

# Burak Toygar Halistoprak, Ph.D.

## Personal Information

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Research Interests: Foreign Policy Analysis, Peace and Security Studies, IR Theories, Western Africa (with specific emphasis on ECOWAS), Turkish foreign policy.

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## Education

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- 2016 **Ph.D.** in International Relations, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey  
**Dissertation:** “The English School Theory of International Relations and Peacebuilding: An Analysis of Peacebuilding Interventions in Liberia and Sierra Leone through the World Society Framework”  
**Supervisor:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özgür Özdamar
- 2011 **M.A.** in International Relations, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey  
**Thesis:** “Social Construction of Turkish Civil-Military Relations”  
**Supervisor:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nil Şatana
- 2008 **B.A.** in International Relations, Ege University, Izmir, Turkey

## Professional Experience

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- 01/10/2016-Present **Assist. Prof. Dr.**, Antalya Bilim University, Political Science and International Relations Department, Antalya, Turkey.
- 14/10/2021-1/10/2022 **Fulbright Fellow**, George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Washington DC, United States.
- 09/02/2019-09/02/2020 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 08/09/2008-19/01/2016 **Research and Teaching Assistant** (MA and Ph.D.), Bilkent University, International Relations Department, Ankara, Turkey.

## Teaching Experience

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### **Teaching-Graduate (MA) Level**

POLS 759- “Foreign Policy Analysis” (Spring 2018, 2019), Antalya Bilim University.

POLS 757- “Peace and Security Studies” (Fall 2018), Antalya Bilim University.

POLS 701- “Theories of International Relations” (Fall 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023), Antalya Bilim University.

POLS 707- “Seminar in Global Politics and International Relations” (Spring 2022), Antalya Bilim University.

### **Teaching-Undergraduate Level:**

POLS 427- “Civil-Military Relations: Theory and Practice” (Fall, 2020, 2022, 2023), Antalya Bilim University.

POLS 434- “Conflict Resolution: Theory and Practice” (Spring 2021) Antalya Bilim University.

POLS 317- “African Politics” (Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022), Antalya Bilim University.  
POLS 310- “Peace, War and Security” (Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022), Antalya Bilim University.  
POLS 306- “Foreign Policy Analysis” (Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022), Antalya Bilim University  
POLS 206- “Diplomatic History” (Spring 2017, 2018), Antalya Bilim University  
POLS 203- “Introduction to International Relations” (Fall 2016, 2017, 2023), Antalya Bilim University.

### **Tutoring:**

IR 101 – “Introduction to World Politics” (Fall 2014), Bilkent University.  
IR 333, “Foreign Policy Analysis” (Spring 2013, 2014), Bilkent University.

### **Teaching Assistantship:**

IR 333, “Foreign Policy Analysis” (Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014), Bilkent University.  
IR 335, “International Relations Theory” (Fall 2009), Bilkent University.  
IR 519, “Graduate Research Methods” (Spring 2009), Bilkent University.  
IR 494, “Causes and Prevention of War” (Spring 2009), Bilkent University.

### **Administrative Experience**

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Coordinator of the Global Politics and International Relations Graduate program, Antalya Bilim University (2018-present)  
Vice Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Antalya Bilim University (2023-Present)

### **Research Experience**

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**Co-Principal Investigator** (with I. Cerem Cenkler-Özek) at the research project, “Cultural Foundations of Foreign Policy: A Quantitative Cross-Country Analysis with A Novel Dataset”, funded by TÜBİTAK, 1001 Program, April 2022-April 2025.

**Postdoctoral Fulbright Fellow**, George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, “Emerging Powers and Peace Interventions: A Challenge to Liberal Peacebuilding?”, funded by Fulbright Commission, Washington DC, USA, October 2021-October 2022.

**Postdoctoral Project**, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, “Mechanics of Knowledge-Policy Transfer in Peace Research”, funded by TÜBİTAK, 2219 Program, Geneva, Switzerland, February-December 2019.

