

# CIGDEM UNAL

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Relations, Terrorism, Civil Wars, Political Behavior, Public Protests, and Elections.

## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b>	University of Pittsburgh, Political Science Dissertation: "Three Essays on Terrorism and Political Behavior: An Analysis at Country, Individual, and Party Levels" Committee: Steven Finkel (chair), Burcu Savun, Jae-Jae Spoon, Luke Condra	Expected in 2022
<b>MA</b>	University of Pittsburgh, Political Science Advisor: Steven Finkel	April 2019
<b>MA</b>	Sabanci University, Political Science Advisor: Kerim Can Kavakli	June 2017
<b>BA</b>	Bahcesehir University, Political Science and International Relations Graduation with Highest Honors <b>Study Abroad:</b> Syracuse University, NY, USA Viadrina European University, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany.	June 2015 Spring 2014 Spring 2013

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Assistant</b> to Stephen Finkel, University of Pittsburgh	Spring 2020
<b>Research Assistant</b> to William Spaniel, University of Pittsburgh	2019 to 2020
<b>Research Assistant</b> to Laura Paler, University of Pittsburgh	Spring 2019
<b>Research Assistant</b> to Kerim Can Kavakli, Sabanci University	2015 to 2016
<b>Research Assistant</b> to Ozge Kemahlioglu, Sabanci University	Summer 2016

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Achievement in Pedagogy Badge</b> University of Pittsburgh, Center for Teaching and Learning	2020-2021
<b>Instructor</b> , International Terrorism, University of Pittsburgh	Summer 2020
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , World Politics, University of Pittsburgh	Fall 2018 - Fall 2019
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Humanity and Society I, Sabanci University	Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh</b>	2020-2021
<b>Outstanding Presenter Award at the Grad Expo</b>	2019 and 2018
<b>Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship</b>	2017-2018
<b>Faculty of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Scholarship, Sabanci University</b>	2015-2017

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Paper Presentation**, “Do Terrorist Attacks Mobilize People to Protest?,” Political Turbulence Workshop at UCL, London UK, February 2020

**Paper Presentation**, “The Impact of Terrorism on the Level of Voter Turnout,” Southern Political Science Association, Austin TX, January 2019

**Paper Presentation**, “Travelling Dangerously: Exposure to Terrorism at Home and the Willingness to Travel to Countries Experiencing Terrorism” (co-authored with Kerim Can Kavakli), Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 2018

**Workshop**, “Refugee and “refugees”: Challenge for the World, not just for Europe”, Academia Aestiva Internationalis Summer School, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2016

**Summer School**, “Summer School for Future Diplomats,” Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Center for Strategic Research, Ankara, Turkey, 2012

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles for:

- *International Interactions*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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**University of Pittsburgh**  
Teaching Assistant/TF Mentor for the Department of Political Science 2020-2021

**University of Pittsburgh**  
Business Manager at Turkish American Students Association of PITT 2020-2021

## SKILLS

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### Languages

Turkish (native), English (advanced)

### Computer

Stata, R, Microsoft Office, Latex, Beamer