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Education

Ph.D., Political Science <i>American Politics, Comparative Politics</i> Syracuse University	2023→
Ph.D., Political Science Texas A&M University	2021–2023
M.A., Political Science Arkansas State University	2021
B.A., Political Science and International Relations Bogazici University, Turkey	1998

Additional Education

Russian Language Certification PRIVET Language School, Kaliningrad, Russia	2013-2014
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Academic Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University	2023–2024
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University	2021–2023
Teaching Assistant for:	
POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (Charles Todd Kent)	Spring 2003
POLS 209 Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (Carlo Horz)	Fall 2022
POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (José Antonio Cheibub)	Spring 2022
POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (Michelle Taylor-Robinson)	Fall 2021
Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Arkansas State University	2019-2021
Teaching Assistant for:	
POSC 2103 Intro to US Government	Spring 2020
POSC 3003 Intro to Political Analysis	Fall 2020
Lecturer, Istanbul Aydin University	Fall 2004
Department of Applied English-Turkish Translation	
Courses taught: Comparative Structure I, Societies and Culture, English classes of several departments	

Research Assistant, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation

February 1997

Took part in the initial coding of the thousands of surveys from the 3rd World Values Survey Turkey section administered in 1996.

Publications

Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

- [1] Abus, Murat. 2023. "A Theory of Gender's Effect on Vote Shift with a Test Based on Turkish Elections." *Mediterranean Politics*. doi:10.1080/13629395.2023.2194154.
- [2] Abus, Murat. 2004. "Democratization in the Balkans, 1990-2002." *Alternatives: Turkish Journal of International Relations*. 2(3&4): 86-105.

Conference Presentations

- [1] Abus, Murat. "But That's Not Enough Votes! Elections, Election Administration, and Polarization." American Political Science Association 119th Annual Conference. Poster Presentation. Los Angeles, CA. September 2023.
- [2] **Abus, Murat**, and Ryan Block. "Reforming and Backsliding: A Comparative Analysis of Administrative Reforms in Hungary and Turkey." Midwest Political Science Association 80th Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2023.
- [3] **Abus, Murat**, and Ryan Block. "Reforming and Backsliding: A Comparative Analysis of Administrative Reforms in Hungary and Turkey." Texas Comparative Politics Circle 5th Annual Conference. Poster Presentation. Texas Tech University. January 2023.
- [4] Abus, Murat. "Electoral Consequences of Administrative Reforms in Turkey (1985–2018)." Southern Political Science Association 94th Annual Conference. St. Pete, FL. January 2023.
- [5] Abus, Murat. "Electoral Consequences of Administrative Reforms." Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science–5. Poster Presentation. Rice University. May 2022.
- [6] Abus, Murat. "Democracy at the Intersection of Religious Cleavage and Populism." Midwest Political Science Association 79th Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation. April 2022.
- [7] Abus, Murat. "Ideology and Gender Role Incongruity: Resilience and Rise of Parties under Authoritarianism." Texas Comparative Politics Circle 4th Annual Conference: European Politics in Comparative Perspective. Poster Presentation. University of Texas at Austin. February 2022.
- [8] Abus, Murat. "Ideology and Gender Role Incongruity: The Rise of IYI Party in Perspective." Southern Political Science Association 93rd Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX. January 2022.
- [9] Abus, Murat. "Clientelism and Structured Voting: Evidence from Turkey." Southwestern Social Science Association Centennial Meeting. Virtual Presentation. April 2021.
- [10] **Abus, Murat**, and Cameron Wimpy. "Are We There Yet? Political Participation in Transitional Democracies." Midwest Political Science Association 78th Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation. April 2021.

- [11] Abus, Murat. "Do Elections Create or Further Path Dependencies?" Midwest Political Science Association 78th Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation. April 2021.
- [12] Abus, Murat. "Election Administration and UOCAVA Voting." Arkansas Political Science Association 48th Annual Meeting. Virtual Presentation. February 2021.
- [13] Abus, Murat. "Clientelism and Structured Voting: Evidence from Turkey." Southern Political Science Association 92nd Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation. January 2021.
- [14] Abus, Murat. "Does Religion Conquer All? An Empirical Analysis of Religion and Political Participation in Turkey." 26th World Congress of Political Science. Lisbon, Portugal. (2020 congress cancelled due to COVID-19).
- [15] Abus, Murat. "Reflections in the Mirror: Authoritarian Values and Political Identities in Turkey." Arkansas Political Science Association 47th Annual Meeting. Arkadelphia, AR. March 2020.
- [16] Abus, Murat. "A Model of Voter Turnout in Bulgaria and Romania." 2nd Graduate Conference of Turkish Political Science Association. Istanbul, Turkey. October 2004.
- [17] Abus, Murat. "Democratization in the Balkans, 1990-2002." 1st Graduate Conference of Turkish Political Science Association. Istanbul, Turkey. October 2003.

Working Papers

- [1] "Clientelism and Structured Voting: Empirical Evidence from Turkey." doi:10.2139/ssrn.4137781.

Works in Progress

- "Comparative Analysis of Administrative Reforms." (co-author)
- "Gender in Parliamentary Democracies." (co-author)
- "Voter Confidence (sole-author)"
- "Media and Autocracy (co-author)"
- "Inequality and Voting" (sole-author)

Research Interests

Political Behavior | Public Opinion | Media | Misinformation | Democratic Theory | Gender in Politics
| Political Methodology

Grants & Awards

Graduate Student Research and Presentation Travel Award
Texas A&M University Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

February 2023

Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Arkansas State University Political Science Department

April 2021

Exemplary Graduate Service Scholarship
Arkansas State University Graduate Student Council

March 2021

Best Graduate Paper Award
Arkansas Political Science Association

August 2020

Service

Reviewing

Political Research Quarterly

Conferences

Chair, Midwest Political Science Association 79th Annual Conference, Undergraduate Panel on American Politics.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association 79th Annual Conference, Undergraduate Panel on American Politics.

Discussant, Arkansas Political Science Association 47th Annual Meeting, Comparative Politics Panel

University

Ph.D. Class Representative at the Graduate and Professional Student Government

2022-2023

Technical Skills

Linux, \LaTeX , Stata, , GeoDa, QGIS, SPSS

Languages

Turkish (native)

English (advanced)

Russian (upper-intermediate)

Professional Memberships

- Member, *American Political Science Association*
- Member, *Midwest Political Science Association*
- Member, *Southern Political Science Association*
- Member, *The Society for Political Methodology*

Contingency Operation Awards

Superior Performance Award
IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq

April 2010

Certificate of Appreciation
705th MP Battalion, Camp Taji, TIFRC (Theater Internment Facility and Reconciliation Center), Iraq

March 2010

Work Achievement Award*March 2010*

IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq

Outstanding Achievement Award*11 September 2009*

IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq

Letter of Recommendation*May 2008*556th Signal Company, Department of the Army, Camp Taji, Iraq**Media Appearances**

BBC Worldwide*November 2006*

"World Have Your Say" programme participant. Broadcast live from Istanbul, Turkey.

Academic References

Johanna Dunaway

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Political Science Department

Texas A&M University

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