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Curriculum Vitae

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020-21 AY: Visiting Research Fellow, University of Chicago, Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST)

August 2020- : Associate Professor of International Relations (with tenure), Webster University, St. Louis, MO

- Co-Director, Global Master of Arts in International Relations, since 2018
- Director, Residential International Relations, 2017-2018
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies

August 2014- July 2020: Assistant Professor of International Relations, Webster University, St. Louis, MO

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO (2014)

- Fields: International Relations (major), Comparative Politics (minor)
- Dissertation: "The Fatal Attraction of Suicide Terrorism: An Empirical Analysis of Suicide Terrorist Attacks in the Middle East and South Asia"

M.A., Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO (2009)

M.A., Communication Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas (2007)

- Funded by Fulbright Scholarship
- Thesis: "The Motivations of Female Suicide Bombers from a Communication Perspective"

B.A., International Relations, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey (2004)

- Graduated with High Honors

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

5. Alakoc, Burcu Pinar, Gulay Ugur Goksel, Alan Zarychta. Forthcoming. "Political Discourse and Public Attitudes toward Syrian Refugees in Turkey," *Comparative Politics*.

4. Alakoc, Burcu Pinar. (2020). "Femme Fatale: The Lethality of Female Suicide Bombers." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 43 (9): 796-814.
3. Alakoc, Burcu Pinar. (2019). "Terror in the Classroom: Teaching Terrorism without Terrorizing." *Journal of Political Science Education* 15 (2): 218-236.
2. Alakoc, Burcu Pinar. (2017). "When Suicide Kills: An Empirical Analysis of the Lethality of Suicide Terrorism." *International Journal of Conflict and Violence* 11: 1-15.
1. Alakoc, Burcu Pinar. (2017). "Competing to Kill: Terrorist Organizations versus Lone Wolf Terrorists." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 29 (3): 509-532.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Alakoc, Burcu Pinar. (August 21, 2015). "Do Women Make Better Suicide Bombers than Men?" Hurriyet Daily News, Op-Ed Contributor, (Appeared in POLITICO Europe Edition)

CURRENT RESEARCH

Under Review

1. Violent and Nonviolent Strategies of Terrorist Organizations: How do Mixed Strategies Influence Terrorist Recruitment and Lethality? (with *Stephanie Werner and Mike Widmeier)
2. Comparing National versus International Coverage of Terrorism: Framing Analysis of the Reina Nightclub Terrorist Attack (with Emel Ozdora-Aksak)
3. Women and Nonviolent Activism: An Analysis of the Women in Black Movement

Working Papers, Projects & Grant Proposals

4. Threat Perceptions, Integration, and Citizenship: The Case of Syrian Refugees in Turkey (with Alan Zarychta and Gulay Ugur Goksel)
*First Draft of the Manuscript will be presented at the *Penn Identity and Conflict Lab (PIC) Workshop on Syrian Refugee Resettlement Challenges in Turkey and the Middle East, University of Pennsylvania, April 29, 2021*
5. The Interplay of Public, Private and Club Goods in Suicide Terrorism: A Comparison of Hamas and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam
6. *Book Project*: From Suicide Bombers to Peacemakers: The Role of Women in Counterterrorism
7. *Grant Proposal*: Making the World Safe for Refugees: The Effects of Recognition and Positive Political Discourse on Reducing Violence against Syrian Refugees (with Alan Zarychta and Gulay Ugur Goksel)

* Student co-author.

GRANTS, AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Research

- Webster University, Faculty Research Grant, 2020-21 (\$6,500).
- The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts at the University of Chicago, Research and Innovation Grant (with Alan Zarychta and Gulay Ugur Goksel), 2018 (\$10,000).
- ISA Deborah Gerner Grant for Professional Development Award, 2018 Recipient (\$1,000).
- Webster University, Faculty Research Grant, 2018-19 (\$9,000).
- Webster University, Faculty Research Grant, 2015-16 (\$2,980).
- Honorable Mention, 2012-2013 American Association of University Women International Fellowships Program.
- Nominated for Sophonisba P. Breckinridge Award for the best paper on women and politics at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2011.
- Graduate Training and Research Grant, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Political Science, Summer 2012 (\$1,500).
- The Outstanding Paper Award for the conference paper submission “Women Responsible for Peace: The Women in Black Movement” by the Women’s Caucus division of the Central States Communication Association, 2007 (\$250).
- Fulbright Scholarship for 2005-2007 Academic Years for Master of Arts Degree in Communication Studies to be pursued in the United States of America (\$25,000).

