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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

<b>Africa Foundation</b> , Ankara (Turkey) <i>Non-Resident Fellow</i> , Horn of Africa Working Group	May 2024-Present
<b>Recep Tayyip Erdogan University</b> , Rize (Turkey) <i>Lecturer Dr.</i> , Department of International Relations	March 2024-Present

EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D.</b>	University of Delaware, <i>Political Science &amp; International Relations</i> , Newark DE (USA)	2024
<b>M.A.</b>	University of Delaware, <i>Political Science &amp; International Relations</i> , Newark DE (USA)	2020
<b>M.A.</b>	University of Denver, <i>International Studies</i> , Denver CO (USA) Josef Korbel School of International Studies	2018
<b>M.A.</b>	Gazi University, <i>Politics &amp; Social Sciences</i> , Ankara (Turkey)	(LoA) 2018
<b>B.A.</b>	Ufuk University, <i>Political Science &amp; International Relations</i> , Ankara (Turkey) Double Major in <i>International Trade &amp; Finance</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (GPA: 3.95/4)	2013

AREAS OF INTEREST

**Primary Field:** International Relations  
**Second Field:** Comparative Politics  
**Speciality Field:** International Security / Peace & Conflict Studies  
**Research Interests:** Political Violence, Civil Wars, Human Security, Environmental Security  
**Regional Interests:** Middle East & North Africa, Africa/Horn of Africa

**Ph.D. Dissertation:** “Droughts in the Midst of Conflicts: A Mixed-Method Analysis of Water Insecurity & Civil War Duration and Outcomes”  
**Dissertation Committee:** Dr. Stuart Kaufman (*Co-Chair/Advisor*), Dr. Benjamin Bagozzi (*Co-Chair/Advisor*), Dr. Matthew Weinert (*Committee Member*), Dr. Ore Koren (*External Member*)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Ozturk, Y. (2025). Revisiting the Debate on the Obsolescence & Changing Character of Wars: Schools, Arguments & Critiques. *The Journal of Security Sciences*, 14(1), 161-182. (<https://doi.org/10.28956/gbd.1516943>)

Ozturk, Y. (2024). What Makes Civil Wars Protracted? A Review of Systemic, Organizational & Individual-Level Factors. *Turkish Journal of Security Studies*, 26(2), 180-199. (<https://doi.org/10.54627/gcd.1578510>)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Ozturk, Y. (November 2024). “When & Under What Conditions Persistent Droughts Lead to Prolonged Civil Wars? The Case of the Ethiopian Civil War under the DERG/Mengistu Regime,” The ISA-Northeast Region 2024 Annual Conference; The Hilton Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD, USA.

Ozturk, Y. (June 2024). “Droughts in the Midst of Conflicts: A Mixed-Method Analysis of Water Insecurity & Civil War Duration and Outcomes” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding; Leiden University, The Hague, Netherlands.

Ozturk, Y. (May 2024). “Weaponization of Water in Civil Wars: The Case of the Second Sudanese Civil War” in the International Africa Symposium; Inonu University, Malatya, Turkey.

Ozturk, Y. (November 2023). “Droughts & Prolonged Civil Wars: The Case of Chad” in the ISA-Northeast 2023 Annual Conference; Providence, RI, USA.

Ozturk, Y. (April 2023). “Water Insecurity & Civil War Dynamics” in the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference; Chicago, IL, USA.

## INVITED TALKS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS & PANELS

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Participant. (April, 2025). “Antalya Diplomacy Forum 2025 (ADF2025): Reclaiming Diplomacy in a Fragmented World” Invited Forum, Center for Strategic Research of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye (SAM); Antalya, Turkey.

Presenter/Kick-Off Remarks. (January, 2025). “Somalia-Türkiye Relations Workshop - Within the Framework of Defense and Economic Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities” Invited Workshop, Africa Foundation & Heritage Institute for Policy Studies (HIPS); Mogadishu, Somalia.

Panelist. (December, 2024). “2024 ABD Seçim Sonuçlarının Değerlendirilmesi (Turkish)” Invited Panel, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University; Rize, Turkey.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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### Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University, Rize (Turkey)

#### Lecturer Dr.

Bölge Çalışmaları – Afrika (ULS 404, Turkish)	Spring 2025
Turkish Foreign Policy - II (IR 302, English)	Spring 2025
Türkiye Dış Politikası - II (ULS 302, Turkish)	Spring 2025
International Organizations (IR 205, English)	Fall 2024
Uluslararası Örgütler (ULS 205, Turkish)	Fall 2024
Turkish Foreign Policy - I (IR 303, English)	Fall 2024
Türkiye Dış Politikası - I (ULS 303, Turkish)	Fall 2024

### University of Delaware, Newark DE (USA)

#### Instructor

Model United Nations (POSC 475)	Fall 2023
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#### Graduate Teaching Assistant

State & Local Government (POSC 301, In-person, Grader)	Spring 2023
Introduction to Comparative Politics (POSC 270, Online, Grader)	Fall 2022

Research Methods for Political Science (POSC 300, In-person, Discussion Leader)	Spring 2022
Research Methods for Political Science (POSC 300, In-person, Discussion Leader)	Fall 2021
Research Methods for Political Science (POSC 300, Online, Discussion Leader)	Spring 2021
Introduction to Public Policy (POSC 220, Online, Discussion Leader)	Fall 2020
Introduction to American Politics (POSC 150, Hybrid, Discussion Leader)	Spring 2020
Introduction to Global Politics (POSC 240, In-person, Discussion Leader)	Fall 2019
Contemporary Political Ideologies (POSC 333, In-person, Grader)	Spring 2019
Introduction to Law (POSC/LEST 380, In-person, Grader)	Fall 2018

