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## RESEARCH AREAS

Conflict, Contentious Politics, Coups, Human Rights, State Repression

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY) – (Expected 2025)  
Dissertation: *"Power Play: Navigating Autocratic Endurance through Repression and Propaganda in the Post-Coup Period"*  
Committee: Seden Akcinaroglu (Chair), David Cingranelli, Ekrem Karakoc, Mikhail Filippov
- M.A. Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY) - (2022)
- B.A. Political Science, Isik University - (2016)

## APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-2020 Isik University  
Research Assistant, Department of International Relations

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

- 2025 1. Akcinaroglu, S., & **Evirgen, Y.** "Ripe Moments for Terror Attacks: Opportunity Benefits-Reputation Tradeoff." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

### Book Reviews

- 2019 1. Evirgen, Y. (2019). "Political Islam in Tunisia: The History of Ennahda." *Insight Turkey*

### Under Review

1. "A Gift For An Autocrat: Failed Coups."
2. "Exploring Challenges in Refugee Integration at the Local Level: Evidence from Turkey and Comparative Insights from Greece, Spain, and Canada." (with *Rabia Karakaya Polat*)  
***The Best Faculty Paper Award, Northeastern Political Science Association***

### Working Papers

1. "More Violence, More Rewards: Appointment of Governors in Turkey." (with *Merve Kurt*) - *Data collection in progress.*
2. "Mobilization under the Authoritarian Government: Women's Protest in Turkey." (with *Merve Kurt*) - *Data collection in progress.*

3. “The Police-Military-Civilian Triad: Shaping Peace Attitudes in Conflict Zones.” (with *Seden Akcinaroglu and Abdinasir Jimale*) - *Data collection in progress.*
4. “Ethnicity Status and Leader’s Post-Exit Fate.” (with *Abdinasir Jimale and Onsel Gurel Bayrali*) - *Data collection in progress.*
5. “How Does Ethnic Conflict Affect Bureaucratic Appointments?” (with *Merve Kurt and Seden Akcinaroglu*) - *Data collection in progress.*
6. “Collecting State Repression Data with Local Sources” - *Data collection in progress.*
7. “Cyber Norm Initiation in the International System” (with *Mary Lind, Enzo Li, Yiming (Alice) Hong, Seden Akcinaroglu*) - *Data collection in progress.*
8. “Modeling the Unseen: Estimating Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Through Survey-Based Risk Analysis” (with *Seden Akcinaroglu*) - *Data collection in progress.*

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2025 “Ethnicity Status and Leader’s Post-Exit Fate.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference. 2025. Chicago, IL.
- 2024 “A Gift for Autocrats: Failed Coups.” American Political Science Association Conference. 2024. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2024 “More Violence More Rewards: Appointment of Governors and Chiefs of Police in Turkey.” International Studies Association Conference. 2024. San Francisco, CA. *With Merve Kurt*
- 2024 “A Gift for Autocrats: Failed Coups.” International Studies Association Conference. 2024. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 “The Role of Local Government in Refugee Integration Policies: A Comparative Analysis.” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference. 2023. Boston, MA. *With Rabia Karakaya Polat.*
- 2023 “Mobilization Under Populist-Authoritarian Government: Women’s Movement in Turkey.” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference. 2023. Boston, MA. *With Merve Kurt.*
- 2023 “A Gift for Autocrats: Failed Coups” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference. 2023. Boston, MA.
- 2023 “The Role of Local Government in Refugee Integration Policies: A Comparative Analysis.” Turkish Political Science Association. 2023. Ankara, Turkey. *With Rabia Karakaya Polat.*
- 2023 “More Violence More Rewards: Appointment of Governors and Chiefs of Police in Turkey.” Turkish Political Science Association. 2023. Ankara, Turkey. *With Merve Kurt.*
- 2023 “Mobilization Under Populist-Authoritarian Government: Women’s Movement in Turkey.” Turkish Political Science Association. 2023. Ankara, Turkey. *With Merve Kurt.*
- 2023 “A Gift for Autocrats: Failed Coups.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference. 2023. Chicago, IL.

### PUBLIC APPEARANCE

- 2025 “Not All Crises Are Equal: Why Terrorists Choose Some Moments Over Others?” *The Conversation. (Forthcoming).*
- 2025 “Terrorists time their attacks during periods of security or financial crisis.” BingUNews.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### Awards and Honors

- 2024 Harpur College Faculty Research Grant and Subvention Fund (\$5000) - Binghamton University (*with Seden Akcinaroglu*)
- 2024 The Best Faculty Paper Award - Northeastern Political Science Association
- 2021-24 Hinman Doctoral Summer Fellowship (\$4000) - Binghamton University
- 2021-24 Hinman Conference Travel Grant (\$4000) - Binghamton University
- 2023 Dissertation of Year Award - Binghamton University
- 2023 Summer School Scholarship (Tuition & Stipend) - ICPSR, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2020-21 Hinman Doctoral Fellowship (\$17000) - Binghamton University
- 2020 Summer School Scholarship by British Academy (Tuition & Stipend) - University of Essex
- 2016 Summer School Scholarship (Tuition) - University of Geneva
- 2016 Honor Student - Işık University
- 2012-16 Undergraduate Research Assistant Scholarship (Stipend) - Işık University
- 2011-16 Full Scholarship (Tuition) - Işık University

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2023 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
*Causal Inference for the Social Sciences I and Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis*
- 2020 Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis - University of Essex  
*Introduction to Quantitative Methods in R*
- 2016 Summer School in Social Science - University of Geneva  
*Understanding Islamist Movements*

## COURSES TAUGHT

### Binghamton University (SUNY)

#### Instructor

Text Mining *Summer 2025*

Math Camp *Summer 2024* - (Graduate Level)

Video Games and World Politics *Winter 2024*

Social Movement and Protest *Fall 2022*

#### Teaching Assistant

Formal Theory. *Spring 2025* - (Graduate Level)

Data and Society. *Fall 2024*

Formal Theory. *Spring 2024* - (Graduate Level)

Formal Theory. *Spring 2023* - (Graduate Level)

Introduction to American Politics. *Spring 2022*  
Introduction to Comparative Politics. *Fall 2021*

## SKILLS

**Software:** R, Python, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
**Language:** Turkish (Native), English (Advanced)

## SERVICE

### Service to the University

2022-24 Binghamton University Graduate Student Organization - Department of Political Science Secretary

### Academic Journal Peer Review

*Social Review of Technology and Change*

## MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, The International Studies Association

## REFERENCES

### **Seden Akcinaroglu**

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