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<b>Academic Positions</b>	<i>Instructor</i> Foundations Development Directorate, <b>Sabancı University</b> , Istanbul - Coordinating and instructing courses Humanity and Society (SPS 101 and 102). - Supervising undergraduate research projects (PROJ 201 and PURE projects).  <i>Adjunct Instructor</i> Department of International Relations, <b>Istanbul Bilgi University</b> , Istanbul - Instructing two sections of Analytical Methods for Social Sciences (IR 151).  <i>Visiting Researcher</i> Michael Nicholson Centre for Conflict and Cooperation, the <b>University of Essex</b> , United Kingdom  <i>Instructor of Record</i> Faculty of Arts and Social Science, <b>Sabancı University</b> , Istanbul - Research Methods, <i>SPS 311</i>  <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Faculty of Arts and Social Science, <b>Sabancı University</b> , Istanbul  - Assisted <b>Research Methods</b> (for 4 terms) offered to undergraduate classes and assisted <b>Quantitative Research Method</b> and <b>Methods and Scope for Political Analysis</b> classes offered to graduate classes.	06/2021 - current  02/2023 - 07/2024  09/2019 - 02/2020  07/2019 - 08/2019  09/2013 - 01/2021
<b>Education</b>	<i>Ph.D.</i> , Political Science, <b>Sabancı University</b> , Istanbul - Third Party Attitudes on Civil Conflicts: How the External States React to Intrastate Conflicts? Committee Members: Prof. Meltem Müftüler-Baç (Advisor), Prof. Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Prof. Yücel Saygın, Dr. Belgin Şan-Akça, Dr. Kerim Can Kavaklı  <i>Master's of Arts</i> , Political Science, <b>Sabancı University</b> , Istanbul  <i>Bachelor of Arts</i> , Economics, <b>Sabancı University</b> , Istanbul	09/2015 - 12/2020    2013 - 2015  2009 - 2013
<b>Publications</b>	Kocacık Şenol, Melike Ayşe. "Mapping Resolve in Crisis Bargaining Through Leader Public Statements: An Examination of the United States' Statements about Bosnia and Kosovo", <i>European Security</i> , 2024. [SSCI]  Aksoy, Faruk, and Melike Ayşe Kocacık-Şenol. "Democratic Institutions, Secessionist Strategy and the Use of Violence: An Empirical Analysis." In <i>Strategies of Secession and Counter-secession</i> , pp. 103-121. United Kingdom, ECPR Press/Rowmann & Littlefield International, 2020.	
<b>Under Review</b>	<i>Text-as-Data in International Relations: Current Debates and Prospective Subjects to Use Text in International Relations Studies</i>  <i>Cheap Signals, Tangible Impacts: Diplomatic Statements and Civilian Targeting in the Armed Struggle of PKK and Turkey</i>	
<b>Working Papers</b>	<i>Dare to Talk?: An Empirical Analysis on the US Attitudes on European Civil Conflicts</i>	

*“Let Them Take a Bus Instead”: How Intimidation Affects Turnout and Vote Choice?*, with Emre Toros, Mert Moral and Yasemin Tosun.

*Playing Field Sets on Fire: Do Democratic Institutions Dilute Violence in Strategies of Secessionist Movements?*, Faruk Aksoy.

*Ministerial Declarations and Decisions: Text-as-Data Approach to Assessing Converging Economic Policies in WTO*, with Aylin Ece Çiçek.

*Emerging Actors in Economic Global Governance: An Analysis of Turkey in the WTO*

*Democratic Peace Theory in Their Mind: Political Psychology of Trump and Obama on Modern Democracies and Non-Democracies*, with Sercan Canbolat.

### **Additional Training**

Sabancı University Data Science Summer School, İstanbul April 2024

Summer Institute for Computational Social Science (SICSS), İstanbul June 2019

ECPR Methods Winter School, Quantitative Text Analysis, Bamberg February 2019

### **Selected Conference Presentations**

“Dare to Talk?: An Empirical Analysis on the US Attitudes on European Civil Conflicts”, *Eurasian Peace Science Conference, 2025*, Zagreb, Croatia.

“Ministerial Declarations and Decisions: Text-as-Data Approach to Asses the Converging Economic Policies in WTO”, *III. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi, 2024*, İstanbul.

