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EDUCATION

- University of Washington** • WA, USA 2024 – present
Ph.D. • Political Science • College of Arts & Sciences
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Methodology
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Asli Cansunar
- M.A. • Political Science • College of Arts & Sciences 2026
- Sabanci 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: Dr. Serkant Adiguzel
- Bogazici University** • Istanbul, Turkey 2017 – 2022
B.A. (with Honors) • Political Science and IR • Faculty of Economics & Administrative Sciences

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

WORKING PROJECTS

- **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

- Consultant** – Duke University Summer 2025
- Assisted in the digitization of Ottoman court records for Prof. Timur Kuran’s research project.
- Research Assistant** – Sabanci 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

- 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

- The Kizhanatham Jagannathan Graduate Research Grant, UW (\$6,450) 2026 – 2027
- Don Lavoie Fellowship, The Mercatus Center at George Mason University (\$1,000) 2025 – 2026
- Richard B. Wesley Comparative Politics Fellowship, University of Washington (\$2,000) 2025
- Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship, University of Washington 2024 – 2025
- Graduate School Scholarship, Sabancı University 2022 – 2024
- Undergraduate Scholarship, Bogazici University Foundation 2017 – 2022

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Editor** – Duvar English 2023 – 2025
Remote
- Translated Turkish news articles into English, ensuring accurate communication of events to English-speaking audiences
- Project Intern** – Çavaria June 2023 – Sep. 2023
Ghent, Belgium
- Reviewed the academic and civil society literature on development projects under the project titled, *“Decolonizing Trainings on Sexual and Gender Diversity”*
- Curriculum Editor** – Arkhé Project June 2022 – Oct. 2022
İzmir, Turkey
- Created content for the education module of the economics program, coordinated students and lecturers during the one-week on-site program

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Bogazici University LGBTI+ Studies Club** 2017 – 2022
- Spearheaded event organization, campaign management, and member orientation as coordinator and board member (3 years)

SKILLS

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Advanced), Arabic (Beginner)
Programming: R, Stata, L^AT_EX

Last updated: May 1, 2026