

Appointment

2024– **Harvard University**
College Fellow, Department of Government

Education

- 2018–2024 **Washington University in St. Louis**
Ph.D. in Political Science
- 2016–2018 **Sabancı University**
M.A. in Political Science
- 2011–2016 **Boğaziçi University**
B.A. in Political Science and International Relations
- 2015 **Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris)**
Erasmus+

Research Interests

International relations, political violence, quantitative research methodology.

Publications

- [5] William G. Nomikos, İpek Ece Şener and Rob Williams. **The Peacekeeping Dilemma: Understanding the Challenges of UN Peacekeeping in Modern Conflicts**, *World Politics*, Forthcoming.
- [4] David Carter and İpek Ece Şener. **Strike When They Aren't Looking: Great Power Crises and Threats to Rule**, *Journal of Peace Research*, Forthcoming.
- [3] İpek Ece Şener (2025). **Peace Negotiations and Civilian Targeting**, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 69(9): 1580-1607.
- [2] Afıq bin Oslan and İpek Ece Şener (2025). **Displacement, not Obstruction: Why Insecure Leaders Need Not Fear Free Media**, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*. 6(2): 135-160.
- [1] Peter Kalulu, Aubrey Fisher, Grace Whitter, İpek Ece Şener, Michelle Doering, David Carter, Matthew Gabel, Jimin Ding, Michael Esposito, Caitlin McMurtry, Pradeep Sopory and Mark Huffman (2025). **Trust, Trust Repair, and Public Health: A Scoping Review**, *Frontiers in Public Health*. 13:1560089

Under Review

Let Activists Protest and Speak: How Peaceful Actors Curb Militant Support Beyond Court Composition: How Sitting Judges Adapt to Court Expansion
How Foreign Policy Crisis Shapes Public Opinion on Social Media
(with Amaan Charaniya, Rex Deng, Jin Kim, Gechun Lin, William G. Nomikos)
APSA Foreign Policy Division Best Paper Award

Working Paper

Peacetime Ideology, Wartime Agitation: How Militants Tailor Propaganda to Conflict Intensity

Trust on Trial: Measuring Trust in Government through Public Health Court Cases
(with Scott Abramson, David Carter, and Dot Sawler)

Invest or Incite? Inside the Great Power Toolbox
(with Afiq bin Oslan)

Skills

Software R, Python, Stata, SPSS, L^AT_EX.
Language Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Arabic (reading)

Grants and Awards

- 2023 **Conflict Processes Section Travel Award**, *American Political Science Association*, \$150
- 2023 **PolMeth Conference Attendance Support**, *National Science Foundation*, \$1600
- 2022 **Global Studies Small Research Grant**, *Global Studies, WUSTL*, \$2000
- 2022 **First Generation Scholars in the Profession Travel and Accessibility Grant**, *American Political Science Association*, \$200
- 2022 **Travel Grant**, *American Political Science Association*, \$150
- 2021 **Research Grant**, *Weidenbaum Center, WUSTL*, \$10,000
- 2021 **Research Seed Grant**, *Department of Political Science, WUSTL*, \$3,000
- 2018 **McDonnell International Scholars Academy Ph.D. Scholarship**, *WUSTL*, Full Tuition, Monthly Stipend, Travel Allowance
- 2017 **Full Scholarship**, *Sabancı University*, Full Tuition, Accommodation, Monthly Stipend

Invited Talks

- 2026 **Georgetown University in Qatar**, *Doha*
- 2025 **University of Florida**, *Gainesville, FL*
- 2025 **New York University Abu Dhabi**, *Abu Dhabi*
- 2025 **Cornell University**, *Ithaca, NY*
- 2025 **Trinity College Dublin**, *Dublin*
- 2024 **University of Michigan**, *Ann Arbor, MI*
- 2024 **Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance**, *Munich*
- 2023 **Bilkent University**, *Ankara*
- 2023 **Kadir Has University**, *Istanbul*
- 2023 **University of Strathclyde**, *Glasgow*

Teaching Experience

- 2025 **Instructor**, *GOV 1705: Politics of War and Peace in the Middle East*, Harvard University
- 2024 **Instructor**, *GOV 94IS: Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Middle East*, Harvard University
- 2021&2023 **Teaching Assistant**, *Pol Sci 102: Introduction to Comparative Politics*, WUSTL.
- 2022 **Teaching Assistant**, *Pol Sci 317: Conflict and Security in International Relations*, WUSTL

- 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, *Pol Sci 337: Climate Change and Conflict*, WUSTL.
- 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, *Pol Sci 339: Political Violence*, WUSTL.
- 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, *Pol Sci 505: Theories of Individual and Collective Choice I*, WUSTL.
- 2016-2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *SPS303: Law and Ethics*, Sabancı University.
- 2017 **Facilitator**, *GR501: Academic Practices and Development*, Sabancı University.
- 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, *POLS202: History of the Political Thought*, Boğaziçi University.

Conference and Workshop Attendance

- 2025 **Empirical Studies of Conflict**, *Annual Meeting*, October 9-10, Washington D.C.
- 2025 **APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition**, September 11-14, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2024 **Peace Science Society International**, *Annual Meeting*, November 7-9, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2024 **Empirical Studies of Conflict**, *Annual Meeting*, October 18-19, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 **Peace Science Society International**, *Annual Meeting*, November 9-11, St. Louis, MO
- 2023 **APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition**, August 31-September 3, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 **Society for Political Methodology**, *Annual Meeting*, July 9-11, Palo Alto, CA
- 2022 **Peace Science Society International**, *Annual Meeting*, November 3-5, Denver, CO
- 2022 **Bridging the Gap**, *New Era Workshop*, October 7-9, Denver, CO
- 2022 **APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition**, *September 15-18*, Montreal, Québec, Canada
- 2022 **APSA MENA Conference**, July 28-30, Amman, Jordan
- 2022 **ISA Annual Convention**, March 28-April 2, Nashville, TN
- 2021 **ISA Midwest**, *Annual Regional Conference*, November 19-21, St. Louis, MO
- 2021 **Peace Science Society International**, *Annual Meeting*, November 19-20, Online