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## EDUCATION

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### University of Houston

*Ph.D. in Political Science*

**Houston, Texas**

*Expected August 2022*

*Dissertation: "UN Peacekeeping Operations: Conflicting Interests and Effectiveness"*

*Committee: Patrick Shea (Chair), J. Tyson Chatagnier, Nikolay Marinov, J. Michael Greig*

### Çankaya University

*B.A. in Translation Studies & Double Major in Political Science*

**Ankara, Turkey**

*June 2014*

### University of Valencia

*Erasmus Exchange in English Language and Literature*

**Valencia, Spain**

*Spring 2012*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Effectiveness, Supply-side, and Legitimacy of UN Peacekeeping • Conflict and Peace Processes • International Organizations • Text mining • Social Media Data

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston

*Research Assistant*

**Houston, Texas**

*Fall 2021 to Present*

### Department of Political Science, University of Houston

*Research Assistant*

**Houston, Texas**

*Fall 2017 to Spring 2021*

## WORKS UNDER REVIEW

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- "Ideational Commitment to the UN and Peacekeeping Effectiveness in Reducing Civilian Victimization", *invited to revise & resubmit at International Interactions*.
- "Public Support for the UN Missions and Attacks on Peacekeepers: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of the Congo", *invited to revise & resubmit at Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*.
- "Do UN Missions have an Expiration Date?: Ideational Commitment to the UN and the Length of Missions", *under review*.
- "Election Accomplished: Democracies and the Timing of Peacekeeper Drawdowns" (with J. Tyson Chatagnier), *under review*.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- "Selling Sovereignty: International Coercion, Debt Diplomacy, and Land Transactions" (with Jonas Bunte and Patrick Shea).
- "UN Peacekeeping: Leaders' Chance to Modernize the Army" (with Eugenia Artabe).

- "The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections".

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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International Relations • Comparative Politics • International Organizations • International Security  
• Civil War & Terrorism

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of Houston, Department of Political Science**

**Houston, Texas**

*Instructor of Record*

- POLS 3389, European Union Politics, Spring 2021 (U)

*Laboratory Assistant*

- POLS 6481, Quantitative Methods II, Spring 2020 (G)
- POLS 3316, Statistics for Political Scientists, Spring 2020 (U)
- POLS 6480, Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2019 (G)

*Teaching Assistant*

- POLS 4343, Causes and Politics of War, Spring 2019 (U)
- POLS 3313, Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2018 & Fall 2018 (U)
- POLS 6332, Formal Models in International Relations, Fall 2018 (G)
- POLS 3331, American Foreign Policy, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 (U)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, "Do UN Missions have an Expiration Date?: Ideational Commitment to the UN and the Length of Missions", January 13–15, 2022, San Antonio, Texas.
- Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, "Direct and Indirect Effects of How Peacekeepers are Composed on Civilian Victimization", February 6–7, 2021, Online Conference.
- Annual Meeting of APSA American Political Science Association, "The Composition of Peacekeepers and the Timing of Post-Civil War Elections", August 29–September 1, 2019, Washington, DC.
- Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, "Why Do States Sell Sovereignty? Debt Crises and Land Forfeitures" with Patrick Shea, January 26–27, 2019, Fredericksburg, Texas.
- Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, "The Durability of Post-Civil War Peace Settlements: Do Rewards Work?", January 17–19, 2019, Austin, Texas.
- Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, "The Political Economy of Land Acquisitions" with Patrick Shea, January 17–19, 2019, Austin, Texas.
- Third Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, "Changing Identities: The Impact of EU Membership on Foreign Policies of Eastern European Countries", June 10–12, 2018, Tartu, Estonia.
- Annual Meeting of SPSA Southern Political Science Association, "Foreign Aid, Corruption, and Income Inequality in Aid-Recipient Countries" with Ling Zhu, January 4–6, 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- University of Houston, Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Spring 2017 - Present.
- The Cullen Graduate Student Success Fellowship (CGSSF), 2021, \$500.
- APSA Travel Grant, 2019, \$250.
- The Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2018, \$300.
- University of Houston, PhD Scholarship Student Excellence, Fall 2016, \$1000.
- Çankaya University, Undergraduate Tuition Fellowship.

## KEY SKILLS

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<b>Programming Language</b>	R for Statistical Computing
<b>Languages</b>	English (Fluent), Turkish (Native), Spanish (Intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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