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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

Expected 2027

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Fields: International Relations, Qualitative Methods, Comparative Politics

Committee: David A. Lake, Benjamin J. Appel, Branislav L. Slantchev, Emilie Hafner-Burton,
and Stephan Haggard

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

2011-2016

LL.B. in Law

RESEARCH

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Interstate territorial disputes, conflict initiation, disputants' behavior in a territorial dispute
- Impact of legalized territorial claims, court judgments, and arbitration awards on disputants' behavior
- Use of force and legal arguments over territory, and use of legal justifications in public debates before, during, and after the use of force

DISSERTATION (BOOK PROJECT):

Territorial Disputes in the Shadow of Law: Effect of International Law on 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 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 the 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*

DATASETS

Legal Claims and Third-Party Interventions in Territorial Disputes
Territorial Militarized Interstate Disputes

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

ISA-APSA International Security Studies Conference – October 2026	Graduate Student Workshop on International Conflict – U of Alabama – February 2026
ISA –West – September 2026	Bridging Asia Conference – January 2026
APSA Annual Conference – September 2026	IS-ISSS Annual Conference – October 2025
MPSA Annual Conference – April 2026	ISA West – September 2025
WPSA Annual Conference – April 2026	APSA Annual Convention – September 2025
ISA Global Conference – March 2026	ISA – Virtual – June 2025
UT Austin, Emerging Scholars Conference in Public Law – March 2025	

AWARD, FELLOWSHIP, AND GRANTS

2025-26 U.S.-Asia Grand Strategy Predoctoral Fellowship, *University of Southern California*
2026 Graduate Student Travel Scholarship, *MPSA*
2025 First Generation Scholars in the Profession Travel and Accessibility Grant, *APSA*
2024-25 TA Excellence Award, *UC San Diego, Political Science Department*
2016-17 LL.M. Achievement Scholarship, *University of Minnesota*
Graduation with High Honors, *Istanbul University*
High Academic Merit Scholarship, *Fatih University*
Top 100 Scholarship, *Prime Ministry of Turkey*

EXPERIENCE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD)

Summer 2026	Introduction to Legal Reasoning: Reading and Writing
Summer 2026	International Law
Summer 2025	International Law
Summer 2025	International Organizations

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (TEACHING ASSISTANT) (D: DISCUSSION SECTION)

Fall 2025	Corruption in Developing Countries	Wint 2023	Political Inquiry(D)
Fall 2025	Policy Analysis & Public Welfare	Fall 2022	Int. Conflict: Cyber, Space, UAVs
Sum 2025	Political Economy of Development	Sum 2022	International Organizations
Spr 2025	Intro to International Relations (D)	Sum 2022	Game Theory
Wint 2025	Chinese and Japanese Pol. Thought	Spr 2022	International Trade & Finance
Fall 2024	Intro to Comparative Politics (D)	Wint 2022	Introduction to Legal Reasoning
Spr 2024	Introduction to Business Law	Fall 2021	International Organizations
Wint 2024	The EU in World Politics	Sum 2021	Intro to International Relations
Fall 2023	Intro to Comparative Politics (D)	Spr 2021	Evidence, Civil Procedure, and Criminal Law
Sum 2023	International Organizations	Wint 2021	Introduction to Legal Reasoning
Spr 2023	IR After the Cold War	Fall 2020	The EU in World Politics

HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

The Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, MN

Research Intern, Women's Rights and International Law

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, UC San Diego

ISA

APSA

Peace Science Society (International)

Regional Political Science Associations (WPSA, MPSA, SPSA)

SKILLS & TRAINING

TRAINING IN TEACHING

Specialist in Student-Centered College Teaching (Advanced Teaching, UCSD)

Spring 2025

Practitioner in Student-Centered College Teaching (Intro to Teaching, UCSD)

Winter 2025

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)

Summer 2024

LANGUAGE

Turkish, English

SOFTWARE

R Studio

VS Code (Python)

REFERENCES

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