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## Academic Positions

**Central European University, Democracy Institute, Budapest, Hungary**
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow for The OSUN Forum on Democracy and Development 2024 - 2025

**Binghamton University (SUNY), Center on Democratic Performance, Binghamton, NY, USA**
Visiting Researcher 2024 - 2025

## Education

**Binghamton University (State University of New York), NY, USA**
Ph.D, Political Science 2018 - 2024
Dissertation Title: "A Third Wave of Autocratization?: Populist Chief Executives and Judicial Independence"
Committee: Robin E. Best (Chair), Ekrem Karakoc, William B. Heller, Andreas Duus Pape

**Binghamton University (State University of New York), NY, USA**
M.A, Political Science 2018

**Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey**
M.A, International Relations 2014
Thesis Title: "Ideal Citizenship Depictions in Turkish Elementary School Textbooks: Changes and Continuities during the Justice and Development Party Governments"
Committee: Ozlem Altan-Olcay (Chair), Murat Somer, Murat Ergin

**Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey**
High Honors (Magna Cum Laude) B.A, Political Science & International Relations 2012

**Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), France**
Erasmus Student Fall 2011

## Research Interests

Democratic Backsliding, Populism & The Far-Right, Political Institutions, Comparative Political Behavior & Attitudes, Polarization, Framing Effects, Identity Politics, Digital Authoritarianism.

## Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics, Research Design & Methods, Democratization & Autocratization, The Rise of Populism & The Far-Right, Political Institutions, Comparative Political Behavior & Attitudes, Politics of Competitive Authoritarian Regimes, European Politics, Latin American Politics, Digital Authoritarianism.

## Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles (Total Citations: 75)

Andrew Bennett, and **Didem Seyis**. (2023). "The Online Market's Invisible Hand: Internet Media and Rising Populism". *Political Studies*. 71(3), 655–675. (Citations: 19)

Olga Shvetsova, Andrei Zhirnov, Abdul Basit Adeel, Mert Can Bayar, Onsel Gurel Bayrali, Michael Catalano, Olivia Catalano, Hyoungrohk Chu, Frank Giannelli, Ezgi Muftuoglu, Dina Rosenberg, **Didem Seyis**, Bradley Skopyk, Julie VanDusky-Allen, Tianyi Zhao. (2022). "Protective Policy Index, a Global Dataset of Origins and Stringency of COVID-19 Mitigation Policies". *Scientific Data*. Volume 9, No. 319. (Citations: 18)

Timur Naushirvanov, Dina Rosenberg, Patrick Sawyer, and **Didem Seyis**. (2022). "How Populists Fueled Polarization and Failed Their Response to Covid-19: An Empirical Analysis". *Frontiers in Political Science*. Volume 90 (In Press). (Citations: 13)

**Didem Seyis**, and William B. Heller. (2021). "Voter Support for Anti-Immigrant Populist Parties: The

Effect of Economic Pessimism and "Out-Group" Immigration". *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*. Volume 2, No. 3: 429-451. (Citations: 4)

Robin E. Best, and **Didem Seyis**. (2021). "How Do Voters Perceive Ideological Congruence? The Effects of Winning and Losing under Different Electoral Rules". *Electoral Studies*. Volume 69, 102201. (Citations: 17)

Book Chapters

**Didem Seyis**, and Hayley Munir. "Judiciary Under Attack: Populists in Government and the Independence of the Judiciary". In *The Ideational Approach to Populism: Consequences and Mitigation*, edited by Kirk Hawkins, Eliza Hawkins, Nina Wiesehomeier, Levi Littvay, Angelos Chryssogelos (*Routledge Press*). (Citations: 1)

Mert C. Bayar, and **Didem Seyis**. "Populist Responses to COVID-19: The Cases of Turkey and Israel as Examples of Pro-Science Populism and the Cases of the United States and Brazil as Examples of Science-Skeptic Populism". In *Government Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, edited by Olga Shvetsova (*Palgrave Macmillan*). (Citations: 2)

## Works In Progress

Book Manuscript

**Didem Seyis**. "From Guardians to Pawns: The Transformation of the Judiciary in Turkey and Ecuador" (In Progress).

Papers

Hayley Munir, **Didem Seyis**, and Syed Rashid Munir. "Populist Governments and the Rule of Law: A Cross-Country Analysis of Democracies" (Under Review).

