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## Education

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

## Additional Education

<b>Russian Language Certification</b> PRIVET Language School, Kaliningrad, Russia	2013-2014
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## Academic Experience

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<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University</b> Teaching Assistant for: PSC 124 Introduction to International Relations (Gregory Smith)	2023–2024  <i>Fall 2023</i>
<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas A&amp;M University</b> Teaching Assistant for: POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (Charles Todd Kent) POLS 209 Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (Carlo Horz) POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (José Antonio Cheibub) POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (Michelle Taylor-Robinson)	2021–2023  <i>Spring 2003</i> <i>Fall 2022</i> <i>Spring 2022</i> <i>Fall 2021</i>
<b>Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Arkansas State University</b> Teaching Assistant for: POSC 2103 Intro to US Government POSC 3003 Intro to Political Analysis	2019-2021  <i>Spring 2020</i> <i>Fall 2020</i>
<b>Lecturer, Istanbul Aydin University</b> Department of Applied English-Turkish Translation Courses taught: Comparative Structure I, Societies and Culture, English classes of several departments	<i>Fall 2004</i>

## Research Assistant, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation

February 1997

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

## Publications

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### 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

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- [1] Abus, Murat. "But That's Not Enough Votes! Elections, Election Administration, and Polarization." American Political Science Association 119<sup>th</sup> 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 80<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 94<sup>th</sup> 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 79<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation. April 2021.

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

## Working Papers

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

## Works in Progress

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- "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

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

## Grants & Awards

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**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

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### Reviewing

*Political Research Quarterly*

### Conferences

**Chair**, Midwest Political Science Association 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Undergraduate Panel on American Politics.

**Discussant**, Midwest Political Science Association 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Undergraduate Panel on American Politics.

**Discussant**, Arkansas Political Science Association 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Comparative Politics Panel

### University

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

*2022-2023*

## Technical Skills

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Linux,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Stata, , GeoDa, QGIS, SPSS

## Languages

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**Turkish** (native)

**English** (advanced)

**Russian** (upper-intermediate)

## Professional Memberships

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

## Contingency Operation Awards

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**Superior Performance Award**  
IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq

*April 2010*

**Certificate of Appreciation**  
705<sup>th</sup> 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*556<sup>th</sup> Signal Company, Department of the Army, Camp Taji, Iraq**Media Appearances**

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**BBC Worldwide***November 2006*

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

**Academic References**

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