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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D., Political Science**, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, 2015
DISSERTATION: *Rebel Leaders and Civil Conflict Processes: An Individual Level Analysis*
- **M.A., Political Science**, The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, 2013
Rebel Leaders' Tenure and Civilian Victimization in African Civil Wars
- **M.A., International Relations**, Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey, 2007
THESIS: *Neutrality in International Relations, Permanent Neutrality, and the Case of Switzerland*
- **B.A., Economics**, Anadolu University, Turkey, 2009
- **B.A., Public Administration**, Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey, 2004

RELEVANT TRAINING

- **Inter-University Consortium for Political Science and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program**, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2013
 - Applied Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences, taught by Ryan Bakker (Department of Political Science, University of Georgia)
 - Game Theory: The Analysis of Strategic Choice, taught by Scott H. Ainsworth (Department of Political Science, University of Georgia)
- **Inter-University Consortium for Political Science and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program**, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2012
 - Regression II, taught by Brian Pollins (Department of Political Science, Ohio State University)
 - Categorical Variables, taught by Shawna Smith (Department of Sociology, Indiana University)

CERTIFICATES, GRANTS, and ACHIEVEMENTS

- Certification of Achievement, The University of Mississippi, Multicultural Affairs, 2014
- Travel Grant, The University of Mississippi, Department of Political Science/Graduate School, 2013, 2014
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Certification, The University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research, 2013
- Travel Grant, Midwest Political Science Association, 2009
- The European Language Portfolio of the European Union, Ankara University, Turkey, 2007
- Certificates of Highest Achievement in Bachelor Studies of Public Administration, Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey, 2003, 2004

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

- *(Forthcoming)* 2017. Uluslararası İlişkilerde Tarafsızlık (Neutrality in International Relations), Istanbul, Turkey: Callisto Kitap.
- 2009. Uluslararası İlişkilerde Karsilikli-Bagimlilik ve Kuresellesme Uzerine Bir Inceleme (A Study on Interdependence and Globalization in International Politics), Uluslararası İlişkiler (Journal of International Relations) 6(23): 73-92 (with M. Gurkaynak)
- 2009. KPSS Hazirlik: Uluslararası İlişkiler (International Relations: Preparation for the KPSS), Ankara, Turkey: Asil Publications (with S. Kanat and E. Bozkurt)
- 2007. Putin Donemi Rusya Federasyonu-NATO İlişkileri (The Russian Federation-NATO Relations in the Putin Era), SDU Journal of Economics and Administrative Sciences, 12(2): 73-92.
- 2006. Soguk Savas Sonrasi Uluslararası Terorizmin Donusumu ve Terorizmle Mucadele (The Transformation of International Terrorism and the Struggle Against Terrorism in the Post-Cold War Era), SDU Journal of Social Sciences, 2(4): 98-119.

UNDER REVIEW

- *Rebel Leader Tenure and Civilian Victimization in African Civil Wars, 1991-2008*, Journal of Peace Research.
- *Rebel Leader Survival, Relative Rebel Strength, and External Support in Civil Conflict*, Journal of Conflict Resolution.

TRANSLATION

- 2010. Kenneth N. Waltz, *Man, the State and War: A Theoretical Analysis* – İnsan, Devlet ve Savas: Teorik Bir Analiz, Asil Publications: Ankara, Turkey.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016. Rebels' Pre-established Ties with the West and Third-Party Intervention in Civil Conflict, presented at *the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL*.
- 2015. Rebel Leader Survival, Rebel Strength, and Third-Party Involvement in Civil Conflict, *presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL*.
- 2014. Kill to Consolidate? Rebel Leadership and Civilian Victimization in Civil War, *presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX*.
- 2014. Rebels in Office: Post-Conflict Leadership Transition and Interstate Conflict Initiation, *presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL*.
- 2014. Rebel Leaders' Survival and Dynamics of Civil Conflict, *presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA*.
- 2013. Rebel Leader Tenure and Violence Against Civilians in Africa, *presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL*.
- 2009. The Kurdish Question in the Context of the Turkish-American Relations, *presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. (with A. Demirdas)*.
- 2008. Think Global, Act Local? The European Security Strategy and Security-oriented Threats for the EU's Economic Development, *presented at the International Conference on Management and Economics, Tirana, Albania (with M. Gurkaynak)*.

WORKING PAPERS and PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- Rebel Leaders' Pre-established Ties with the West and Third-party Intervention in Civil War
Introducing new data on rebel leaders, the study centers on what role rebel leaders' individual ties with the Western states play in the likelihood of third-party intervention in civil conflict.
- Rebels in Office: Post-Conflict Leadership Transition and Interstate Conflict Initiation
The paper investigates the potential causal mechanism between prior rebel leadership experience and militarized interstate dispute (MID) initiation.

DATA COLLECTION and ORIGINAL DATA SETS

- Rebel leadership tenure in African civil wars, 1991-2008.
- Rebel leader survival in civil wars, 1991-2008.

RESEARCH and TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2012-2015 Teaching Assistant, The University of Mississippi, Department of Political Science, Oxford, MS.
- 2011-2012 Research Assistant, The University of Mississippi, Department of Political Science, Oxford, MS.
Gulf Coast Oil Spill Economic Impact Assessment Project, The University of Florida and The University of Mississippi
- 2005-2010 Teaching Assistant, Suleyman Demirel University, Department of International Relations, Isparta, Turkey.
COURSES TAUGHT: Introduction to Turkish Foreign Policy, Political History I.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2014. Chair. Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX.
- 2014. Chair. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 2007-2009. Coordinator. Erasmus Student Exchange Program of the European Union, Department of International Relations, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey.

LANGUAGES and SOFTWARE

- Turkish/English (bilingual), French (moderate)
- Stata Statistical Software
- R Statistical Software
- LaTeX

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- British Political Science Association