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Research and Teaching Interests	International Relations Theory, International Security, Intra-state (Civil wars) and Inter-state Wars, Third Party Intervention (Humanitarian Intervention), Terrorism, Human Rights, Foreign Policy Analysis (with a particular focus on the European Union and US). Quantitative Methods, Quantitative Content Analysis (text-as-data).
Academic Positions	<p><i>Part-time Instructor</i> 02/2023 - current Department of International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul - Instructing two sections of Analytical Methods for Social Sciences (IR 151).</p> <p><i>Visiting Instructor</i> 06/2021 - current Foundations Development Directorate, Sabancı University, Istanbul - Coordinating and instructing courses Humanities and Societies (SPS 101 and 102). - Supervising undergraduate research projects (PROJ 201 and PURE projects).</p> <p><i>Technical Assistant</i> 02/2021 - 06/2021 Foundations Development Directorate, Sabancı University, Istanbul - Providing technical assistance for the freshman course Humanities and Societies (SPS 101 and 102).</p> <p><i>Visiting Researcher</i> 09/2019 - 02/2020 Michael Nicholson Centre for Conflict and Cooperation, the University of Essex, United Kingdom</p> <p><i>Instructor of Record</i> 07/2019 - 08/2019 Faculty of Arts and Social Science, Sabancı University, Istanbul - Research Methods, <i>SPS 311</i></p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i> 09/2013 - 01/2021 Faculty of Arts and Social Science, Sabancı University, Istanbul - Assisted Research Methods (for 4 terms), Human Rights in World Affairs (for one semester) and Humanities and Societies (for one semester) classes which is offered to undergraduate classes and currently assisting Quantitative Research Method and Methods and Scope for Political Analysis classes offered to graduate classes.</p>
Education	<p><i>Ph.D.</i>, Political Science, Sabancı University, Istanbul 09/2015 - 12/2020 - 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</p> <p><i>Master's of Arts</i>, Political Science, Sabancı University, Istanbul 2013 - 2015</p> <p><i>Bachelor of Arts</i>, Economics, Sabancı University, Istanbul 2009 - 2013</p>
Publications	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.

- Working Papers** *Communication Matters: Theoretical Approaches to Communication in International Relations and the Content of American Statements towards European Civil Conflicts*
- German, American, and British Attitudes towards Turkey's Armed Struggle with the PKK- (2010-2019)*
- "Let Them Take a Bus Instead": How Intimidation Affects Turnout and Vote Choice?*, with Emre Toros, Mert Moral and Yasemin Tosun
- Democratic Peace Theory in Their Mind: Political Psychology of Trump and Obama on Modern Democracies and Non-Democracies*, with Evgeniia Shahin and Sercan Canbolat.
- Ministerial Declarations and Decisions: Text-as-Data Approach to Asses the Converging Economic Policies in WTO*, with Aylin Ece Çiçek.
- Foreign Aid and State Repression Against Nonviolent Protests*, with Kerimcan Kavaklı.
- Playing Field Sets on Fire: Do Democratic Institutions Dilute Violence in Strategies of Secessionist Movements?*, Faruk Aksoy.
- Additional Training** Summer Institute for Computational Social Science (SICSS), Istanbul June 2019
- ECPR Methods Winter School, Quantitative Text Analysis February 2019
- Conference Presentations** "Dare to Talk?: An Empirical Analysis on the US Attitudes on European Civil Conflicts", *7th 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.
- "European and German Attitudes towards Political Violence in Turkey", *VIADUCT Ph.D. School Program, Sabanci University*, 2019, Istanbul, Turkey.
- "The Effect of Regime Attributes on the Emergence of Civil War: The Concept of Democracy Revisited", *5th 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.
- "Is Regionalism Between Democracies a Stumbling Block for a Multilateral Trade Liberalization?", *Brown Bag, Sabanci University*, 2016, Istanbul, Turkey.
- "Is Regionalism Between Democracies a Stumbling Block for a Multilateral Trade Liberalization?", *The EU between Regionalization and Globalization: Prospects, Challenges and Contestations Workshop, Istanbul*, 2015, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 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 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.

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**.

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), NetLogo(Beginner).

References

Available upon request.