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## Employment

- **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, USA.
  - August 2019 – Present.
- **Research Fellow**, Carlos III – Juan March Institute of Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Madrid, Spain.
  - September 2017 – July 2019.
- **Assistant Professor**, Department of International Relations, Ozyegin University, Istanbul, Turkey.
  - September 2014 – August 2017.

## Education

- **Ph.D. in Political Science and Economics**, Claremont Graduate University, 2014.
  - *Dissertation*: “Beyond the Phoenix Factor: Consequences of Major Wars and Determinants of Postwar Recovery.”
- **M.A. in International Political Economy**, Claremont Graduate University, 2012.
- **B.A. in Economics**, Koç University, 2009.

## Research and Teaching Interests

- World Politics, International and Comparative Political Economy, Political Economy of Development, Peace and Conflict, Consequences of Conflict, Political Demography, Econometrics, Game Theory, and System Dynamics Modeling.

## Refereed Publications

- “National Leadership and State Capacity,” *Politics & Policy*, 53(3), e70045.
- “Demographic Consequences of Major Wars.” *International Interactions*, 50(6), 921-940, 2024.
- “Relative Political Capacity: A Dataset to Evaluate the Performance of Nations, 1960-2018.” (With Kyungkook Kang, Tadeusz Kugler, and Marina Arbetman-Rabinowitz). *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 40(3): 325-345, 2023.
- “Shock the System: Emergency Powers and Political Capacity.” (With Bryan A. Rooney). *Governance*, 34(2): 457-474, 2021.
- “Middle East: The Northern Tier.” In: Jacek Kugler and Ronald L. Tammen (eds.), *The Rise of Regions: Conflict and Cooperation*. New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020.
- “A Dynamic Model of the Spread of Intrastate Wars.” *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*, 9(1): 23-59, 2020.
- “Refugees and Elections: The Effects of Syrian Refugees on Voting Behavior in Turkey.” (With Deniz Sert). *International Migration*, 57(2): 298-312, 2019.
- “System Dynamics Modeling in International Relations.” *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*, 8(2): 231-253, 2019.
  - “Uluslararası İlişkilerde Sistem Dinamikleri Modellemesi.” In Ersel Aydınli (ed.), *Methodology in International Relations*. Istanbul: Koc University Press, 2022.
    - The original paper was translated and adjusted to be a part of a book in Methods in International Relations. I did the translation and adjustments.

- “Consequences of Reversing the European Union Integration” (With Jacek Kugler and Birol Yesilada). *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 11(1): 45-67, 2015.

### **Working Papers**

- “Refugee Flows, State Capacity, and Crime: A Subnational Analysis.” Under Review.
- “The Systematic Study of Recovery and Development after War.” In Preparation for Submission. Rough draft available.
- “Casualties as Policy as Policy: Differentiating Recovery After Wars With Genocides Versus Wars Without.” (With Tadeusz Kugler). In Preparation for Submission. Rough draft available.
- “Measuring Great Power Transitions: 1980-2029.” (With Kyungkook Kang, Yuzhu Zeng, and Jacek Kugler). In Preparation for Submission. Rough draft available.
- “Rebuilding States: Influences of Foreign Aid on War Recovery.” (With Kyungkook Kang). Data and analysis are being updated. Rough draft available.
- “Theoretical and Empirical Characteristics of Political Capacity.” Review article. Rough Draft available.
- “Mountain Out of a Molehill? A Subnational Analysis of Refugee Flows and Unemployment.” Analysis completed, writeup in progress.
- “Introducing the Turkey Subnational Political Capacity Dataset.” Data collection completed, analysis and writeup in progress.
- “Emergency Powers, Natural Disasters, and State Capacity.” (With Bryan Rooney). Analysis in progress.
- “Governing Refuge: Subnational State Capacity and Labor Market Access for Ukrainians.” (With Idil Yildiz). Long-term project in the early data-collection stages.

### **Non-Refereed Publications**

- “The Costs of Syrian Civil War and Propositions for Syria’s Post-War Recovery.” *Global Relations Forum Policy Paper Series*, No: 11, 2019
  - Before publication, the paper was reviewed by the former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, U.N. officials, academics, and policy experts.
- “ISIS Foreign Fighters: An Econometric Analysis on the Global Flow of Militants Joining Islamic State.” (with Ryan Greer). *Global Impact Strategies (giStrat) Report*, 2016.
- “School Choice: A Mechanism Design Approach.” by Atila Abdulkadiroglu and Tayfun Sonmez. Translated for the *Journal of Economics and Political Economy*, 1(2): 302-326, 2015.

