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EDUCATION

Georgia State University

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Atlanta, GA

2021–2027

- Dissertation: *Tit for Tat? Reciprocity, Retaliation, and Escalation After Foreign Rebel Support*
- Committee: [Dan Altman](#) (Chair), [Carrie Manning](#), and [Louis-Alexandre Berg](#).
- Comprehensive exams: International Relations (major), Political Methodology (minor)

Sabancı University

M.A. European Studies

Istanbul, Turkey

2020

Bilkent University

B.A. International Relations

Ankara, Turkey

2019

Universidad Pontificia Comillas

Erasmus Exchange Student

Madrid, Spain

2018

PUBLICATIONS

Sert, Hilal and Anthony J. DeMattee. 2026. “The Role of Militarized Interstate Disputes in Presidential Term Limit Evasions: From Crisis to Consolidation.” *Journal of Peace Research*. Forthcoming. DOI: [10.1093/jopres/xjag078](https://doi.org/10.1093/jopres/xjag078).

PAPERS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW

Sert, Hilal and Burak Kazim Yilmaz. “Signals of Vulnerability: Electoral Defeat and Coordinated Elite Defection in Turkey” *Submitted for Review*.

Batista, Ian Rebouças, **Hilal Sert**, Anthony J. DeMattee and David Carroll. “The Presidential Term Limits Evasion Global Dataset and the Consequences to Electoral Integrity.” *Submitted for Review*.

WORKING PAPERS

Sert, Hilal. “Rebels or Rockets? Retaliation Strategies Against Rebel Sponsorship.” (*draft available at request*)

Sert, Hilal and Burak Kazim Yilmaz. “Public Support for Retaliation Against Rebel Sponsors.” (*draft available at request*)

Sert, Hilal and Burak Kazim Yilmaz. “When Repression Divides: Peace Process and Opposition Fragmentation in Turkey.” (*draft available at request*)

BOOKS

Sert, Hilal. “Tit for Tat? Reciprocity, Retaliation, and Escalation After Foreign Rebel Support.” (*In Progress*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Hilal Sert, Burak Kazim Yilmaz, and Anthony J. DeMattee. 2026. “Repression Under the Cover of Peace: The Peace-Democracy Wedge in Turkish Politics.” The Democracy Program, The Carter Center. Atlanta, GA.

DATASETS

Carlin, Ryan E., Jonathan Hartlyn, Timothy Hellwig, Gregory J. Love, Cecilia Martínez-Gallardo, Matthew M. Singer, Juan S. Gómez-Cruces, and **Hilal Sert**. 2023. *Executive Approval Database 3.0*. OSF. DOI:

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University

- Global Issues (Instructor of Record, Fall 2026)
- Global Issues (Instructor of Record, Online, Fall 2025)
- Global Issues (Instructor of Record, Online, Fall 2024)

University of Michigan, ICPSR Summer Program

- Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment (Teaching Assistant, Summer 2024)

Sabancı University

- Social and Political Studies (Teaching Assistant / Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Facilitator, 2019–2020)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Georgia State University Graduate Scholar Travel Award | \$500 2026

International Studies Association Annual Conference Travel Grant | \$600 2025

Georgia State University Graduate Scholar Travel Award | \$500 2025

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research | \$5000 2024

Attended both sessions. One session with ICPSR covering the tuition fee, and the other GSU Political Science Department

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute | \$800 2024

Emory University, Atlanta.

Executive Approval Project, National Science Foundation Grant 2022–2024

Lab Manager, “Varieties of Crises, Elite Responses, and Executive Approval,” SES #2116467.

Georgia State University Graduate Student Assistantship 2021–2027

Full scholarship and stipend for doctoral study.

TÜBİTAK National Ph.D. Scholarship Program 2021

Scholarship for postgraduate study. *Declined.*

Jean Monnet Scholarship Programme 2020

Scholarship for postgraduate study or research in European Union countries. *Declined.*

Sabancı University Graduate Scholarship | approx. \$25,000 2019–2020

Full tuition and stipend for M.A. study.

Erasmus Exchange Program Scholarship | approx. \$2,000. 2018

Monthly stipend from EU for Erasmus Exchange students.

Bilkent University Comprehensive Scholarship | approx. \$50,000 2015–2019

Full tuition, housing, and stipend for four years.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Carter Center

Researcher, Democracy Program 2023–Present

Electoral Integrity Project

Conference Administrator Jan.–July 2026

Executive Approval Project

Lab Manager, Politik Lab 2022–2024

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA)	2026
European Political Science Association Annual Conference (EPSA)	2025
International Studies Association Annual Convention (ISA)	2025
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA)	2024
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA)	2024
Southeastern Rights Network (SERN) Workshop	2024
Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS)	2023
Postgraduate Student Conference on European Studies	2021

TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research	2024
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Courses: Introduction to Time Series and Panel Data Analysis; Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis; Causal Inference for the Social Sciences I and II.	
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute	2024
Emory University, Atlanta.	
Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)	2023
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.	

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

Languages: Turkish, English, Spanish (intermediate).

Software: Python, R, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS, NVivo.

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