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Education

The Pennsylvania State University

PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Expected May 2024

- Dissertation: “Cooperation, Infighting, and Diffusion in Militant Group Networks”
- Committee: James Piazza (Chair), Cianne Loyle, Douglas Lemke, Daniel DellaPosta
- Major Field: International Relations
- Minor Fields: Political Methodology, Comparative Politics

The Pennsylvania State University

M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2020

- Advisor: James Piazza

Koc University

M.A. IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2018

- Advisor: Belgin San-Akca

Koc University

B.A. IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2016

- Double Major: Media and Visual Arts

Academic Affiliations

2023-2024 USIP – **Minerva Peace and Security Scholar Fellow**, United States Institute of Peace [\[Link\]](#)

Research Interests

Substantive: Political violence, insurgency, civil conflict, terrorism, international security, international politics

Methodological: Quantitative political analysis, network analysis, text-as-data, quasi-experiments, survey experiments

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 3) Loyle, Cianne E., and **Ilayda B. Onder**. 2023. “The Legacies of Rebel Rule in Southeast Turkey.” *Comparative Political Studies*. *Accepted and Forthcoming*.
- 2) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Target Hardening and Non-State Armed Groups’ Target Selection: Evidence from India.” *Terrorism and Political Violence*. *Accepted and Forthcoming*.
- 1) **Onder, Ilayda B.** 2023. “Signaling Resolve Through Credit-Claiming.” *International Interactions*. *Online First*. doi:10.1080/03050629.2023.2216352. [\[Link\]](#)

Under Review

- 2) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Civilian Constituencies and Militant Recruitment Pools: A Network Analysis of Militant Group Cooperation and Infighting.” *Under Review in American Political Science Review*. [\[Link\]](#)
- 1) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Rebel Constituency’s Support for the Government and Rebel-led Victimization of Rebel Constituencies: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design.” *Under Review in Journal of Conflict Resolution*. [\[Link\]](#)

Working Papers

- 6) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Rebel Groups’ International Legitimacy-Seeking, Social Origins, and Forced Recruitment.” *In Preparation for Submission.* [\[Link\]](#)
- 5) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Fragmented Rebel Movements, Pro-Government Militias, and Escalation and De-Escalation of Violence in Armed Civil Conflicts.” *In Preparation for Submission.* [\[Link\]](#)
- 4) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Female Fighters and Legitimacy: Rebel Communication Strategies for Capitalizing on Women’s Participation.” *In Preparation for Submission.* [\[Link\]](#)
- 3) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Combatant Social Embeddedness and Promotion to Leadership Roles in Rebel Organizations.” *In Preparation for Submission.* [\[Link\]](#)
- 2) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Arms, Words, and Expertise: Disaggregating Different Forms of Militant Group Cooperation.” *In Preparation for Submission.* [\[Link\]](#)
- 1) **Onder, Ilayda B.**, Nazli Avdan, and Aaron M. Hoffman. “Shameless Plugs or Dangerous Drugs? Credit Claims and Terrorist Group Survival.” *In Preparation for Submission.* [\[Draft Available Upon Request\]](#)

Research in Progress

- 3) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Inter-Group Learning, Emulation, and Diffusion in Militant Alliance Networks: The Case of Kidnapping.”
- 2) **Onder, Ilayda B.** “Statements of Denial of Responsibility by Armed Actors and Public Perception of Government Credibility.”
- 1) **Onder, Ilayda B.** and James Piazza. “Terrorist Credit-Claiming and Public Response to Terrorism.”

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2023-2024	USIP - Minerva Peace and Security Scholar Fellowship , United States Institute of Peace	\$ 20,000
2023	Summer Graduate Research Award , Penn State University	\$ 4,000
2022	Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student Award , Penn State University	\$ 1,500
	Summer Graduate Research Award , Penn State University	\$ 4,000
2021	RGSO Dissertation Support , Penn State University	\$ 2,000
	Program in Empirical International Relations (PEIR) Fellowship , Penn State University	<i>Release time</i>
	Summer Graduate Research Award , Penn State University	\$ 4,000
2020	Summer Graduate Research Award , Penn State University	\$ 4,000
2018	Jesse M. MacKnight Memorial Graduate Scholarship , Penn State University	\$ 2,000

Professional Experience

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Sum 2023	Dr. James Piazza , Penn State University
Sum 2022	Dr. Cyanne Loyle , Penn State University
Sum 2020	Dr. Roseanne McManus , Penn State University
2019	Dr. Glenn Palmer , Peace Science Society (International) Assistant
Fall 2018	Dr. James Piazza , Penn State University
2014-2018	Dr. Belgin San-Akca , State-NAG Cooperation Dataset Research Assistant

