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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego Expected 2026

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Fields: International Relations, Qualitative Methods, Comparative Politics

Committee: Benjamin J. Appel, David A. Lake, 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, disputant's behavior in a territorial dispute
- Impact of legalized territorial claims, court judgments, and arbitration awards on disputants' behavior
- Use of legal arguments over territory and use of force 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 Territorial Claims, 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 and 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*

DATASET

Legal Claims and Third-Party Responses in Territorial Disputes (Qualitative & Quantitative Dataset)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

IS-ISSS Annual Conference – October 2025

ISA West – September 2025

APSA Annual Convention – September 2025

ISA – Virtual – June 2025

UT Austin, Emerging Scholars Conference in Public Law – March 2025

AWARD, FELLOWSHIP, AND GRANTS2025-26 U.S.-Asia Grand Strategy Predoctoral Fellowship, *University of Southern California*2024-2025 TA Excellence Award, *UC San Diego, Political Science Department*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 2025 International Law

Summer 2025 International Organizations

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

Fall 2025 Policy Analysis & Public Welfare (Benjamin J Appel)

Summer 2025 Political Economy of Development (Simeon Nichter)

Spring 2025 Introduction to International Relations (Eric Thai) (D)

Winter 2025 Chinese and Japanese Political Thought (Germaine Hoston)

Fall 2024 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Karen E Ferree) (D)

Spring 2024 Introduction to Business Law (Maysa Nichter)

Winter 2024 The EU in World Politics (David L Fisk)

Fall 2023 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Karen E Ferree) (D)

Summer 2023 International Organizations (Graham Timmins)

Spring 2023 International Relations After the Cold War (David L Fisk)

Winter 2023 Political Inquiry (Umberto Mignozzetti) (D)

Fall 2022 International Conflict: Cyber, Space, UAVs (Erik Gartzke)

Summer 2022 International Organizations (Graham Timmins)

Summer 2022 Game Theory (Sean Ingham)

Spring 2022 International Trade & Finance (J Lawrence Broz)

Winter 2022 Introduction to Legal Reasoning (Maysa Nichter)

Fall 2021 International Organizations (Christina Schneider)

Summer 2021 Introduction to International Relations (Philip G Roeder)

Spring 2021 Evidence, Civil Procedure, and Criminal Law (Macmanus M Danielle)

Winter 2021 Introduction to Legal Reasoning (Maysa Nichter)

Fall 2020 The EU in World Politics (David L Fisk)

2015 Human Rights Training for High School Students in Turkey

HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

The Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, MN

Research Intern, Women's Rights

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)

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, Stata

REFERENCES

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