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EDUCATION

University of Florida

Expected Summer 2026

Ph.D. Candidate

Department of Political Science

Fields: International Relations (Distinction), Comparative Politics

Dissertation: The Emotional Battlefield: Mobilizing External Support for Insurgencies

Committee: David Siroky (chair), Lindsey Goldberg (co-chair), Andrew Rosenberg

MA in Political Science

2025

TOBB University of Economics and Technology

August 2019 - August 2021

MA

Department of Political Science and International Relations

Thesis: Gender and State in King Salman's Saudi Arabia: An Analysis of Neopatrimonialism

Erciyes University

September 2014 - July 2019

BA

Department of International Relations

Kodolányi János University

February 2018 - July 2018

School of Applied Sciences

Study Abroad

SKILLS AND SOFTWARES

Computer Languages

R (Advance), Python (Intermediate)

Software & Tools

LaTeX, Excel, NVivo, Dedoose, Git, GitHub

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive

Gender and War, Women in Armed Rebellion, Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution

Methodological

Mixed Methods Research, Quantitative Research, Text-as-data, Survey Research

ONGOING PROJECTS

Pragmatic Humanitarians: How Economic Self-Interest Shapes Attitudes toward Refugees from Ukraine (with Lenka Bustikova and David Siroky), Under Review.

Writing Women In Keeping Conflict Out: Gender Provisions in Peace Agreements, In Progress.

Framing Female Rebels: Narratives, Emotions, and Visual Representation of Women's Political Violence, Submitted.

Automating War and Peace: Introducing an AI Agent for Conflict Forecasting (with David Siroky, Suren Jamal Mohammed, Gabe Rigdon, Yu Wang, David Muchlinski), In Progress.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Barry, Jack, Hannah Lazar, Sophia Donskoi, and **Dilruba Tas** (2023). "Insights and Actions from Interviews With People Who Tell or Study Stories in Philanthropy". *The Council on Foundations*. [https://cof.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/Appendix-EInterviews-with-Practitioners-Scholars.pdf](https://cof.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/Appendix-E%20Interviews-with-Practitioners-Scholars.pdf)

EXPERIENCE

Univeristy of Florida
Predoctoral Fellow @ViCS Lab

July 2024 - Present

University of Florida
Graduate Assistant

August 2021 - July 2024

- Teaching Assistant for CPO 2001(Fall 2021), INR 2001(Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Summer 2022), IDS2154(Fall 2023)
- Research Assistant to Dr. Aida Hozic (Summer 2023)

University of Florida, Center for Public Interest Communications May 2023 - August 2023,
May 2024 - July 2024
Research Fellow

TOBB University of Economics and Technology
Teaching Assistant

September 2019-August 2021

GRANTS&AWARDS

Internal (University of Florida)

- College of Liberal Arts and Science Conference Travel Award, Fall 2024. (Amount: \$200)
- Department of Political Science Graduate Student Conference Travel Award, Fall 2024. (Amount: \$796)
- Member Institution Grant for Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research Dept. of Political Science, Summer 2024. (Amount: \$2400)
- Department of Political Science Conference Travel Award, University of Florida, Fall 2023. (Amount: \$350)
- Center for Humanities and Public Sphere Grant Writing Workshop Professional Development Grant, University of Florida, Fall 2023. (Amount: \$300)
- Center for European Studies Conference Travel Award, University of Florida, Summer 2023.(Amount: \$1500)
- Department of Political Science Conference Travel Award, University of Florida, Summer 2023. (Amount: \$350)
- UF Department of Political Science Full Scholarship for Ph.D.

External

- Annual Convention Travel Grant, ISA-NE, Fall 2023 (Amount: \$150).
- Developing Nations Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association, 2019.
- TOBB University of Economics and Technology MA Merit Scholarship, 2019-2021.
- 2209-A Turkish Scientific and Research Council Undergraduate Research Grant, 2018 (Amount TRY 18,000).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Tas, Dilruba, “Beautiful Souls at War: Women’s Participation in Non-State Armed Groups in the Middle East” Graduate Student Conference of the Turkish Political Science Association, November 2019, Ankara-Turkey.

Tas Dilruba, “Horizontal Inequalities and Civil Wars in the Middle East” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2020, Online.

Tas Dilruba, “How Does Perception of Female Rebels Vary Across Different Societies: An Analysis of News Media Articles in Turkish and European Media”, EISS Annual Conference, June 2023, Barcelona-Spain.

Tas, Dilruba, “Gendered Aesthetics and Conflict: Analyzing News Media Visuals of Women’s Political Violence” ISA-NE, November 2023, Providence-RI.

Tas Dilruba, ”Impact of Gender Provisions in Peace Agreements on Post-conflict Peace Durations”, APSA Annual Convention, September 5-8 2024, Philadelphia-PA.

Tas Dilruba, David Siroky, Suren Mohammed Jamal. Gabe Rigdon, Yu Wang, David Muchlinski, ”Automating War and Peace: Introducing and AI Agent for Conflict Forecasting”, EPSA Annual Conference, June 2025, Madrid, Spain.

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent)

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request