on Turkish Foreign Aid in preparation for a study on the assistance's distribution.

**Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research**, Ankara, Turkey

Feb 2019 – May 2019

### *Part-time Undergraduate Research Student*

- Collected syllabi for graduate-level IR Theory courses taught at universities throughout the Middle East and Mediterranean region for the Global IR project, whose results were presented at the "4th All Azimuth Workshop on Dialogue in Core-Periphery IR" (Supervisor: Prof. Ersel Aydınli)
- Translated articles on Political Methodology from English to Turkish for publication in the All-Azimuth journal.
- Edited and drafted written works for the center.

**Issam Fares Institute**, Beirut, Lebanon

Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

### *Summer Research Assistant in Energy Policy and Security Program*

- Conducted academic research and compiled documents listing and summarising prior works on energy security and nuclear energy in Turkey in preparation for the study examining the implications of the Akkuyu nuclear power plant on the Turkish energy market. (Supervisor: 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, I was in charge of the participants' transportation and lodgings along with conducting digital communication in social media, mainly via Twitter.

**GazeteBilkent**, Ankara, Turkey

Sep 2017 – May 2019

### *Columnist*

- Wrote columns on international affairs and Turkish politics in Turkish.
- Conducted interviews with Turkish and international scholars.

**International Relations and European Union Society**, Ankara, Turkey

Sep 2017 – May 2018

### *Member of Executive Board*

- Organized conferences and round table activities with scholars, journalists and diplomats to raise awareness on specific political issues such as immigrants' problems, Turkey-EU relations, Turkey-US relations.

**Bilkent Social Awareness Projects**, Ankara, Turkey

Sep 2016 – May 2018

***Active Volunteer in Sun Rises from Village Project***

- Assisted in the establishment of 4 libraries in 4 separate Turkish village schools as part of the Bilkent Social Awareness Projects.
- Was a member of the fundraising team charged with the responsibility of gathering funds to cover the price of necessary construction supplies and education materials to build libraries in rural schools.

**ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION**

**Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate)

**IT Skills:** R/R Studio/R Markdown (Advanced), MS Excel (Advanced), Python (Intermediate),  $\LaTeX$  (Intermediate), NVivo (Intermediate)

**ADDITIONAL  
TRAINING**

**University of Oslo & PRIO International Summer School**, Oslo, Norway

Jun 2021 – Aug 2021

- Course taken; Peace Research

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

Jul 2019 – Aug 2019

- Courses taken; R Basics, Qualitative Data Analysis, Longitudinal Research Designs-Qualitative Approaches, Math Refresher

**CERTIFICATES**

DataCamp courses on [Importing and Cleaning Data with R Track](#) | [Data Visualization with R Track](#)  
Coursera courses on [Linear Regression and Modeling](#) | [Regression Models](#) | [Classical Sociological Theory](#)