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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Africa Foundation , Ankara (Turkey) <i>Non-Resident Fellow</i> , Horn of Africa Working Group	May 2024-Present
Recep Tayyip Erdogan University , Rize (Turkey) <i>Lecturer Dr.</i> , Department of International Relations	March 2024-Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Delaware, <i>Political Science & International Relations</i> , Newark DE (USA)	2024
M.A. University of Delaware, <i>Political Science & International Relations</i> , Newark DE (USA)	2020
M.A. University of Denver, <i>International Studies</i> , Denver CO (USA) Josef Korbel School of International Studies	2018
M.A. Gazi University, <i>Politics & Social Sciences</i> , Ankara (Turkey)	(LoA) 2018
B.A. Ufuk University, <i>Political Science & International Relations</i> , Ankara (Turkey) Double Major in <i>International Trade & Finance</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (GPA: 3.95/4)	2013

AREAS OF INTEREST

Primary Field: International Relations

Second Field: Comparative Politics

Speciality Field: International Security / Peace & Conflict Studies

Research Interests: Political Violence, Civil Wars, Human Security, Environmental Security

Regional Interests: Middle East & North Africa, Horn of Africa

Ph.D. Dissertation: “Droughts in the Midst of Conflicts: A Mixed-Method Analysis of Water Insecurity & Civil War Duration and Outcomes”*

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Stuart Kaufman (*Co-Chair/Advisor*), Dr. Benjamin Bagozzi (*Co-Chair/Advisor*),
Dr. Matthew Weinert (*Committee Member*), Dr. Ore Koren (*External Member*)

* Nominated for *the George Herbert Ryden Prize in Social Sciences*; Graduate College, University of Delaware, Newark DE (USA).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ozturk, Y. (June 2024). “Droughts in the Midst of Conflicts: A Mixed-Method Analysis of Water Insecurity & Civil War Duration and Outcomes” in the 3rd International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding; Leiden University, The Hague, Netherlands.

Ozturk, Y. (May 2024). “Weaponization of Water in Civil Wars: The Case of the Second Sudanese Civil War” in the International Africa Symposium; Inonu University, Malatya, Turkey.

Ozturk, Y. (November 2023). “Droughts & Prolonged Civil Wars: The Case of Chad” in the ISA-Northeast 2023 Annual Conference; Providence, RI, USA.

Ozturk, Y. (April 2023). “Water Insecurity & Civil War Dynamics” in the 80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference; Chicago, IL, USA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Rize (Turkey)

Lecturer Dr.

International Organizations (IR 205, English)	(expected) Fall 2024
International Organizations (ULS 205, Turkish)	(expected) Fall 2024
Turkish Foreign Policy - I (IR 303, English)	(expected) Fall 2024
Turkish Foreign Policy - I (ULS 303, Turkish)	(expected) Fall 2024
International Organizations (ULS 205, Turkish)	(expected) Summer 2024
Diplomatic History - I (ULS 207, Turkish)	(expected) Summer 2024

University of Delaware, Newark DE (USA)

Instructor

Model United Nations (POSC 475)	Fall 2023
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Graduate Teaching Assistant

State & Local Government (POSC 301, In-person, Grader)	Spring 2023
Introduction to Comparative Politics (POSC 270, Online, Grader)	Fall 2022
Research Methods for Political Science (POSC 300, In-person, Discussion Leader)	Spring 2022
Research Methods for Political Science (POSC 300, In-person, Discussion Leader)	Fall 2021
Research Methods for Political Science (POSC 300, Online, Discussion Leader)	Spring 2021
Introduction to Public Policy (POSC 220, Online, Discussion Leader)	Fall 2020
Introduction to American Politics (POSC 150, Hybrid, Discussion Leader)	Spring 2020
Introduction to Global Politics (POSC 240, In-person, Discussion Leader)	Fall 2019
Contemporary Political Ideologies (POSC 333, In-person, Grader)	Spring 2019
Introduction to Law (POSC/LEST 380, In-person, Grader)	Fall 2018

Peer Mentor

Middle East Partnership Initiative Student Leaders Program	Summer 2022
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RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCES

University of Delaware, Newark DE (USA)

Graduate Research Assistant

Summer 2021

PI: Dr. Stuart Kaufman

Department of Political Science & International Relations

Article: Kaufman, S. J. (2022). Is the U.S. Heading for a Civil War? Scenarios for 2024-25. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 1-29. (<https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2022.2137892>)

