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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
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

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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, Summer 2026
- 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)	

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Fellowships & Grants

The Kizhanatham Jagannathan Graduate Research Grant, UW (\$6,450)	2026 – 2027
Margaret Levi and Robert D. Kaplan Graduate Fellowship in Comparative Political Economy, UW (\$2,000)	2026
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

Scholarships

Parvin E’tesami Student Support Fund Scholarship, Middle East Center at the UW (\$1,200)	2026
Graduate School Scholarship, Sabanci 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
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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