**Didem Seyis**. "Perils of Populism?: Populist Chief Executives and Executive Aggrandizement at the Expense of the Judiciary in Global Context" (In Progress).

**Didem Seyis**."Opposing Correísmo: Opposition Strategies to Counter Democratic Erosion in Ecuador" (for the edited volume: "Comparative Opposition Behavior to Counter Democratic Erosion in Global South" by Murat Somer)(In Progress).

**Didem Seyis**, Lisel Hintz, and Jonas Bergan Draege. "Producing Personality Cults: Multimodal Analysis of Regime-Disseminated Videos" (In Progress).

**Didem Seyis**, and William B. Heller. "Voting for Populists: The Effect of Electoral Permissiveness on the Global Surge of Populism and Radicalism" (In Progress).

Robin E. Best, and **Didem Seyis**. "Are Distant Voters More Likely to Reject the Establishment? The Effects of Perceived Ideological Congruence on Support for Challenger Parties" (In Progress).

Robin E. Best, Hyoungrohk Chu, and **Didem Seyis**. "The Consequences of Opposition Fragmentation for Alternation in Government and Satisfaction with Democracy" (In Progress).

## Additional Publications

**Didem Seyis**. "Populists' Health Care Policies during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Examples from the US and Turkey" [Published in Turkish: COVID-19 Sürecinde Popülistlerin Sağlık Politikaları: ABD ve Türkiye Örnekleri]". *Istanbul Political Research Institute* (March 2020).

**Didem Seyis**. Review of "Nation-Building and Turkish Modernization: Islam, Islamism, and Nationalism in Turkey", edited by Rasim Ozgur Donmez and Ali Yaman. *Turkish Studies*. 21 No: 5 (2020): 813-815. (Citation:1)

**Didem Seyis**. "Secularism, But What Type of It? [Published Online in Turkish: Nasıl Bir Laiklik?]" Political and Social Research Institute of Europe, (May 2016).

**Didem Seyis**. "Constructing the Image of 'the Other': Depiction of Islam in Western Media. [Published Online in Turkish: Batılı Zihinde 'Öteki'yi Kurgulamak: Medyanın İslam Tasviri]" Political and Social Research

Institute of Europe, (February 2016).

Nermin Abadan-Unat, Volkan Cidam, Dilek Cinar, Zeynep Kadirbeyoglu, Selcan Kaynak, Bahar Ozay, **Didem Seyis**, Emre Senol, and Alisait Yilkin. "Voting Behavior of Turkish Citizens Living Abroad: Turkey's Parliamentary Election of June 7, 2015." Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

Gonca Ongan, Duygu Guner, **Didem Seyis**, and Cansu Cankayali. "Peace in Our Hands: Interviews About Improving Relations between the Societies of Turkey and Armenia." Koc University Social Impact Forum, Istanbul, Turkey, (2014).

## Methods Training

**Central European University Democracy Institute, Budapest, Hungary**

Methods Clinic (Instructor: Levente Littvay) October 2024 - present
Large Language Models (Instructor: Eduardo Tamaki) May 2025

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA**

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods 2019

- Empirical Modeling of Social Science Theory: Advanced Topic (Instructor: Robert J. Franzese)
- Introduction to Python (Instructor: John Poe)

**Binghamton University (SUNY), NY, USA**

- Research Methods & Statistics I (Instructor: Wendy Martinek)
- Research Methods & Statistics II (Instructor: Dave Clark)
- Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Instructor: Dave Clark)
- Introduction to Game Theory (Instructor: Daniel Magleby)
- Advanced Game Theory (Instructor: Olga Shvetsova)

