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CONTACT INFORMATION	New York University Abu Dhabi Division of Social Science, A5-107	web: www.omerorsun.com E-mail: omerorsun@nyu.edu
RESEARCH INTERESTS	International Politics: foreign policy analysis, international crises, alliance politics Policy Analytics: measurement for policy evaluation, evidence-based policy frameworks Political Methodology: machine learning, large language models, measurement, survey methods	
TEACHING INTERESTS	International Politics: foreign policy analysis, international security, coercive diplomacy Policy Analysis: strategic options analysis, policy memo writing, case study methods, simulations Political Methodology: machine learning, generative AI for political research, survey methods	
ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS	New York University Abu Dhabi Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Division of Social Science Istanbul University Assistant Professor of International Politics, <i>Faculty of Political Science</i> Member of the Executive Board, <i>Statistics Research Center</i> Harvard University Postdoctoral Research Fellow, <i>Institute for Quantitative Social Science</i> Visiting Fellow, <i>Department of Government</i>	2019 - Ongoing Abu Dhabi, UAE Istanbul, Turkey 2016 - 2019 2018 - 2019 Cambridge, MA 2016 - 2017 2013 - 2014
POLICY ANALYTICS & CONSULTING	United Cities and Local Governments, MEWA <i>Principal Technical Investigator</i> Project: Mapping Sustainable Development Goals in Turkish Municipalities, <i>A European Commission Funded Project</i> Developed and implemented Bayesian Thurstonian Item Response Theory methodology to quantify SDG alignment patterns across 2,223 municipal projects in 15 Turkish municipalities; methodology subsequently adopted by UCLG-MEWA for regional assessments.	Istanbul, Turkey 2019-2020
EDUCATION	Koç University PhD in Political Science and International Relations, <i>Department of International Relations</i> University of Essex MA in International Relations, <i>Department of Government</i> Istanbul University BA in Public Administration, <i>Faculty of Political Science</i>	Istanbul, Turkey 2009 - 2015 Colchester, UK 2007 - 2008 Istanbul, Turkey 2003 - 2007
BOOK PROJECTS	“Accidental (or) by Choice? Accidental Use of Force in International Crises” (Revise and Resubmit). <i>Cambridge University Press</i> , with Muhammet A. Bas and Ekrem Baser. “Probabilistic Democracy” (Invited Submission). <i>Cambridge University Press</i> , with Muhammet A. Bas and Randall Stone.	

PEER-REVIEWED
JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Democracy Manifest or Democracy Latent? A Unified Framework for Identifying Regime Types and Transitions” (2026). *Political Analysis*, pp. 1–14, with Muhammet A. Bas.

“Regime Uncertainty and Interstate Conflict” (2021). *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 65, pp. 838–851, with Muhammet A. Bas.

“Dimensions of Democracy and Military Expenditure” (2020). *Uluslararası İlişkiler*, vol. 67, pp. 61–81.

“Accounting for Extra-Dyadic Sources of International Outcomes” (2018). *International Interactions*, vol. 44, pp. 777–800, with Muhammet A. Bas and Robert J. Schub.

“Democratization in Conflict Research: How Conceptualization Affects Operationalization and Testing Outcomes” (2017). *International Interactions*, vol. 43, pp. 941–966, with Michael Bernhard and Reşat Bayer.

“The Politics of Effective Aid and Interstate Conflict” (2017). *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*, vol. 6, pp. 83–102.

“Why Some Countries are Immune from the Resource Curse: The Role of Economic Norms” (2016). *Democratization*, vol. 23, pp. 71–92, with S. Erdem Aytaç and Michael Mousseau.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Politics of Disaster Aid” (Under Contract). *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*, Oxford University Press, with Muhammet A. Bas and Elena McLean.

“Natural Disasters, Conflict and Cooperation: Transboundary Impacts of Environmental Shocks” (Forthcoming). *Oxford Encyclopedia of International Studies*, Oxford University Press, with Muhammet A. Bas and Elena McLean.

“Democratization and Conflict” (2017). *Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*, ed. William Thompson, Oxford University Press, with Reşat Bayer and Michael Bernhard.

