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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, 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*

DATASET

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

MPSA Annual Conference – April 2026
 WPSA Annual Conference – April 2026
 ISA Global Conference – March 2026
 Bridging Asia Conference – January 2026
 UT Austin, Emerging Scholars Conference
 in Public Law – March 2025

IS-ISSS Annual Conference – October 2025
 ISA West – September 2025
 APSA Annual Convention – September 2025
 ISA – Virtual – June 2025

AWARD, FELLOWSHIP, AND GRANTS

2025 First Generation Scholars in the Profession Travel and Accessibility Grant, *APSA*
 2025-26 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	Corruption in Developing Countries (Simeon Nichter)
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 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

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REFERENCES

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