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### Education:

Graduate Student, **Duke University** Political Science Department, 2004-present

- Ph.D. Student, expected completion May 2010
- Dissertation: *Explaining Border Security Policies: The Paradox of Territoriality*
- Committee:
  - Chris Gelpi, Duke University, (Chair)
  - Joseph Grieco, Duke University
  - Bahar Leventoglu, Duke University
  - Michael Munger, Duke University

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- M.A. in Political Science
- Graduated with Honors in May 2004.
- Masters Thesis: *The Impact of Treaty Obligations on State Behavior: The Helsinki Final Act*

### Bogaziçi (Bosphorus) University in İstanbul, Turkey.

- B.A. in Political Science and International Relations
- Graduated with Honors in June 2002.
- Ranked in top three of class with a GPA 3.76.

### *Prior Education:*

High School Diploma,

- Robert College in Istanbul, 1998.

Primary School Education

- Rye Neck Middle School, New York, 1992.

### *Additional Courses and Workshops*

- Juniors-Masters Workshop, organized by Prof Dinna Zinnes, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2004.
- ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, “Simultaneous Equations”, July –August 2005
- ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, “Categorical Data Analysis”, July-August 2005.

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### Fellowships and Awards

- George Bush Best Effort Award, Rye Neck Middle School, **1989**
- Academic Excellence Award in French, English, Turkish, Robert College 1995.
- Top Ten Percent Award, Robert College, 1995
- Brandeis University Presidential Award for Prospective Students, 1998
- Merriam Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, 2002-2004.
- Graduate Distinction Award, University of Illinois UC 2004
- James B. Duke Fellowship Award, Duke University, 2004-present
- Duke University Graduate School Summer Research Award: Summer 2007

### Teaching Experience

- **University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign**
- Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Political Science*, 2002-2003
- Teaching Assistant *Comparative Politics in Developing Countries*. Fall 2003.
- **Duke University**, Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Theories of War*, Fall 2005
- Teaching Assistant, *International Security*, Spring 2007
- Teaching Assitant, *Methods in Political Science*, Fall 2007.

### Work Experience.

- Intern in Isik Construction Company as Management Assistant, Summer 1999.
- Intern in Citibank İstanbul, Department of Human Resources, Summer 2000
- RA for Prof Isik Kara in Istanbul Univeristy, Summer 2001
- RA (Research Assistant) for Prof Xinyuan Dai, Spring 2004  
Tasks included research on case studies and revision of paper published now in *International Organization* 2005.
- Ra (Research Assistant) for Prof Judith Kelley 2005-2006;  
Tasks included research for and revision of syllabus for graduate level course on “international aspects of democratization”; data-collection and coding in creating a revised version of Pevehouse’s international organizational membership dataset; also includes graphs and preliminary analyses of said dataset.
- RA (Research Assistant) for Prof Henrik Enderlein Fall 2006:  
Tasks included data collection for financial liberalization Project using IMF and OECD resources.
- RA (Research Assistant) for Prof Christopher Gelpi 2006-2007:  
Tasks included bibliography composition for conference papers.

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### Conference Papers:

“The Role of Territorial Salience across Time and Space: Differentiating Between Initiator and Target in Territorial Conflicts.” Presented at International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, Honolulu, March 2005.

“The Role of Relative Salience in Territorial Conflict: Differentiating Between Initiator and Target”, presented at Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2005

“Political and Social Consequences of Financial Crises: Role of Institutional and Ideational Factors”, presented at Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2006.

### Working Papers:

“Public Reaction to Financial Crises: Institutional and Ideational Factors.” Co-authored with Burcu Ucaray.

“Institutional Design and Successful Management of Financial Crises.” Co-authored with Burcu Ucaray.

“Attitudes on Immigration Policy: Transcending the Economic versus Cultural Theses, The Impact of Postures and Events on Opinion-Formation.” Accepted for ISA 2008 at San Francisco CA.

“Words, Words, Words: A Two-Level Analysis of Language Reform as a State-Building Strategy”, Co-authored with Amber Diaz. Accepted for ISA 2008, San Francisco CA.

### Research Keywords:

Reconceptualizing territorial salience

Borders and Interstate Conflict

Visa, Immigration, and Asylum Policies

New Security Threats

### Languages:

Turkish (native)

English (fluent),

French (intermediate and reading)

Spanish (beginner)

### Computer Knowledge:

Internet Explorer, Word, Excel, SPSS, Stata, RATS, basic Latex, Powerpoint, Endnote, basic html; Dreamweaver, Blackboard.