#### **Peer Mentor**

Middle East Partnership Initiative Student Leaders Program	Summer 2022
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### **RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCES**

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#### **University of Delaware, Newark DE (USA)**

##### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Summer 2021

PI: Dr. Stuart Kaufman

Department of Political Science & International Relations

Article: Kaufman, S. J. (2022). Is the U.S. Heading for a Civil War? Scenarios for 2024-25. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 1-29. (<https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2022.2137892>)

#### **University of Denver, Denver CO (USA)**

##### **Graduate Research Assistant**

April 2016 – June 2017

Diplometrics Project – Country & Organization Leader Travel Database (COLT)

PI: Dr. Jonathan Moyer

Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures

Josef Korbel School of International Studies

Website: <https://korbel.du.edu/pardee/content/country-organization-leader-travel>

#### **Institute of Strategic Thinking (SDE), Ankara (Turkey)**

June-July 2013

##### **Research Intern**

Salafi-Jihadist Movements in the Middle East & North Africa

PI: Dr. Birol Akgun

#### **Turkish Cooperation & Coordination Agency (TIKA), Ankara (Turkey)**

August 2012

##### **Trainee**

Tajikistan Research Office

Department of Central Asia & Caucasia

#### **Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, Kocaeli (Turkey)**

August 2011

##### **Trainee**

Legal Council

### **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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#### **The Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago IL (USA)**

Developing Nations Scholarship (2-year renewal)

2024

#### **University of Delaware, Newark DE (USA)**

Graduate Student Travel Award: The ISA-Northeast 2023 Annual Conference

2023

Graduate Student Travel Award: The 80<sup>th</sup> MPSA Annual Conference

2023

Participation Award: Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	2022
Teaching Assistant Fellowship	2018-2023
Full Tuition Waiver	2018-2023

<b>Republic of Turkey Ministry of National Education</b> , Ankara (Turkey)	
YLSY Scholarship for Ph.D. Studies Abroad	2018-2023
YLSY Scholarship for M.A. Studies Abroad	2016-2018

<b>OSYM Undergraduate Scholarship/Ufuk University</b> , Ankara (Turkey)	
Full Tuition Waiver	2008-2013

## HONORS & AWARDS

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<b>Ufuk University</b> , Ankara (Turkey)	
High Honor Student ( <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , GPA: 3.95/4)	2013
Department of Political Science & International Relations	
Faculty of Economic & Administrative Sciences	

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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**Editorial Board**  
*Turkish Journal of International Development*

**Reviewer**  
*Güvenlik Çalışmaları Dergisi, Lectio Socialis*

## UNIVERSITY SERVICES

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<b>University of Delaware</b> , Newark DE (USA)	
Mentorship for M.A. students	Fall 2023, Fall 2021
Grad LEAP: Alumni Mentoring Program for Graduate Students, Mentor Collective	

<b>Turkey International Relations Studies Platform (TUIC)</b> , Ankara (Turkey)	
Representative of Ufuk University	2011-2013

<b>Ufuk University</b> , Ankara (Turkey)	
Founding Member	2009-2013
Political Platform Student Community	

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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<b>Young Guru Academy</b> , Ankara (Turkey)	January-June 2011
Volunteer Mentorship in the Read, Think and Share Project	

<b>Amnesty International</b> , Ankara (Turkey)	September 2010-June 2011
Volunteer Internship at the Ankara Office	

## LANGUAGES

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**Turkish:** Native Language

**English:** Professional Working Proficiency

IELTS Academic (January 2015): Overall: 7,5 | L: 7,5 R: 7,5 W: 7,5 S: 6,5

**German:** Limited Working Proficiency

McGraw-Hill Education (January 2019): Certificate of Level Completion | Level A1 in German

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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**MS Office:** Word, Excel, PowerPoint

**Software:** STATA, R, MAXQDA

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

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**Africa Foundation,** Ankara (Turkey)

Horn of Africa Studies

January-February 2025

**Syracuse University,** Syracuse NY (USA)

Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs

The Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR)

June 2022

**International Political Science Association (IPSA),** Antalya (Turkey)

Certificate in Qualitative Content Analysis Program

September 2021

**University of Delaware,** Newark DE (USA)

Certificate of Participation in the Summer Institute on Teaching

September 2021

**University of Georgia,** Athens GA (USA)

Attendance to the Intensive English Language Program

October 2014 - April 2015

**Hacettepe University,** Ankara (Turkey)

Attendance to the Intensive English Language Program

February-September 2014

**NATO Public Diplomacy & ClimSity,** Istanbul (Turkey)

Certificate in Security Implications of Climate Change

November 2021

**US Institute of Peace,** Washington DC (USA)

Certificate of Completion in Introduction to Peacebuilding

June 2021

**Mentor Collective,** Boston MA (USA)

Trained Mentor Certificate

October 2021

**Small & Medium Enterprises Development Organization (KOSGEB),** Kocaeli (Turkey)

Certificate in Applied Entrepreneurship Education

November 2012

**Amnesty International,** Ankara (Turkey)

Participation in the Economic, Social & Cultural Rights

Training Program for Trainers

October 2011

<b>Young Guru Academy</b> , Istanbul (Turkey) Invited Participant of the Leadership Summit	November 2010
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**MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

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<b>Peace Science Society (International)</b> Membership	June 2024-Present
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<b>Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)</b> Membership	February 2023-Present
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<b>American Political Science Association (APSA)</b> Membership	September 2019-Present
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<b>Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures</b> , Denver CO (USA) Associate Alumni	June 2017-Present
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<b>International Studies Associations (ISA)</b> Membership	April 2016-Present
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