“Capitalism and Peace: It’s Keynes, Not Hayek” (2013). *The Capitalist Peace*, eds. G. Schneider and N. P. Gleditsch, Routledge, with Michael Mousseau and Jameson Ungerer.

“Does the Market-Capitalist Peace Supersede the Democratic Peace? The Evidence Still Says Yes” (2013). *The Capitalist Peace*, eds. G. Schneider and N. P. Gleditsch, Routledge, with Michael Mousseau and Jameson Ungerer.

COMMISSIONED
POLICY REPORTS

“Mapping Sustainable Development Goals in Turkish Municipalities | Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma Hedefleri Türkiye Haritalandırması Pilot Projesi Sonuç Raporu” (2020). United Cities and Local Governments - Middle East and West Asia (UCLG-MEWA), Istanbul. ISBN: 978-605-80101-3-0, with Salim Korkmaz and Melis Şahin.

UNDER REVIEW

“When Disasters Strike Abroad: How Perspective Taking and Geopolitics Shape Public Support for International Disaster Aid”. (with Muhammet A. Bas, Elena McLean, and Joonseok Yang) (Revise and Resubmit at *the Review of International Organizations*)

“War Made the State, and the State Made Trade: How Violent Independence Shapes Long-term Trade Performance” (with Reşat Bayer)

“Apologies as Multidimensional Signals in International Crises”. (with Muhammet A. Bas and Ekrem T. Baser)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Pulse of Rivalry: Measuring Interstate Rivalry in Real Time

“Extended Deterrence as a Hidden Variable” (with Muhammet A. Bas)

hmmRAG: Latent Variables for Enhanced Retrieval-Augmented Generation

GRANTS & AWARDS	<i>External Research Fellowships & Awards</i>	
	Google Gemini Academic Program Award	2025/26
	TUBITAK Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (# 221920152)	2016/17
	TUBITAK Predoctoral Research Fellowship (# 2214A20132)	2013/14
	<i>Institutional Research Grants & Awards</i>	
	New York University Abu Dhabi Tamkeen Research Fund	2025/28
	New York University Abu Dhabi Global Dynamics Cluster Research Fund	2025/26
	Istanbul University Research Productivity Award	2019
	Istanbul University Research Productivity Award	2018
	Istanbul University Research Productivity Award	2017
	Koç University Thesis Completion Grant	2013/14
	<i>PhD Fellowships & Scholarships</i>	
	Koç University Full Scholarship (Tuition Waiver and Stipends)	2009/15
	Koç University Fellowship for ECPR Summer School	2010
	Koç University Fellowship for Formal Theory Program (Sabancı University)	2010
	<i>Travel Grants</i>	
	TUBITAK 2224-A International Conference Travel Grant	2013
	International Studies Association Annual Convention Travel Grant (San Diego)	2012
	Koç University International Academic Travel Grant	2012
	International Studies Association Annual Convention Travel Grant (Montreal)	2011
DATABASE PROJECTS	UNITAS: Unified Regime Transitions And Stability (1800-2017) (with Muhammet A. Bas)	
	POLRAG: Global Political Leaders Dataset version 1.0 (with Muhammet Bas and Randall Stone)	
	AKIL: Global Threats Database	
	BEACON: Global Alliance Signals Database (with Muhammet Bas)	
INVITED TALKS	University of Oxford, Department of Politics and International Relations, May 2019	
	Bilkent University, Foreign Policy and Peace Center, October 2015	
	Boğaziçi University, Department of Politics and International Relations, March 2015	
	Özyeğin University, Department of Politics and International Relations, December 2013	
SELECTED PRESENTATIONS	Extended Deterrence as a Latent Variable <i>2026 14th Eurasian Peace Science Conference</i> (with Muhammet Bas), Athens, Greece.	
	War Made the State, and the State Made Trade: How Violent Independence Shapes Long-term Trade Performance <i>2025 13th Eurasian Peace Science Conference</i> (with Reşat Bayer), Zagreb, Croatia.	
	When “Sorry” Means a Lot: Apologies as Multidimensional Signals in International Crises <i>2025 13th Eurasian Peace Science Conference</i> (with Muhammet A. Bas and Ekrem T. Baser), Zagreb, Croatia.	
	When Disasters Strike Abroad: How Perspective Taking and Geopolitics Shape Public Support for International Disaster Aid <i>2025 International and Comparative Political Economy Workshop</i> , (with Muhammet A. Bas,	

Elena McLean, and Joonseok Yang) NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE.

