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RESEARCH INTERESTS	International Relations, Civil War, Civilians in Conflicts, Political Violence, Terrorism, Insurgency, Foreign Policy, Repression, Democratic Backsliding	
TEACHING INTERESTS	International Relations, Civil War and Insurgency, Terrorism and Political Violence, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy, Civilians in Conflict, Quantitative Research Methods	
EDUCATION	<b>Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia</b> Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, expected May 2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee: <a href="#">Danielle Jung (Chair)</a>, <a href="#">Jessica Sun</a>, and <a href="#">Alex Bolton</a></li></ul> <b>Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey</b> M.A., International Relations, 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis: Economic Hardships, Polarizing Rhetoric, and Diversionary Use of Force</li><li>• Advisor: <a href="#">Efe Tokdemir</a></li></ul> B.A., International Relations, 2019. <b>Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid, Spain</b> Erasmus Exchange Student, 2018.	
UNDER REVIEW	“Pave the Way to Diversion: Increased Salience of Foreign Policy at the Times of Economic Hardships.” (with <a href="#">Efe Tokdemir</a> ).	
WORKING PAPERS	“Civilian Loyalties, Curfews, and Legibility in Counterinsurgency.” “Reversing Backsliding: Voter Backlash and Elite Defections.” (with <a href="#">Hilal Sert</a> ). “Constituents in Peril: How Political Channels and Public Services Influence Insurgent Tactics.” “Framing Domestic Extremism: How Labels Influence Public Support for Counterterrorism Measures.” “Allies in Action: The Effect of Collaboration on Public Support for Counterinsurgency.”	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Strategic Sabotage: Insurgent Responses to Effective Local Governments in Conflict Zones.” “Foreign Meddling by Adverse Side-Taking” (with <a href="#">Eddy Yeung</a> ).	

OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Yilmaz, B. K. (2021, March 7). Book review: Libya's fragmentation: Structure and process in violent conflict by Wolfram Lacher. LSE Review of Books.
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	2025 Spring. Co-Instructor of Record, Civilians in Conflict. 2023 Spring. Teaching Assistant, Political Science Methods. 2022 Spring. Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations.
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Data Manager for the Carter Center's nonpartisan observation efforts in Fulton County in the US Elections 2024.
AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS	2023. Emory University Political Science Department Grant for Conducting an Experiment. (\$3000) 2023. Emory University Political Science Department Grant for Archival Research in Washington D.C. (\$800)
CONFERENCES	2025 (Scheduled). American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA). 2025. European Political Science Association Annual Conference (EPSA). 2024, 2025. Peace Science Society Annual Conference (PSS). 2024. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). 2023, 2024. Southeastern Rights Network (SERN) Workshop. 2023, 2024. American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA). 2023, 2025. Emory IR Journal Club. 2023. Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS).
TRAINING	2023. ICPSR. Courses taken: (1) Panel data and longitudinal analysis and (2) Causal inference for the social sciences 2022. Summer Institute in Computational Social Science in Atlanta (SICSS).
LANGUAGES & SKILLS	English (advanced), Turkish (native), Spanish (beginner) R, Python, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Mathematica, NVivo