Teaching

- Nominated for the Kemper Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching, Webster University, Spring 2020.
- Leif J. Global Teaching Fellowship, Webster University Faculty Mobility Award for overseas travel and teaching in Vienna (Spring 2017), and Leiden (Summer 2021).
- Nominated for the 2013-2014 United Government of Graduate Students Top Teacher Award, University-wide Award for Best Graduate Instructor.

Conference Travel

- Graduate Travel Award, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2011, Spring 2012 (\$250).
- Graduate School Travel Grant, Office of Dean of Graduate School, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2011, Spring 2013 (\$300).

CONFERENCES, INVITED TALKS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Conference Presentations and Attendance

- Penn Identity and Conflict Lab (PIC) Workshop on Syrian Refugee Resettlement Challenges in Turkey and the Middle East, University of Pennsylvania, Virtual Presentation, April 29, 2021
- American Political Science Association, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020
- Central and East European International Studies Association- International Studies Association (CEEISA-ISA Joint Conference), Summer 2019
- International Studies Association, 2016, 2018
- Midwest Political Science Association, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019
- Western Political Science Association, 2013, 2016, 2017
- International Studies Association-Midwest, 2014, 2016, 2019
- International Studies Association-International, Summer 2017

- Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies, Princeton University, 2015
- Annual Conference on Terrorism and Global Security: Exploring New Centers of Gravity and Clausewitz in Today's Global Security, Washington DC, 2011
- Central States Communication Association, 2007

Invited Talks

- (Cancelled due to COVID-19). "Red Sea Security," Great Decisions Speaker Series: World Affairs Council of St. Louis, Webster University, (Scheduled for 16 March, 2020).
- 2019. "The Turkish Attack and the American Retreat" (with Dr. Warren Rosenblum), Webster University-Civitas partnership, 16 November.
- 2019. "The Middle East: Regional Disorder," Great Decisions Speaker Series: World Affairs Council of St. Louis, Webster University, 15 April.
- 2018. "Turkey: Partner in Crisis," Great Decisions Speaker Series: World Affairs Council of St. Louis, Webster University, 19 March.
- 2017. "Understanding Terrorism," St. Louis OASIS, 9 May.
- 2017. "Women's Role in Terrorism and Counterterrorism," Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in St. Louis, 7 May.
- 2017. "Fatally Attractive Women: The Connection between the Use of Female Suicide Bombers and the Lethality of Suicide Attacks," Webster Private University in Vienna, 14 February.
- 2016. "The Rise of ISIS" Great Decisions Speaker Series: World Affairs Council of St. Louis, Webster University, 21 March.
- 2016. "International Relations and Cross- Cultural Experiences," Cultural Serve Project at Maryville University, 4 March.
- 2016. "The Rise of ISIS," Great Decisions Speaker Series: World Affairs Council of St. Louis, St. Louis Ethical Society, 3 March.
- 2015. Invited to the Scott Air Force Base to give a talk about "The Motivations of Female Suicide Bombers."
- 2015. "Syria's Refugee Crisis," Great Decisions Speaker Series: World Affairs Council of St. Louis, 23 February.
- 2015. "Reflections on the Violence in France: The Changing Face of Terrorism: From a Weapon of the Weak to a Weapon of All," Webster University, 14 January.

Media Appearances

- KMOX/CBS Radio, Interview with Megan Lynch on "Awaiting Armageddon: KMOX Series on worst-case scenarios and preparedness," On air Monday-Friday (February 27- March 3, 2017) at 8:22 a.m. and repeated at 5:22 p.m.
- The 1020 Podcast, Episode 02: Dr. Burcu Pinar Alakoc, Webster University, Vienna, March 2017.
- KMOV News (Channel 4, CBS affiliate), Interview on "Federal Terrorism Charges", February 9, 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Webster University

Undergraduate Courses

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016; Spring 2, 2017; Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2, 2018; Spring 2019; Fall 2019; Spring 1, 2020)

- Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2014; Spring 2015; Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Spring 2, 2017)
- International Political Economy (Spring 2015)
- International Security (Fall 2015; Cross-listed with graduate and undergraduate students, Fall 2, 2016; Fall 2, 2017; Fall 2, 2018; Fall 1, 2019)
- Terrorism and Political Violence (Spring 2016; Spring 2, 2020)
- Middle East Area Studies: The Politics of the Middle East (Spring 2, 2018; Spring 1, 2020)

