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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: authoritarian politics, political parties, electoral coordination, reversal of autocratization, elite behavior, post-rebel parties, post-conflict governance.

Methodological: applied statistics, GLM, panel regression models, text analysis, mixed-methods, site-intensive methods, interviews, archival research.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Substantive: comparative politics, authoritarian politics, democratization, political parties & legislative politics, peace after war, Middle East politics, Turkish politics.

Methodological: research design, quantitative methods, qualitative methods, mixed-methods, text analysis and NLP, fieldwork.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

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). Talking to elites: A guide for novice interviewers. *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, 22(1), 53-60.

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.

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.

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.

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, 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

Ozlem Tuncel. 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)

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

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

Elite interviewing in Political Science: Insights from leading journals. (under EMW mentorship)

AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

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

2022-2023. The Craigie International Security Fellowship. ($20,000)

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

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.

GRANTS

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

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)

2022-2023. William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies (APSA Centennial Center). ($2,500)

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

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

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

ORIGINAL DATA

Coalitions in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes (CEAR) Dataset.

Post-Rebel Electoral Parties (PREP) Dataset with Carrie Manning and Ian Smith.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Lecturer   **July 2024 − *present***

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
- *Spring 2023* – POLS 8810: Uses of Intermediate Statistical Methods, Michael Fix
- *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

ICPSR Summer 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**

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CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

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2024, September. **APSA**. Explaining the Success of Opposition Coalitions against Autocrats. In-person, Philadelphia, PA.

2024, September. **Emerging Methodologists Workshop**. Elite Interviewing in Political Science: Insights from Leading Journals. In-person, Philadelphia, PA.

2024, April. **MPSA**. The Rise and Fall of Opposition Alliances in Turkey's 2018 and 2023 General Elections. & Talking to Elites: A Guide for Novice Interviewers. In-person, Palmer House, Chicago.

2024, March. Emerging Methodologists Workshop. Systematic Recruitment and Sampling in Elite Interviews. Virtual.

2024, February. **POMEPS Virtual Research Workshop**. Navigating the New Electoral Politics: The Rise and Fall of Opposition Alliances in Turkey's 2018 and 2023 General Elections. Online.

2024, February. **APSA Virtual**. Navigating Fieldwork Research: Challenges and Insights from Graduate Students. Online.

2023, December. **PSA Turkish Politics Specialist Group Research Colloquia**. Navigating the New Electoral Politics: The Rise and Fall of Opposition Alliances in Turkey's 2018 and 2023 General Elections. Online.

2023, November. **GSU PhD Working Group**. Talking to Elites: A Guide for Novice Interviewers. In-person, Atlanta, Georgia.

2023, October. **ISA-South**. Pre-electoral coalitions in electoral authoritarian regimes. In-person, Atlanta, Georgia.

2023, August. **APSA**. Ousting an autocrat: Temporary alliances of opposition parties in competitive autocratic regimes. In-person, Los Angeles, California.

2023, April. **Authoritarian Political Systems Group**. Ousting an autocrat: Temporary alliances of opposition parties in competitive autocratic regimes. Online.

2023, April. **PSA**. Dynamics of pre-electoral coalition building in Turkey: Research design and preliminary results. Online.

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2023, April. **MPSA**. Ousting an autocrat: Temporary alliances of opposition parties in competitive autocratic regimes. In-person, Palmer House, Chicago.

2022, November. **ISA-Midwest**. Temporary alliances of opposition parties in electoral autocracies. In-person, St. Louis, Missouri.

2022, June. **United Nations** Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Meeting. Political integration and post-war elections. In-person, UN Headquarters, New York.

2022, April. **MPSA**. Building democracy after war? Post-rebel electoral parties and the construction of stable party systems. Online.

2021, November. **GPSA**. The Electoral Path of Inclusion: Exploring the Role of Post-Rebel Electoral Parties in Post-Conflict State Building. In-person, Savannah, Georgia.

2021, May. **HEPP**. Reducing partisan affective polarization through common humanity and perspective-taking: An online survey experiment in the United States. Presentation at Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism and Polarisation (HEPP), online, Finland.

2021, April. **ISA**. The electoral path of inclusion: Exploring the role of post-rebel electoral parties in post-conflict state building. Online.

2021, March. **Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS)**. Poverty reduction policies in authoritarian regimes. Online.

2020, March. **Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS)**. The glimmer of hope in the bleak future of civil society under oppressive regimes: An example from the Turkish educational civil society. In-person, Atlanta, Georgia.

2018, October. Northwestern University Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, **2018 Keyman Conference: Education in Turkey**. Rethinking state and civil society: Two educational policies during the Justice and Development Party era. In-person, Evanston, Illinois.

SERVICE

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

Committee Member, APSA Centennial Center Research Grants **2024**

Graduate Student Representative in Faculty Hiring Committee, Department of Political Science, Georgia State University **2023**

DEI Committee Graduate Student Representative, Department of Political Science, Georgia State University **October 2022 - October 2023**

Reviewer, Perspectives on Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Democratization, International Journal of Public Opinion Research (x3), *Die Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP)*

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Association, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Conference Chair, ASOPS **May 2022 - May 2023**

Conference Co-Chair, ASOPS **May 2021 - May 2022**

International Student Delegate **May 2020 - May 2021**

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

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).

Data Matters **December, 2020**

DataCamp **June, 2020**

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

REFERENCES

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