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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Austin
PhD, Government – 2025 (Expected)
International Relations, Methods

Dissertation: “**Fleeing Voluntarily: How Projected Patriotism Shapes Attitudes Towards Conflict Refugees**”

Committee: Michael Findley (chair), Amy Liu, Daniel Nielson

Sabanci University, Istanbul
M.A., Economics – 2019

Bogazici University, Istanbul
B.A., Economics – 2017

PUBLICATIONS

“**Aiding War: Foreign Aid and the Intensity of Violent Armed Conflict.**”
International Studies Quarterly (2023)

(w/ Michael Findley, Daniel Strandow and Joe Young)

“**A Field Experiment Encouraging COVID-19 Vaccination**”
PNAS Nexus (2024)

(w/ Jiseon Chang, Roman Hlatky, Huimin Li, Daniel Nielson)

WORKING PAPERS

“**Fleeing Voluntarily: How Projected Patriotism Shapes Attitudes Towards Conflict Refugees**”

Scheduled to be presented at APSA 2024

“**When fleeing war is justified: out-migration attitudes in Ukraine**”

(w/ Betty Compton, Roman Hlatky, Holly Jansen, Amy Liu, Eoin Power)

Sound And Fury, Signifying Nothing? An Empirical Test Of Russian Influence In Asia And Eastern Europe

(w/ Jiseon Chang, Danny Cowser, Nivedita Jhunjunwala, Daniel Nielson, Eoin Power)

Presented at ISA Midwest 2023, LBJ Policy Conference 2023

Effectiveness of Female Combatants

Presented at APSA 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Co-Instructor

– **Math of Politics** *University of Texas at Austin*

Teaching Assistant

- **Graduate level courses**

- **Statistical Analysis in Political Science I** *University of Texas at Austin*

- **Statistical Analysis in Political Science II** *University of Texas at Austin*

- **Quantitative Methods** *Sabanci University*

- **Game Theory** *Sabanci University*

- **Undergraduate level courses**

- **Econometrics** *Sabanci University*

- **Game Theory** *Sabanci University*

- **Intermediate Microeconomics** *Sabanci University*

- **Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence** *University of Texas at Austin*

- **U.S. Foreign Policy in Middle East** *University of Texas at Austin*
- **Suicide Terrorism** *University of Texas at Austin*

Mentorship

- **Team Lead at Innovations for Peace and Development Lab** *University of Texas at Austin*
 - * *Led a team of 15 undergraduate research assistants including weekly meetings, assisting with data collection and coding.*

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE

For Michael Findley: Summer 2020 - ongoing

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ICPSR 2022 *Participant*
IQMR 2023 *Participant*

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Provost Priority Fellowship - UT Austin 2019-2024
 Texas Politics Project Research Grant - UT Austin 2024
 Collogee of Liberal Arts Graduate Research Award - UT Austin 2024
 Civitas Institute Summer Fellow - UT Austin 2024
 Summer Writing Fellowship - UT Austin 2023, 2024
 Pre-Dissertation Fellowship - UT Austin 2020
 Tuition Waiver, Stipend and Housing - Sabanci University 2017-2019

OTHER SKILLS

Languages: Turkish (Native), Kurdish (Basic)
Programming: R, Python
General: Survey and Field Experiments, Predictive Analysis, Causal Inference