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Education

Pennsylvania State University

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science and Social Data Analytics, 08/2016 - present.

Major Field: Comparative Politics

M.A., Political Science, 2018.

Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology

Humboldt University of Berlin

M.A., Research Training Program, Department of Social Sciences, 2016.

Boğaziçi University

B.A., Political Science and Economics (Dual Degree), 2014.

Research Interests

Social Network Analysis, Text as Data, Middle East politics

Current Projects

“A Network Theory of the Ruling Coalition”

This project attempts to model such political coalitions who a leader needs to stay in power (in the general sense) as networks, where actors are allowed to interact with one another - and not just the leader - and differ in power and ideology.

“Buying Influence through Sovereign Wealth”

This project analyzes Sovereign Wealth Fund investment flows in comparison to other types of monetary flows, specifically FDI, to see whether political factors motivate SWF investments as opposed to economic gains.

Research Experience

Research Assistant - Dr. Marie Hojnacki, extraction and scraping of Twitter data and Lobby Disclosure Reports of organized interest groups (08/2018 - present)

Research Assistant – Dr. Vineeta Yadav, data collection for project on Islamist political parties and elections in the Muslim world - (08/2016–05/2017)

Conferences & Presentations

“A Network Theory of the Ruling Coalition”. Center for Social Data Analytics Open House, Pennsylvania State University, January 2019.

Awards and Fellowships

Enhanced Graduate Scholarship (Fellowship), Penn State, 08/2017 - 05/2018

Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) Award for Language Study (Arabic) in Jordan (Summer 2017) and Turkey (Summer 2018)

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and TEV (Turkish Education Foundation) Joint Scholarship for M.A. Study in Germany (9/2014 –3/2016)

Erasmus Program Scholarship of the European Union for Exchange Semester at the
Freie University of Berlin (02/2013 - 08/2013)

**Languages
and Skills**

Turkish (native), English (Fluent), German (Proficient), Arabic (Good)

R, Python, L^AT_EX

References

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