### **Conference Presentations**

- “Causalities as Policy: Comparing Recovery After War vs. Genocide.” (With Tadeusz Kugler).
  - Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Chicago, IL, USA, March 2025.
  - Presented at the ISA Midwest Annual Conference, Saint Louis, MO, USA, November 2024.
- “Introducing the Subnational Relative Political Capacity Dataset.” (With Nicholas Stowell and Yuzhu Zeng). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, San Francisco, CA, USA, April 2024.
- “Mountain Out of a Molehill? A Subnational Analysis of Refugees, Unemployment, and Crime.”
  - Presented at Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, Saint Louis, MO, USA, November 2023.
  - Presented at the ISA Midwest Annual Conference, Saint Louis, MO, USA, November 2023.
- “Demographic Consequences of Major Crises.” Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Montreal, QC, Canada, March 2023.
- “Authority without Capacity: Populism, Autocratization, and State Capacity. (With Yunus Sozen). Presented at the ISA Midwest Annual Conference, Saint Louis, MO, USA, November 2022.
- “Beyond the Phoenix Factor: An Empirical Examination of Postwar Recovery.”
  - Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Nashville, TN, USA, April 2022.

- Presented at the ISA Midwest Annual Conference, Saint Louis, MO, USA, November 2021.
- “State Capacity and Allocation of Public Spending: A Cross-National Analysis.” (With Isik D. Ozel and Kerem Yildirim). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Online, April 2021.
- “Assessing the Power of Nations.” (With Kyungkook Kang and Jacek Kugler).
  - Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Online, April 2021.
  - Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Honolulu, HI, USA, March 2020 (Cancelled).
- “Emergency Powers and State Capacity.” (With Bryan Rooney).
  - Presented at the ISA Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, USA, November 2019.
  - Presented at the International Conference of Europeanists, Madrid, Spain, June 2019.
- “Preference Divergence and the Emergence of Civil Strife.” (With Jacek Kugler, Birol Yesilada, and Osman Tanrikulu). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Toronto, Canada, March 2019.
- “Absolute Political Capacity Dataset, 1960-2015.” (With Kyungkook Kang, Tadeusz Kugler, and Jacek Kugler). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Toronto, Canada, March 2019.
- “Political Capacity and National Leadership.” Presented at the VIII Conference of *Doctores Miembro* and Current and Former Post-Doctoral Research Fellows of Juan March Institute/IJ3JM, Madrid, Spain, June 2018.
- “Causalities as Policy: Comparing Recovery After War vs Genocide.” (With Tadeusz Kugler and Kyungkook Kang). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, San Francisco, CA, USA, April 2018.
- “Relative Political Capacity: A Dataset to Evaluate the Performance of Nations, 1960-2015.” (With Tadeusz Kugler and Kyungkook Kang). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, San Francisco, CA, USA, April 2018.
- “Rebuilding States: Effects of Foreign Aid and Political Performance on War Recovery” (With Tadeusz Kugler and Kyungkook Kang). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Baltimore, MD, USA, February 2017.
- “The Systemic Study of Recovery after War” Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Atlanta, GA, USA, March 2016.
- “Understanding and Forecasting Order and Change in the Northern Middle East” (With Resat Bayer).
  - Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Atlanta, GA, USA, March 2016.
  - Presented at the Eurasian Peace Science Workshop, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2015.
- “Performance of Leaders and Performance of Nations.” Presented at the Empirical Studies of Political Analysis Workshop, Antalya, Turkey, January 2016.
- “The Consequences of War and the Path to Recovery” (With Jacek Kugler and Kyungkook Kang). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Toronto, Canada, March 2014.
- “Visualizing the Global Implications of Political Performance” (With Tadeusz Kugler). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, Toronto, Canada, March 2014.
- “Consequences of War and Recovery of Fragile States” (With Jacek Kugler and Kyungkook Kang). Presented at the the Annual Conference of Conflict Research Society, Essex, Colchester, UK, September 2013.
- “The Phoenix Factor Revisited: Demographic and Economic Recovery After Major Wars and Reconstruction of Nations” (With Jacek Kugler and Kyungkook Kang). Presented at the Eurasian Peace Science Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, May 2013.
- “Trade and Diplomacy: A Network Approach on Redefining Regions” (With Zining Yang). Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Studies Association, Chicago, IL, USA, April 2013.
- “The Cyprus Conundrum: A Constant Thorn on the Side of the European Union” (With Birol Yesilada and Jacek Kugler). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, San Francisco, Ca, USA, April 2013.
- “Unexpected Population within India: Outcome of Conflict and Economic Growth” (with Tadeusz Kugler). Presented at the Annual Convention of the ISA, San Diego, Ca, USA, April 2012.

- “Why the European Union Cannot Afford a Failed EURO” (With Jacek Kugler and Birol Yesilada). Presented at the Conference on Redefining European Economic Governance in Brugge, Belgium, March 2012.
- “Regional Power Distributions and Projections” (with Resat Bayer). Presented at the Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Dublin, Ireland, June 2011.
  - Presented at the Middle East Technical University Conference of International Relations, Guzelyurt, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, May 2010.