## Datasets

**Didem Seyis**. 2024. "Latin American Elections: 1989-2024".

## Fieldwork Experience

**Turkey (Istanbul and Ankara) and Germany (Berlin)**

## Research Experience

**Research Assistant, Johns Hopkins University**

*Conducts web scraping from Youtube and Twitter for videos released by the Turkish Government and the ruling AKP between 2002 and 2022, determines the variable list and a feasible and efficient data collection strategy, collects data on these videos, and coauthors two papers.*

History, Nostalgia, and Collective Memory in AKP Videos (with Lisel Hintz) June 2023-May 2024

**Research Assistant, Binghamton University (SUNY)**

*Collected quantitative and qualitative data, conducted data cleaning, management and analysis for the development of scholarly work, coauthored papers, prepared literature reviews, trained students for data collection.*

COVID-19 Protective Policy Index (PPI) Project (with Olga Shvetsova) August 2020-January 2024

Immigration and Populist Voting (with William B. Heller) Spring 2020

Content Analysis of U.S. Presidents' State of the Union Addresses (with Jeffrey Yates) Spring 2018

**Research Assistant, Bogazici University**

*Conducted interviews with Turkish citizens living in Berlin on Turkey's then-upcoming parliamentary election of June 7, 2015, transcribed the interviews and conducted analysis.*

Voting Behavior of Turkish Citizens Living Abroad: Turkey's Parliamentary Elections of June 7, 2015. Funded by *Friedrich Ebert Foundation* (with Nermin Abadan-Unat and Zeynep Kadirbeyoglu) 2015-2016

**Master Thesis Project, Koc University**
*Collected qualitative data and conducted comparative content analysis on Turkish elementary school textbooks.*

Ideal Citizenship Depictions in Turkish Elementary School Textbooks: 2013-2014
Changes & Continuities during the Justice & Development Party Governments (Supervisor: Ozlem Altan-Olcay)

**Research Assistant, Koc University**
*Transcribed interviews, collected qualitative data from Turkish newspapers, conducted discourse analysis, and contributed to the development of scholarly work.*

Global Inequalities and Citizenship: Citizenship Practices on the Example of Individuals 2014
in Possession of American Passports in Turkey.
Funded by *The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)*
(Supervisors: Ozlem Altan-Olcay and Evren Balta (Yildiz Technical University))

Comparative Content Analysis of Secular and Conservative Newspapers, 2012-2014
2007 and 2010 (Supervisor: Murat Somer)

## Teaching Training

**Teaching Online Certification Program (TOCP)**
Center for Learning and Teaching (CLT) at Binghamton University (SUNY) Fall 2019

## Teaching Experience

**Instructor**

- Research Design & Methods (College of Staten Island, CUNY) (Freshman, online sync.) Spring 2025
- Intro to Political Science (College of Staten Island, CUNY) (Freshman, online async.) Summer 2023
- Politics of Latin America (Binghamton University) (Senior, online sync. & async. mixed) Spring 2021
- Nationalism: The Old and the New (Binghamton University) (Junior, online async.) Winter 2020
- Challenges to Democracy (Binghamton University) (Senior, in-person) Fall 2019
- The Rise of Populism (Binghamton University) (Junior, online async.) Summer 2019

**Teaching Assistant**

- Intro to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (Binghamton University) (Sophomore) Spring 2019
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Binghamton University)(Freshman) Fall 2016, 2018, 2020
- Research Methods & Statistics I (Binghamton University) (Graduate level) Fall 2017
- Transnational Networks and Politics of the Global (Koc University) (Junior) Spring 2014
- Introduction to Political Science (Koc University) (Freshman) Fall 2013
- The Middle East in a Globalized World (Koc University) (Junior) Spring 2013
- Comparative Politics (Koc University) (Freshman) Fall 2012

**Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**

- Introduction to Turkish Politics (Bogazici University) (Sophomore) Spring 2011
- Introduction to Political Science (Bogazici University) (Freshman) Fall 2010

## Professional Services and Activities

**European Journal of Political Research**, **Electoral Studies**, **European Political Science**, **Populism**, **Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy**, **Populism**, **Turkish Studies**
Reviewer

