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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Chicago, Political Science. Defense: October 2008.

Dissertation Title: “Territorial Conflict and Ethnic Cleansing”

Committee: Stathis N. Kalyvas (chair), Carles Boix, John J. Mearsheimer, Lisa Wedeen

M.A., University of Notre Dame, Government and International Studies, August 2001.

M.sc., The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, International Relations, July 1998.

B.A., Bogazici University, Istanbul, Political Science and International Relations, June 1997.

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth University, Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 2008-2009 (declined).

Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, Post-doctoral Fellowship, 2008-2009 (declined).

International Security Program and Program on Intrastate Conflict, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, September 2007-July 2008.

Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, Research Grant, 2005-2006.

Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, September 2004-May 2005.

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, June 2004-April 2006.

United States Institute of Peace, Peace Scholar Fellowship, 2004 (declined).

University of Chicago, Overseas Research Grant, 2004 (declined).

University of Chicago, Doolittle-Harrison Travel Grant, 2004.

Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago, Research Grant, 2003.

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, Graduate Tuition Fellowship and Stipend, 2001-2005.

University of Notre Dame, Downs Grant, for education in statistical methods at the ICPSR summer program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2000.

University of Notre Dame, Department of Government and International Studies, Graduate Tuition Fellowship and Stipend, 1999-2001.

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Comparative Politics

International Relations

War and State Formation

Nationalism, Formation and Polarization of Ethnic Cleavages

Interstate Territorial Competition

Religion and State

European History

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Interstate Territorial Competition and Ethnic Cleansing,” (under review).

“War, Collaboration, and Endogenous Ethnic Polarization: The Path to Ethnic Cleansing,” (under review).

“Territorial Conflict and Patterns of Ethnic Cleansing: Evidence from Bosnia-Herzegovina,” (under preparation for submission).

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Interstate Territorial Competition and Ethnic Cleansing in the World,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2008.

“Territorial Conflict and Patterns of Violence” Paper presented at the Program on Interstate Conflict, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, April 2008.

“Interstate Territorial Competition and Ethnic Cleansing” Paper presented at the Program on Intrastate Conflict, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, October 2007.

“Macro-level Territorial Conflict and Micro-Level Variation During Episodes of Ethnic Cleansing: Prijedor, Bosnia-Herzegovina” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007.

“Macro-level Territorial Conflict and Micro-Level Variation During Episodes of Ethnic Cleansing: Prijedor, Bosnia-Herzegovina” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, April 2007.

“Interstate Territorial Competition and Ethnic Cleansing” Paper presented at the Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Yale University, October 2006.

“The Path to Ethnic Cleansing.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, August 31- September 3, 2006.

## **RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION EXPERIENCE**

Dissertation Research, “Ethnic Groups and their Characteristics in Europe 1900-1950,” 2007. (Dataset on minority-state dyads in each year between 1900-1950)

Dissertation Field Research in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Region of Prijedor, June-September 2005, March 2006. (The research focused on the variation in ethnic cleansing policies at the village level and its causes.)

Research Assistant, A Collaborative Project Between the World Bank Development Economics Research Group and Yale University, UN Studies Program, Professor Stathis N. Kalyvas, Spring/Summer 2002. (The research included generation of data on the violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina during 1992-1995).

Research Assistant, Project on Communal Riots in Indonesia, Professor Ashutosh Varshney, Spring 2000. (The research included generation of data on the communal riots in Indonesia between 1990 and 2000).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of Chicago, Teaching Assistant, “Transnationalism in a Postcolonial World,” Professor Lisa Wedeen, Winter 2004.

University of Chicago, Teaching Assistant, “World Politics”, Professor Charles Lipson, Fall 2003.

University of Chicago, Teaching Assistant, “Violence and Civil Strife,” Professor Stathis N. Kalyvas, Winter 2003.

University of Notre Dame, Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Comparative Politics”, Professor Andrew Gould, Spring 2000.

University of Notre Dame, Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to International Relations”, Professor Daniel Lindley, Fall 2000.

Bilgi University, Istanbul, Teaching Assistant/Lecturer, “Introduction to Political Science,” Spring 1999.

Bilgi University, Istanbul, Teaching Assistant/Lecturer, “World Politics,” Fall 1999.

## **LANGUAGES**

Turkish (native), English (excellent), Serbo-Croat (basic), French (basic).

## **REFERENCES**

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