“Cheap Signals, Tangible Impacts: Diplomatic Statements and Civilian Targeting in the Armed Struggle of PKK and Turkey”, *III. Ulusal Siyaset Bilimi Kongresi, 2024*, İstanbul.

“Cheap Signals, Tangible Impacts: Diplomatic Statements and Civilian Targeting in the Armed Struggle of PKK and Turkey”, *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop, 2024*, Antalya.

“Cheap Signals, Tangible Impacts: Diplomatic Statements and Civilian Targeting in the Armed Struggle of PKK and Turkey”, *12<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Peace Science Conference, 2024*, Ankara.

“Cheap Signals, Tangible Impacts: Diplomatic Statements and Civilian Targeting in the Armed Struggle of PKK and Turkey”, *13<sup>th</sup> European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Meeting, 2023*, Glasgow.

“Dare to Talk?: An Empirical Analysis on the US Attitudes on European Civil Conflicts”, *7<sup>th</sup> Annual Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop, 2022*, Ankara, Turkey.

“Democratic Peace Theory in Their Mind: Political Psychology of Trump and Obama on Modern Democracies and Non-Democracies”, *International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest Conference, 2019*, St. Louis, USA.

“Ministerial Declarations and Decisions: Text-as-Data Approach to Asses the Converging Economic Policies in WTO”, *Joint Sessions of Workshops organized by European Consortium for Political Science (ECPR), 2019*, Mons, Belgium.

“The Effect of Regime Attributes on the Emergence of Civil War: The Concept of Democracy Revisited”, *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Empirical Studies in Political Analysis Workshop, 2019*, Adana, Turkey.

“Playing Field Sets on Fire: Do Democratic Institutions Dilute Violence in Strategies of Secessionist Movements?”, *Joint Sessions of Workshops organized by European Consortium for Political Science (ECPR), 2018*, Nicosia, Cyprus.

### **Fellowship and Grants**

International Studies Associations (ISA) Midwest Emerging Scholars Grant, 2019

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey - TUBITAK, Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, 2019

Travel Grant for Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Students, Sabancı University, 2019

ECPR Funding for Winter School in Methods and Techniques, 2019

Travel Grant for Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Students, Sabancı University, 2018

Full Merit Scholarship for Ph.D. in Political Science, Sabancı University, 2015

Fulbright Scholarship for 2015-2016 Term

Full Merit Scholarship for Master's of Art. in Political Science, Sabancı University, 2013

Full Merit Scholarship for Bachelor of Art. in Economics, Sabancı University, 2009

## Research Experience

*Supervisor* 01/2025 - current  
**Sabancı University**, Istanbul

- Supervising a project entitled "Populism and Global Economic Governance: Analyzing the Impact of Populist Parties on WTO Ministerial Dynamics" under Program for Undergraduate Research (PURE). This project aims to understand the interplay between populist political trends and the functioning of global economic institutions

*Researcher* 02/2023 - current  
**İstanbul University**, Istanbul

- Collecting data on Space Diplomacy for a **TUBITAK 3005** project named "**Reconciling Social Sciences and Space: Shaping the Future with an Interdisciplinary Perspective on the New Space Ecosystem**" conducted by **Özgün Erler Bayır**.

*Supervisor* 7/2023 - 8/2023  
**Sabancı University**, Istanbul

- Supervising a project entitled "Leader Statements and Civil Conflict Process" under Program for Undergraduate Research (PURE). This project aims to collect data on the US reactions to civil conflicts between 1960 and 2010.

*Research Assistant* 09/2013 - 08/2014  
**Sabancı University**, Istanbul

- Assisted with collecting data on elections results in Chile and Turkey, conducting literature review and applied Regression Discontinuity Design for the project funded by **Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants (IRG)** between September 2010-2014, named "**Partisan Ties that Matter? Exploring the Advantages of National Incumbency For Local Governments**" conducted by **Özge Kemahlioğlu**.

## Skills

*Language* : Turkish (Native), English (Advanced)

*Computer Software*: Stata (Advanced), R (Advanced),  $\LaTeX$ , Python(Beginner).

## References

Prof. Meltem Müftüler Bağ  
Sabancı University

Assoc. Prof. Mert Moral  
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Assist. Prof Emre Erol  
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