University of Denver, Denver CO (USA) April 2016 – June 2017
Graduate Research Assistant
 Diplometrics Project – Country & Organization Leader Travel Database (COLT)
 PI: Dr. Jonathan Moyer
 Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures
 Josef Korbel School of International Studies
 Website: <https://korbel.du.edu/pardee/content/country-organization-leader-travel>

Institute of Strategic Thinking (SDE), Ankara (Turkey) June-July 2013
Research Intern
 Salafi-Jihadist Movements in the Middle East & North Africa
 PI: Dr. Birol Akgun

Turkish Cooperation & Coordination Agency (TIKA), Ankara (Turkey) August 2012
Trainee
 Tajikistan Research Office
 Department of Central Asia & Caucasia

Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, Kocaeli (Turkey) August 2011
Trainee
 Legal Council

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

The Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago IL (USA) 2024
 Developing Nations Scholarship (2-year renewal)

University of Delaware, Newark DE (USA)
 Graduate Student Travel Award: The ISA-Northeast 2023 Annual Conference 2023
 Graduate Student Travel Award: The 80th MPSA Annual Conference 2023
 Participation Award: Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR) 2022
 Teaching Assistant Fellowship 2018-2023
 Full Tuition Waiver 2018-2023

Republic of Turkey Ministry of National Education, Ankara (Turkey)
 YLSY Scholarship for Ph.D. Studies Abroad 2018-2023
 YLSY Scholarship for M.A. Studies Abroad 2016-2018

OSYM Undergraduate Scholarship/Ufuk University, Ankara (Turkey) 2008-2013
 Full Tuition Waiver

HONORS & AWARDS

Ufuk University, Ankara (Turkey) 2013
 High Honor Student (*Summa Cum Laude*, GPA: 3.95/4)
 Department of Political Science & International Relations
 Faculty of Economic & Administrative Sciences

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Reviewer

Guvenlik Calismalari Dergisi, Lectio Socialis

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

University of Delaware, Newark DE (USA)

Mentorship for M.A. students

Fall 2023, Fall 2021

Grad LEAP: Alumni Mentoring Program for Graduate Students, Mentor Collective

Turkey International Relations Studies Platform (TUIC), Ankara (Turkey)

Representative of Ufuk University

2011-2013

Ufuk University, Ankara (Turkey)

Founding Member

2009-2013

Political Platform Student Community

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Young Guru Academy, Ankara (Turkey)

January-June 2011

Volunteer Mentorship in the Read, Think and Share Project

Amnesty International, Ankara (Turkey)

September 2010-June 2011

Volunteer Internship at the Ankara Office

LANGUAGES

Turkish: Native Language

English: Professional Working Proficiency

IELTS Academic (January 2015): Overall: 7,5 | L: 7,5 R: 7,5 W: 7,5 S: 6,5

German: Limited Working Proficiency

McGraw-Hill Education (January 2019): Certificate of Level Completion | Level A1 in German

COMPUTER SKILLS

MS Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Software: STATA, R, MAXQDA

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Syracuse University, Syracuse NY (USA)

Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs

The Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR)

June 2022

International Political Science Association (IPSA) , Antalya (Turkey) Certificate in Qualitative Content Analysis Program	September 2021
University of Delaware , Newark DE (USA) Certificate of Participation in the Summer Institute on Teaching	September 2021
University of Georgia , Athens GA (USA) Attendance to the Intensive English Language Program	October 2014 - April 2015
Hacettepe University , Ankara (Turkey) Attendance to the Intensive English Language Program	February-September 2014
NATO Public Diplomacy & ClimSity , Istanbul (Turkey) Certificate in Security Implications of Climate Change	November 2021
US Institute of Peace , Washington DC (USA) Certificate of Completion in Introduction to Peacebuilding	June 2021
Mentor Collective , Boston MA (USA) Trained Mentor Certificate	October 2021
Small & Medium Enterprises Development Organization (KOSGEB) , Kocaeli (Turkey) Certificate in Applied Entrepreneurship Education	November 2012
Amnesty International , Ankara (Turkey) Participation in the Economic, Social & Cultural Rights Training Program for Trainers	October 2011
Young Guru Academy , Istanbul (Turkey) Invited Participant of the Leadership Summit	November 2010

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Peace Science Society (International) Membership	June 2024-Present
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Membership	February 2023-Present
American Political Science Association (APSA) Membership	September 2019-Present
Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures , Denver CO (USA) Associate Alumni	June 2017-Present
International Studies Associations (ISA) Membership	April 2016-Present