A Unified Model of Regime Types and Transitions *2023 11th Eurasian Peace Science Conference* (with Muhammet A. Bas) NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Accidental Use of Force in International Relations *2023 11th Eurasian Peace Science Conference* (with Muhammet A. Bas and Ekrem Taha Baser) NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Alliance Reputation as a Hidden Variable *2021 International Studies Association Annual Convention* (with Muhammet A. Bas) Istanbul, Turkey

Uncertainty over Regime Type and Crisis Bargaining *2018 Peace Science Society International Annual Convention*, Austin, TX, USA.(with Muhammet Bas)

Outcome Uncertainty: A New Measure *2016 Peace Science Society International Annual Convention*, South Bend, IN, USA. (with Muhammet Bas and Robert Schub)

Dangerous Democratization or Concept Misformation *2014 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Washington DC, USA (with Reşat Bayer and Michael Bernhard)

Is Peace Exportable? Foreign Aid and Interstate Conflict *2012 International Studies Association Annual Convention*, San Diego, USA.

The Patterns of Aid in Western Balkans *2010 European Public Policy Conference*, Istanbul, Turkey

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Foreign Policy Analysis (11 offerings)

New York University Abu Dhabi, Undergraduate Level (5 offerings)

2022-2026

Istanbul University, Undergraduate Level (3 offerings)

2017-2019

Istanbul University, MA Level (3 offerings)

2017-2019

International Security (1 offering)

New York University Abu Dhabi, Undergraduate Level

2026

Introduction to International Politics (9 offerings)

New York University Abu Dhabi, Undergraduate Level (8 offerings)

2022-2026

Koç University, Undergraduate Level (1 offering)

2015

Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 offerings)

New York University Abu Dhabi, Undergraduate Level (6 offerings)

2022-2026

Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods (6 offerings)

Istanbul University, PhD/MA Level (3 offerings)

2017-2019

Istanbul University, Undergraduate Level (3 offerings)

2017-2019

Analytical Techniques in Social Sciences (2 offerings)

Bilgi University, Undergraduate Level (2 offerings)

2015, 2019

THESIS
COMMITTEE
SERVICE

PhD Thesis Committees

Koç University, Graduate School of Social Science and Humanities

2017-2019

Sabancı University, Graduate School of Social Sciences

2017-2019

Istanbul University, Institute of Social Sciences

2017-2019

MA Thesis Committees

	Istanbul University, Institute of Social Sciences	2017-2019
	Sabancı University, Graduate School of Social Sciences	2017-2019
SERVICE	<i>Editorial Service</i>	
	Editorial Board, <i>Siyasal: Journal of Political Sciences</i>	2019-present
	Associate Editor, <i>Siyasal: Journal of Political Sciences</i>	2017-2019
	<i>Conference Organization</i>	
	Co-Organizer, Eurasian Peace Science Conference, NYU Abu Dhabi	2023
	<i>Institutional Service: New York University Abu Dhabi</i>	
	Mentor, Laidlaw Scholars Program	2026
	<i>Institutional Service: Istanbul University</i>	
	Faculty External Promotion Committee	2018-2019
	Undergraduate Transfer Admissions Committee	2018-2019
	Two-Year-to-Four-Year Transfer Admissions Committee	2018-2019
	Member, Executive Board, Statistics Research Center	2018-2019
	Research Award Committee	2018
	<i>Institutional Service: Harvard University</i>	
	President, <i>Faculty of Arts & Sciences Postdoctoral Association</i>	2016 - 2017
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	International Studies Association	
	American Political Science Association	
	Midwest Political Science Association	
	The Society for Political Methodology	
COMPUTER SKILLS	R, Mathematica, $\text{\LaTeX}$	