**American Political Science Association**, **Midwest Political Science Association**
**ASN World Convention at Columbia University**, **The De- and Re-Democratization (DRD) Workgroup of the CEU Democracy Institute**
Chair, Discussant

**"The De- and Re-Democratization (DRD) Annual Workshop:** June 2025
**Who are the Enemies of Democracy?"**

*"The Anatomy of Authoritarianism: A Conceptual Framework and Taxonomy of Authoritarian Government Practices (AGPs) with Empirical Applications from Central and Eastern Europe"*
Authors: Áron Hajnal, György Hajnal(Corvinus University of Budapest; HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences)
Discussant

*"Self-Perpetuation and the Democratic Rules of the Game"*
Author: Ahmed Elbasyouny (Indiana University, Center for Constitutional Democracy, Maurer School of Law)
Discussant

**"Depolarizing the Classroom: The Effectiveness of De-Polarization Communication Techniques"** March 2025
Authors: Laura Gamboa (University of Notre Dame), Kirk A. Hawkins (Brigham Young University), Eliza Tanner Hawkins (Brigham Young University), Emily de Schweinitz Taylor (Utah Valley University)
Seminar organized by *The De- and Re-Democratization (DRD) Workgroup of the CEU Democracy Institute*
Chair

**"When Do Citizens Support Democratic Backsliding in the Name of Democracy?"** October 2024
Authors: Noam Titelman (Sciences Po Paris), Javier Sajuria (Queen Mary University of London), Lisa Zanotti (Diego Portales University)
Seminar organized by *The De- and Re-Democratization (DRD) Workgroup of the CEU Democracy Institute*
Discussant

**"Opposition Dilemmas and Countering Democratic Erosion"** October 2024
Authors: Murat Somer (Ozyegin University), Jennifer McCoy (Georgia State University), Ozlem Tuncel (Georgia State University)
Seminar organized by *The OSUN Forum on Democracy and Development at the CEU Democracy Institute*
Discussant

**"You... all of your kind... and your secret allies... are the 'elite(s):' Rhetorical Fluidity in Populist Discourse"** October 2024
Workshop organized by *OPUS Young Scholars Initiative on Populism*
Speakers: Juan S. Gomez Cruces (Hasso-Plattner-Institut) and Adrien Halliez (Drake University)
Discussant: Bruno Castanho Silva (Free University of Berlin)
Moderator

**"Gender Resistance and Anti-Feminism in Turkey and Greece"** May 2024
Panel at *ASN World Convention at Columbia University, 2024*
Chair

**"Democracy: Definitions, Types, and Quality"** April 2024
Lightning Talk at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024*
Chair

**"The Road Ahead: Charting a Course for the Future of Populism Studies"** September 2023
First Emerging Scholars Workshop organized by *OPUS Young Scholars Initiative on Populism*
Conference Organizer

**"Beyond Populism - The Other Worlds of Discourse"** September 2023
Keynote Speech by Dr. Kirk Hawkins (Brigham Young University) at the First Emerging Scholars Workshop organized by *OPUS Young Scholars Initiative on Populism*
Moderator

**"Between the Lines: Language, Framing, and Populism"** September 2023
Panel at the First Emerging Scholars Workshop organized by *OPUS Young Scholars Initiative on Populism*
Chair

**"Grievance, Social Class, and Preferences for Redistribution"** September 2023
Panel at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023*
Chair and Discussant

**"Do Recent Electoral System Changes Fix Politics?"** September 2023
Panel at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023*

Chair

**"Public Attitudes, Immigration, and Refugees"** September 2023
Panel at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023*
Discussant

**"Migrants and Migration Policy in Europe"** September 2023
Panel at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023*
Discussant

**"Women Mentoring Workshop"** June 2023
Online Workshop organized by *American Political Science Association, 2023*
Participant

**"Far-right Populism in Europe: A Comparative Perspective"** May 2023
Workshop organized by *OPUS Young Scholars Initiative on Populism*
Speaker: Daphne Halikiopoulou (University of York)
Moderator

