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CONTACT
INFORMATION

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RESEARCH &
TEACHING
INTERESTS

*Substantive*: authoritarian regimes, political parties, electoral coordination, democratic backsliding, reversal of autocratization, elite behavior, democratization, legislative politics, post-rebel parties, post-conflict governance, Middle East politics, Turkish politics.

*Methodological*: applied statistics, research design, GLM, panel regression models, survey methods and experiments, text analysis & NLP & LLMs, mixed-methods, site-intensive methods, interviews, archival research.

ACADEMIC
POSITIONS

**Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA

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| **Affiliate Faculty**, Department of Political Science, | **June 2025 – present** |
| **Lecturer & Data Services Specialist**, Research Data Services, | **June 2024 – present** |

EDUCATION

**Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA

**Ph.D.**, Political Science    **May 2024**
- Subfields: Comparative Politics (major), Political Methodology (minor)
- Dissertation: Pre-electoral coalitions in electoral authoritarian regimes
- Committee: Jennifer McCoy (Chair), Carrie Manning, Charles Hankla

**Boğaziçi University**, Istanbul, Turkey

**M.A.**, Political Science and International Relations    **August 2019**
- Thesis: Rethinking state and civil society: Two educational policies during the Justice and Development Party era
- Advisor: Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu

**B.A.**, Political Science and International Relations    **June 2016**

BOOK

Carrie Manning, Ian Smith, & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (2023). Parties, politics, peace: How former insurgent groups shape politics after war. *Routledge*.
- MPSA Blog Post on *Parties, Politics, Peace*

REFEREED
JOURNAL
ARTICLES

**Ozlem Tuncel**. (2024). Elite interviewing in political science: Insights from leading journals. *Perspectives on Politics*, (EMW project, Online Published First)

**Ozlem Tuncel**. (2024). Talking to elites: A guide for novice interviewers. *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, 22(1), 53-60. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11097657.

Carrie Manning, Ian Smith, & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (2024). Rebels with a cause: Introducing the Post-Rebel Electoral Parties Dataset. *Journal of Peace Research*, 61(2), 294-303. https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221126552.

**Ozlem Tuncel**. (2023). Selective inclusion under competitive autocratic regimes: An example from the Turkish educational civil society. *Journal of Civil Society*, 19(2), 232-250.

https://doi.org/10.1080/17448689.2023.2206152.

**Ozlem Tuncel**, & Carrie Manning. (2023). Building democracy after war? Post-rebel electoral parties and the construction of stable party systems. *Party Politics*, 29(6), 1039-1050. https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688221124877.

**Ozlem Tuncel**. (2017). AKP dönemi eğitim politikalarına ilişkin bir örnek: Değerler eğitimi (An example from education policies of the AKP period: Values education). *Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar*, 33, 3-26.

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

Jennifer McCoy, Juan S. Gomez Cruces, **Ozlem Tuncel**, & Levente Littvay. (2025). Reducing partisan animus in populist contexts: Limitations of shared common humanity and perspective-taking interventions. In Angelos Chryssogelos, Eliza Tanner Hawkins, Kirk A. Hawkins, Levente Littvay, and Nina Wiesehomeier (Eds.) The ideational approach to populism, Volume II: Consequences and mitigation. *Routledge*.

Carrie Manning, & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (2023). Peacebuilding and democracy after war: Taking stock. In John W. Harbeson and Donald Rothchild (Eds.) Africa in world politics: Sustaining reform in a turbulent world order. 7th edition. *Routledge*.

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

**Ozlem Tuncel**. (2025). Teaching literature reviews in the age of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI). *Political Science Educator*, 28(2).

**Ozlem Tuncel**. (2024). Elite interviewing in political science: Insights from leading journals. *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, 22(2). (Symposium: Emerging Methodologists Workshop) https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14062819.

**Ozlem Tuncel**, Carrie Manning, & Ian Smith. (2022). Political Integration and post-war elections. *Folke Bernadotte Academy*.

Jennifer McCoy, Ben Press, Murat Somer, and **Ozlem Tuncel**. (May 5, 2022). Reducing pernicious polarization: A comparative historical analysis of depolarization. *Carnegie*.

Ronay Bakan & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (July 4, 2019). Women's struggle in Turkey. *Yale Global*.

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

Ousting an autocrat: Temporary alliances of opposition parties in electoral authoritarian regimes. (*Working Book Project, formerly my dissertation*).

Uniting against autocracy: Opposition coalitions in electoral authoritarian regimes. (*Job Market Paper*, Under Review)

Understanding opposition strategies through opposition learning: Example of Turkish opposition parties navigating the new electoral field. (Under Review)

Toward a new transition theory? Opposition dilemmas and how to resist and recover from democratic erosion. (with Jennifer McCoy and Murat Somer, APSA Preprints)

Authoritarian control through trusteeships: The case of kayyum in Turkey. (with Elif Sari Genc, will be presented at APSA 2025)

**AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2025. Institute for Humane Studies – Expense Support. ($4,000)

2024. APSA Democracy and Autocracy – Best Fieldwork Award. (Honorable Mention)

2024. Emerging Methodologists Workshop Travel Grant. ($800)

2023. ISA-South Best Graduate Student Paper Award. ($150)

2023. APSA First Generation Scholars in the Profession Accessibility Grant. ($145)

2023. APSA Comparative Politics Section Support Grant. ($500)

2023. APSA Travel Grant. ($150)

2023. MPSA Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship. ($500)

2023. The Craigie International Security Fellowship. ($20,000)

2023. William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies (APSA Centennial Center). ($2,500)

2022-2023. Georgia State University Library Dissertation Travel Award. ($1000)

2022. ISA-Midwest Travel Grant. ($250)

2022. ISA-Midwest Emerging Scholars Grant. ($250)

2022. GSU Political Science Department's Summer Research & Professional Development Fellowship for ICPSR Summer School. ($2600)

2020-2021. GSU Political Science Department Best Graduate Paper Award.

