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RESEARCH AREAS

Conflict, Contentious Politics, Coups, Human Rights, State Repression

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY) – (2025)
Dissertation: “*Mapping State Repression: From Political Crises to Daily Control*”
Committee: Seden Akcinaroglu (Chair), David Cingranelli, Ekrem Karakoc, Mikhail Filippov
- M.A. Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY) - (2022)
- M.A. Political Science, Social Sciences University of Ankara - (2021)
- B.A. Political Science, Işık University - (2016)

APPOINTMENTS

- 2026- Bilkent University
Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of International Relations
- 2025-2026 Binghamton University
Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
- 2018-2020 Işık University
Research Assistant, Department of International Relations

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2026 1. Polat, R.K., & **Evirgen, Y.** “Challenges in Refugee Integration at the Local Level: Evidence from Turkey and Comparative Insights from Greece and Spain.” *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*. (Forthcoming).
- 2025 2. Akcinaroglu, S., & **Evirgen, Y.** “Ripe Moments for Terror Attacks: Opportunity Benefits-Reputation Tradeoff.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Book Reviews

- 2019 1. Evirgen, Y. (2019). “Political Islam in Tunisia: The History of Ennahda.” *Insight Turkey*

Under Review

1. “It’s an Ill Wind that Blows No Good: Repression in the Wake of Failed and Successful Coups.”
2. “Cyber Norm Initiation in the International System” (with Mary Lind, Enzo J. Li, Yiming (Alice) Hong, Seden Akcinaroglu)

Working Papers

1. “More Violence, More Rewards: Appointment of Governors in Turkey.” (*with Merve Kurt*) - Ready for submission.
2. “Mobilization under the Authoritarian Government: Women’s Protest in Turkey.” (*with Merve Kurt*) - Data collection in progress.
3. “The Police-Military-Civilian Triad: Shaping Peace Attitudes in Conflict Zones.” (*with Seden Akcinaroglu and Abdinasir Jimale*) - Data collection in progress.
4. “Ethnicity Status and Leader’s Post-Exit Fate.” (*with Abdinasir Jimale and Onsel Gurel Bayrali*) - Data collection in progress.
5. “How Does Ethnic Conflict Affect Bureaucratic Appointments?” - Data collection in progress.
6. “From Reports to Data: Harnessing LLMs for Fine-Grained Human Rights Data Collection.” - Data collection in progress.
7. “Pax Vaccina: Armed Actor Compliance with Vaccination Campaigns.” (*with Seden Akcinaroglu*) - Data collection in progress.
8. “When Power Shifts: Ethnic Transitions and Repression.” (*with Osman E. Cengiz*) - Data collection in progress.
9. “Anticipating Insecurity: Coups and Refugee Outflows.” (*with Enzo J. Li*) - Ready for submission.
10. “The Goldilocks Problem of Counterinsurgency: Institutional Design between Police and Military.” (*with Seden Akcinaroglu and Merve Kurt*) - Data collection in progress.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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| 2026 | “From Reports to Data: Harnessing LLMs for Fine-Grained Human Rights Data Collection.” American Political Science Association Conference. 2026. Boston, MA. |
| 2025 | “From Reports to Data: Harnessing LLMs for Fine-Grained Human Rights Data Collection.” Peace Science Society. 2025. Orlando, FL. |
| 2025 | “Ethnicity Status and Leader’s Post-Exit Fate.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference. 2025. Chicago, IL. |
| 2024 | “A Gift for Autocrats: Failed Coups.” American Political Science Association Conference. 2024. Philadelphia, PA. |
| 2024 | “More Violence More Rewards: Appointment of Governors and Chiefs of Police in Turkey.” International Studies Association Conference. 2024. San Francisco, CA. <i>With Merve Kurt</i> |
| 2024 | “A Gift for Autocrats: Failed Coups.” International Studies Association Conference. 2024. San Francisco, CA. |
| 2023 | “The Role of Local Government in Refugee Integration Policies: A Comparative Analysis.” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference. 2023. Boston, MA. <i>With Rabia Karakaya Polat.</i> |
| 2023 | “Mobilization Under Populist-Authoritarian Government: Women’s Movement in Turkey.” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference. 2023. Boston, MA. <i>With Merve Kurt.</i> |
| 2023 | “A Gift for Autocrats: Failed Coups” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference. 2023. Boston, MA. |
| 2023 | “The Role of Local Government in Refugee Integration Policies: A Comparative Analysis.” Turkish Political Science Association. 2023. Ankara, Turkey. <i>With Rabia Karakaya Polat.</i> |

