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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy of media and public services, democratic backsliding,  
computational social science

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Political economy, computational social science

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
*Middle East Initiative Predoctoral Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School* 2021-2022

## EDUCATION

**Duke University**, Durham, NC  
*Ph.D., Political Science* 2016-Present  
Dissertation Title: Politics of Media Capture  
Committee: Pablo Beramendi, Timur Kuran, Erik Wibbels  
Field: Political Economy, Political Methodology

**Duke University**, Durham, NC  
*M.A., Political Science* 2016-2019

**Boğaziçi University**, İstanbul, Turkey  
*M.A., Economics* 2014-2016

**Boğaziçi University**, İstanbul, Turkey  
*B.A., Economics & B.A., Political Science and International Relations* 2009-2014

**Sciences Po**, Paris, France  
*Exchange Student* 2013

## PUBLICATIONS

“Truth or Dare? Detecting Systematic Manipulation of COVID-19 Statistics” (with Asli Cansunar and Gozde Corekcioglu). (2020). *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, Vol. 1: No. 4, pp 543-557. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1561/113.00000021>

**Media Coverage:** [Independent Türkçe](#)

“Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Electoral Responses to Proximity of Healthcare” (with Asli Cansunar and Gozde Corekcioglu). *Conditionally accepted at the Journal of Politics (replication pending)*.

“Politics and Tree Cover Loss: Evidence from High-Resolution Satellite Data” *Accepted for publication at New Perspectives on Turkey*.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Favor exchanges and pro-government media bias”

“Institutional Gridlock and Democratic Backsliding: explaining popular support for aspiring autocrats”

“The Islamic Waqf: Instrument of Unequal Security, Worldly and Otherworldly” (with Timur Kuran)

“Paying the dues? Access, Congestion and Bribery” (with Diego Romero and Marco Morucci)

“Democratic Backsliding and Media Responses to Government Repression of Journalism: Machine Learning Evidence from Tanzania” (with Diego Romero and Erik Wibbels)

“New Interest, New Measures, Old Problems: An Analysis of the Latent Dimension(s) of Democracy” (with Scott deMarchi, Jeremy Springman, Mateo Villamizar-Chaparro, and Erik Wibbels)

**WORK IN  
PROGRESS**

“Local Media Organizations and Media Bias”

**REPORTS**

“Reporting on Civic Space: Differences in Coverage Between National and International Sources.” (with Diego Romero, Mike Sun, and Erik Wibbels)

**TEACHING &  
WORK  
EXPERIENCE**

**Duke University, Research Assistant:**  
2018-Present     Machine Learning for Peace Project

**Duke University, Research Assistant:**  
2017-2018     Prof. Timur Kuran

**Duke University, Teaching Assistant:**  
2017     Politics of Authoritarian Regimes

**Boğaziçi University, Graduate Teaching Assistant:**  
2014-2016     Microeconomics, Game Theoretical Models of Political Economy, Public Finance, Economics of Industrial Organization, Evolution of Economies and Economics, Turkish Economy, Growth and Development, Topics in History of Economic Thought

**Boğaziçi University, Undergraduate Teaching Assistant:**  
2013     Microeconomics

**FELLOWSHIPS  
AND AWARDS**

2020     Departmental Research Grant. Duke University, Department of Political Science.  
2020     Graduate School Summer Scholarship. Duke University, Graduate School.  
2018     Alona Evans Research Grant. Duke University, Department of Political Science.  
2016-2021     Graduate School Scholarship. Duke University, Department of Political Science.  
2014-2016     Graduate Fellowship. The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey.  
2014     Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Economics Department, Boğaziçi University.  
2009-2014     High Honor Student. Boğaziçi University.  
2009-2014     Undergraduate Fellowship. Mehmet Zorlu Foundation.

**WORKSHOPS  
&  
CONFERENCES**

2021     American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
2020     2<sup>nd</sup> LSE Workshop on Political Economy of Turkey  
2019     Workshop on Democratic Backsliding (Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen, Germany), Turkey Today: the 3rd Annual Graduate Student Conference (Columbia University)

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>Reviewer:</b> Journal of Politics, The Review of Economics and Statistics		
<b>SKILLS</b>	<b>Languages:</b> English, Turkish (native), French (intermediate) <b>Programming/Typesetting:</b> R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, SQL, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Markdown		
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