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Fall 2023 **Quantitative Political Analysis**, Penn State University [\[Link to the syllabus\]](#)

Guest Lecturer

Fall 2022 **Politics of Terrorism**, Penn State University, “Credit-Claiming”
Spring 2022 **Multivariate Analysis for Political Research**, Penn State University, “Regression Models for Nominal and Ordinal Outcomes”
Spring 2019 **Politics of Terrorism**, Penn State University, “The Rise of ISIS”

Graduate Methods Preceptor

Spring 2022 **Multivariate Analysis for Political Research (Graduate)**, Dr. Chris Zorn (Penn State University)
Fall 2021 **Statistical Methods for Political Research (Graduate)**, Dr. Bruce Desmarais (Penn State University)
Fall 2021 **Topics in Political Methodology (Graduate)**, Dr. Chris Zorn (Penn State University)

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2021 **Global Pathways (Undergraduate)**, Dr. Yuliya Ladygina (Penn State University)
Fall 2020 **Global Pathways (Undergraduate)**, Dr. Cyanne Loyle (Penn State University)
Spring 2020 **Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)**, Dr. Douglas Lemke (Penn State University)
2016-2018 **Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)**, Dr. Belgin San-Akca (Koc University)

Conference Presentations

- Onder, Ilayda B.** “Civilian Constituencies and Militant Recruitment Pools: A Network Analysis of Militant Group Cooperation and Infighting.” Accepted for presentation at the Peace Science Society (International) Conference, Saint Louis, MO, November 2023.
- Onder, Ilayda B.** “Constituency and Territory: Networks of Militant Cooperation and Infighting.” Accepted for presentation at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, Los Angeles, CA, September 2023.
- Onder, Ilayda B.** “Civilian Constituencies and Militant Recruitment Pools: A Network Analysis of Militant Group Cooperation and Infighting.” Presented at the Junior Scholars and Quantitative Seminar Virtual Workshop (virtual), July 2023.
- Onder, Ilayda B.** “Micro-Level Foundations of Alliances and Rivalries in Militant Group Networks.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 2023.
- Onder, Ilayda B.** “Rebel Constituency’s Support for the Government and Rebel-led Victimization of Rebel Constituencies: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 2023.
- Onder, Ilayda B.** “Constituency and Territory: Networks of Militant Cooperation and Infighting.” Presented at the Political Networks Online Colloquium (virtual), March 2023.
- Onder, Ilayda B.,** Nazli Avdan, and Aaron M. Hoffman. “Shameless Plugs or Dangerous Drugs? Credit Claims and Terrorist Group Survival.” Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Conference, Montreal, Canada, March 2023.
- Onder, Ilayda B.** “Signaling Resolve Through Credit-Claiming.” Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, April 2022.
- Loyle, Cyanne E. and **Ilayda B. Onder.** “Legacies of Contested Governance: Evidence from Rebel Rule in Southeast Turkey.” Presented at the Online Peace Science Colloquium (virtual), December 2021.

Onder, Ilayda B. “Civilian Support for Insurgent Movements and Insurgent Targeting of Civilians: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design.” Presented at the Peace Science Society (International) Conference (virtual), November 2021.

Onder, Ilayda B. “Actor Fragmentation in Armed Civil Conflicts: A Panel VAR Analysis.” Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Conference (virtual), April 2021.

Onder, Ilayda B. “Target Hardening and Insurgent Target Selection: Evidence from India.” Presented at the Peace Science Society (International) Conference (virtual), November 2020.

Onder, Ilayda B. “Government Fragmentation and Conflict Termination.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA), Chicago, Illinois, April 2019.

Service

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2023-2024 **Graduate Student Association of Political Science (Penn State University)**, Advisory Committee Representative

2019-2022 **Graduate Student Association of Political Science (Penn State University)**, Vice President

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2023-2024 **The Junior Scholars in International Security (JSISE) Workshop**, Organizer [\[Link\]](#)

2022 **International Studies Quarterly**, Reviewer

Languages

Turkish Native professional, conversational, reading, and writing fluency

English Professional, conversational, reading, and writing fluency

Programming Skills

R (Advanced)

STATA (Advanced)

Python (Intermediate)

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association (APSA)

International Studies Association (ISA)

Peace Science Society (International)

References

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