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EDUCATION	Ph.D., Political Science University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	August 2024 - Present
	M.A., Political Science Central European University	May 2021
	B.A., International Relations Bilkent University	June 2020
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	University of Oslo & PRIO International Summer School, Oslo, Norway – Course taken: Peace Research	2019
	ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Budapest, Hungary – Courses taken: R Basics, Qualitative Data Analysis, Longitudinal Research Designs-Qualitative Approaches, Math Refresher	2019
	Erasmus-Exchange Student at Sciences-Po, Paris, France	2018
EXPERIENCE	Project Assistant International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Ankara, Türkiye – Worked on the EU-funded “Drafting of a National Integrated Border Management (IBM) Strategy and Updating of the National Action Plan to Implement Türkiye’s IBM Strategy (EU4IBMTR)” project. (Budget: €2 Million) – Seconded to the Ministry of Interior to collaborate with senior officials in crafting key documents in preparation for the country-level integrated border management strategy and action plan. – Compiled,analyzed,and presented data on migration management and border security. – Assisted in planning, coordinating, and implementing capacity-building workshops and thematic focus group meetings, while maintaining effective and extensive liaison with competent ministries and project stakeholders.	July 2022 - Aug 2024
	Research Assistant Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul, Türkiye – Gathered, analyzed, and visualized social, economic, and demographic data on Turkey. Some parts of the work accessible online <a href="#">here</a> . – Conducted web scraping in R to extract text from selected local newspapers’ online platforms and analyzed them using quantitative text analysis techniques. – Prepared daily summaries of national and international press articles.	Dec. 2021 - Feb. 2022
	Research Assistant Research Assistant to Prof. Berk Esen, Ankara, Türkiye – Collected, coded, and analyzed background information on 4,500 candidates in the 2019 Turkish Municipal Elections and 70 political elites from the Justice and Development Party (AKP). This involved using MS Excel, open-source data, and hand-coding for a social network analysis of the Turkish electoral system. – Conducted literature review on Turkish foreign aid. This was part of a different study investigating the distribution patterns of the assistance.	June 2019 - Sept. 2020

	<p>Intern Feb. 2019 - May 2019</p> <p>Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research, Ankara, Türkiye</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Collected syllabi for 50 graduate-level International Relations (IR) Theory courses taught at universities across the Middle East and Mediterranean region for the Global IR project. The results of this project were presented at the “4th All Azimuth Workshop on Dialogue in Core-Periphery IR”. (Advisor: Prof. Ersel Aydınli)</li> <li>– Edited and translated articles on political methodology from English to Turkish for publication in the All Azimuth journal. Additionally, I involved in drafting written materials for the center.</li> </ul>	
	<p>Summer Intern June 2018 - Aug. 2018</p> <p>Issam Fares Institute, Beirut, Lebanon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Conducted academic research and compiled documents listing and summarizing prior works on energy security and nuclear energy in Turkey. This was in preparation for a study examining the implications of the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant on the Turkish energy market. (Advisor: Dr. Ali Ahmad)</li> <li>– As a member of the organizing team for the “International Panel on Exiting Violence,” sponsored by the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme and held in Beirut, managed the transportation and accommodations of the participants.</li> </ul>	
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	<p>Departmental Assistantship Award, UNC-Chapel Hill 2024</p> <p>International Relations Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill 2024</p> <p>Full Tuition Waiver for Master in Transnational Governance, EUI [<i>declined</i>] 2021</p> <p>CEU Scholarship for Master’s Studies, Central European University 2020-2021</p> <p>Bilkent University Comprehensive Scholarship, Bilkent University 2015-2020</p> <p>First Prize in Transdisciplinary Senior Project Competition, Bilkent University 2019</p> <p>Romanian Embassy Essay Contest, First Prize, Bilkent University 2019</p> <p>Erasmus+ Student Mobility Grant 2018</p> <p>Summer Internship Grant, Crossing Paths 2018</p>	
TECHNICAL SKILLS	R   R Studio   R Markdown   Quarto, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, MS Office (Excel   PowerPoint   Word), NVivo	
LANGUAGES	Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate)	