- 2023 “More Violence More Rewards: Appointment of Governors and Chiefs of Police in Turkey.” Turkish Political Science Association. 2023. Ankara, Turkey. *With Merve Kurt.*
- 2023 “Mobilization Under Populist-Authoritarian Government: Women’s Movement in Turkey.” Turkish Political Science Association. 2023. Ankara, Turkey. *With Merve Kurt.*
- 2023 “A Gift for Autocrats: Failed Coups.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference. 2023. Chicago, IL.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

- 2025 “Terrorists weigh risks to their reputation when deciding which crises to exploit.” The Conversation
- 2025 “Terrorists time their attacks during periods of security or financial crisis.” BingUNews.

INVITED WORKSHOPS

- 2025 “Rising Scholars Workshop.” Peace Science Society (International).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Awards and Honors

- 2025 Graduate School Travel Grant (\$1200) - Binghamton University
- 2024 Harpur College Faculty Research Grant and Subvention Fund (\$5000) - Binghamton University (*with Seden Akcinaroglu*)
- 2024 The Best Faculty Paper Award - Northeastern Political Science Association
- 2021-24 Hinman Doctoral Summer Fellowship (\$4000) - Binghamton University
- 2021-24 Hinman Conference Travel Grant (\$4000) - Binghamton University
- 2023 Dissertation of Year Award - Binghamton University
- 2023 Summer School Scholarship (Tuition & Stipend) - ICPSR, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2020-21 Hinman Doctoral Fellowship (\$17000) - Binghamton University
- 2020 Summer School Scholarship by British Academy (Tuition & Stipend) - University of Essex
- 2016 Summer School Scholarship (Tuition) - University of Geneva
- 2016 Honor Student - Işık University
- 2012-16 Undergraduate Research Assistant Scholarship (Stipend) - Işık University
- 2011-16 Full Scholarship (Tuition) - Işık University

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2023 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Causal Inference for the Social Sciences I and Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis
- 2020 Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis - University of Essex
Introduction to Quantitative Methods in R

2016 Summer School in Social Science - University of Geneva
Understanding Islamist Movements

COURSES TAUGHT

Binghamton University (SUNY)

Instructor

Democratic Backsliding and State Repression. *Spring 2026* - (Graduate Level)

Text Mining. *Summer 2025*

Math Camp. *Summer 2024* - (Graduate Level)

Video Games and World Politics. *Winter 2024*

Social Movement and Protest. *Fall 2022*

Teaching Assistant

Formal Theory. *Spring 2025* - (Graduate Level)

Data and Society. *Fall 2024*

Formal Theory. *Spring 2024* - (Graduate Level)

Formal Theory. *Spring 2023* - (Graduate Level)

Introduction to American Politics. *Spring 2022*

Introduction to Comparative Politics. *Fall 2021*

SKILLS

Software: R, Python, Stata, L^AT_EX

Language: Turkish (Native), English (Advanced)

SERVICE

Service to the University

2022-24 Binghamton University Graduate Student Organization - Department of Political Science Secretary

Academic Journal Peer Review

All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace, Armed Forces & Society, Critique – a worldwide student journal of politics, Social Review of Technology and Change

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Peace Science Society, The International Studies Association

REFERENCES

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