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## Education

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**Ph.D., Political Science** 2023→  
*American Politics, Comparative Politics*  
Syracuse University

**Ph.D., Political Science** 2021–2023  
Texas A&M University

**M.A., Political Science** 2021  
Arkansas State University

**B.A., Political Science and International Relations** 1998  
Bogazici University, Turkey

## Additional Education

**Russian Language Certification** 2013-2014  
PRIVET Language School, Kaliningrad, Russia

## Academic Experience

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**Graduate Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University** 2023–2024  
Teaching Assistant for:  
PSC 124 Introduction to International Relations (Minju Kim) *Spring 2004*  
PSC 124 Introduction to International Relations (Gregory Smith) *Fall 2023*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University** 2021–2023  
Teaching Assistant for:  
POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (Charles Todd Kent) *Spring 2003*  
POLS 209 Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (Carlo Horz) *Fall 2022*  
POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (José Antonio Cheibub) *Spring 2022*  
POLS 200 Foundations of Political Science (Michelle Taylor-Robinson) *Fall 2021*

**Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Arkansas State University** 2019-2021  
Teaching Assistant for:  
POSC 2103 Intro to US Government *Spring 2020*  
POSC 3003 Intro to Political Analysis *Fall 2020*

**Lecturer, Istanbul Aydin University** *Fall 2004*  
Department of Applied English-Turkish Translation  
Courses taught: Comparative Structure I, Societies and Culture, English classes of several depart-

ments

**Research Assistant, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation** February 1997  
Took part in the initial coding of the thousands of surveys from the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Values Survey Turkey section administered in 1996.

## Publications

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### Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

- [1] Abus, Murat. 2023. "A Theory of Gender's Effect on Vote Shift with a Test Based on Turkish Elections." *Mediterranean Politics*. doi:10.1080/13629395.2023.2194154.
- [2] Abus, Murat. 2004. "Democratization in the Balkans, 1990-2002." *Alternatives: Turkish Journal of International Relations*. 2(3&4): 86-105.

## Conference Presentations

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- [1] **Abus, Murat**, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. "Media Access and Perceptions of Election Administration." Midwest Political Science Association 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2024.
- [2] **Abus, Murat**, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. "Inequality, Local Media, and Voter Confidence." Midwest Political Science Association 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2024.
- [3] **Abus, Murat**, and Sarah Fulton. "Variety of Women Candidates in Parliamentary Democracies." Midwest Political Science Association 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2024.
- [4] Abus, Murat. "Subnational Unit Proliferation: Evidence from Turkey." Midwest Political Science Association 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2024.
- [5] **Abus, Murat**, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. "Local Media Access and Perceptions of Election Integrity." Local News Researchers Workshop. Duke University & University of North Carolina. Durham, NC. March 2024.
- [6] **Abus, Murat**, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. "Media, Partisanship, and Election Integrity." 2<sup>nd</sup> EPOVB Conference. Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL. March 2024.
- [7] **Abus, Murat**, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. "Media Access and Perceptions of Election Administration." Southern Political Science Association 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2024.
- [8] **Abus, Murat**, and Sarah Fulton. "Variety of Women Candidates in Parliamentary Democracies." Southern Political Science Association 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2024.
- [9] Abus, Murat. "Partisanship and Election Administration." Southern Political Science Association 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2024.
- [10] Abus, Murat. "Inequality and Voter Confidence in American Elections." Southern Political Science Association 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2024.