**Visiting Researcher** “Research on Doctoral Dissertation” at Stellenbosch University, South Africa, funded by EU - ICELECT Project, February-June 2015.

**Researcher** in the project titled "Turkey's Foreign Policy Roles: An Empirical Approach", supervised by Özgür Özdamar, funded by TÜBİTAK, 1001 Program, November 2012-November 2014.

**Researcher** in the project titled “From De-Militarization to Civilianization: Turkish Civil-Military Relations in Context”, funded by the Centre for European Security Studies (CESS), October 2009-June 2010.

**Research Assistant** in the project titled “Fundamentalism Dataset Project”, funded by the University of Maryland, September 2008- May 2009.

## **Publications & Conference Participations**

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### **Peer-Reviewed Articles:**

B. Toygar Halistoprak (with Özgür Özdamar and Michael Young), 2023, “Do Campaign Speeches Predict Foreign Policy? An Operational Code and Leadership Trait Analysis of Donald Trump’s MENA Policies”, *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi* (Journal of International Relations). Online First: 1-19. (SSCI)

B. Toygar Halistoprak. 2015 "The Role of Regional Organizations in Humanitarian Intervention: The Case of Liberia Peacebuilding Operation and ECOWAS Intervention." *Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities Research*. 35: 1-21.

B. Toygar Halistoprak (with Özgür Özdamar and Erkam Sula). 2014. "From ‘Good Neighbor’ to ‘Model’: Turkey’s Changing Roles in the Middle East in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring." *Uluslararası İlişkiler Dergisi* (Journal of International Relations). 11 (41): 93-113. (SSCI)

### **Book Chapters:**

B. Toygar Halistoprak. 2022. “Knowledge production and its politicization within International Relations and Peace Studies” in *Knowledge for Peace: Transitional Justice, Epistemic Communities and the Politics of Knowledge* (eds.) Briony Jones and Ulrike Lühe. Edward Elgar Publishing (SSCI).

B. Toygar Halistoprak. 2021 “Macro Level Leadership and Role of Regional Organizations in Peace Interventions: ECOWAS and Peace Missions in West Africa.” in *Routledge Handbook of Conflict Response and Leadership in Africa*. (eds.) Alparslan Ozerdem, Sinem Acikmese. Routledge (SSCI).

B. Toygar Halistoprak. 2018. “Historical Evolution of Diplomacy: Transition to Permanent Diplomacy.” in *Diplomacy: An Introduction* (ed.) Erhan Akdemir: Anadolu University Press.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. 2018. “Practice of Diplomacy: Negotiation, Mediation and Diplomatic Agreement.” in *Diplomacy: An Introduction* (ed.) Erhan Akdemir: Anadolu University Press.

### **Book Review:**

B. Toygar Halistoprak, 2010. “Book Review: A Review of “Crisis in Kirkuk: The Ethnopolitics of Conflict and Compromise.” *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 16 (3): 507-509.

### **Publications in Turkish:**

B. Toygar Halistoprak, 2023, “Türkiye’de Dış Politika Analizi Çalışmaları (Foreign Policy Analysis Studies in Turkey)” in *Türkiye’de Uluslararası İlişkiler Çalışmaları* (International Relations Studies in Turkey)” (eds.) Ayça Ergun, Çiğdem Üstün, Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe, İmge Yay.

B. Toygar Halistoprak, 2022, “Barış İnşası (Peacebuilding)” in *Uluslararası İlişkilerde Güvenlik* (ed.) Başar Baysal, Bilgi Üniversitesi Yay.

B. Toygar Halistoprak, 2020, “Batı Afrika’da Düzen Sağlayıcı Bir Bölgesel Örgüt: Batı Afrika Devletleri Ekonomik Topluluğu ECOWAS (An Order Building Regional Organization in West Africa: Economic Cooperation Organization of Western African States ECOWAS) in *Dünya Siyasetinde Afrika 6* (Africa in World Politics 6) (eds) İsmail Ermağan, Elem Eyryce Tepeciklioğlu. Nobel Yay.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. 2019, “Türk Dış Politikası’ndaki Afrika Açılımı’nın Rol Kuramı Çerçevesinde İncelenmesi (African Opening in Turkish Foreign Policy: A Role Theoretical Analysis)” in *Kuramlar*

ve Vakalarla Türk Dış Politikası (Turkish Foreign Policy: Theories and Cases) (ed.) Tarık Oğuzlu, Yelda Demirağ Nobel Yay.

