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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor Starting Fall 2026
School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida

Consultant February–July 2026
Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva (IHEID)
– Project: “*Yes, I Do: Belligerent Consent to UN Peace Missions*”

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Pittsburgh 2026
– Fields: International Relations and Political Methodology
– Dissertation: *The Politics of Refugee Return*
– Committee: Burcu Savun (Co-Chair), Jude Hays (Co-Chair), Luke Condra, Max Goplerud
(University of Texas at Austin), Christopher Blair (Princeton University)
M.A., Political Science, University of Pittsburgh 2022
M.A., International Politics, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven 2019
B.A., International Relations, Middle East Technical University *Magna Cum Laude* 2018
Study Abroad: School of Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds 2017

Research Interests

Political Violence, Civil Wars, Forced Migration and Refugees, Human Rights, Public Opinion

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Qiu, Zhejun, **Perisa Davutoglu**, and William Spaniel. *Forthcoming*. “Beyond the First Battle: Navigating the Uncertainty of War’s Second Stage.” *International Studies Quarterly*.

Davutoglu, Perisa. 2025. “The Architecture of Containment: Refugee Protection in a Post-Liberal Order.” *International Organization*.

Davutoglu, Perisa. 2024. “The Logic of Sexual Violence by State Security Forces in Civil Wars.” *International Interactions*.

Morrison, Kelly, Daniela Donno, Burcu Savun, and **Perisa Davutoglu**. 2024. “Competing Judgements: Multiple Election Monitors and Post-Election Contention.” *Review of International Organizations*.

Working Papers

- “When Do Belligerents Say “Yes”: Introducing the Consent to Peace Missions (CPM) Dataset”
(with Sara Hellmüller, David Ball, Thaddäus Braun, Julia Pickhardt and Margaux Pinaud)
- “Towards an Objective Measure: Quantifying Forced Repatriation of Refugees”
- “Should They Stay or Should They Go? Examining Public Preferences on Refugee Repatriation”
- “Refugees as Leverage: Human Rights Accountability in the Age of Migration Diplomacy”
- “Refugee Crises and the Strategic Allegations of Human Rights Abuses.” (with Zhejun Qiu)
- “Verdicts from International and Domestic Election Observer Missions.” (with Kelly Morrison, Daniela Donno and Burcu Savun)

Conferences & Workshops

- “Refugees as Leverage: Human Rights Accountability in the Age of Migration Diplomacy”
– Workshop on Human Rights and International Relations, University of Notre Dame, 2026
- “Should They Stay or Should They Go? Examining Public Preferences on Refugee Repatriation”
– Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), Puerto Rico, 2025
– Pennsylvania State University - University of Pittsburgh IR Workshop, Pittsburgh, 2025
- “Towards an Objective Measure: Quantifying Forced Repatriation of Refugees”
– Perry World House (PWH) Conference: From Migrant to Mainstay: Safeguarding Human Rights after the Journey, University of Pennsylvania, 2025
– Peace Science Society (International), Ann Arbor, 2024
– American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, 2024
– International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco, 2024
– Pennsylvania State University - University of Pittsburgh IR Workshop, State College, 2024
- “Competing Judgements: Multiple Election Monitors and Post-Election Contention.” (with Kelly Morrison, Daniela Donno, Burcu Savun)
– American Political Science Association (APSA), Los Angeles, 2023
– Peace Science Society (International), St. Louis, 2023
- “The Logic of Sexual Violence by State Security Forces in Civil Wars.”
– Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 2022
– Women in Politics Symposium, Pittsburgh, 2022
– Pennsylvania State University - University of Pittsburgh IR Workshop, State College, 2022
– International Studies Association (ISA), Montreal, 2023

Research Experience

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| Research Assistant, Aala Abdelgadir, University of Pittsburgh | Summer 2024 & Summer 2025 |
| Research Assistant, Burcu Savun, University of Pittsburgh | Summer 2022 & Summer 2024 |
| Research Assistant, Burcu Savun, University of Pittsburgh | 2021-2022 |
| Research Assistant, Michael Aklin, University of Pittsburgh | 2021-2022 |
| Research Assistant, Center for European Studies, Middle East Technical University | 2017 |

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Civil Wars, University of Pittsburgh	Spring 2026
Instructor, Conflict and War Theory, University of Pittsburgh	Summer 2025
Guest Lecturer, Political Violence, University of Pittsburgh	Spring 2024
Instructor, World Politics, University of Pittsburgh	Summer 2023
Teaching Assistant, World Politics, University of Pittsburgh	2022-2023

Grants and Awards

Andrew Mellon Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2024-2025
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting Travel Grant	2025
Research Grant, IHS at George Mason University	2025
Humane Studies Fellowship, IHS at George Mason University	2024
Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting Travel Grant	2024
Research Grant, IHS at George Mason University	2024
Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2023-2024
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting Travel Grant	2023
Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant	2023, 2024
Arts & Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2023, 2024, 2025
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2020-2021

Service

Referee: *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Review of International Organizations*, *International Interactions*

Member, Structural Racism Assistant Professor Hiring Committee	2024-2025
President, Turkish American Student Association (TASA)	2023-2025
Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Executive Committee	2021-2022 & 2024-2025
Political Science Graduate Student Mentor	2022-2023 & 2024-2025
Social Chair, Graduate Student Executive Committee	2021-2022
Grad student representative at Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee	2021-2022

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Peace Science Society (International), Women in Conflict Studies

Skills

Software: R, Python, Stata, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, NVivo

Language: Turkish (native)

References

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