**Turkish General Elections - Round 1 & 2** May 2023
At *Turkish Consulate General in New York*
Election Observer

**"Mobilization and Agency after Violent Exclusion "** May 2023
Panel at *ASN World Convention at Columbia University, 2023*
Chair

**"Processes and Politics of Nation-State Building"** May 2023
Panel at *ASN World Convention at Columbia University, 2023*
Chair

**"Perspectives on Populism, Nationalism, and Authoritarianism"** April 2023
Lightning Talk at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023*
Chair

**"Contentious Politics"** April 2023
Lightning Talk at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023*
Chair

**"Comparative Views of Democracy"** April 2023
Undergrad Poster Session at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023*
Discussant

**"Party Systems and Political Institutions and COVID-19 Policy Responses"** September 2022
Panel at *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022*
Discussant

**"Academic Job Market Strategies and Tips"** September 2022
Roundtable organized by *Turkish-American Political Science Association*
Moderator

**"The Far Right in Comparative Politics"** April 2022
Panel at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022*
Discussant

**Turkish-American Political Science Association** (led by Dr. Orcun Selcuk) February 2022 - present
Steering Committee Member

**"Totality, Malaise, Agitation: A Critical Theory of Anti-Emancipatory Politics"** December 2021
Graduate Seminar organized by *OPUS Young Scholars Initiative on Populism*,
Discussant: Kirk Hawkins (Brigham Young Unniversity)
Moderator

**Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Abingdon, UK** August 2021-September 2022

Editorial Assistant

**OPUS Young Scholars Initiative on Populism (within *Team Populism*)** June 2021-present
Co-founder and Steering Committee Member

**"Lessons from the U.S. Elections: How to Deal with Populist Incumbents"** December 2020
Roundtable organized by *Istanbul Political Research Institute (IstanPol)*
Speakers: Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser (Diego Portales U), Murat Somer (Koc U), Luca Manucci (U of Lisbon)
Moderator

**Istanbul Political Research Institute (IstanPol), Istanbul, Turkey** January - December 2020
Project funded by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation: "Democracy and Populism"
Project Coordinator

**COVID-19 Protective Policy Index** (led by Prof. Olga Shvetsova at SUNY Binghamton) 2020 - 2024
Project Supervisor for Data Collection

**American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, The Association for the Study of Nationalities** 2018 - present
Member

**Istanbul Political Research Institute (IstanPol), Istanbul, Turkey** 2018-present
Co-founder and Researcher

**Political and Social Research Institute of Europe, Vienna, Austria** 2015-2017
Co-founder and Corporate Communications Director

**"Peace in Your Hands: The Turkish-Armenian Peace Initiative"** January - December 2014
Project Coordinator at *Koc University Social Impact Forum*, funded by *Consulate General of the Netherlands*

**Economic Development Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey** Summer 2012
Intern.

**Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey** Spring 2012
Intern in two projects:
(1)"Monitoring the Constitutional Process in Turkey",
(2)"Evaluations & Recommendations on the Headscarf Ban"

## Honors and Awards

Binghamton University The Chancellor's Distinguished Ph.D. Dissertation Award (Nomination in progress)

Global Frames of the Far Right: A Comparative Analysis Using AI ($20,000) January 2025
and Interdisciplinary Perspectives (Project Lead)
for the Cross-Hub Collaboration Grant by the OSUN Forum on Democracy & Development

Learning Opposition Strategies to Counter Democracies ($9,340) January 2025
through Comparative Case Studies (Project Lead: Prof. Murat Somer)
for the Cross-Hub Collaboration Grant by the OSUN Forum on Democracy & Development

"Perils of Populism?: Populist Chief Executives and Executive Aggrandizement at the Expense of the Judiciary in Global Context"
*Paper nominated for the best paper in political institutions at the MPSA 2025* April 2025

Central European University Foundation of Budapest Research Grant ($1,000) January 2025

Binghamton University Graduate School Travel Grant ($500) August 2024
for 2024 MPSA, SPSA, and ASN at Columbia Annual Meetings

