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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Purdue University

2024-present

Ph.D. in Political Science

Indiana, USA

- Subfields: International Relations, Research Methodology
- Research interests: International security, alliance politics, nuclear strategy, emerging technologies

Waseda University

2021-2023

Master's degree in International Relations

Tokyo, Japan

- CGPA: 3.80/4.00
- Thesis: Japan's Post-Fukushima Nuclear Energy Policy: Understanding the Role of Nuclear Latency

Bilkent University

2016-2021

Bachelor's degree in International Relations

Ankara, Türkiye

- CGPA: 3.96/4.00, Graduated with the second-highest ranking in the department
- Senior research project: Social Media Activism: The Case of the Istanbul Convention

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Dr. Daniel S. Schiff

Jul 2025

Governance and Responsible AI Lab (GRAIL)

Indiana, USA

- Assisted with the design and management of the GRAIL website

Graduate Lab Affiliate

Spring 2025 - present

Governance and Responsible AI Lab (GRAIL)

Indiana, USA

- Currently assisting with the lab's AI Governance and Regulatory Archive (AGORA) project

Research Intern for Dr. Bahadır Pehlivanurk

Feb 2021 - Jun 2021

TOBB University of Economics and Technology

Ankara, Türkiye

- Compiled data from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)'s news and publications
- Organized data to identify trends in Japan's COVID-19 response and global health diplomacy

Research Intern for Dr. Onur Erpul

Feb 2020 - May 2020

The Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research (CFPPR)

Ankara, Türkiye

- Reviewed and categorized around 300 articles regarding terrorism studies based on theoretical framework, methodology, and regional perspective
- Assisted in compiling a unique database of graduate-level IR Theory course syllabuses from universities worldwide

Research Intern for Dr. Ihsan Efe Tokdemir

Jun 2019 - Jul 2019

Bilkent University

Ankara, Türkiye

- Compiled data from local newspapers using the LexisNexis platform
- Coded data to identify the interactive relations between governments, terrorist groups, and constituencies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

English Teacher

Jun 2022 - Feb 2023

One Coin English

Tokyo, Japan

- Taught English to Japanese students at a language school
- Prepared lessons aimed at improving conversation skills

Mathematics Tutor

Oct 2019 - Dec 2019

Bilkent University

Ankara, Türkiye

- Worked as a mathematics tutor by assisting instructor Guliz Esen for the MATH-103 course
- Tutored the students who needed further help with their MATH-103 exams and homework assignments

POLICY INTERNSHIPS

Foreign Policy Intern

Jul 2019

Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ankara, Türkiye

- Worked as an intern at the East Asia-Pacific department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Prepared and presented a report about the trade wars between the United States and China

SCHOLARSHIPS

Frederick N. Andrews Fellowship

2024-present

Purdue University

Indiana, USA

- Currently receiving a graduate fellowship (tuition waiver and salary) from Purdue University

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

2021-2023

Waseda University

Tokyo, Japan

- Received a comprehensive scholarship from the Japanese government (tuition waiver and monthly allowance) to pursue graduate studies in Japan

Bilkent University Comprehensive Scholarship

2016-2021

Bilkent University

Ankara, Türkiye

- Received a comprehensive scholarship from Bilkent University (tuition waiver and monthly allowance) based on the success achieved in the university entrance exams

OTHER AWARDS AND GRANTS

- **ICPSR Summer Program Funding Support: \$2,725** (Purdue University, Spring 2025)
- **PROMISE Grant: \$2,000** (Purdue University, Spring 2025)
- **First Prize Award for the Transdisciplinary Senior Research Project** (Bilkent University, Spring 2021)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- **CLA Fellowship Showcase Poster Presentation:** “Loyal Clients, Stronger Commitments?” (Purdue University, Spring 2025)

PUBLIC WRITING AND COMMENTARY

- **Dogan Kosterit, Selen.** “AI Policy Corner: The Turkish Artificial Intelligence Law Proposal” *Montreal AI Ethics Institute*, March 17, 2025, <https://montrealethics.ai/ai-policy-corner-the-turkish-artificial-intelligence-law-proposal/>
- **Dogan Kosterit, Selen.** “AI Policy Corner: Japan’s AI Promotion Act” *Montreal AI Ethics Institute*, July 21, 2025, <https://montrealethics.ai/ai-policy-corner-japans-ai-promotion-act/>

SKILLS

- **Software:** R, Python, NVivo, L^AT_EX
- **Languages:** Turkish (native), English (fluent), Japanese (intermediate)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods

Jun 2025

University of Michigan

Michigan, USA

- Completed methods courses in **Time Series Analysis** and **Machine Learning**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **First Year Representative** : Political Science Graduate Student Association (Purdue University, 2024-2025)
- **Organization Team Member**: Management and Economics Community (Bilkent University, 2017-2018)
- **Model United Nations Society Member**: Bilkent Model United Nations (Bilkent University, 2016-2017)
- **Youth Volunteer**: Erasmus + Program - Youth for Nature (European Commission, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)