- [11] **Abus, Murat**, and Ryan Block. "Reforming and Backsliding: A Comparative Analysis of Administrative Reforms in Hungary and Turkey." Midwest Political Science Association 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2023.
- [12] **Abus, Murat**, and Ryan Block. "Reforming and Backsliding: A Comparative Analysis of Administrative Reforms in Hungary and Turkey." Texas Comparative Politics Circle 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Poster Presentation. Texas Tech University. January 2023.
- [13] Abus, Murat. "Electoral Consequences of Administrative Reforms in Turkey (1985–2018)." Southern Political Science Association 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. St. Pete, FL. January 2023.
- [14] Abus, Murat. "Electoral Consequences of Administrative Reforms." 5<sup>th</sup> Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science. Poster Presentation. Rice University. May 2022.
- [15] Abus, Murat. "Democracy at the Intersection of Religious Cleavage and Populism." Midwest Political Science Association 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation. April 2022.
- [16] Abus, Murat. "Ideology and Gender Role Incongruity: Resilience and Rise of Parties under Authoritarianism." Texas Comparative Politics Circle 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: European Politics in Comparative Perspective. Poster Presentation. University of Texas at Austin. February 2022.
- [17] Abus, Murat. "Ideology and Gender Role Incongruity: The Rise of IYI Party in Perspective." Southern Political Science Association 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX. January 2022.
- [18] Abus, Murat. "Clientelism and Structured Voting: Evidence from Turkey." Southwestern Social Science Association Centennial Meeting. Virtual Presentation. April 2021.
- [19] **Abus, Murat**, and Cameron Wimpy. "Are We There Yet? Political Participation in Transitional Democracies." Midwest Political Science Association 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation. April 2021.
- [20] Abus, Murat. "Do Elections Create or Further Path Dependencies?" Midwest Political Science Association 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation. April 2021.
- [21] Abus, Murat. "Election Administration and UOCAVA Voting." Arkansas Political Science Association 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Virtual Presentation. February 2021.
- [22] Abus, Murat. "Clientelism and Structured Voting: Evidence from Turkey." Southern Political Science Association 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation. January 2021.
- [23] Abus, Murat. "Does Religion Conquer All? An Empirical Analysis of Religion and Political Participation in Turkey." 26<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science. Lisbon, Portugal. (2020 congress cancelled due to COVID-19).
- [24] Abus, Murat. "Reflections in the Mirror: Authoritarian Values and Political Identities in Turkey." Arkansas Political Science Association 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Arkadelphia, AR. March 2020.
- [25] Abus, Murat. "A Model of Voter Turnout in Bulgaria and Romania." 2<sup>nd</sup> Graduate Conference of Turkish Political Science Association. Istanbul, Turkey. October 2004.
- [26] Abus, Murat. "Democratization in the Balkans, 1990-2002." 1<sup>st</sup> Graduate Conference of Turkish Political Science Association. Istanbul, Turkey. October 2003.

## Working Papers

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[1] "Clientelism and Structured Voting: Empirical Evidence from Turkey." doi:10.2139/ssrn.4137781.

## Works in Progress

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- "Consequences of Unit Proliferation (sole-author)
- "Gender in Parliamentary Democracies" (co-author)
- "Voter Confidence (sole-author)"
- "Media and Autocracy (co-author)"
- "Inequality, Media and Voting" (co-author)

## Research Interests

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Political Behavior | Public Opinion | Media | Democratic Theory | Gender in Politics | Political Methodology

## Grants & Awards

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**Graduate Student Research and Presentation Travel Award** *February 2023*  
Texas A&M University Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

**Outstanding Graduate Student Award** *April 2021*  
Arkansas State University Political Science Department

**Exemplary Graduate Service Scholarship** *March 2021*  
Arkansas State University Graduate Student Council

**Best Graduate Paper Award** *August 2020, August 2021*  
Arkansas Political Science Association

## Service

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### Reviewing

*Political Research Quarterly, Mediterranean Politics*

### Conferences

**Chair**, Midwest Political Science Association 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, Lightning Talk Panel on Public Opinion (Comparative Politics)

**Chair**, Midwest Political Science Association 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Undergraduate Panel on American Politics.

**Discussant**, Midwest Political Science Association 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Undergraduate Panel on American Politics.

**Discussant**, Arkansas Political Science Association 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Comparative Politics Panel

## University

Ph.D. Class Representative at the Graduate and Professional Student Government 2022-2023

## Technical Skills

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Linux,  $\LaTeX$ , Stata,  $\mathbb{R}$ , GeoDa, QGIS, SPSS

## Languages

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**Turkish** (native)

**English** (advanced)

**Russian** (upper-intermediate B2)

## Professional Memberships

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- Member, *American Political Science Association*
- Member, *Midwest Political Science Association*
- Member, *Southern Political Science Association*
- Member, *The Society for Political Methodology*

## Contingency Operation Awards

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**Superior Performance Award** *April 2010*  
IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq

**Certificate of Appreciation** *March 2010*  
705<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion, Camp Taji, TIFRC (Theater Internment Facility and Reconciliation Center), Iraq

**Work Achievement Award** *March 2010*  
IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq

**Outstanding Achievement Award** *11 September 2009*  
IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq

**Letter of Recommendation** *May 2008*  
556<sup>th</sup> Signal Company, Department of the Army, Camp Taji, Iraq

## Media Appearances

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**BBC Worldwide** *November 2006*  
“World Have Your Say” programme participant. Broadcast live from Istanbul, Turkey.

## Academic References

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Johanna Dunaway  
Professor, Research Director  
Institute for Democracy, Journalism and Citizenship (Washington, D.C.)  
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