

# CAN BODRUMLU

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Washington** • WA, USA 2024 – present  
Ph.D. • Political Science • College of Arts & Sciences  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Methodology

**Sabancı University** • Istanbul, Turkey 2022 – 2024  
M.A. • Political Science • Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
Thesis title: “The Role of Bureaucratic Capacity on Public Service Provision”  
Thesis Advisor: Assist. Prof. Serkant Adiguzel

**Bogazici University** • Istanbul, Turkey 2017 – 2022  
B.A. (with Honors) • Political Science and IR • Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Political Methodology, Quantitative Methods,  
Turkish Politics, Bureaucracy, Public Service Provision

## WORKING PROJECTS

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- **When the Government Fires the State:** How Bureaucratic Purges Weaken Public Service Capacity (*Under Review*)
  - Philo S. Bennett Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Democratic Politics (2025), UW
- **Behind the Desk:** What Becomes of Bureaucrats Who Plan Mass Violence?
  - The Kizhanatham Jagannathan Graduate Research Grant (2026-27), UW
- **Under the Iron Gavel:** Probing the Quieting Effect of Authoritarian University Takeovers on Political Science Research (with Asli Cansunar)
- **What’s in a Name?** Naming Practices as Acts of Political Resistance (with Asli Cansunar, Nela Mrchkovska, and Ramses Llobet)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Consultant** – Duke University Summer 2025

- Assisted in the digitization of Ottoman court records for Prof. Timur Kuran’s research project.

**Research Assistant** – Sabancı University Summer 2024

- Assisted in the digitization of Turkish Trade Registry Gazette records for Prof. Serkant Adiguzel’s research project.

**Research Assistant** – Bogazici University 2020, 2022

- Assisted two separate faculty-led research projects:
  - “Judges, Victims, and Experts: Situating Knowledge in International Human Rights Adjudication” (Assist. Prof. Fleur van Leeuwen): conducted literature review and prepared an annotated bibliography.
  - “Poverty Eradication in Sub-Saharan Africa” (Assoc. Prof. Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu): contributed to literature review on governance and development policy.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant** – University of Washington 2025 – present

- POLS 204 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Au’25, Sp’26)
- POLS 331 Government and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa (Wi’26)

**Teaching Assistant** – Sabancı University 2022 – 2024

- SPS 102 Humanity and Society (Core freshman course)

## SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

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Don Lavoie Fellowship, The Mercatus Center at George Mason University 2025 – 2026

Richard B. Wesley Comparative Politics Fellowship, University of Washington	2025
Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship, University of Washington	2024 – 2025
Graduate School Scholarship, Sabanci University	2022 – 2024
Undergraduate Fellowship, Bogazici University Foundation	2017 – 2022

#### CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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- Association for the Study of Religion and Culture (ASREC) Conference & Graduate Workshop. CA, USA March 2026

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Editor</b> – Duvar English Remote	2023 – 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translated Turkish news articles into English, ensuring accurate communication of events to English-speaking audiences</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Intern</b> – Çavaria Ghent, Belgium	June 2023 – Sep. 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed the academic and civil society literature on development projects under the project titled, “<i>Decolonizing Trainings on Sexual and Gender Diversity</i>”</li> </ul>	
<b>Curriculum Editor</b> – Arkhé Project İzmir, Turkey	June 2022 – Oct. 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created content for the education module of the economics program, coordinated students and lecturers during the one-week on-site program</li> </ul>	

#### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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<b>Bogazici University LGBTI+ Studies Club</b>	2017 – 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spearheaded event organization, campaign management, and member orientation as coordinator and board member (3 years)</li> <li>• Supervised the project group established for the human rights violations on campus and facilitated the distribution of the report among faculty</li> </ul>	

#### SKILLS

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**Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (Advanced), Arabic (Beginner)  
**Programming:** R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X