2019. Boğaziçi University: Dean's High Honors Degree.

2018. Northwestern University Buffett Institute for Global Studies for 2018 Keyman Conference: Education in Turkey, Chicago. ($600)

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| ORIGINAL DATA | Coalitions in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes (CEAR) Dataset. |
| | Post-Rebel Electoral Parties (PREP) Dataset with Carrie Manning and Ian Smith. |

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| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | **Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA |

*Lecturer*          **July 2024 – present**

- *Selected courses:* Introduction to R Programming Language, Linear Regression with R, Data Visualization with R, Introduction to Survey Research with Qualtrics

*Instructor*          **Spring, 2026**

- POLS 3800: Introduction to Political Science Research

*Teaching Assistant*          **2020, 2021, 2022–2024**

- *Spring 2024* – POLS 8810: Uses of Intermediate Statistical Methods, Michael Fix
- *Fall 2023* – POLS 8830: Advanced Quantitative Methods, Ryan Carlin
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- *Fall 2022* – POLS 8830: Advanced Quantitative Methods, Ryan Carlin

- *Fall 2022* – POLS 8805: Introduction to Quantitative Analysis, Michael Herb
- *Fall 2020* – POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government, Mike Evans

**Instructor**                                                                                     **Spring, 2021**

- POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government

**University of Michigan, ICPSR Program in Quantitative Methods**, Ann Arbor, MI
*Teaching Assistant*                                                                        **Summer 2023**

- Introduction to the **R** Statistical Computing Environment, Kerem Ozan Kalkan

**Boğaziçi University**, Istanbul, Turkey
*Teaching Assistant*                                                              **Spring 2017 - Summer 2019**

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2025, 2025 (VRM), 2024, 2024 (VRM), 2023

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022

Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research (SWMMR): 2025

Emerging Methodologist Workshop (EMW): 2024

POMEPS Virtual Research Workshop: 2024

Authoritarian Political Systems Group (APSG): 2023

International Studies Association (ISA): 2023 (South), 2022 (Midwest), 2021

Political Science Association Turkish Politics Specialist Group Research Colloquia: 2023

Political Science Association (PSA): 2023

United Nations Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Meeting: 2022

Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS): 2021, 2020

Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism and Polarisation (HEPP): 2021

Georgia Political Science Association (GPSA): 2021

Northwestern University Keyman Conference: 2018

SERVICE

*Treasurer*, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section                                      **2025**

*Committee Member,* GSU Generative AI Working Group                                     **2025**

*Mentor*, *American Political Science Association* (x2)                                 **2024-2025**

*Country Expert*, Chapel Hill Expert Survey for Turkey                                  **2024**

*Grant Reviewer*, APSA Centennial Center Research Grants **2024**

*Graduate Student Representative in Faculty Hiring Committee*,
Department of Political Science, GSU **2023**

*DEI Committee Graduate Student Representative*,
Department of Political Science, GSU **October 2022 - October 2023**

*Reviewer*: *Perspectives on Politics* (×2), *Comparative Political Studies*, *Democratization*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (×3), *Die Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP)*

*Discussant/Chair*, APSA 2025, MPSA 2024, ISA-South 2023, MPSA 2023, ISA-Midwest 2022, ISA 2021, ASOPS 2021 & 2020

**Graduate Student Association, Georgia State University**
- *Conference Chair, ASOPS* **May 2021 - May 2023**
- *International Student Delegate* **May 2020 - May 2021**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Party at the Mailbox**, Atlanta, GA
*Data Analyst* **December 2020 - January 2021**

**Center for European Studies Student Forum (CESSF)**, Istanbul, Turkey
*President* **2014-2016**

**Sabancı University, Istanbul Policy Center**, Istanbul, Turkey
*Intern* **June 2016 – August 2016**

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

**Vanderbilt University – Center for Global Democracy** **June 2025**
- Summer School in International Survey Methods

**Purdue University – Video Research Institute** **June, 2024**
- Wav2Vec and Multimodal Classification
- Convolutional Neural Networks

**ICPSR** **2022 & 2023**
- (2022) *Panel data and longitudinal analysis* (received A), *Data science and text analysis* (received A) and *Causal inference for the social sciences* (audited).
- (2023) *Machine Learning* (EITM Certification, received A).

SKILLS
- Certified the Carpentries Instructor
- Software: **R**, Python, Stata, Qualtrics, LaTeX, NVivo, Tableau; experience with ArcGIS.
- Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (beginner).

REFERENCES

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