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Education

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

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University 2023–2024
Teaching Assistant for:
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 departments

Took part in the initial coding of the thousands of surveys from the 3rd World Values Survey Turkey section administered in 1996.

Publications

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

- [1] **Abus, Murat**, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. "Media, Partisanship, and Perceptions about Election Administration." Midwest Political Science Association 81st Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2024.
- [2] **Abus, Murat**, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. "Inequality, Local Media, and Voter Confidence." Midwest Political Science Association 81st Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2024.
- [3] **Abus, Murat**, and Sarah Fulton. "Variety of Women Candidates in Parliamentary Democracies." Midwest Political Science Association 81st Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2024.
- [4] Abus, Murat. "Subnational Unit Proliferation: Evidence from Turkey." Midwest Political Science Association 81st Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2024.
- [5] **Abus, Murat**, Kexin Bai, and Johanna Dunaway. "Polarization, the Press, and Perceptions of Election Administration." Southern Political Science Association 95th Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2024.
- [6] **Abus, Murat**, and Sarah Fulton. "Variety of Women Candidates in Parliamentary Democracies." Southern Political Science Association 95th Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2024.
- [7] Abus, Murat. "Partisanship and Election Administration." Southern Political Science Association 95th Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2024.
- [8] Abus, Murat. "Inequality and Voter Confidence in American Elections." Southern Political Science Association 95th Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2024.
- [9] **Abus, Murat**, and Ryan Block. "Reforming and Backsliding: A Comparative Analysis of Administrative Reforms in Hungary and Turkey." Midwest Political Science Association 80th Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2023.
- [10] **Abus, Murat**, and Ryan Block. "Reforming and Backsliding: A Comparative Analysis of Administrative Reforms in Hungary and Turkey." Texas Comparative Politics Circle 5th Annual Conference. Poster Presentation. Texas Tech University. January 2023.

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

Working Papers

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

Works in Progress

- “Comparative Analysis of Administrative Reforms.” (co-author)
- “Gender in Parliamentary Democracies.” (co-author)
- “Voter Confidence (sole-author)”
- “Media and Autocracy (co-author)”
- “Inequality and Voting” (sole-author)

Research Interests

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

Grants & Awards

Graduate Student Research and Presentation Travel Award Texas A&M University Office of Graduate and Professional Studies	<i>February 2023</i>
Outstanding Graduate Student Award Arkansas State University Political Science Department	<i>April 2021</i>
Exemplary Graduate Service Scholarship Arkansas State University Graduate Student Council	<i>March 2021</i>
Best Graduate Paper Award Arkansas Political Science Association	<i>August 2020</i>

Service

Reviewing

Political Research Quarterly, Mediterranean Politics

Conferences

Chair, Midwest Political Science Association 79th Annual Conference, Undergraduate Panel on American Politics.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association 79th Annual Conference, Undergraduate Panel on American Politics.

Discussant, Arkansas Political Science Association 47th Annual Meeting, Comparative Politics Panel

University

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

Technical Skills

Linux, \LaTeX , Stata, , GeoDa, QGIS, SPSS

Languages

Turkish (native)

English (advanced)

Russian (upper-intermediate)

Professional Memberships

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

Contingency Operation Awards

Superior Performance Award IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq	<i>April 2010</i>
Certificate of Appreciation 705 th MP Battalion, Camp Taji, TIFRC (Theater Internment Facility and Reconciliation Center), Iraq	<i>March 2010</i>
Work Achievement Award IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq	<i>March 2010</i>
Outstanding Achievement Award IAP Worldwide Services, Camp Taji, Iraq	<i>11 September 2009</i>
Letter of Recommendation 556 th Signal Company, Department of the Army, Camp Taji, Iraq	<i>May 2008</i>

Media Appearances

BBC Worldwide “World Have Your Say“ programme participant. Broadcast live from Istanbul, Turkey.	<i>November 2006</i>
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Academic References

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