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EDUCATION

- University of California, San Diego** Expected 2026
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science
Fields: International Relations, Qualitative Methods, Comparative Politics
Committee: Benjamin J. Appel (chair), Branislav L. Slantchev (co-chair), David A. Lake, Stephan Haggard, Emilie Hafner-Burton
- University of California, San Diego** 2020-2022
MA in Political Science
- University of Minnesota, Law School** 2016-2017
LL.M. in Law
- Istanbul University, Law School (Fatih University)** 2011-2016
LL.B. in Law
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RESEARCH

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Interstate territorial disputes and conflict initiation
- States' behavior in a territorial dispute
- Legalized territorial claims and their legal strength
- Use of legal arguments over territory and use of force in public debates before, during, and after the use of force
- Impact of court judgments or arbitration awards on territorial issues

DISSERTATION (BOOK PROJECT):

Territorial Disputes in the Shadow of Law: Effect of International Law on Territorial Claims, Use of Force, and Third-Party Responses

WORK IN PROGRESS

Territorial Disputes in the Shadow of Law: Legal Claims and the Use of Force (Job-Market Paper)
Upsetting Allies and Adversaries and Alike: Reactions to Russia's Conquests in Ukraine
The United Nations Security Council and International Crises (with Benjamin J. Appel)
Help Me: Why do Leaders Appeal to the United Nations Security Council in International Crises (with Benjamin J. Appel)

OTHER PUBLICATION

What Is At Stake in Turkey's Election? *IGCC Blog*
The Checks and Balances Drift of Turkey, *Tanik Legal Association Blog*
Constitutions of Model Parliamentary Democracies and Turkey from Perspective of Seven Democratic Terms (Turkish), Blog Article, *Tanik Legal Association Blog*

The Role of Separation of Powers in Parliamentary System (Turkish), *Tanik Law Magazine*
Transforming Will of Government and Its Legitimacy (Turkish), *Tanik Legal Association Blog*

DATASET

Territorial Disputes, Legal Claims, and Third-Party Responses (Qualitative Dataset)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Emerging Scholars Conference in Public Law – March 2025

EXPERIENCE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Winter	2025	Chinese and Japanese Political Thought (Germaine Hoston)
Fall	2024	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Karen E Ferree)
Spring	2024	Introduction to Business Law (Maysa Nichter)
Winter	2024	The EU in World Politics (David L Fisk)
Fall	2023	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Karen E Ferree)
Summer	2023	International Organizations (Graham Timmins)
Spring	2023	International Relation After Cold War (David L Fisk)
Winter	2023	Political Inquiry (Umberto Mignozzetti)
Fall	2022	International Conflict: Cyber, Space, UAVs (Erik Gartzke)
Summer	2022	International Organizations (Graham Timmins)
Summer	2022	Game Theory (Sean Ingham)
Spring	2022	International Trade & Finance (J Lawrence Broz)
Winter	2022	Introduction to Legal Reasoning (Maysa Nichter)
Fall	2021	International Organizations (Christina Schneider)
Summer	2021	Introduction to International Relations (Philip G Roeder)
Spring	2021	Evidence, Civil Procedure and Criminal Law (Macmanus M Danielle)
Winter	2021	Introduction to Legal Reasoning (Maysa Nichter)
Fall	2020	The EU in World Politics (David L Fisk)
	2015	Human Rights Training for High School Students in Turkey

HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

The Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, MN

Research Intern, Women's Rights

Aug 2017 – June 2018

Tanik Legal Association, Istanbul, Turkey

Board Member

Apr 2012 – Aug 2016

Secretary-General

May 2014 – Aug 2016

PROFESSIONAL/LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, MN

Legal Translator

Jan 2018 - June 2018

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

NY Bar Association (Attorney since 2023)

IO/Democracy Group at UC San Diego

ISA
APSA
Peace Science Society (International)

AWARD, FELLOWSHIP, AND GRANTS

High Academic Merit Scholarship, *Fatih University*
Graduation with High Honors, *Fatih University*
Top100 Scholarship, *Prime Ministry of Turkey*
LL.M. Achievement Scholarship, *University of Minnesota*

SKILLS

LANGUAGE

Turkish (Native), English (advanced), German (pre-intermediate), French (beginner)

SOFTWARE

R, Stata

REFERENCES

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