

# CIGDEM UNAL

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## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Relations, Civil Wars, Terrorism, Political Behavior

## 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 2023
<b>MA</b>	University of Pittsburgh, Political Science	April 2019
<b>MA</b>	Sabanci University, Political Science	June 2017
<b>BA</b>	Bahcesehir University, Political Science and International Relations	June 2015
	<b>Study Abroad:</b> Syracuse University, NY, USA Viadrina European University, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany	Spring 2014 Spring 2013

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Achievement in Pedagogy Badge</b> , Center for Teaching and Learning at Pitt	2020-2021
<b>Instructor</b> , International Terrorism, University of Pittsburgh	Summer 2020
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , World Politics, University of Pittsburgh	2018-2022
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Humanity and Society I, Sabanci University	Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

## WORKING PAPERS

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- “The Impact of Public Holidays on Insurgent Attacks: The Case of Thailand” with Chris Chinda, Zoe Marchment, and Paul Gill. Revise and Resubmit at Terrorism and Political Violence
- “The Effects of Rainfall on Terrorist Attacks in Northern Ireland” with Paul Gill
- “Does Airport Security Reduce Terrorism? Analysis of Prevention and Displacement toward Transport Hubs” with Amber Seaward, Zoe Marchment, and Paul Gill
- “Terrorist Attacks and Political Attitudes and Behavior: A p-curve analysis” with Sandy Schumann
- “The Consequences of Civilian Casualties Caused by Counterterrorism Operations: The Case of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan” with Paul Gill
- “Do Terrorist Attacks Mobilize People to Protest?”
- “The Impact of Terrorism on the Level of Voter Turnout”

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Research Fellow** at University College London July 2022 to Present
- Leading and supporting projects as a quantitative social scientist for the Grievance Project team (funded by the European Research Council (ERC))
- Research Assistant** to Steven Finkel, University of Pittsburgh Spring 2020
- Reviewed the current literature on civic education and democratic backsliding
- Research Assistant** to William Spaniel, University of Pittsburgh 2019 to 2020
- Wrote case studies on the effect of competition on terrorist group operations
- Research Assistant** to Laura Paler, University of Pittsburgh Spring 2019
- Assisted in creating replication files
  - Cleared and transformed data
- Research Assistant** to Kerim Can Kavakli, Sabanci University 2015 to 2016
- Collected data on terrorist incidents from newspapers
  - Gave computer-based implicit bias tests to undergraduate students
- Research Assistant** to Ozge Kemahlioglu, Sabanci University Summer 2016
- Reviewed the V-Dem Project Codebook and inspected relevant variables for the project

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

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- American Political Science Association (2022, 2023-accepted)
- International Studies Association (2022)
- “Political Turbulence” Workshop at University College London (2020)
- Southern Political Science Association (2019)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2018)
- “Refugee and “refugees”: Challenge for the World, not just for Europe” Workshop by Academia Aestiva Internationalis Summer School in Ljubljana, Slovenia (2016)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>First-Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant, APSA</b>	2022
<b>Pitt Three Minute Thesis Competition, University of Pittsburgh</b>	2022
<b>Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh</b>	2020-2021
<b>Outstanding Presenter Award at the Grad Expo, University of Pittsburgh</b>	2019 & 2018
<b>Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh</b>	2017-2018
<b>Faculty of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Scholarship, Sabanci University</b>	2015-2017

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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Peer-Reviewed Articles for: *International Interactions*

TA/TF Mentor for the Department of Political Science at PITT 2020-2021

President of Turkish American Students Association at PITT 2020-Present

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Istanbul Policy Center</b> , Istanbul, Turkey                                 | 2017         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project Assistant</li></ul>              |              |
| <b>Co-Opinion</b> (NGO with a focus on youth employment)                         | 2015 to 2017 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Member, Academic Affairs</li></ul> |              |
| <b>American Studies Center (AMERS)</b> , Istanbul, Turkey                        | 2012 to 2014 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative Assistant</li></ul>       |              |

## SKILLS

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### Methodology

Quantitative research methods including Time-series/Longitudinal Analysis, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Structural Equation Modeling, and Quasi-experimental approaches such as Difference in Difference and Event Study design

### Computer

Stata, R, Python, Microsoft Office, Latex, Beamer

### Languages

Turkish (native), English (advanced)