### **Achievements, Honors, and Grants**

- **Saint Louis University**, Stolle Fund Award, 2024, 2025.
- **Saint Louis University**, Mellon Faculty Development Award, 2022, 2024.
- **Saint Louis University**, Beaumont Scholarship Research Award, 2022.
- **U.S. Department of Defense**, Research Grant, 2019-2021.
- **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid**, Teaching Excellence Award, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
- **The Fulbright Program**, Ph.D. Grant, 2009 – 2014.
- **Claremont Graduate University**, Graduate Student Fellowship, 2009 – 2014.
- **Claremont Graduate University**, Research Assistant Funding, 2010 – 2014.
- **Claremont Graduate University Graduate Student Council**, Travel Award, 2013, 2014.
- **TransResearch Consortium**, Research Grant, 2013, 2014.
- **Vehbi Koç Foundation**, Doctoral Study Support Scholarship, 2011-2012.
- **Koç University**, Vehbi Koç Scholar (award given to students with SPA over 3.50/4.00), 2005 – 2009.
- **Koç University**, Merit (Full) Scholarship, 2005 – 2009.
- **Flemish Mathematic Olympics**, Finalist, 2005.
- **Undergraduate Placement Examination (OSS)**, 524<sup>th</sup> among 1.5 million participants, 2004.

### **Data Collection**

- **Principal Investigator**, Relative Political Capacity Dataset.
  - <http://transresearchconsortium.com/data>
  - <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/NRR7MB>

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Instructor, Saint Louis University**

- POLS 1600: Introduction to International Politics
- POLS 2000: Methods in Political Science
- POLS 2510: European Politics
- POLS 2600: Introduction to International Political Economy
- POLS 3620: International Organization and the Management of World Problems
- POLS 4692/5690: Theories of World Politics
- POLS 4670/5670: Politics of International Trade and Finance

#### **Instructor, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid**

- Multidisciplinary Research Seminar in International Studies
- Research Design in Social Sciences
- Trabajo de Fin de Grado (Bachelor’s Thesis)

### **Instructor, Ozyegin University**

- IR 202: Advanced Research Methods for International Relations
- IR 204: International Organizations
- IR 305: International Relations Theory
- IR 401: International Political Economy
- IR 432: Politics and Strategy: Introduction to Game Theory and Formal Models
- ECON 201: Microeconomics
- ECON 210: Introduction to Economics
- MATH 202: Statistics for Social Sciences

### **Teaching Assistant, Claremont Graduate University**

- PP 430: Perspectives on War and Peace (Jacek Kugler)
- PP 487: Applied Data Analysis and Econometrics (Mark Abdollahian)
- SPE 315: Game Theory (Eunyong Ha)
- TNDY 401: Nature of Scientific Inquiry (Jacek Kugler)

### **Teaching Assistant, Koc University**

- ECON 333: Game Theory and Strategy (Levent Kockesen)

### **Professional Service and Affiliations**

- **Member**, American Political Science Association, 2013 – Present.
- **Member**, Peace Science Society (International), 2011 – Present.
- **Member**, International Studies Association, 2009 – Present.
- **Member**, Midwest Political Science Association, 2011 – 2014.
- **Program Chair**, ISA Political Demography and Geography Section, 2020 – 2022.
- **Referee**, ISA Political Demography and Geography Section's Best Student Paper Award (with Alex Braithwaite and Andrea den Boer), 2013 – 2020; 2024 – present.
- **Director**, ISA Political Demography and Geography Section's Graduate Student Awards Committee, 2014 – 2018.
- **Research Associate**, TransResearch Consortium, 2010 – Present.
- **Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member**, Yasar Saskinoglu (Koc University), Ahmed Almulla (Claremont Graduate University), Sabine Freij (Claremont Graduate University), Allison Hamlin (Claremont Graduate University).
- **Manuscript Reviewer**, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Union Politics, Foreign Policy Analysis, Governance, Government and Opposition, International Migration, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Economics and Political Economy, Journal of International Relations – Uluslararası İlişkiler, Perspectives on Politics.

### **Saint Louis University**

- **CAS Social Science Division Faculty Representative**, University Undergraduate Core Committee.
- **Member**, Equity and Global Identities Subcommittee of the UUC.
- **Board Member**, International Studies Program.
- **Faculty Collaborator**, Diversity and Global Citizenship Learning Community.
- **Reviewer**, Beaumont Faculty Development Fund.

## **Ozyegin University**

- **Academic Advisor**, Ozyegin University Intercultural Learning Club.
- **Academic Advisor**, Ozyegin University International Relations Reading Club.
- **Organizer**, Workshop on Politics & Society Series, Department of International Relations, 2016 – 2017.
- **Designer and Co-Director**, Mandatory Internship Program, Department of International Relations, 2016 – 2017.
- **Director**, Strategic Planning Committee, Department of International Relations, 2015 – 2017.
- **Member**, Department of International Relations Search Committee, 2015 – 2017.
- **Member**, Ozyegin University Planning and Data Analysis Committee, 2016 – 2017.

## **Organized Conferences**

- **Eurasian Peace Science Association's Annual Conference**, Co-Organized with Konstantinos Travlos, March 2017, January 2018.
- **International Political Economy Society's Annual Conference**, Coordinator, October 2013.

## **Relevant Skills**

- **Language**: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Dutch (Intermediate).
- **Statistical/Computing**: Stata, R, LaTeX, UCINET, Vensim, ODE Toolkit, Sigmaplot, Python (beginner)

## **References**

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