

# Ozlem Tuncel

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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

**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, Under Review*)

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

Partisanship, political knowledge, and presidential impeachment attitudes in the US. (with Flavia Batista, the Year in C-SPAN Archives Research Book series, 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 WPSA 2026, MPSA 2026)

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

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

Why do opposition coalitions endure? Persistence and coordination under electoral authoritarianism. (with Oren Samet)

Charisma as political power: Explaining backsliding and democratic resilience. (with Ben Yoel)

AWARDS,  
GRANTS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

2025. APSA Centennial Center (\$2,000)

2025. Institute for Humane Studies – Expense Support. (\$2,500)

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)

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*

**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
- *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): 2025, 2025 (VRM), 2024, 2024 (VRM), 2023

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

Western Political Science Association (WPSA): 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

*Treasurer*, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section **2025-2026**

*Co-Leader*, APSA Dissertation Workshop Fieldwork Approaches in CP: MENA Region **2025**

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

*Mentor*, Midwest Political Science Association **2025-2026**

*Mentor*, American Political Science Association (x3) **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* (x2), *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Democratization* (x4), *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (x3), *Conflict, Security & Development* (x2), *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Die Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP)*

*Discussant/Chair*, MPSA 2026, WPSA 2026, APSA 2025, MPSA 2024, ISA-South 2023, MPSA 2023, ISA-Midwest 2022, ISA 2021, ASOPS 2021 & 2020

	<b>Graduate Student Association, Georgia State University</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Conference Chair, ASOPS</i></li> <li>• <i>International Student Delegate</i></li> </ul>	<p>May 2021 - May 2023</p> <p>May 2020 - May 2021</p>
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>Party at the Mailbox</b> , Atlanta, GA	
	<i>Data Analyst</i>	<b>December 2020 - January 2021</b>
	<b>Center for European Studies Student Forum (CESSF)</b> , Istanbul, Turkey	
	<i>President</i>	<b>2014-2016</b>
	<b>Sabancı University, Istanbul Policy Center</b> , Istanbul, Turkey	
	<i>Intern</i>	<b>June 2016 – August 2016</b>
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<b>Vanderbilt University – Center for Global Democracy</b>	<b>June 2025</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer School in International Survey Methods</li> </ul>	
	<b>Purdue University – Video Research Institute</b>	<b>June, 2024</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wav2Vec and Multimodal Classification</li> <li>• Convolutional Neural Networks</li> </ul>	
	<b>ICPSR</b>	<b>2022 &amp; 2023</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (2022) <i>Panel data and longitudinal analysis</i> (received A), <i>Data science and text analysis</i> (received A) and <i>Causal inference for the social sciences</i> (audited).</li> <li>• (2023) <i>Machine Learning</i> (<b>EITM Certification</b>, received A).</li> </ul>	
SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified <a href="#">the Carpentries</a> Instructor</li> <li>• Software: <b>R</b>, Python, Stata, Qualtrics, <del>TEX</del>, NVivo, Tableau; experience with ArcGIS.</li> <li>• Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (beginner).</li> </ul>	
REFERENCES	<p><a href="#">Jennifer McCoy</a> Regent’s Professor of Political Science Georgia State University ✉ <a href="mailto:jmccoy@gsu.edu">jmccoy@gsu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mike Fix</a> Professor of Political Science Georgia State University ✉ <a href="mailto:mfix@gsu.edu">mfix@gsu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ryan Carlin</a> Professor of Political Science Georgia State University ✉ <a href="mailto:rcarlin@gsu.edu">rcarlin@gsu.edu</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Carrie Manning</a> Professor of Political Science Georgia State University ✉ <a href="mailto:cmanning2@gsu.edu">cmanning2@gsu.edu</a></p> <p><a href="#">Charles Hankla</a> Associate Professor of Political Science Georgia State University ✉ <a href="mailto:chankla@gsu.edu">chankla@gsu.edu</a></p>

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