

CIGDEM UNAL

Contact

Department of Political Science
University of Pittsburgh
4600 Wesley W. Posvar Hall
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Tel: 412-251-6794
E-mail: ciu2@pitt.edu

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh: Ph.D. in Political Science 2017-2022 (Expected)
Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics
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

University of Pittsburgh: M.A. in Political Science 2017-2019

Sabancı University: M.A. in Political Science 2015-2017

Bahcesehir University: B.A. in Political Science and International Relations 2009-2015

Student Exchange Semesters:

Syracuse University, NY, USA Spring 2014
Viadrina European University, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany Spring 2013

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Achievement in Pedagogy Badge, Center for Teaching and Learning 2020-Present

Participant in Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) June 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pittsburgh

Instructor: International Terrorism Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant: World Politics Fall 2021 & Fall 2019 & Fall 2018

Sabancı University

Teaching Assistant: Humanity and Society I Fall 2016 & Spring 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Pittsburgh

Research Assistant to Steven Finkel Spring 2020

Research Assistant to William Spaniel Fall 2019 & Spring 2020

Research Assistant to Laura Paler Spring 2019

Sabancı University

Research Assistant to Kerim Can Kavakli Fall 2015 & Spring 2016

Research Assistant to Ozge Kemahlioglu Summer 2016

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2020-2021

Awarded to students of exceptional ability and promise who are enrolled in programs leading to the PhD in the social sciences at University of Pittsburgh. Fellowship includes a stipend and tuition scholarship for one academic year.

Outstanding Presenter Award at the Grad Expo 2018 & 2019

Selected as the most outstanding presenter among Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences graduate students from a variety of disciplines by a committee of judges which included fellow students, faculty, and other members of the Pitt community.

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship 2017-2018

Granted a funding package that aims to recruit doctoral students of exceptional ability and promise for their first year in the Ph.D.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Paper Presentation

“Does Terrorism Mobilize People to Participate in Protests or Keep Them Away From the Public Space?” International Studies Association, Nashville TN, April 2022

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

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

“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

Other Participation

Panel Chair: “Social Movements, Revolutions, and Popular Mobilization” International Studies Association, Nashville TN, April 2022

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Structural Racism Assistant Professor Search Committee: University of Pittsburgh, 2021

Teaching Assistant/Teaching Fellow Mentor: Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2020-Present

Peer Reviewer: *International Interactions*

SKILLS

Computer Skills: Stata, R, Python, Latex, Beamer, Microsoft Office, Blackboard, Canvas, Perusall

Methodological Skills: Experience with quantitative research methods and machine learning including Time-series/Longitudinal Analysis, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Structural Equation Modeling, Natural Language Processing and Text Analysis