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Education

University of Pittsburgh

Ph.D. in Political Science Expected 2027

Ph.D. Candidate (ABD)

Dissertation: *Three Essays on Insurgent Strategy*

M.A. in Political Science 2024

Bilkent University

M.A. in International Relations 2022

Dissertation: *A Look at Nuclear Terrorism: An Assessment of the Fourth Wave of Nuclear Deterrence Theory*

Bilkent University

B.A. in Political Science, *High Honors* 2020

Minor in International Relations

Publications

İdrisoğlu, Işıl, and William Spaniel. “Information Problems and Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, vol. 41, no. 5, Sept. 2024, pp. 514–33.

Spaniel, William, and **Işıl İdrisoğlu**. “Endogenous Military Strategy and Crisis Bargaining.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, vol. 41, no. 4, July 2024.

Under Review

Communicating Through Violence: Terrorism as a Strategy of Signaling and Recruitment. (*under review*)

The Weakest Link: ‘De Facto States’ and Nuclear Security. With Eliza Gheorghe, Mursel Dogrul and Yanina Shved Dogrul. (*Revise and resubmit at Europe-Asia Studies*)

Working Papers

Tailoring Extremism: Strategic Framing of Religion in Jihadi Propaganda.

Ideological Positioning and Recruitment Competition Among Insurgent Groups

Measuring Child Recruitment in Civil Wars Using Large Language Models: A New Actor-Level Dataset. With Merve Keskin and Rebecca Cordell.

Child Recruitment and Legitimacy of Rebel Groups in Civil Wars. With Merve Keskin and Rebecca Cordell.

Natural Resources and Child Recruitment in Civil Wars.

Investigating Outgroup Support for Insurgencies in Ethnic Conflict: The Turkish Case.

Awards and Grants

Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship	2025–2026
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting Travel Grant	2025
APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,450)	2025
Formal Models of Conflict Conference Award for Best Graduate Student Paper	2024
University of Pittsburgh, Arts and Sciences Fellowship	2022–2023

Additional Methods Training

EITM Summer Institute	2025
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Teaching

University of Pittsburgh

Instructor of Record, Games, Politics and Strategy	Summer 2026
Guest Lecturer, Civil Wars	Spring 2026
Instructor of Record, International Relations	Summer 2025
Teaching Assistant, World Politics	Fall 2023, Spring 2025

Conference Presentations

Early Career Formal Theory Conference (WashU)	2026
International Studies Association	2025, 2026
American Political Science Association	2024, 2025
ISSS-IS	2024
Formal Models of Conflict	2024
Eurasian Peace Science Conference	2024, 2026
Pitt-Penn State International Relations Conference	2023, 2024, 2025

Service

President, Turkish American Student Association (TASA)	2025–Present
Treasurer, Turkish American Student Association (TASA)	2023–2025
Intern, Dietrich School Graduate AI Innovation and Networking Series	2025
Discussant, Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop	2025
Political Science Graduate Student Mentor	2024–2025
Chair, ISSS-IS, Panel: Modeling International Security	2024

Research Experience

University of Pittsburgh

Research Assistant to Rebecca Cordell	Fall 2024
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Research Assistant to Aala Abdelgadir	Fall 2024
Research Assistant to José Antonio Cheibub	Spring–Summer 2024
Research Assistant to Burcu Savun	Spring 2024
Research Assistant to William Spaniel	Summer 2023

Bilkent University

Research Assistant to Eliza Gheorghe	2022
Research Assistant to Ersel Aydinli	2021
Research Assistant, Center for Foreign Policy and Peace Research	Summer 2020

Skills

Computational: Data management and analysis, predictive modeling, geocoding and text analysis in R and Python; Stata; SQL; Neo4j; $\LaTeX$; Qualtrics; NVivo; basic programming in GNU/Linux (Bash, AWK).

Languages: Turkish (native speaker).

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society, Women in Conflict Studies.