### **Papers Presented at International Conferences:**

B. Toygar Halistoprak (with Cerem Cenker-Özek). "Unexplored nexus between Foreign Policy Roles and Culture: An Analysis with an Original Dataset." ISA Annual Convention in San Francisco, USA, April 4-7, 2024.

B. Toygar Halistoprak, "Emerging Powers, Peacebuilding and Foreign Policy Pragmatism: A Nuanced Analysis of Peacebuilding Words and Deeds of Turkey, Brazil and South Africa" ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, USA, April 4-7, 2024.

B. Toygar Halistoprak, (with Cerem Cenker-Özek). "Foreign Policy Role Conceptions and Their Cultural Foundations: A Cross Country Analysis", ECPR General Conference in Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, September 4-8, 2023.

B. Toygar Halistoprak, (with Cerem Cenker-Özek). "Dış Politika Rollerinin Kültürel Kökenleri: Ülkeler Arası Bir Analiz"

B. Toygar Halistoprak, "Domestic Cultural Foundations of Foreign Policy Roles: A Theoretical Framework for a Broad Cross-Country Analysis", ISA Annual Convention in Nashville, USA, March 30-April 2, 2022.

B. Toygar Halistoprak, "Knowledge-Policy Transfer in Peace Research: Role of Knowledge Production", ISA Annual Convention, Virtual, April 6-9, 2021.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "Intervention for Good Governance: Lessons from ECOWAS Intervention to the Post-election Crisis in the Gambia." ISA Global South Conference, Accra, Ghana, August 1-3, 2019.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "Bridging the English School to Security Studies through World Society Approach." ISA Annual Convention in San Francisco, USA, April 4-7, 2018.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "The 'World Society' as a Framework to Make Sense of the Practice: Understanding Peacebuilding through the English School." ISA Annual Convention in Atlanta, USA, March 16-19, 2016.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "Non-state Security and the Role of Non-state Actors in Liberian and Sierra Leonean Peacebuilding Operations: A Myth or the Reality?" ISA Annual Convention in Atlanta, USA, March 16-19, 2016.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "Referent Object and Agency Problematique in Peacebuilding: The Cases of Liberia and Sierra Leone." ISA Annual Convention in New Orleans, United States, February 18-21 2015.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "The English School and World Society: A Reassessment of the Theory and its Practices." ISA Annual Convention in New Orleans, United States, February 18-21, 2015.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "Peacebuilding as a Security Practice: A Critical Approach." ISA Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada, March 26-29, 2014.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. (with Erkam Sula, Neslihan Alsancak, Bugra Sari) "Teaching IR through Simulations." International Relations Council of Turkey (IRCT) annual meeting in Nicosia, Cyprus, April 19-22, 2013.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "Leadership Typologies Revisited: An Analysis of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan as a Predominant Leader." METU IR Conference, Ankara, Turkey, June 13-16, 2012.

B. Toygar Halistoprak (with Burak Bilgehan Özpek). "Federalism or Partition in Post- Conflict State Building: The Case of Iraq after American Withdrawal." ISA Annual Convention in Montreal, Canada, March 16-19, 2011.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "Social Construction of a Triad: The Society, Judiciary and the Military." ISA Annual Convention in Montreal, Canada, March 16-19, 2011.

B. Toygar Halistoprak. "Social Construction of Turkish Civil-Military Relations." Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada on October 15-17, 2010.

