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### education

Ph.D., Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY), 2025 (*expected*)

**Dissertation:** *Recognition struggles of ethnic minorities for group rights in new democracies.*

**Subfields:** Comparative politics and International relations.

**Committee:** Ekrem Karakoc (Chair), David L. Cingranelli, Mikhail Filippov.

M.A., Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY), 2022.

M.A., Political Science and International Relations, İstanbul Şehir University, 2018.

Thesis: *An analysis of Ali Abd ul-Raziq's understanding of the relationship between Islam and the state*

B.A., Political Science and International Relations, İstanbul University, 2014.

### academic interests

#### *Research interests*

Ethnic politics, ethnic conflict, state minority policies, minority rights and nation-building.

#### *Methodological interests*

Quantitative methods, qualitative methods, text-as-data, geospatial data, network analysis.

#### *Regional focus*

Europe and Middle East and North Africa.

### under review

Exposure to conflict and support for ethnic group rights: Evidence from ethnic conflict in Turkey, *started 2022.*

Boosting and curbing nationalism: Instrumentalization of religion in ethnic conflict in Turkey, *started in 2023.*

### working papers

State minority policies and job insecurity of leaders, *started 2023.*

Ethnic minority attitudes toward minority rights in kin-states, with Ekrem Karakoc, *started 2022.*

National religious interference practices and political violence, with Muhammed Akkus, *started 2022.*

Conditional effect of foreign aid and government treatment of religious minorities in the Middle East, *started 2022.*

### research experience

Research Assistant for Dr. Kanisha Bond, Binghamton University. *Localization of social movements project, 2023.*

Research Assistant for Dr. Ekrem Karakoç, Binghamton University. *Data cleaning, modeling and visualization tasks, 2022.*

Research Assistant Al-Sharq Forum, Istanbul, Turkey. *Political Islam task force*, (see the book: *Transformation of Political Islam in a Changing Regional Order*, 2018).

## teaching experience

### Course instructor

Data Analysis and Visualization using Python (2023), Binghamton University. See some of the course materials [here](#).

### Leading discussion classes

Intro to Comparative Politics (2020, 2021), Intro to American Politics (2021), Intro to Political Ideas (2022), Modern American Political Thinking (2023) in Binghamton University.

## publications

### Book reviews

**Oner Yigit.** 2020. “Demography and Democracy: Transitions in the Middle East and North Africa Democratization.” *Democratization* 27(6): 1113–1115.

**Oner Yigit.** 2020. “Religion and Regimes: Support, Separation, and Opposition.” *Insight Turkey* 19(4): 209–212.

## conference presentations

“Why do some states recognize ethnic group rights while others deny?” APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Philadelphia, September 2024.

“Boosting and curbing nationalism: Instrumentalization of religion in ethnic conflict in Turkey.” Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, April 2024.

“Forced displacement, conflict exposure, and support for minority group rights: Evidence from ethnic conflict in Turkey.” Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York City, 2023.

“National Religious Interference Practices and Political Violence.” with Muhammed Akkus, Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, April 2022.

“Kurdish secular political movement and Islam in Turkey.” Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York City, 2019.

“Ethnic voting and religion in electoral behavior: Kurdish Case.” Florida Political Science Association, Tampa, 2019.

“Debate over Liberalism in Turkey, Center for Modern Turkish Studies.” Marmara University, Istanbul, 2017

## skills

**Programming & Statistical Software:** Python, R,  $\LaTeX$ , ArcGIS, Stata, SPSS

**Languages:** English (Fluent), Turkish and Kurdish (Native), Persian (Conversational)

## certified trainings

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2023

Datacamp Associate Data Scientist in Python, 2022

Multiple data science boot camps on Udemy, 2019 – 2023

Washington DC International Language Institute, ESL education, 2014 – 2016

service to  
profession

**Political Science Reviewer:** *Democratization and Comparative Political Studies*

datasets

State minority policies in new democracies (1974 – 2024, ongoing)  
Communal violence events (1980 – 2024, ongoing)  
Friday sermons texts in Turkey (2011 – 2022)

grants,  
honors,  
& awards

Graduate School Travel Grant, Binghamton University, Spring - 2024.  
Dissertation Year Award, Binghamton University, Spring - 2024.  
Harpur College Research Grant, Binghamton University, Fall - 2023.  
Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Binghamton University, Fall 2020 – Present.  
Provost's Doctoral Summer Fellowship, Binghamton University, Fall 2020 – Present.  
First Year Award, Binghamton University, 2020.  
Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Istanbul Sehir University, Fall 2016 – 2018.  
Istanbul Commodity Exchange Scholarship, Fall 2010 – 2012.

membership

American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)  
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

References

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