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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

Works in Progress

A Network Theory of Coalition Formation

Part of my dissertation, this paper models political coalition formation process as that of formation of an elite network, where individuals are free to choose their support ties given everyone's exogenously given power and ideology.

Public Emotions Contextualized by Places: An Investigation of Geotagged Tweets on the Black Lives Matter mMovement, Lulu Peng, **Omer F. Yalcin**, Shipi Dhanorkar, and Guangqing Chi

The Effects of an Informational Intervention on Attention to Anti-Vaccination Content on YouTube, Sangyeon Kim, **Omer F. Yalcin**, Samuel Bestvater, Zhanna Tereshchenko, Kevin Munger, Burt Monroe, and Bruce Desmarais.

Buying Influence through Sovereign Wealth

This paper 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 - 05/2019)

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

Teaching	Teaching Assistant Scientific Study of Politics (Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2019) Network Analysis II: Advanced Topics - ICPSR - (Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research , University of Michigan, Summer 2019) Network Analysis I: Introduction - ICPSR - (Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, Summer 2019)
Conferences & Presentations	“A Network Theory of Coalition Formation” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2019. Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) Conference, Washington, DC, August 2019. Political Networks (PolNet) Annual Conference, Durham, NC, May 2019. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2019. Center for Social Data Analytics (C-SoDA) 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 Arabic Language Study 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 ^A T _E X
Memberships	American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association
References	Bruce Desmarais Associate Professor of Political Science Pennsylvania State University email: bdesmarais@psu.edu