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EDUCATION

Boston University — Boston, MA
Ph.D. in Political Science, Fields: Comparative Politics & Quantitative Methods — *September 2019 – May 2025*

Northeastern University — Boston, MA
Master in International Affairs, Concentration: International Public Policy — *September 2017 – May 2019*

Koc University — Istanbul, TR
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Sociology, Double Major — *September 2012 – May 2017*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Boston University Office of the Provost & Academic Affairs — Boston, MA
Data Science & Analytics Intern — *June – August 2021*

- Analyzed a novel data set by using SPSS on a new educational program implemented in 2017 to evaluate the performance of the program.
- Created presentations related to the new educational program by using Power BI, Tableau, and Microsoft PowerPoint.
- Designed graphics by using the Qualtrics Survey Software and wrote new survey questions to measure student satisfaction with the new educational program.
- Analyzed open-ended questions by using NVivo and other qualitative analysis tools.

Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate — Boston, MA
Education & Visitor Experience Intern — *May – September 2018*

- Conducted research on Senate Border Security & Immigration Subcommittee by using the epistemic communities approach.
- Conducted research on Youth Movements in the US for a new exhibit that will be launched in the coming year.
- Conducted research on Edward M. Kennedy's life by using primary sources for a new exhibit.
- Composed brief biographies of notable historical and political individuals.
- Educated visitors from different age groups and nationalities by giving guided tours on the US history and Senate.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Warsaw — Warsaw, PL
Visiting Researcher — *February-July 2023*

- Interviewed 30 Polish politicians at different levels of government to evaluate their opinions about the European Union.
- Analyzed the interview data by using R and Quanteda to create word frequency tables.

Boston University — Boston, MA
Data Research Analyst — *September-December 2021*

- Analyzed data and created visualizations in R by using the Arab-barometer Survey, V-Dem Institute Expert Survey, and Ethnic Power Relations (EPR) survey.

Boston University — Boston, MA
Graduate Research Consultant — *August 2020-September 2020*

- Created a data set by using NATO and European Union defense databases to estimate the size of the aftermarket services for military weapons.
- Wrote a report on operations and maintenance expenditure of European countries.

Teaching Experience

- **Boston University** — Boston, MA
  Graduate Teaching Fellow for Quantitative Methods I — *September – December 2020*
  - Taught R labs to graduate students once a week by using R Studio.
  - Taught how to use LaTeX to graduate students by using Overleaf.
  - Graded nine quantitative assignments per week by using the Blackboard interface.

Leadership Experience

Boston University, Boston, MA — July 2020-present
Comparative Politics Speaker Series Student Coordinator

Boston University, Boston, MA — September 2019-present
Graduate Student Organization Representative

Boston University, Boston, MA — August 2019-December 2022
Student-Led Speaker Series Co-Coordinator

Skills

Languages: French (Intermediate), Polish (Intermediate), Turkish (Native)
Computer: R, Python, Stata, SPSS, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Visone, UCINet

Additional Methods Training

ICPSR Network Analysis II: Advanced Topics, **University of Michigan**	**July-August 2023**
ICPSR Data Science and Text Analysis, **University of Michigan**	**July-August 2023**
ICPSR Introduction to Python, **University of Michigan**	**July-August 2023**
Research Computing Workshop: Python Track, **Boston University**	**January 2021**
Research Computing Workshop: Matlab Track, **Boston University**	**January 2021**
ISSR Text-as-Data Workshop, **University of Massachusetts Amherst**	**July 2020**