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EDUCATION

Emory University

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Atlanta, GA

expected 2027

- Dissertation: *Essays on Elite Strategies in Counterinsurgency*
- Committee: [Danielle Jung \(Chair\)](#), [Jessica Sun](#), and [Alexander Bolton](#)

Bilkent University

M.A. International Relations

Ankara, Turkey

2021

Bilkent University

B.A. International Relations

Ankara, Turkey

2019

Universidad Pontificia Comillas

Erasmus Exchange Student

Madrid, Spain

2018

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Yilmaz, Burak Kazim and [Efe Tokdemir](#). "Pave the Way to Diversion: Increased Salience of Foreign Policy at the Times of Economic Hardships." *Accepted at Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

UNDER REVIEW

Yilmaz, Burak Kazim. "Making Populations Legible: Curfews, Displacement, and Counterinsurgency in Turkey." *Invited to Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Peace Research*.

Yilmaz, Burak Kazim. "Insurgent Sabotage of Effective Local Governments: Evidence from Turkey." *Invited to Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Peace Research*.

Yilmaz, Burak Kazim. "Beyond Institutions: How Informal Alliances Shape Public Backing for Military Interventions." *Invited to Revise and Resubmit at Foreign Policy Analysis*.

[Eddy Yeung](#) and **Yilmaz, Burak Kazim**. "The Electoral Consequences of Foreign Side-Taking in the Shadow of Geopolitical Rivalry." *Invited to Revise and Resubmit at American Journal of Political Science*.

WORKING PAPERS

[Hilal Sert](#) and **Yilmaz, Burak Kazim**. "Signals of Vulnerability: Electoral Defeat and Coordinated Elite Defection in Turkey."

Yilmaz, Burak Kazim. "Partisan Alignment and Public Responses to Domestic Political Violence."

Yilmaz, Burak Kazim. "Engaging the State: Local Institutions and Civilian Alignment in Colombia."

[Hilal Sert](#) and **Yilmaz, Burak Kazim**. "When Repression Divides: Peace Process and Opposition Fragmentation in Turkey"

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Yilmaz, Burak Kazim. "Counterterrorism Checkpoints and Civilian Perceptions."

Yilmaz, Burak Kazim and [Eddy Yeung](#). "Democracy Promotion or Foreign Meddling? Public Reactions to Pro-Democratic Electoral Intervention."

Yilmaz, Burak Kazim and [Hilal Sert](#). "Relative Military Capabilities and Public Support for Retaliation Against Rebel Sponsors."

GRANTS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Democracy and Electoral Integrity Fellowship, The Carter Center Supports the completion of doctoral dissertation.	[2026-2027]
APSA Conflict Processes Travel Grant \$300 Supports conference participation at APSA annual meeting.	[2026]
Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Research Grant \$3,000 Supports survey experiment for <i>Democracy Promotion or Foreign Meddling</i> .	[2026]
Besample Dissertation Grant Pilot Data Collection, N = 500 Supported pilot survey experiment for <i>Counterterrorism Checkpoints and Civilian Perceptions</i> .	[2026]
Professional Development Support (PDS) Funds, Laney Graduate School \$5,000 Supported conference travel and data collection across multiple projects.	[2023-2025]
Professional Development Support (PDS) Research Funds, Laney Graduate School \$5,500 Supported survey experiment for <i>The Electoral Consequences of Foreign Side-Taking</i> .	[2025]
Prudentis Awards, Emory University \$6,850 Supported conference travel and workshops across multiple projects.	[2022-2025]
Bilkent University Comprehensive Scholarship approx. \$50,000 Full tuition, housing, and stipend for four years.	2015–2019

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[Hilal Sert](#), [Burak Kazim Yilmaz](#), and Anthony J. DeMattee. 2026. "Repression Under the Cover of Peace: The Peace-Democracy Wedge in Turkish Politics." The Democracy Program, The Carter Center. Atlanta, GA.

[Yilmaz, Burak Kazim](#). (2021, March 7). Book review: Libya's fragmentation: Structure and process in violent conflict by Wolfram Lacher. LSE Review of Books.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

IHS Democratic Backsliding Graduate Papers Workshop	2026
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA)	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Emory Comparative Politics Workshop	2026
European Political Science Association Annual Conference (EPSA)	2025
Rising Scholars Workshop, Peace Science Society	2025
Sexton Security and Conflict Lab, Emory University	2025
Peace Science Society International Conference	2024, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA)	2024
Southeastern Rights Network (SERN) Workshop	2023, 2024
Emory International Relations Journal Club	2023, 2025
Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS)	2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Emory University

- Civilians in Conflict (Instructor of Record, Spring 2025)
- Principles of Political Science (Teaching Assistant, Fall 2025)
- Research Design and Methods (Teaching Assistant, Spring 2023)
- Introduction to International Relations (Teaching Assistant, Spring 2022)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer

Conflict Management and Peace Science

TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

2024

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Courses: (1) Panel data and longitudinal analysis and (2) Causal inference for the social sciences.

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)

2022

Georgia State University, Atlanta.

Learned skills such as text as data, web scraping, and the use of APIs.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Carter Center

Data Manager for nonpartisan observation efforts in Fulton County, GA in the US Elections

2024

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

Languages: Turkish (native), English (advanced), Spanish (beginner).

Software: Python, R, $\text{\LaTeX}$, Mathematica, NVivo.

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