Graduate Courses

- Comparative Politics (Fall 1, 2014; Spring 1, 2016; Spring 1, 2018; Spring 1, 2019)
- Introduction to International Relations (Spring 1, 2017 Webster Vienna Private University)
- International Security (Graduate Only: Spring 2, 2015; Cross-listed with graduate and undergraduate students, Fall 2, 2016; Fall 2, 2017; Fall 2, 2018; Fall 1, 2019)
- Middle East Area Studies: The Politics of the Middle East (Cross-listed with undergraduate and graduate students: Spring 2, 2018; Spring 1, 2020)

Online Courses

- Introduction to International Relations (Graduate level, Fall 2, 2017; Spring 1, 2019; Fall 2, 2019)
- The Global Project (Graduate level, Fall 2017- Spring 2018)
- International Relations Capstone Seminar (Graduate level, Fall 1, 2018)

University of Colorado Boulder

Instructor of Record

- War, Peace and Strategic Defense (Spring 2013)
- Problems in International Relations: War and Terrorism (Fall 2012, Summer 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2013)
- Introduction to International Relations (Summer 2011, Fall 2013)
- American Foreign Policy (Spring 2011, Summer 2013)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Methods Training

- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Course: Models for Categorical Outcomes Using Stata: Specification, Estimation and Interpretation by J. Scott Long (June 11-15, 2012).

Teaching and Professional Training

- The 16th Annual Colorado Learning and Teaching with Technology Conference, Boulder, CO, August 7-8, 2013.
- Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado Boulder, 2007-2012.
- Certificate in College Teaching, University of Colorado Graduate Teacher Program, received in October, 2012.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Departmental Service

- Co-Director of the Global M.A. Program at Webster University, Fall 2, 2018-present.
- Director of the Residential International Relations Program, Fall 2017- Spring 2018.

- Chair, Best Thesis Award Committee, 2017-18.
- The Global Citizenship Program, Course Assessment, 2016, 2017, 2018.
- The Dean Designee for INTL 6900/Graduate Theses Review, Summer 2017.
- Member, Overview Book Committee, 2017-2018.
- Lead Instructor, INTL 5000 Online, Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2016- present.
- Member, Departmental Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2016.
- Reviewer, *the Webster International Relations Review: The Graduate Student Working Paper Series (WIRR)*, Editorial Review Board, Spring 2016- present.

University Service

- Judge, Gorlok Gala Forensic Tournament, January 25-27, 2020.
- Member of the Faculty Search Committee, Webster University Vienna Campus, Fall 2, 2019-Spring 1, 2020.
- Member, *Multicultural Studies Committee*, Webster University, Spring 2016- present.
- Member, *Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Committee*, Spring 2019- present.
- Faculty Fellow, *The Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies*, Fall 2017-present.
- Faculty Member, *Sigma Iota Rho, the Honor Society for International Studies*, Webster Charter, Fall 2016- present.
- Presidential Scholarship Competition, Faculty Interview Panelist, February 13, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer

- American Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, International Security, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Journal of Terrorism and Political Violence, Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression, Perspectives on Terrorism, Journal of Political Science Education, International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice, and Journal of Peace Research.

Conference Discussant and Chair

- Discussant & Chair, “Terrorism and Counterterrorism” panel, International Studies Association Midwest Conference, 2019, St. Louis, MO.
- Chair, “Explaining Varieties of Terrorism” panel, CEEISA-ISA, 2019, Belgrade, Serbia.
- Program Co-Chair and Section Head, “Undergraduate Research: IR & Comparative,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2018, Chicago, IL.
- Discussant & Chair, “Peacekeeping and Civil Conflict” panel, International Studies Association Midwest Conference, 2016, St. Louis, MO.
- Panelist, “Challenging Boundaries” panel, “Webster University Human Rights Conference: Equality before the Law,” 2016, St. Louis, MO.
- Chair, “Gendered War; Gendered Peace” panel, American Political Science Association Conference, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.
- Discussant & Chair, “Terrorism and Its Roots” panel, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2016, Chicago, IL.
- Discussant & Chair, “Frontiers of Turkish Politics” panel, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2015, Chicago, IL.

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Qualitative Interviews: Turkey, primarily Istanbul, Hatay, Gaziantep, Eskisehir: Summer 2018, December 2018-January, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association.
- Midwest Political Science Association.
- International Studies Association.
- Western Political Science Association.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (Intermediate level).
- Data analysis software: STATA and NVivo.
- Course management and survey software: D2L, Blackboard, Qualtrics, and SurveyMonkey.