### **Papers Presented in Conferences in Turkey:**

B. Toygar Halistoprak, (with Cerem Cenker-Özek). "Dış Politika Roller ve Kültür Arasında Keşfedilmeyi Bekleyen Bir İlişki: Orijinal Bir Veriseti Çalışması (An Unexplored Relationship between Foreign Policy Roles and Culture: An Original Dataset)", Turkish Political Science Association (SİTD), October 7-8, 2023, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.

B. Toygar Halistoprak, (with Cerem Cenker-Özek). "Dış Politika Rollerinin Kültürel Kökenleri: Ülkeler Arası Bir Analiz (Cultural Roots of Foreign Policy Roles: A Cross-Country Analysis)", Foreign Policy Academy of Turkey, April 13-15, 2023, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey.

B. Toygar Halistoprak, "Afrika'da Askeri Darbelerin Geri Dönüşü: Sivil-Asker İlişkileri Kuramları Bağlamında Bir Değerlendirme (Back to Coup d'Etats in Africa: An Analysis within the Context of Civil-Military Relations Theories)", Hitit International Security Studies Conference, December 9-11, 2022, Virtual.

### **Awards and Funds**

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TUBİTAK 1001, Research Project Funding, Cultural Foundations of Foreign Policy, 750.000 TL, April 2022-April 2025.

Fulbright Postdoctoral Program Fellowship, \$36.400 October 2021-September 2022.

TUBİTAK 2219 Program, Postdoctoral Research Grant, € 26.000, January 2019-December 2019.

International Studies Association Travel Grant, \$1.000, March 2021.

ICELCT Project, Visiting Ph.D. Researcher at Stellenbosch University, €12.000, February-June 2015.

International Studies Association Travel Grant, \$500, March 2016.

International Studies Association Travel Grant, \$500, February 2015.

TÜBİTAK, 2214 Program, Support for Participation to Scientific Activities, \$1.350, March 2014.

TÜBİTAK, 1001 Program, Research Assistantship, Monthly stipend, November 2012-November 2014.

Ihsan Dogramaci Association's Special Award for ISA Conference attendance, \$1.500, March 2011.

TÜBİTAK, 2214 Program, Support for Participation to Scientific Activities, \$1.500, September 2010.

Bilkent University Achievement Scholarship, includes tuition waiver for graduate study and monthly stipend, September 2008-January 2016.

Socrates-Erasmus Exchange Program Fellowship, €3.000, September 2006.

## **Organization of Conferences & Trainings and Other Academic Activities**

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### **Conference Organization:**

**Organizer**, Content Analysis Workshop, funded by TUBİTAK, April 2023, Antalya, Turkey.

**Member of the Organisation Committee**, 8th Congress on International Studies in Turkey, Antalya, Turkey, May 3-6, 2018.

### **Trainings Given:**

**Trainer** on Project Writing Workshop, Bodrum Institute, November 2023, Bodrum, Turkey.

**Trainer** on Teaching Peace and Security through Simulations, performed at the IRCT Security Academy Annual Meeting in Kartepe, Turkey, December, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

**Trainer** on Forced Displacement, Global Peace Workshop, organised by Coventry University, Mugla University, July 2016, July 2017, July 2018, Muğla, Turkey.

**Trainer** on Peace Talks and Mediation, BUILDPEACE, organised by Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, July 2018, Marmaris, Turkey.

### **Trainings Taken:**

**Trainee** in Workshop on Peacebuilding in Fragile States: Case of Myanmar, organised by Swisspeace/Basel University, June 27-July 2 2016, Basel, Switzerland.

**Trainee** in CiteSpace Bibliometric Analysis Software Training, 16-18 November, 2019, organised by Akdeniz University, Antalya, Turkey.

## **Memberships**

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Turkish Political Science Association (SİTD), since 2023.

International Relations Council of Turkey (UİK), since 2017.

International Studies Association (ISA), Foreign Policy Analysis Section, since 2017.

International Studies Association (ISA), English School Section, since 2014.

International Studies Association (ISA), Peace Studies Section, since 2013.

International Studies Association (ISA), since 2010.