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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Democratization and Ethnic Minorities; Self-Determination Politics; Civil War; Terrorism and Counterterrorism

## EDUCATION

**Columbia University** 2012 – present  
Ph.D. in Political Science, expected 2019  
M.Phil. & M.A. in Political Science, 2015, 2013

*Dissertation:* “The Politics of Self-Determination Reform in Emerging Democracies”

*Advisors:* Page Fortna, Jack Snyder

**Bogazici University, Istanbul** 2008 – 2012  
B.A., Political Science and International Relations  
Summa cum laude, GPA 3.9

**Freie Universität Berlin** 2010 – 2011  
Erasmus Exchange Program

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Concessions or Crackdown: How Regime Stability Shapes Democratic Responses to Hostage-taking Terrorism.” Forthcoming at *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

## UNDER REVIEW

“Weapon of the Stronger: A Market Share Theory of Terrorism in Civil War.” With Renanah Miles and Laura Resnick. Under review at *International Studies Quarterly*.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Democratization, Ethnic Minorities and the Politics of Self-Determination Reform.” (Job Market Paper)

“Transitioning Without Violence: Democratization and Ethnic Minorities.”

“Extending the Olive Branch to Autonomy-Seekers: Domestic Politics and Government Peace Initiatives in Self-Determination Disputes.”

“Building and Burning Bridges: When Soft Power Strategies Fail to Advance Foreign Policy.”

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Turkey’s Academics and Students Defy the Purge in Solidarity: We are not leaving!” *Muftah* online journal, April 17, 2017.

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

SIPA Cordier Fellowship, Columbia University 2017 – 2018  
Travel Grant, American Political Science Association 2017  
AC4 Graduate Fellowship, The Earth Institute, Columbia University 2016  
Dissertation Development Grant, Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University 2016  
Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University 2014, 2016  
Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University 2014, 2016, 2017  
Dean’s Fellowship, Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University 2012 – 2017  
Turkish Education Foundation (TEV), Academic Excellence Scholarship 2009 – 2012  
Turkish Government Scholarship for Exceptional Achievement in the 2008 College Entrance Examination 2008 – 2012  
Erasmus Exchange Program Scholarship 2010 – 2011

<b>CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS</b>	“Transitioning Without Violence: Democratization and Ethnic Minorities.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 5th Annual Sustaining Peace Forum, Columbia University	2017 2017
	“Weapon of the Stronger: How Balance of Power in Civil War Affects Rebel Use of Terrorism.” (with Renanah Miles and Laura Resnick). Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference Security Studies Workshop, Columbia University	2017 2017
	“Extending the Olive Branch to Autonomy-Seekers: Domestic Politics and Government Peace Initiatives in Self-Determination Disputes.” International Studies Association Annual Convention	2016
	“Building and Burning Bridges: When Soft Power Strategies Fail to Advance Foreign Policy.” International Studies Association Annual Convention “De-provincializing Soft Power: A Global-Historical Approach” Conference, Columbia Global Policy Center, Istanbul	2016 2015
	“Are Democracies Really Softer Targets? Domestic Politics and State-Terrorist Bargaining in Hostage-Taking Incidents.” ISAC-ISSS Annual Conference on Security Studies	2014
<b>OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Visiting Researcher, Ateneo de Manila University, The Philippines</b> <i>Fieldwork:</i> The Philippines, September-November 2016	Sept - Nov 2016
	<b>Research Assistant to Prof. Timothy Frye</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted literature reviews for a research project on international economic sanctions</li> <li>• Collected and visually presented data on the historical record of academic publications on US-Soviet and US-Russia relations in major political science journals</li> </ul>	Feb - June 2016
<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Research Intern, Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin, Germany</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted the Peace and Security team’s research on the organizational dynamics of UN peacekeeping bureaucracy</li> <li>• Summarized articles and reports evaluating the UN-OSCE efforts on security sector reform in Kosovo</li> </ul>	July – Sept 2011
	<b>Instructor, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)</b> Conceptual Foundations of International Politics	Fall 2017
	<b>Teaching Assistant, SIPA</b> Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Prof. Stuart Gottlieb	Spring/Summer 2015
	<b>Teaching Fellow, Columbia University Department of Political Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope and Methods, Prof. Chiara Superti</li> <li>• Political Science Research Methods, Prof. Michael Miller</li> <li>• International Politics, Prof. Kimberley Marten</li> <li>• Civil Wars and Intl. Interventions in Africa, Prof. Severine Autesserre</li> <li>• U.S. Foreign Policy, Prof. Eric Blanchard</li> <li>• International Cooperation and Institutions, Prof. Johannes Urpelainen</li> <li>• Introduction to International Relations, Prof. Tonya Putnam</li> </ul>	Fall 2018 Spring 2017 Fall 2015 Spring 2015 Fall 2014 Spring 2014 Fall 2013

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE**

**Co-founder, Northeast Working Group in Turkish Politics** Oct 2016 – Present  
Coordinating academic events on Turkish politics with a team of PhD students from different US universities in the northeast

- Organized several guest speaker events in NY and two conferences at Yale and Northeastern University
- Prepared grant proposals for conference funding
- Currently the lead organizer for our next graduate student conference at Columbia University, scheduled for February 2019

**Co-Founder, Oy Ver Amerika (Vote America)** Feb– April 2017

- Launched a social media campaign to increase voter turnout in Turkey's 2017 constitutional referendum among Turkish citizens living in the US
- Helped recruit and manage a team of campaign volunteers based in the US and Turkey
- Collaborated with US-based Turkish student associations and political party representatives to arrange voter transportation to the consulates

**Social Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Council (PSGSC),  
Columbia University** 2013 – 2014

- Led organization of department's social events for the academic year and off-campus events for the PhD recruitment week

**Coordinator, Center for European Studies Student Forum,  
Bogazici University** 2008 – 2012

- Collaborated with a team of IR students to organize annual national and international conferences on Turkey-EU relations

**SKILLS**

*Languages:* Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), German (Intermediate), Spanish (Beginner)  
*Software:* Stata, R, LaTeX  
*Training:* The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)

**REFERENCES**

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