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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

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. (2026). Elite interviewing in political science: Insights from leading journals. *Perspectives on Politics*, Online Published First, doi:10.1017/S1537592725104040.

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 Chrysosgelos, 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, R & R*)

Understanding opposition strategies through opposition learning: Example of Turkish opposition parties navigating the new electoral field. (**R & R**)

Partisanship, political knowledge, and presidential impeachment attitudes in the US. (with Flavia Batista, the Year in C-SPAN Archives Research Book series, **R & R**)

Trustee appointments: An institutional tool for engineering local governance and electoral politics in Turkey. (with Elif Sari-Genc, **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**)

Removal of elected opposition mayors: Evidence from Turkey. (with [Elif Sari-Genc](#), presented at WPSA 2026, MPSA 2026, APSA 2026)

University expansion and political support in Turkey: Higher education's role in autocratic consolidation. (with [Felix Wiebrecht](#), presented at WPSA 2026, MPSA 2026, APSA 2026)

Unseating autocratizing leaders: Electoral success and opposition coalitions in backsliding democracies. (with Jennifer McCoy, presented at APSA 2025)

Why do opposition coalitions endure? Persistence and coordination under electoral authoritarianism. (with [Oren Samet](#), *data collection stage*)

Outsider political status and opposition to democratic backsliding. (with [Ben Yoel](#), *data collection stage*)

Digital drama: TV-themed online engagement as oppositional discourse. (with [Lisel Hintz](#), *data collection stage*)

When democracy is suspended: Evaluating public support for trustee governance in Turkey. (with [Elif Sari-Genc](#), *data collection stage*)

Does symbolic leverage work? Impact of candidate appearance on voter preferences in Turkey. (with [Elif Sari-Genc](#), *data collection stage*)

Ideological diversity, cohesion, and voter perceptions of coalitions in Hungary. *journal article* ([Pre-Analysis Plan available here](#), *data collection stage*)

Barely elected vs. safely elected: Parliamentary behavior of marginal and secure MPs in Turkey. (with [Burak Kazim Yilmaz](#) & [Hilal Sert Hilal Sert](#), *data collection stage*)

AWARDS,
GRANTS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

2026. Institute for Humane Studies – Expense Support (with [Lisel Hintz](#)). (\$3,530)

2026. Institute for Humane Studies – Expense Support (with [Ben Yoel](#)). (\$5,000)

2025. APSA Centennial Center (with [Felix Wiebrecht](#)). (\$2,000)

2025. Institute for Humane Studies – Expense Support (with [Oren Samet](#)). (\$4,000)

2025. Institute for Humane Studies – Expense Support (with [Felix Wiebrecht](#)). (\$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)

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**

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

Instructor **Fall, 2026**

- POLS 3800: Introduction to Political Science Research
- Honors 1000: Introduction to Data Science with R: Exploring Democracy and Autocracy Worldwide

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](#)

[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): 2026, 2025, 2025 ([VRM](#)), 2024, 2024 ([VRM](#)), 2023

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022

Western Political Science Association (WPSA): 2026

[Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes \(VWAR\)](#): 2026

[Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research \(SWMMR\)](#): 2025

[Purdue University Year in C-SPAN Archives Research](#): 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, 2026

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

INVITED TALKS
& LECTURES

May 2026 – *University of Pennsylvania*, Opposition and Democratic Futures in Turkey and Beyond Workshop

April 2026 – *University of Pittsburgh*, Challenges to Democracy Speaker Series

April 2026 – *University of Maryland, Baltimore County*, Democracy Talk for Comparative Political Analysis course

SERVICE	<p><i>Treasurer, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section</i> 2025–2027</p> <p><i>Co-Leader, APSA Dissertation Workshop Fieldwork Approaches in CP: MENA Region</i> 2025</p> <p><i>Faculty Hiring Committee,</i> Department of Research Data Services, GSU 2025</p> <p><i>Committee Member, GSU Generative AI Working Group</i> 2025</p> <p><i>Mentor, Midwest Political Science Association</i> 2025–2026</p> <p><i>Mentor, American Political Science Association (x3)</i> 2024–2025</p> <p><i>Country Expert, Chapel Hill Expert Survey for Turkey</i> 2024</p> <p><i>Grant Reviewer, APSA Centennial Center Research Grants</i> 2024</p> <p><i>Graduate Student Representative in Faculty Hiring Committee,</i> Department of Political Science, GSU 2023</p> <p><i>DEI Committee Graduate Student Representative,</i> Department of Political Science, GSU October 2022 – October 2023</p> <p><i>Reviewer: Perspectives on Politics (×2), Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Democratization (×4), PS: Political Science & Politics, Party Politics, International Journal of Public Opinion Research (×3), Conflict, Security & Development (×2), Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Qualitative Research, Journal of Global Security Studies, Die Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP)</i></p> <p><i>Discussant/Chair, MPSA 2026, WPSA 2026, APSA 2025, MPSA 2024, ISA-South 2023, MPSA 2023, ISA-Midwest 2022, ISA 2021, ASOPS 2021 & 2020</i></p> <p>Graduate Student Association, Georgia State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Conference Chair, ASOPS</i> May 2021 - May 2023 • <i>International Student Delegate</i> May 2020 - May 2021
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Party at the Mailbox, Atlanta, GA</p> <p><i>Data Analyst</i> December 2020 - January 2021</p> <p>Center for European Studies Student Forum (CESSF), Istanbul, Turkey</p> <p><i>President</i> 2014-2016</p> <p>Sabancı University, Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul, Turkey</p> <p><i>Intern</i> June 2016 – August 2016</p>
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<p>Vanderbilt University – Center for Global Democracy June 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer School in International Survey Methods <p>Purdue University – Video Research Institute June, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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