Binghamton University Graduate Student Organization Research Fund ($400) March 2024

Southern Political Science Association The Prestage-Cook Travel Award ($300) January 2024

APSA First Generation Scholars in the Profession Travel and Accessibility Grant ($145) October 2023

Binghamton University Graduate Student Organization Research Fund ($335) October 2023

American Political Science Association Presidents & Executive Politics Section Grant ($350) July 2023

American Political Science Association Political Science Education Section Support Grant ($100) July 2023

American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant ($150) July 2023
to attend 2023 APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Los Angeles, CA

Binghamton University Graduate School Travel Grant ($1,000) November 2022
for 2022 APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Montréal, Canada

American Political Science Association (APSA) Member Relief Grant ($200) October 2022

American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant ($150) July 2022
to attend 2022 APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Montréal, Canada

Université de Montréal, Faculté des Arts et des Sciences, Département de Science Politique, June 2022
Conference Scholarship (CA$1,000) to attend the "New Challenges to Democracy" Workshop

New York State/Graduate Student Employees Union Professional Development Program May 2022
Conference Funding ($560)

Binghamton University, Political Science Department, Travel Support ($1,000) for AY 21-22 June 2021

Binghamton University Graduate Student Excellence in Research Award (Nominee) 2020

The 50th Anniversary Fund by the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 2020
for the General Conference

Tuition Fee Waiver for the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods 2019

Dr. David Cingranelli Award for Outstanding Graduate Student 2018

George L. Hinman Doctoral Fellowship in Public Policy Fall 2016 - Fall 2021
(Covers tuition fees, stipend, summer fellowship and all conference expenses for five years)

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) 2014
Research Assistant Scholarship

Koc University Graduate Student Scholarship and Tuition Fee Waiver 2012-2014
(Covers tuition fees, stipend, student housing and conference expenses)

High Honors List (Magna Cum Laude) in Bogazici University 2012

Erasmus Grant by European Commission through Bogazici University 2011

## Media Appearances and Contributions

"How Resilient has Democracy Shown Itself in This Super Election Year?" December 28, 2024
[Published originally in Dutch: "Hoe veerkrachtig toonde de democratie zich in dit Superverkiezingsjaar?"]
on *Trouw* (a Dutch daily newspaper)

"Populists' Health Care Policies during the COVID-19 Pandemic," March 25, 2021
on *Halk TV* (a Turkish national TV channel)

"Populists' Response to COVID-19: The Case of Turkey," March 28, 2021
on *Medyascope TV* (an online audiovisual platform)

## Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

"Perils of Populism?: Populist Chief Executives and Judicial Backsliding in Global Context"
*Ozyegin University, Istanbul, Turkey* May 2025

"Producing Personality Cults: Multimodal Analysis of Regime-Disseminated Videos"
(with Lisel Hintz and Jonas Bergan Draege)
*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025* Accepted

*Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Virtual, 2024* November 2024
*ASN Annual World Convention at Columbia University, 2024* May 2024

"An Illustration of Executive Aggrandizement: Populist Chief Executives and Judicial Independence in Ecuador and Turkey"
*Austrian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024* November 2024
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025* April 2025

"Perils of Populism?: Populist Chief Executives and Executive Aggrandizement at the Expense of the Judiciary in Global Context"
*Austrian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024* November 2024
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025** April 2025
∗Paper nominated for the best paper in political institutions at the MPSA 2025

"Populist Governments and the Rule of Law: A Cross-Country Analysis of Democracies" (with H. Munir and S. R. Munir)
*Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024* January 2024
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024* April 2024

"Media in Contemporary U.S. Politics"
*Invited Talk at Siena College* March 2024

"Perils of Populism?: Populist Chief Executives and Judicial Independence in 45 Democracies"
*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023* September 2023
*ASN Annual World Convention at Columbia University, 2023* May 2023
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023* April 2023

"The Consequences of Opposition Fragmentation for Alternation in Government and Satisfaction with Democracy" (with Robin Best and Hyoungrohk Chu)
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023* April 2023
*New Challenges to Democracy Workshop at the Université de Montréal, 2022* September 2022
*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022* September 2022

