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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science - Boston College, Boston, MA (2022-Present)

- ABD since May 8, 2025

M.A. International Security Studies (Double Degree) - Charles University, Prague, Czechia (2021)

M.A. Political Science and Public Administration - University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany (2021)

- Specialization in Methods of Research

B.A. Political Science and International Relations - Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey (2018)

- Minor in Economics

Non-degree training:

- ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan - Network Analysis I & II, Data Visualization (2025, EITM Scholar); Machine Learning (2022)
- Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), Istanbul - Kadir Has University (2020)

PUBLISHED PAPERS

Krause, P., Ozturan, B., & Young, L. (2025). "How Students and the Public Define Terrorism, and How Education Affects Those Definitions." *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 1-20.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2025.2509130>

Ozturan, B. (2025). "From Conflict to Consensus: Power-Sharing and the Path to Democracy." *Clough Center Journal*, 3: 93-99.

WORKING PAPERS

Ozturan, B. "The Problem of Peace: Network Dynamics of Rebel Groups and Governance Institutions in Syria."

Krause, P., & Ozturan, B. "To Which Victor Go the Spoils? Predicting 'The Day After' Regime Change."

Ozturan, B. (2024). "Mapping Political Violence in Turkey: When Terrorism and Civil War Converge." *APSA Preprints*. doi: 10.33774/apsa-2024-wg865.

Ozturan, B. "Over Proofed: Military Purges, Command Structure, and Foreign Military Intervention in Authoritarian Regimes."

Ozturan, B. "From News to Networks: An LLM-Based Pipeline for Extracting Rebel Alliance Structure, Identity, and Power from GDELT." (Supported by APSA Centennial Center Research Grant.)

Ozturan, B., & Corradi, E. "Schools of Authority: Rebel-Run Education Systems in Civil Wars."

Ozturan, B., & Schwab, R. "Rebel Group Constellations: A Methodological Approach to the Study of Rebel Alliances."

Krause, P., Young, L., Ozturan, B., & Zheng, H. "Fostering Constructive Conversations: AI-Mediated Dialogue for Intergroup Understanding."

INVITED TALKS

"Networks of Rebellion: Authority, Violence, and Political Order in Civil War (Chair)." APSA Annual Convention, Boston, MA (2026).

"Problem of Peace: How Do Rebel Relations Impact Civilian Governance?." APSA Annual Convention, Boston, MA (Sep 2026).

"Modeling Rebel Network Evolution: Power and Identity in Civil Wars." Poster Session: Political Networks, APSA Annual Convention, Boston, MA (Sep 2026).

"The Day After: Network Dynamics of Rebel Alliances and Governance Institutions in Syria." PolMeth 2026 (Poster), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (Jul 2026).

"Rebel Relations in a Civil War and Governance Institutions." Political Networks Conference (PolNet), Manchester, UK (Aug 2026).

"From Wartime Alliances to Political Order: Rebel Networks and Power Sharing in Syria." MENA Workshop, MIT (2026).

"The Problem of Peace: Network Dynamics of Rebel Groups and Governance Institutions in Syria." POMEPS (2026); Data Science Frontiers: Society and Politics, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, New York (Oct 2025).

"Rebel Relations in a Civil War and Post-War Power-Sharing Institutions." ISA Annual Convention, Columbus, Ohio (2026); APSA Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada (Sep 2025).

"Civil Wars Roundtable: Debating Innovative Methodologies and Old Favourites in Conflict Research." ISA Annual Convention, Columbus, Ohio (2026).

"When Do Terrorism and Civil War Converge?." ISA Annual Convention, Columbus, Ohio (2026); APSA Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada (Sep 2025).

"The Role of Power and Identity: Rebel Group Legitimacy and Post-Conflict Governance in Bosnia." CRS Annual Conference, Kent, UK (Sep 2025).

"The Day After: Network Dynamics of Rebel Alliances and Governance Institutions in Syria." IC2S2 2025, Norrköping, Sweden (Jul 2025).

"Problem of Peace: Rebel Alliances in Civil War and Post-War Authority." Junior IO Scholars Workshop, Virtual (Apr 2025).

"How Education Changes Individuals' Definitions of Terrorism (with Prof. Krause & Prof. Young)." ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco (Apr 2024).

"Understanding Ethnic Violence." APSA Annual Convention, Los Angeles (Sep 2023).

"Estimating the Accurate Numbers of Political Violence in Turkey by Merging Conflict Event Datasets." VIP Workshop (2025); ISA 2024, San Francisco; Harvard Political Violence Workshop (2022); MPSA 2022, Chicago.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PhD Researcher, Political Violence Project - Prof. Peter Krause, Boston College, MA (2022-Present)

- Data management and analysis using R, Python, Natural Language Processing, and Machine Learning

PhD Researcher, Western Jihadism Project - Prof. Jytte Klausen, Brandeis University, MA (2021)

- Data collection, management, and analysis using SQL, Excel, Python, and Gephi

Field Research, Kyiv - Prof. Stefan Eckhardt, University of Konstanz (Fall 2019)

- Conducted interviews with local and international government officials on the Donbas conflict

Research Assistant, Development Research Group - Prof. Anke Hoeffler, University of Konstanz (Dec 2019-Dec 2020)

- Data collection and management using R; assisted a forthcoming book chapter

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to International Relations (Head TA) - Prof. Jennifer Erickson, Boston College (Spring 2026)

Introduction to International Relations - Prof. Peter Krause, Boston College (Spring 2025)

Introduction to International Relations - Prof. Jennifer Erickson, Boston College (Spring 2024)

Global Governance - Prof. Jennifer Erickson, Boston College (Spring 2023)

Internet and Politics - Prof. Steven Wilson, Brandeis University (Spring 2022)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- APSA Spring 2026 Centennial Center Research Grant
- APSA Political Networks Section Travel Grant, PolNet 2026 (\$500) - 2026
- MSU/IPPSR Travel Funding Award, PolMeth 2026 (\$750) - 2026
- Omar Aggad Fellowship, Boston College (\$2,100) - 2026
- Expense Support, Institute for Humane Studies (\$1,000) - 2026
- EITM Scholarship (\$6,000) - 2025
- Clough Center Fellow, Boston College (\$6,000) - 2024
- Graduate Student Travel Award, ISA (\$400) - 2024
- Connected PhD Fellowship, Brandeis University (\$6,000) - 2022
- Roche-Slapin Fellowship, Brandeis University (\$25,000) - 2021
- DAAD Scholarship (~\$24,400) - 2020-21
- National Scholarship, Ministry of Youth & Sports / Bogazici University (~\$36,000) - 2014-18

SERVICE

Organizer, Violence, Instability, and Peace (VIP) Workshop, Spring 2025

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Programming: Python, R, SQL **Methods:** Machine Learning, Social Network Analysis, Bayesian Statistics, Text Analysis, Survey Methodology **Languages:** Turkish (native), English (C2), Russian (B1), Arabic (A1)