

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **University of Warsaw** Warsaw, PL
Visiting Researcher February 2023 – July 2023
- **Center for Innovation in Social Sciences at Boston University** Boston, MA
Affiliate 2022 – 2025

EDUCATION

- **Boston University** Boston, MA
Ph.D. in Political Science, Fields: Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methods 2019 – 2025
- **Northeastern University** Boston, MA
Master in International Affairs, Concentration: International Public Policy 2017 – 2019
- **Koc University** Istanbul, TR
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Sociology, Double Major 2012 – 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- [5] Kaftan, G. (2025). Democracy, Democratic Backsliding, and Gender. In L. K. Roberts (Ed.), *The SAGE International Encyclopedia of Politics and Gender*. SAGE.
- [4] Kaftan, G. (2025). Anti-LGBTQIA+ Laws. In L. K. Roberts (Ed.), *The SAGE International Encyclopedia of Politics and Gender*. SAGE.
- [3] Kaftan, G. (2021). Flexible Nation: Turkish Nation Under Justice and Development Party (AKP) Rule. *Nationalities Papers*, 50(6), 1232 - 1244. <https://doi.org/10.1017/nps.2021.40>
- [2] Kaftan, G. (2020). The Turkish Women's Movement in Abeyance. *Journal of International Women's Studies*, 21(6), 184-195. <https://vc.bridgew.edu/jiws/vol21/iss6/11>
- [1] Moghadam, V. M., & **Kaftan, G.** (2019). Right-wing Populisms North and South: Varieties and Gender Dynamics. *Women's Studies International Forum*, 75. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wsif.2019.102244>

WORKING PAPERS

- [5] Shaming or Taxing? Enforcing Norm Compliance in the European Union
- [4] Political Competition and Government Change in Competitive-Authoritarian Regimes
- [3] Explaining Mechanisms Behind the European Union's Inefficiency During the Rule of Law Crisis: An Institutional Approach
- [2] Enforcing Equality: Women and LGBTQ+ Rights in the European Union Member Countries
- [1] Text-as-Data Mapping of EU Institutions to the Rule of Law Crisis in Poland and Hungary

NON-ACADEMIC & NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Lighthouse Reports (2021). EU Arms Exports: This Is Where European Arms Really End Up <https://euarms.com/landing> [Investigator]

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	'22, '23, '24
Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference	'22, '23, '24
Populism Seminar	2022
Turkish-American Political Science Association Meeting	2022
Association for the Study of Nationalism Annual Meeting	'20, '21, '23
Midwestern Political Science Association Conference	'20, '21
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting	2019
American Society of Criminology 75 th Annual Meeting	2019
International Conference on Eurasian Politics and Society	2019
Global Studies Association Conference	2018
Koç University Law Club International Symposium	2016

INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

- [7] Interviews and Social Science Research Methods (IR 401: Pardee School Honors Program) [Fall 2024]
- [6] Democratic Backsliding and Backlash in the European Union (PO 535: European Integration) [Fall 2024]
- [5] Media and Democratic Backsliding in the European Union (PO 306: Media and US Politics) [Spring 2024]
- [4] Methodological Approaches to Democratic Backsliding in the European Union (PO 307: Public Opinion in American Politics) [Fall 2023]
- [3] Democratic Backsliding in the European Union: The Case of Hungary and Poland (PO 333: Democratic Erosion) [Spring 2022]
- [2] Women and LGBTQ+ Rights and Policies in Poland and Hungary since 2015 (PO 141: Introduction to Public Policy) [Spring 2022]
- [1] Northeastern University Center for Advanced Teaching and Learning Through Research (CATLR) Conference, New Designs Section on Pop-Up Courses: Why, What, How?, Advantages and Challenges of the Pop-Up Course on Brexit. [Spring 2019]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Boston University** Boston, MA
Data Research Analyst & Graduate Research Consultant 2020-2023
 - Analyzed data and created visualizations in R using the Arab-barometer Survey, V-Dem Institute Expert Survey, and Ethnic Power Relations (EPR) survey.
 - Researched operations and management expenditures of the defense companies in the European Union.
 - Created a data set using NATO and European Union defense databases to estimate the size of the aftermarket services for military weapons.
 - Coauthored a report on operations and maintenance expenditure of European countries.
- **Northeastern University** Boston, MA
Graduate Research Assistant & Project Manager 2018-2019
 - Conducted qualitative coding of the immigrant interview transcripts.
 - Wrote short memos on topics related to sanctuary cities, safe spaces, and immigration.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor of record:
 - PO 151/IR 251 Introduction to Comparative Politics. Summer 2024 (Boston University)
- As co-instructor:
 - PO 341/IR362 European Politics. Fall 2021, with Sofia Perez (Boston University)
- As teaching fellow (with discussion sections):
 - PO 141 Introduction to Public Policy. Spring 2022, with Rachel Meade (Boston University)
 - PO 841 Quantitative Research Methods I. Fall 2020, with Taylor Boas (Boston University)
- As teaching assistant (without discussion sections):
 - PO 306 US Media & Politics. Spring 2024, with Rachel Meade (Boston University)
 - PO 307 Public Opinion in American Politics. Fall 2023, with Rachel Meade (Boston University)
 - PO 313 The Politics of the Wire. Fall 2022, with David Glick & Katherine Levine Einstein (Boston University)
 - PO 399 Data Science for Politics. Spring 2021, with Maxwell Palmer (Boston University)
 - Pop-up Class on Brexit. Spring 2019, with Mai'a K. D. Cross (Northeastern University)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Boston University Office of the Provost** Boston, MA
Data Analytics Intern *June – August 2021*
 - Analyzed a novel data set using SPSS on a new educational program implemented in 2017 to evaluate the program's performance.
 - Created presentations on the new educational program using Power BI, Tableau, and Microsoft PowerPoint.
 - Designed graphics using the Qualtrics Survey Software and wrote new survey questions to measure student satisfaction with the new educational program.
 - Analyzed open-ended questions 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 the Senate Border Security & Immigration Subcommittee using the epistemic communities approach.
 - Conducted research on Youth Movements in the US for a new exhibit launched in the coming year.
 - Researched Edward M. Kennedy's life 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.
- **APCO Worldwide** Istanbul, TR
Government Consulting Intern *June – September 2016*
 - Wrote reports about Gulf and Middle Eastern countries by using media and academic databases for presentations in Turkey.
 - Planned Mentorship 360 project's marketing campaign and used social media marketing programs to increase project visibility.
 - Created a list of potential sponsors and speakers for Mentorship 360 by researching and using Microsoft Office Excel to track invitations.
 - Conducted market research, media research, and media reporting using different media management tools for our clients.

SCHOOL SERVICE

Boston University , Boston, MA <i>Director of Graduate Studies Liaison for Ph.D. Candidates</i>	2023-2024
Boston University , Boston, MA <i>Graduate Student Organization Representative</i>	2019-2024
Boston University , Boston, MA <i>Graduate Student Speaker Series Co-Coordinator</i>	2019-2024
Boston University , Boston, MA <i>Graduate Student Ambassador</i>	2023-2024
Boston University , Boston, MA <i>Research in Comparative Politics Workshop Student Coordinator</i>	2020-2023
Boston University , Boston, MA <i>Social Sciences Curriculum Committee</i>	2021-2022
Boston University , Boston, MA <i>Academic Policy Committee</i>	2020-2021
Boston University , Boston, MA <i>Graduate Academic Affairs Committee</i>	2019-2020
Koç University , Istanbul, Turkey <i>Freshmen Student Mentor</i>	2016-2017

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer: Women's Studies International Forum, Journal of Contemporary European Studies

SKILLS

Languages: Polish, French, Turkish, English

Computer: R, Python, Stata, SPSS, L^AT_EX, 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	2021
Research Computing Workshop: Matlab Track, Boston University	2021
ISSR Text-as-Data Workshop, University of Massachusetts Amherst	2020

TEACHING WORKSHOPS

Facilitating Difficult Conversations in the Classroom, Boston University	2019
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HONORS & AWARDS

[11] Peter Mair Travel Award (\$ 1000)	2024
[10] Boston University, GRS Summer Fellowship (\$ 5000)	2024
[9] Center for Innovation in Social Sciences Travel Grant (\$500)	2023
[8] Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future (\$ 6000)	2022
[7] Boston University, Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award (\$ 250)	2021
[6] Boston University, GRS Summer Fellowship (\$ 5000)	2020
[5] Northeastern University, Global Impact Scholarship (\$ 12.500)	2017-2019
[4] European Union, Erasmus Scholarship (\$3000)	2015

[3] Turkish Science Foundation, Social Sciences Scholarship (\$ 3000)	2014-2017
[2] Vehbi Koç Scholar Award	2013, 2016, 2017
[1] Koç University, Full-merit Scholarship	2012-2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA)	Since 2022
American Political Science Association (APSA)	Since 2022
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)	Since 2020