"Causes and Consequences of Populism"
*Invited Talk at St. Lawrence University* April 2022

"Voting for Populists: The Effect of Electoral Permissiveness on the Global Surge of Populism" (with W. Heller)
*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022* September 2022
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022* April 2022
*Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022* March 2022

"Populist Responses to COVID-19: The Cases of Turkey and Israel" (with Mert C. Bayar)
*Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023* January 2023
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022* April 2022

"Populism and Judicial Independence: A Comparative Study of Executive Aggrandizement in Turkey, Ecuador and Poland"
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022* April 2022

"Are Distant Voters More Likely to Reject the Establishment? The Effects of Perceived Ideological Congruence on Support for Challenger Parties" (with Robin E. Best)
*European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual* June 2021
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Virtual* April 2021

"Populists on the Rise: Is Immigration to Blame?" (with William B. Heller)
*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA* September 2021
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Virtual* April 2021
*Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual* March 2021

"How Populists Fueled Polarization and Failed Their Response to Covid-19: An Empirical Analysis" (with Timur Naushirvanov, Dina Rosenberg and Patrick Sawyer)

*The European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Virtual* September 2021
*Association for the Study of Nationalities, Virtual* May 2021
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Virtual* April 2021

"The New Game in Town: Internet Media and the Rise of Populism" (with Andrew Bennett)
*Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual* January 2021
*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual* September 2020

"Perils of Populism?: Populist Chief Executives and Judicial Independence"
*The European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Virtual* August 2020

"Are Distant Voters More Likely to Reject the Establishment? Perceived Ideological Congruence and Support for Challenger Parties"
*Invited Talk at Binghamton University (SUNY)* (Talk cancelled due to COVID-19) March 2020

"Populism and Judicial Independence: A Comparative Study of Executive Aggrandizement in Turkey and Ecuador"
*Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York* May 2020
(Conference cancelled due to COVID-19)

"Electoral Rules, Winners and Losers, and Perceptions of Ideological Congruence"
(with Robin E. Best) *Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago* April 2020
(Conference cancelled due to COVID-19)

"Judiciary Under Attack?: Populist Incumbents and Judicial Independence in Latin America"
(with Hayley Munir)
*Team Populism Conference in IE University, Segovia, Spain* June 2019
*Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York* May 2019
*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago* April 2019

"Populists in Government: Threat to or Support for Government Oversight?"
*Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York* May 2018

"Right-wing Populism and Opposition's Oversight Ability of Government in Europe" *Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago* April 2018

"A Comparative Study of Ideal Citizenship Depictions in Turkish Elementary School Curriculum: Before and After the Justice and Development Party Governments"
*WISC-ISA Joint International Conference, Goethe University, Frankfurt* August 2014

"The Perception of Syrian 'Visitors' In Turkey,"
*WISC-ISA Joint International Conference, Goethe University, Frankfurt* August 2014

## Language Skills

Turkish (native); English (fluent); French (advanced reading); Spanish (intermediate reading, in progress)

## Software Skills

Stata, LaTeX, R, Phyton (in progress), Atlas.ti

## Data Analysis Skills

Data Wrangling, Data Extraction, Data Visualization, Database Management, Cross-National Research, OLS, MLE, Time Series Analysis, Multilevel Regression, Inter-textual Analysis, Web Scraping

## Recommendations

**Prof. Robin E. Best** (Binghamton University) (rbest@binghamton.edu)
**Prof. Ekrem Karakoc** (Binghamton University) (ekarakoc@binghamton.edu)
**Assoc. Prof. William B. Heller** (Binghamton University) (wbheller@gmail.com)
**Prof. Kirk A. Hawkins** (Brigham Young University & CEU Democracy Institute) (kirk_hawkins@byu.edu)
**Prof. Levente (Levi) Littvay** (HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences)(levi@littvay.com)
**Assist. Prof. Lisel Hintz** (Johns Hopkins University) (lhintz1@jhu.edu)
(Available upon request).