

MERVE EDEER

📍 Seattle, WA | ✉ edeer@uw.edu

EDUCATION

- University of Washington, Seattle, WA** 2025 – present
Ph.D. Student, Political Science
Fields: Political Economy, Political Methodology, Comparative Politics
Advisor: Dr. Asli Cansunar
- Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey** 2021 – 2023
M.A., Turkish Studies
Thesis: “Perceptions on Social Assistance Dependency and Voting Behavior”
Advisor: Prof. Ozge Kemahlioglu
- Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey** 2015 – 2020
B.A., Sociology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, (for Dr. Fatih Serkant Adigüzel)** 2024 – present
Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
Conducting systematic manual coding of Turkish newspaper articles to develop training data for supervised machine learning models, contributing to computational text analysis research on Turkish media.
- Research Assistant, (for Prof. Özge Kemahlioğlu)** 2023
Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
Identified and coded human rights violations in Turkey at the municipality level, contributing to a systematic dataset on local governance and civil liberties.
- Research Fellow, TUBITAK 1003 Project** 2021 – 2023
Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul, Turkey
Worked on the “Sustainable Cities” project funded by TUBITAK. Conducted semi-structured and focus group interviews, designed, analyzed, and visualized survey data, managed intern teams, and reported findings.
- Research Intern** 2018
Hrant Dink Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey
Internship in the oral history program for the book *Sivaslı Ermeniler Anlatıyor* (“Armenians from Sivas Tell Their Story”). Transcribed, analyzed, and reported interviews, and worked in the historical archive department.
- Research Intern** 2018
Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey
Internship in the “Integration or Social Cohesion: Naming is Political” project. Analyzed newspapers retrospectively, examined political discourses within historical context, and wrote a final report on how refugees are labeled by political elites over time.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Media Framing of Turkey’s Economic Crisis” (with Serkant Adiguzel and Irem Aydas)
“Distributive Politics, Economic Dependency, and Evaluation of Policies” (with Ozge Kemahlioglu)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Seattle, WA	2025 – present
– Teaching Assistant	
POLS/ENVIR 384: Global Environmental Politics	
Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey	2021 – 2025
– Teaching Assistant	
SPS101: Humanity and Society	
SPS102: Humanity and Society II	
SPS303: Law and Ethics	

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Fellowship, University of Washington	2025
Full Scholarship, Sabanci University	2023 – 2025
Research Fellow Scholarship, TUBITAK	2021 – 2023
Full Tuition and Dormitory Scholarship, Sabanci University	2021 – 2022

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

25 th ECPR General Conference	2025
– “Distributive Politics, Economic Dependency, and Evaluation of Policies”	
Turkish Political Science Association 2 nd National Conference	2023
– “Social Assistance and Political Expectations”	

SKILLS

Software	Stata (Advanced), R (Advanced), Python (Intermediate), L ^A T _E X (Advanced)
Languages	Turkish (Native), English (Advanced), French (Advanced), Spanish (Beginner)

REFERENCES

Aslı Cansunar

University of Washington
cansunar@uw.edu

Özge Kemahlioğlu

Sabanci University
ozge.kemahlioglu@sabanciuniv.edu

Fatih Serkant Adıgüzel

Sabanci University
serkant.adiguzel@sabanciuniv.edu

Mert Moral

Sabanci University
mmoral@sabanciuniv.edu